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JANUARY 23, 2022 - 3RD 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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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.

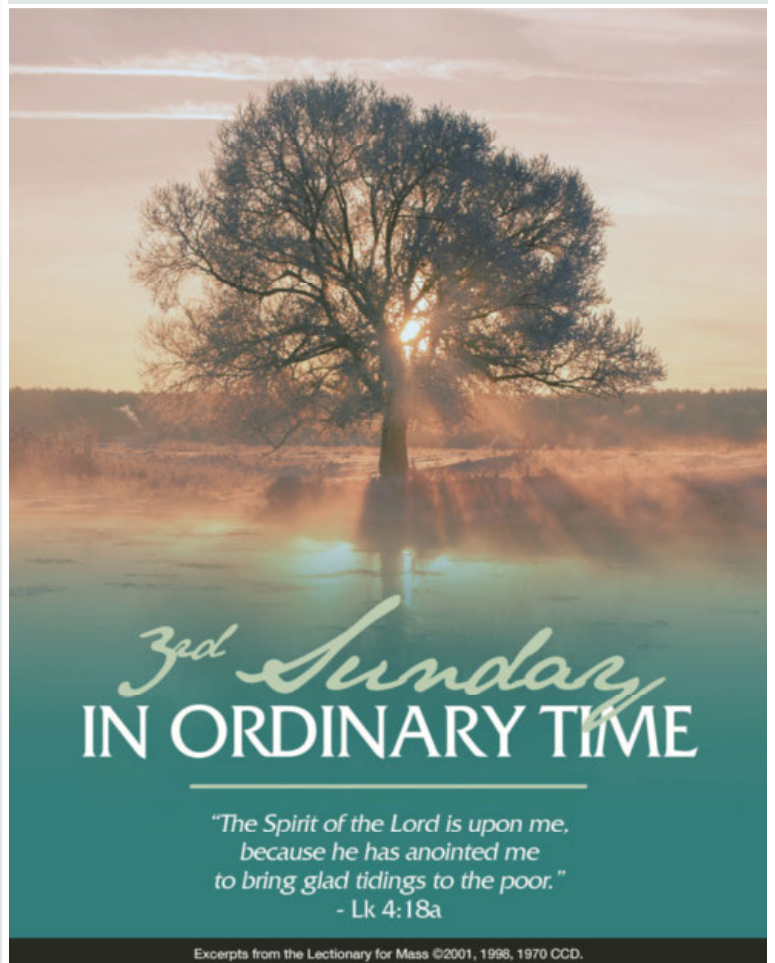
CONFESSION: Tuesday Evening 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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.



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*



“The fact that we know that we are right about the sacred value of human life should make us humble and more determined to spread this message by the love shown in our lives and our willingness to be servants of life. As St. John reminds us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 Jn 1:8). Pro-lifers are convinced – mightily convinced – of the boundless mercy of God. That is the light we bring to the world: the truth about God’s love, about forgiveness, about the beauty of human life in all its stages and states.” J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada, Homily at Holy Innocents Annual Pro-Life Mass, January 12, 2010



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 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 People

11:00 a.m. Gerald Hodapp (Wanda & Suzie)

Monday, January 24th • St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Tuesday, January 25th • The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Diane Wiley (Bill & Kathy Schneider)

Wednesday, January 26th • Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Fenzl (Paulette Ebbing)

Thursday, January 27th • Seasonal Weekday

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Andy Lampl (Jo Ann Lawson)

Friday, January 28th • Seasonal Weekday

8:00 a.m. John Burkart (Aaron & Aydyn Smith)

Saturday, January 29th • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. John Betz (Betz Family)

Sunday, January 30th • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 a.m. David Martin (Mom and Dad)

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

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/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

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



January 16, 2022 Offertory
\$ 4,214.60

Online Giving (week of 01/16/2022)
\$ 2,118.50

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

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 gauge interest. Well, that is what this is!

Synod 2021-2023

Although the meeting at Queen of Peace in Millville took place yesterday, you are invited to attend any of the meetings held in other deaneries throughout the Archdiocese. Information about these meetings is available on

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.

CMA Announcement Weekend

January 22-23 signals the official beginning of the annual Catholic Ministry Appeal. The CMA is an annual effort of all the parishes of the Archdiocese to work together to put forth six areas of ministry that no one parish could address alone. These areas include: Catholic Charities and CSS, diocesan clergy retirement and disability needs, chaplains for prisons-hospitals (non-Catholic affiliated) and campus ministry; seminary and vocations, St. Rita School for the Deaf, and the Center for the New Evangelization. These are all ministries we could not hope to address as individual parishes, but in solidarity we can benefit from each. Please ponder the message of Archbishop Schnurr given to all this weekend, and join me in making a strong and unwavering commitment to doing together that which none of us could do alone.

DO NOT FALL FOR SCAMS!!!!

(You may be wondering why I keep running this same warning week after week? The reason is that I continue to get calls from parishioners concerned that I may have been arrested in a foreign country without money, or need you to buy cash cards for someone who is dying, or some other deception or fabrication. The scammers have even found a way to harvest my voice from the YOUTUBE Masses, and mimic me over the telephone. The "scammers" are indeed immoral and destined for the fires of Hell; but they always seem to exhibit sinister creativity. Please remember the following:)

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

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:

In the first reading from Nehemiah, Ezra the scribe reads from the Torah (the Mosaic Law) and reinstates the Festival of Sukkot (or Booths) a thanksgiving feast in the Jewish Calendar. In the Gospel, Jesus in his local synagogue and reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah tells the listeners that the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy is standing right there in front of them. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the "Word" (Greek word: "LOGOS") of God. A person's "word" communicates his (or her) very self. Thus we hear the phrase, "You have my word on it." God's word communicates God himself. Thus the divinity of Jesus is revealed.

Hearing from God directly changes human hearts. Ezra sees the audience weeping and tells them not to be sad but to rejoice and celebrate God's gift to them of the Law. Jesus takes the ultimate step when he forgives those killing him and everyone in time and eternity for their sins. The Word of God, Jesus Christ, seeks to change the hearts of all humanity through the Sacraments of the Church. John so eloquently says, "and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Have we fully opened our hearts to the Word?

NEXT WEEK (The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Lk 4:21-30

Theme: Jesus suffers from being too truthful!



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: Thanks to your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul for the Sacred Heart/St. Ann Pastoral Region has helped 354 households so far this year. If you're making year-end charitable contributions, please consider our St. Vincent De Paul. Donations can be made at any time to our St. Vincent De Paul Society through the church office. The CARES Act provides a deduction of \$300 per individual and \$600 on a joint return for charitable contributions for those who do not itemize.

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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!

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 (www.catholicaoc.org) 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!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

First Grade Class News

We are having such a fun time being first graders! We have attended Mass 3 times now! We are so happy to be able to attend in person this year. We have been learning lots together. We are learning different ways to add numbers in Math. In Language Arts, we are reviewing all the letter sounds and how to form each letter. In Social Studies, we are learning about how to be good friends and include everyone in our activities! We love being good friends :)

We would like to say a huge thank you to our maintenance team who has been helping us stay safe and healthy all school year! We wouldn't be able to be here without all of them!

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

-20 Fabulous First Graders :)

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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The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the annual campaign to support six local ministries that teach, feed, and heal.



To make your gift online visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA or text "DONATE" to (513) 586-1978 or use your phone's camera to scan the QR code.

This weekend we will be listening to an audio message from Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese. Thanks to the generosity of many families here at St. Ann, a total of \$25,407.00 was contributed to the 2021 CMA from our parish community. This year, our goal is \$21,663.00. If we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50% of our over-goal amount comes back to our parish.

Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

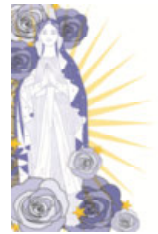
Volunteers Providing Free Foot Care

(VPFFC) is a group of men and women who give proper foot care help to those in need, as well as both used and new socks and shoes. We take our services to places within the southern Butler County area. We are active from October through April of each year. We are inviting others who might be interested to join our ministry. Please call Alberta Wirsch (513-829-8709) or Linda Walt (513-829-7107) for further information.

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

Our next gathering is scheduled in the undercroft at Sacred Heart (room RH1) on 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.



36TH ANNUAL "PRAYER MARCH FOR LIFE"

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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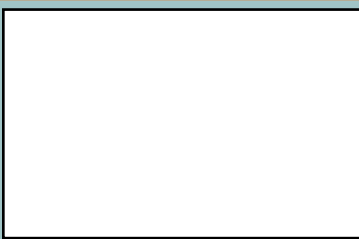
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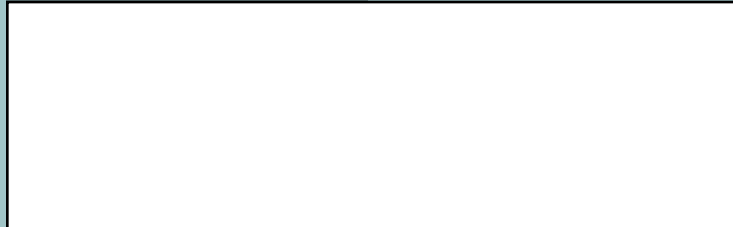
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
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