# St. Ann Catholie Church

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### **JANUARY 16, 2022 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# 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.

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Saturday	5:15 p.m.
	9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
	6:30 a.m.
	8:00 a.m.
	watch bulletin for times

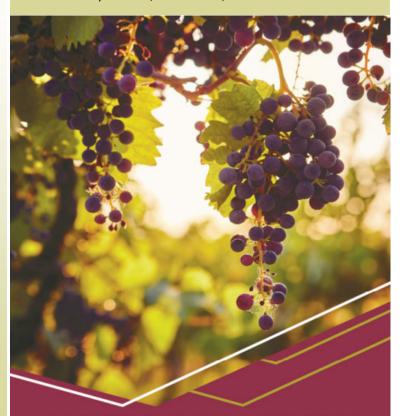
**BAPTISM:** Call the Parish Office to make arrangements. **CONFESSION:** Tuesday Evening 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**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.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

cerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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# God, our Spouse and Lord of Life

"As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you." Today's first reading from Isaiah shows us how much God delights in human life. He rejoices in us as in a bride. He gives himself to us as a bridegroom is called to do for his beloved. He protects and defends us, and leads us to the life that never ends. His commitment to humanity is the source of ours. Like him, we are to give ourselves for the good of others, starting with the most vulnerable lives – children at the very beginning of their development in the womb.

This week, January 22nd, marks the sad anniversary of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized the killing of those children by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. This remains the single most destructive and barbaric public policy in our nation, and hundreds of thousands of Americans march in Washington, in San Francisco, and in many other cities at this time of year calling for a change. Moreover, this coincides with our nation's honoring of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose dream of equality for all under the law needs to be applied now to the children in the womb. This is a work around which Christians of all denominations should unite, and this week also marks the week of prayer for Christian Unity.



#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

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)

Monday, January 17th • St. Anthony Abbot

6:30 a.m. Marguerite Tegge (Erin & Bob Jones)

Tuesday, January 18th • Seasonal Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Fenzl (Kathy Murphy)

Wednesday, January 19th • Seasonal Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. Aloysius Bunger (Laney Family)

Thursday, January 20th • St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

6:30 a.m. Irwin & Maysel Mercer (Family)

Friday, January 21st • St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Daddabbo (Mary Jo & Mike Mignery)

Saturday, January 22nd • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. Diane Robinson (Aaron & Aydyn Smith)

Sunday, January 23rd • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People11:00 a.m. Gerald Hodapp (Wanda & Suzie)

#### Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

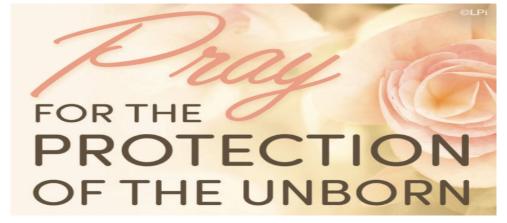
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12

-14, 27/



#### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrant: Fr. Tharp

#### **DO NOT FALL FOR SCAMS!!!!**

Remember I NEVER solicit funds, donations, favors, or any request of any kind over the telephone, text, email, carrier pigeon, drone, etc. NEVER! Do not allow yourself to be taken in by scammers. Even if they have my recorded voice, it is computer generated! It is not me!!!

#### Considering a "Men's Retreat Program?"

Over the next month, we will be posting information about a rather challenging ascetic retreat option for adult men from St. Ann and Sacred Heart Pastoral Region, soon to be a Family of Parishes. The program is called Exodus 90. Here are the personal comments of one of our parishioners who has some experience with the program:

The goal of Exodus 90 is spiritual freedom. We are all attached and/or addicted to sins or material things that are holding us back from being the men God created us to be. Going back to the roots of the Christian Faith through the ancient traditions of the Church of prayer, penance, and community helps us to free ourselves so that we can be the husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, and leaders that we are meant to be.

The outline of the program is simple and built on 3 pillars prayer fraternity and asceticism. In short it requires commitment to one hour of prayer a day. Weekly meetings with a small group and fasting from foods on certain days, and giving up certain luxuries like sweets, a sedentary life, warm showers and a commitment to exercise. It's difficult. But today in our culture maybe we need something a little difficult.

Please keep an eye out for more information and feel free to email any questions in anticipation of an informative meeting which we plan on having a few weeks before Lent. You know how the TV stations post a teaser announcement to gage interest. Well, that is what this is!

#### **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. As believers in Jesus Christ, let us be ever more vigilant in our quest to show respect for human life in all its stages. Immersed in a secular culture of death, exercise every opportunity to proclaim the value of human life in all you say and do.

#### 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



January 9, 2022 Offertory

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Online Giving (week of 01/09/2022)

.....\$ 1,683.50

Thank you for your stewardship and involvement in your St. Ann Parish family.

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.

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 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.

# <u>Live Streaming a precept Mass from St. Ann and Sacred Heart each week</u>

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

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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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/">https://www.youtube.com/channel/</a>

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#### **Reflection on Scripture:**

The story of the Wedding at Cana is recounted only in the second chapter of the gospel of St. John. Although it owns only one reference in one gospel, it is one of the stories unique to St. John which was so important in battling the heresy of Gnosticism. As many pagans who had their cultural origins in the Hellenistic Empire were welcomed into the Church after their conversion, some of these brought with them the philosophical paradigm of Platonism. Plato was a dualist who postulated a world of forms and ideas as well as distained world of matter. These Platonistic Christians could not envision a Jesus was both fully human and fully divine (the hypostatic union). They said that Jesus was divine, but never really human. Taken to its logical conclusion, this would mean that humanity was never really saved by Jesus appearing to die on the cross. Gnostics claimed that Jesus was never really human.

In the first half of John's gospel known as the Book of Signs, John focuses every sign on the institution of one or more of the sacraments in its very "human" context. Thus in the Wedding at Cana story (the first of the seven signs) a very human mother, Mary; explains to a somewhat annoyed Jesus that the Bride and Groom have embarrassingly run out of wine. Jesus, having a good time with his friends, basically asks Mary, "What am I supposed to do about it?" Nevertheless, like any dutiful son (who happens to possess diving powers); he fixes the situation by turning water into wine. This is of course an obvious Eucharistic reference.

In his gospel, John references "personal" recollections not refined kerygma. He often comments, "I know this to be true because I was there." John thereby validates the Sacraments of very human sentimental human gifts left for us by the "Divine" Son of God. Only Jesus can make the naturally human also fully divine.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Theme: Jesus is the fulfillment of all Sacred Scripture

#### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BEDDING DRIVE



Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a local non-profit organization serving children in the Butler County area. They believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. The organization provides beds to children complete with a new mattress and bedding. For more information visit www.shpbeds.org.

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!



### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

### Kindergarten Class News

Happy New Year!!! While we really enjoyed spending time with our families and friends during our Christmas break, we are super glad to be back in school. We really miss our classmates and teachers when we are not at school. Our teacher, Mrs. Lindsey, misses us terribly when we are not here at school. She said we all look so much bigger since she saw us in December.

There are so many exciting things coming up in the next couple of months. We can't wait for all the fun activities like Catholic Schools Week, the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, and Valentine's Day! Who said the winter months are boring? Not us! We can't wait to participate in all the winter fun!

Anyway, we are super glad to be back in school. Mrs. Lindsey said we are not allowed to be off school anymore because she misses us too much! (Well, except for maybe a snow day or two, because those are just plain old fun!) Well, it's time to get back to work! We got things to learn, books to read, people to see, and stuff to do!

Have A Great Weekend!

Yours In Monkey Business,

All 14 Kindergarten Snow Monkeys (That are super excited for fun snowy days!)

#### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) TUITION GRANTS**

The Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting K-8 tuition assistance grant applications for the 2022-2023 school year. The application period runs from now through February 6, 2022. For more information, please go to http://www.catholicbestchoice.org/. To apply, please go to https://factsmgt.com/.



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Synod on Synodality local meeting

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? How is the Church journeying together today in living and advancing its mission? What steps is the Holy Spirit inviting us to take to better journey together going forward? 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 focused around these foundational questions. This synod is starting from the ground up at local dioceses. The Holy Father recognizes that the Holy Spirit dwells within His people, so this synod is to bring us together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully.

Please consult the Archdiocesan website (<a href="www.catholicaoc.org">www.catholicaoc.org</a>) and click on the Synod on Synodality tab to learn more and to sign up for a meeting near you. The meeting for our deanery area is at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 22nd at Queen of Peace Church. Please sign up and we hope to see you there!



This Conference is intended for ALL men, no matter where you are in your religious journey or what faith you identify with. Please join us, you will not regret it. This event is NOT a political event by any means. The intent of this event is to inspire men to become the best versions of themselves as men of Christ.

#### What You Will Get Out of Attending This Event

- 1) Inspirational speeches on improving your life as a father, brother and friend.
- 2) Fellowship with other likeminded Christians, creating new connections.
  - 3) Resources to help you with anything you may be struggling with.
    - 4) Technology to help you stay connected throughout the year.
      - 5) Resources to work on your Faith until the next event.

**Date**: Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 Mark your calendars now!

**Where**: Fifth Third Arena, University of Cincinnati Campus 2700 O'Varsity Way, Cincinnati, OH 45221

**Theme**: Evil Prevails When Good Men Do Nothing.

**Group Ticket Orders**: Email us at **info@CincinnatiMensConference.com** 

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!

Pray along with the Rosary Society from the comfort of your own home on the weekend of the 22/23- A Rosary Gem: How could one possibly contemplate the mystery of the Child in



Bethlehem, in the joyful mysteries [of the rosary], without experiencing the desire to welcome, defend, and promote life, and to shoulder the burdens of the suffering children all over the world." - St. John Paul II

- St. Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us! (Rosary Gems: Daily Wisdom on the Holy Rosary by Donald H. Calloway, MIC)

Prayer sheets are at the doors of church.



<u>36TH ANNUAL "PRAYER</u> <u>MARCH FOR LIFE"</u>

Sunday, January 23, 2022 2:00–3:00 p.m 101 High Street Hamilton, OH

This peaceful event will be a time of intercession for the life and protection of the unborn, their mothers and fathers. We will prayerfully walk 7 times around the courthouse block and, with each lap, silently pray for a specific intention. For more information visit ButlerCounty.org or contact Patty at (513) 777-2792.

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