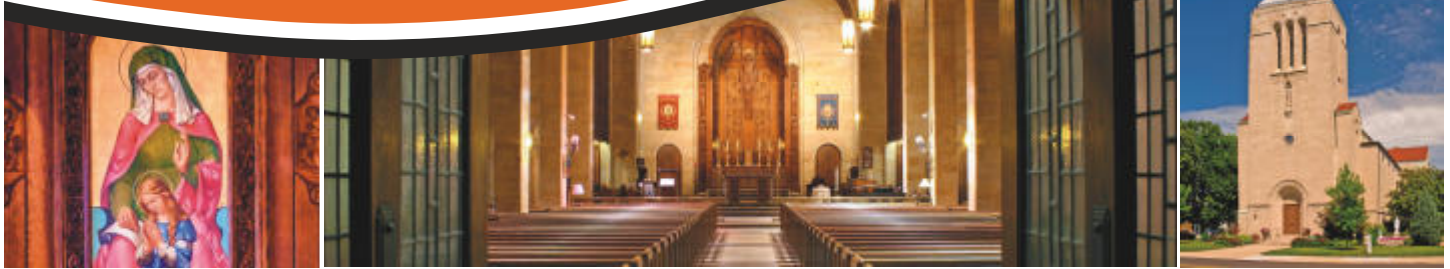


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JANUARY 9, 2022 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WELCOME TO THE ST. ANN PARISH COMMUNITY!

If you would like to register in the parish, please call the office at 863-4963. Once registered you will receive a Welcome packet with more information. The parish leaders and staff are here to be of service to you. Additional information about St. Ann's parish can be found on our website.

PARISH STAFF

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday–Thursday 6:30 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holyday watch bulletin for times

BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

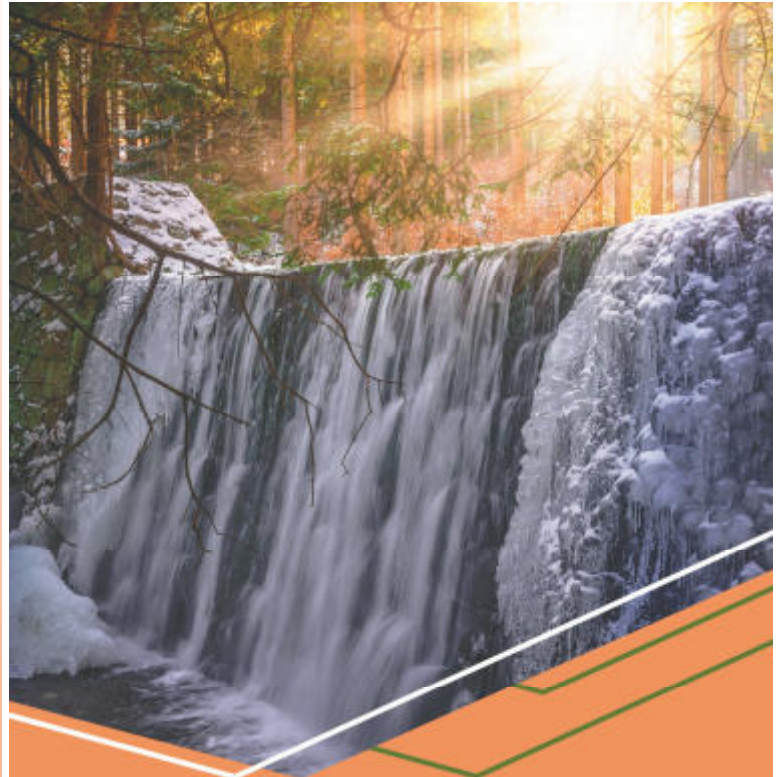
CONFESSION: Tuesday Evening 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WEDDINGS: No date should be set without consulting the Pastor. Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

REPORT PARISHIONERS IN LOCAL HOSPITALS: Call 513-858-4210, ext. 3014 to report a parishioner of Sacred Heart or St. Ann in the hospital. Please remember that the hospitals are NOT permitted to inform parishes or priests as to admissions to the hospital.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Ann Catholic Church, Hamilton, Ohio, share in the mission of the Apostles to bring Jesus Christ to the world. As individuals we seek to live as Christ would have us live. As a community we seek to provide all types of ministry to the Parish and to the wider community. We come together on the Lord's Day to listen, to celebrate, to receive Jesus.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a



Baptism and Life

"Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" - the true life which, whole and un-threatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we "live" – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007.



Please remember that your weekly offering can be made online from our website: www.saintanncc.com.

Offering envelopes may also be mailed directly to the parish office. We appreciate your support in ensuring the successful future of St. Ann Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

Saturday, January 8th • The Baptism of the Lord

5:15 p.m. Tom Pottenger (Ann Pottenger)

Sunday, January 9th • The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

11:00 a.m. Dick Von Stein (Mark & Mataia Von Stein)

Monday, January 10th • Seasonal Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Bill Schneider (Family)

Tuesday, January 11th • Seasonal Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. Marguerite Tegge (Mark & Jeannette Staarmann)

Wednesday, January 12th • Seasonal Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. James Pate (Bill & Kathy Schneider)

Thursday, January 13th • St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. Mike Schneider (Bill & Kathy Schneider)

Friday, January 14th • Seasonal Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Andy Lampl (Jo Ann Lawson)

Saturday, January 15th • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. Betty Keller (Joe Keller)

Sunday, January 16th • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

11:00 a.m. Doug Von Stein (Mark & Mataia Von Stein)

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Baptism
 OF THE
Lord

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

**Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant : Fr. Williams**

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Thanks to all who bought Split the Pot at St. Ann

Many thanks for Tim Vaughn and all who assisted him with the Fr. Tharp’s annual St. Ann Split the Pot. I drew the ticket at 7:00 p.m. in the office on New Year’s Eve. (Our business manager has the video) The purchaser of the winning ticket (No. 04241) is located at a Cincinnati address, and purchased the ticket from their relatives who are St. Ann parishioners. The winner (net of IRS withholdings) and St. Ann each got half of the total pot of \$19,527.

Anniversary of Roe vs Wade

In 1973 (January 22 to be precise) the U.S. Supreme Court decided Roe versus Wade and effectively legitimized the practice of aborting unborn children in the United States. Forty nine years later, pro-life Christians gather to pray for a return to justice and the adherence to God’s law that all human life is sacred and should be respected. The morning Mass on Saturday, January 22 will focus on prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

Synod 2021-2023

(The Archdiocesan coordinator for the Worldwide Synod on Synodality has asked that this be posted in all bulletins:

The Holy Father has called a synod inviting ALL the Baptized to come together to discuss and discern how we can walk together in accomplishing the Mission of the Church. He wants ALL those who make up the Church to participate: elderly, youth, religious orders, clergy, lay faithful, poor, disabled, divorced, migrants, those who no longer practice the faith, etc. It is my understanding that the gathering for our deanery is scheduled for Saturday, January 22 at Queen of Peace Church in Millville. Further details are available in this bulletin.

Reminder for volunteers who work with or around children

If you are a volunteer classroom parent in the school, a coach, drama club volunteer, scout volunteer, etc. please note that you should have been moved to the Safe Parish program. Fulfillment of this requirement is mandatory for anyone working with children. Please contact your parish



Christmas Offertory
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safe environment coordination if you are uncertain whether you are registered or approved.

Please be aware that failure to register with and complete the requirements of Safe Parish will result in your inability to continue to work with or around children in any parish and/or school setting. We have been informed by the Archdiocese that there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Live Streaming a precept Mass from St. Ann and Sacred Heart each week

Since I live stream both the 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and the 5:15 p.m. at St. Ann; I usually manage to live stream both, but on rare occasions the internet is out at one or the other location. If this happens, be assured that I will make every effort to correct the malfunction before the next weekend.

Please remember to access the Sacred Heart / St. Ann Pastoral Region You Tube site by clicking on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLLqbEY5hKWinwz069MVCg>

Reflection on Scripture

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is actually the First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Advent purple and the Christmas white and red are replaced by the green of Ordinary Time. This color persists until March 2, Ash Wednesday. The liturgical term "ordinary time" does not mean bland or boring. It comes from the Latin "Ordo" meaning "list" or "calendar (list of days – one following another)."

But why did the Lord Jesus; the Son of God; the Second Person of the Holy Trinity; need to be baptized by John in the Jordan river? The answer is that he did not need to be baptized. In today's gospel and at the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus establishes the Sacrament of Baptism as our rebirth into him! Jesus does what he does not because he needs it; he does what he does because "we" need it. Everything Jesus does, he does for the salvation of humanity. If we share in his death through baptism, we share in his resurrection because of our baptism into him.

NEXT WEEK

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

Theme: The wedding in Cana

The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, is calling for a synod. To start, he is asking for all dioceses throughout the world to conduct local meetings to discuss this very topic. Who are the People of God? It is all the baptized. That means not only the lay faithful, those in religious orders, and the clergy. It also means those who are marginalized, poor, disabled, migrants and immigrants, all ages young and old, and those who no longer practice the faith to name a few. In other words, everyone. Did you know that when you were baptized you were called to a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission to bring the good news of salvation and discipleship to all? This duty then does not lie strictly with the clergy. The Holy Father recognizes that the Holy Spirit dwells within His people. So, coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully.

Please consult the Archdiocesan website (www.catholicaoc.org) and click on the Synod tab to learn more. Want to participate? Please go that same synod tab. There you will find an opportunity to participate in one of our local meetings near you. We hope to see you there! And, if you know someone who has left the faith, ask them to participate too! God Bless!

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Sleep in Heavenly Peace is seeking donations to support the kids in our mission and are currently in need of the following:

- Pillows
- Twin Sheet sets
- Twin Comforters
- Blankets

All items must be twin sized and be in new condition. Donated items can be dropped off in the collection boxes in the back or front of church.

We appreciate your support!

Together we can make a difference!

Women of Faith - Women following Mary's last words: "Do whatever he tells you." John 2.5

Our next two gatherings are scheduled in the undercroft at Sacred Heart (room RH1) on Tuesday, January 18th & Tuesday, February 15th from 7-9 pm. Our Women of Faith mission is to walk with ALL women in their faith journey. Do you feel the need for fellowship with other women? Whether your faith is shaky or strong right now, let's gather and navigate this path together!

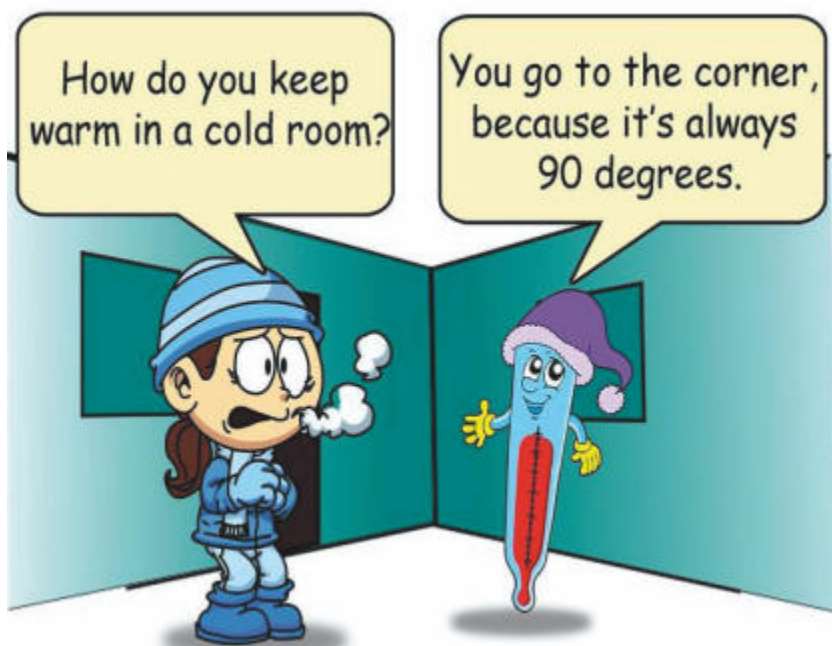


Thanks to all who participated in St. Ann's Giving Tree this year.

We were able to help 41 families from Riverview School, St. Ann parish and our local community.

With your generosity, many people had a very Merry Christmas. Thank you so much!

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We still have some gift cards left and we need to deplete our inventory. There is a list of what we have left on the pink sheets at the doors of church.

You may place an order by sending an e-mail to: giftcards@saintanncc.com. Include your name, phone number, the Vendor name/s, the number of cards you are requesting for each Vendor and the total amount due upon pick up. When your order is ready we will call you to arrange a pick up at either the Parish Center during regular office hours or at a Mass of your choosing, Payment is by cash or check only.

We will also be selling any remaining gift cards after Mass the week-ends of January 8 & 9 and January 15 & 16.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Weber at 513-225-4665.

Thanks again for your support!



The Welcoming/Hospitality Ministry has created a "Welcome Bag" for new parishioners or anyone who is visiting St. Ann Church. The bags contain information about St. Ann Catholic Church and School along with some spiritual gift items from the parish. These bags can be found in the vestibule area in a basket on the table. If you are a new parishioner or a visitor, please help yourself to one of the bags and

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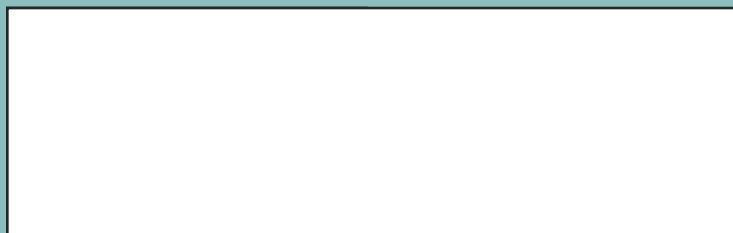
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