



St. Anne

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December 26, 2021

Christmas
BLESSINGS

God bless all military, first responders, health workers, and all those who can't be with their families on Christmas Day.

May the joy of our Savior's birth be with you,
WHEREVER YOU MAY BE.



Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,
you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season.

Amen.

Parish Directory

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Youth Minister	
Kim Zernec	132
Administrative Assistant	
Anne Schulz	100
Building Maintenance	
Steve Szach	100

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:00 PM
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should contact Julie Neal in the Parish Office at least six months before the marriage

Infant Baptisms

Parents contact the parish office Ext. 107

Adoration

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Parish Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bulletin Information

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Monday

Bulletin article submission: If your organization is holding an event, we are happy to post it in the bulletin as space allows. Writing, proofreading and submitting an announcement is the responsibility of the sponsoring group. All bulletin content is subject to review by the pastor and/or parish staff and content may be edited or declined.

The Mission Statement of St. Anne Parish

"We, the people of St. Anne, are a growing Catholic Community with various gifts and talents, and we are open to the Spirit among us. Rooting ourselves in The Word of God, we reach out to all in loving service, witnessing, and celebrating the life of Jesus Christ in our midst."

Fr. Craig's Contemplations

Merry Christmas!

12-24-21

In this sacred time, we have prayed to "make way for the Lord." The Christmas liturgies push us to **appreciate** each year in a new way the gift God has given to us and we are also reminded how it was prepared for each of us from the beginning of time.

These sacred readings allow us to come to terms with *two* divine messages, one message directed to King David and the other to Our Lady. Friends, these messages are indeed interconnected, each reminding us that the kingdom Jesus came to build, is a spiritual kingdom which has *no* end.

In faith, we are invited to contemplate the meaning of the promise God made to King David, a **thousand years** before the Annunciation, He was already preparing His marvelous gift of Jesus' birth.

Consider the time you have personally prepared to give gifts to your loved one, it's clearly a sign of your affection for the person. God had prepared His great gift for us for **centuries**. And, Mary, as she received the message of the angel, was able to realize the great depth of God's love, in her prayers and in her thoughts, is the first to see the great plan that had begun so long ago was being fulfilled.

For a moment, I would like to digress and thank the wonderful staff of St. Anne's. Anne Schulz, Julie Neal, Steve Szach, Kim Zernec, Karyn Milligan, Marianne Boesch, Carol Zimcosky, Paul Czarnik and Laura Knaack. ALL of what you see in the beauty of our church is thanks to them. ALL of the pastoral support you receive is thanks to them. If you would, in your prayers, *please* offer a prayer of thanks for the devoted staff of St. Anne's Parish.

Now, together, with Mary, St. Anne and through their powerful intercession, let us in a new way, lift our hearts to access this great gift that God gives each of us each year at the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Feast of the Holy Family

12-26-21

As we just gave thanks to God for the gift of the nativity of Jesus. The very next day, we are called to give thanks for the gift of the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, are said to be the icon of those bonded in love. What can we personally receive in our prayerful reflection of the Holy Family? Consider the **grace** of the union, with Jesus, Mary and Joseph. That grace strengthens each and every family, certainly each family has challenges and joys, but together families join onto a path of holiness, when they look to the Holy Family for heavenly intercession.

As God continues to show us, families are a gift from God. Yet authentic family happiness is achieved only if we **live in love**; the love God gives each of us at baptism. Blessed are we to be witness to a family whose members seek NOT his or her own joy, *but* the joy of the **other** members. When we are witness to a family that does this, we can be strengthened as witnesses to so great a love. A love that God planted into their hearts at baptism.

May the Lord be with you,

Fr. Craig

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish offices will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from noon, December 23, 2021 until January 2, 2022. **Please also note the following Mass changes: Monday, December 27** – Mass will be at **9:00 a.m.** and we will *NOT* have a 7:00 p.m. Mass that night. **Monday, January 17** – Mass will be at **9:00 a.m.** and we will *NOT* have a 7:00 p.m. Mass that night.

Faith Formation

Religious Education Office
248-627-3965

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**Faith Formation Team
& Catechist
Christmas Gathering
January 2
12 noon**

Our Faith Formation team and Catechists will have our Christmas gathering on Sunday, January 2.

We will meet at 12-noon for lunch in the Weingartz room at St. Daniel parish.

Please RSVP to Vikki Toth by December 20.

VToth@stdanielclarkston.org



Bueche's Receipts



We are once again collecting Bueche's receipts with "Kids 2022" listed at the bottom. Please place receipts in the box located in the gathering area. Thank you so much!

A Prayer for our Family this Christmas

Dear Lord, Bless our family.

Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph,

Pray for the father of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary,

Pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and loving. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children of our family. Help them to be good and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

By your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.



**December 29
Feast of the Holy Family**

33 Days to Morning Glory Marian Consecration



Marian consecration is fundamentally a promise of love and a gift of self that gives all that the Christian is and does completely and directly to the Mother of the Lord, which thereby allows her to unite us to her Divine Son in ways simply not possible without her powerful maternal intercession. Consecration to Jesus through Mary is to give oneself entirely to Mary in a self-donation of love that enables the Mediatrix of all graces to use her full intercessory power to keep a person faithful to his or her baptismal promises to Jesus Christ.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



**OUR LADY OF THE LAKES
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saying, "Whom shall I
send." Then I said,
"Here am I. Send me!"*

— Isaiah 6:8

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Worship



"Glory to God in the highest! And on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests!" Jesus' birth fulfills the prophecy of peace that we hear from Isaiah in the First Reading, "For a child is born to us, a Son is given...He is Prince of Peace!"



ALTAR LINEN SCHEDULE

12-26-21-Marilyn Bornais
01-02-22-Colleen Francis



ALTAR CARE

January 7, 2022-Marilyn Bornais



**Readings for January 1st, 2022
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Numbers 6: 22-27
Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4: 4-7
Luke 2: 16-21

**Readings for January 2nd, 2022
Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord**

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

RECYCLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE



December 11/12, 25/26-Tom Newcombe
Jan. 15/16, 28/29-Ken & Angie Sheperd

SAVE THE DATE

An Event You Won't Want to Miss
Friday, May 6, 2022
Dinner * Fundraiser
to Benefit the Kitchen
Renovation



Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas Day
10:30 a.m. People of St. Anne Parish

Sunday, December 26, 2021
8:30 a.m. Mary Ann & Joseph Dabrowski
req. by Mark Dabrowski
Shari Westphal, req. by Family
10:30 a.m. Jonathon Davis, Tyler Bonner,
req. by Parents
Jack Zubalik (23rd Anniv.) req.
by Family

Monday, December 27, 2021
9:00 a.m. Barbara Colomarino, req. by
Pete & Chris Maniaci

NO 5:00 a.m. MASS
Tuesday, December 28, 2021
9:00 a.m. José & Joyce Olmeda, req. by
Friends

Wednesday, December 29, 2021
9:00 a.m. Mae Richard, Julia Mooney,
Teresa Mooney, req. by Family

Thursday, December 30, 2021
NO ADORATION

Friday, December 31, 2021
9:00 a.m. Peter & Bev Flees, req. by
Family

Saturday, January 1, 2022 NEW YEARS DAY
10:30 a.m. Joseph & Margaret Swengros,
req. by Mark Dabrowski

NO 5:00 p.m. MASS
Sunday, January 2, 2022
8:30 a.m. Stan & Theresa Kolanko &
Family (Living) req. by
Mark Dabrowski
10:30 a.m. Patrick Mooney, Cathy Richard,
(Birthday Rembr.) req. by
Family

Prayer
REQUESTS

Pam Allen, Marty Levin, Mary Simon,
Patricia Claya, Jerry Bellefeuille,
Daren McLaughlin, Janice Rollins,
Ruthie Reid, Bob Mihos
Jim Gromek, Aiden McClaren, Kirk Mcoy,
Christopher Lee, Barbara Funke,
Dustin Zernec, Dominic Verbanec
Colette Genovese, Marge Flanigan,
Vince Bland, Pat Pappas, Tamara Camaj,
Darlene Gray, Chuck & Sandra Marteney
Elaine Corkins, Landon Morrison,
Joyce Stewart, Joan Ball, Patrick Lamb,
Jerry Richart, Abby Gels, Frank Vella,
Guy Mattana, Monica Geisler,
Reagan Bahling, Bob Mizejewski,
Betty Morici, Donna Ferrara, Fabian Family,
Diane Naren, Kallie Moshier,
Thomas Latowski, Robert Frazer,
The Carmody Family, Bill Knight,
Sue Bruggeman, Sr. Judy Jones,
Joyce Stewart, Rhonda Barron, Katy Powers,
John Benvenuti, Sam Davis, Marge Park,
Nick Emery, Cooper Pavkovich, Nick Plaxton



**Weekend of January 1 & 2, 2022
Lectors**

**NO 5:00 p.m. MASS ON
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8:30 a.m.- Gary Putt,
Kathleen Russell
10:30 a.m.-Stephanie Mackey, Chris
Maldonado

Eucharistic Ministers

NO 5:00 P.M. MASS JANUARY 1

8:30 a.m.-Gary Schafer,
Nancy Seery, **Judy Sounart (MS)**
10:30 a.m.- Cindy & Nadine
Maldonado, Beth Eschmann,
Bruce Kocer (MS)



**FEAST OF THE
HOLY FAMILY**

Today's gospel refers to the Holy Family's pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover, but something goes terribly wrong. There's nothing worse than a lost child; we can feel the parents' anguish. While Mary & Joseph agonized over their lost son, Jesus confounded the teachers in the temple with his questions and answers. When asked by his mother, "Where were you?" he replied, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped make our Christmas celebrations wonderful. To all of the lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Stewards and Ushers. To Cathy Genovese at Candy Cane Tree farm, for the beautiful greens. To Joe & Julie Wojocichowski at Wojo's Green House, for the beautiful poinsettias-and delivering them! To all who helped clean the church in preparation. And finally our music ministry, led by Laura and Paul, musicians, and the choirs making the Masses more meaningful with beautiful music. We are such a wonderful and loving parish family here at St. Anne, you know when you are here, you're home. Thank you all so much.

**Wishing everyone a happy and
healthy New Year!**

Julie

Youth Ministry News:

We had a Great day "Caroling" with our friends at some of the local "Adult Foster Care" homes. Thank you to Ali and Joseph Anthony, Sarah Burgard, Rebekah and Gerry Devine, Andres, Diego and Jaime Huerta (He was extra Jolly HoHoHo), Natalie Llewellyn, Allison and Shelly Ressler. YOU MADE THEIR CHRISTMAS!!



TWO AWESOME OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022

February 6th we are invited to attend "RISE DETROIT" retreat and conference at Mercy High School. There will be inspirational speakers, live music, relevant workshops, Mass, adoration and Reconciliation. The cost is only \$35 and we ask that you turn in your permission slip and money by January 3rd to reserve your spot and t-shirt.

March 12th we have the opportunity to "Be the Change" Through Right to Life-Lifespan. This engaging training for 7th-12th graders takes place at Auburn Hills Christian Center. We will be taught how to advocate for the pre-born, and be equipped with information. Please let Kim know if you are interested by January 15th. BOTH FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN SOLANUS HALL.



Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



Votive Candle Intention

For the Week of
December 31, 2021-January 6, 2022
In Memory of Ed Valverde
req. by wife, Donna



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE

This is a Community Service Opportunity for all ages.

We will host this at **St. Anne's on Saturday, January 15th 10:00 a.m. to noon in Hardy Hall and Solanus Hall.** A flyer will be going out right after Christmas with items needed for the various charities that we will be benefiting, but most of the items will be provided by our "Family of Parish" churches. We Just need the volunteers. You can sign up with Kim #248-627-3965 Ext. 132 or kim@churchofstane.org.

God Bless, Kim



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