

December 17th, 2023 *Gaudete Sunday*

St. Ann Catholic Church

6350 S. Mooresville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46221

Parish Office

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Sacramental Emergency

317-839-4255

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipation 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m.

Adoration

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 p.m.—3:45 p.m.

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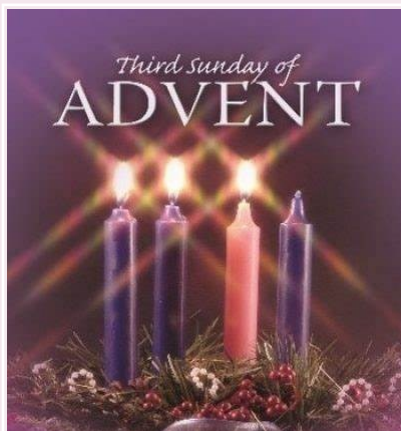
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*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me,
because he
has anointed me
to bring glad tidings
to the poor.*

Daily Readings

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sun. 12-17	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11	Lk 1:46-50, 53-54	1Thes 5:16-24	Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Mon. 12-18	Jer 23:5-8	Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18=19		Mt 1:18-25
Tue 12-19	Jgs 113:2-7, 24-25a	Ps 71:3-6b, 16-17		Lk 1:5-25
Wed. 12-20	Is 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6		Lk 1:26-38
Thu. 12-21	Sg 2:8-14	Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21		Lk 1:39-45
Fri. 12-22	1 Sm 1:24-28	1 Sam 2:1, 4-8		Lk 1:46-56
Sat. 12-23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14		Lk 1:57-66
Sun. 12-24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,	Ps 89: 2-5, 27, 29	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38

Commissions and Committees

Administrative/Finance—Ken Betz	317-864-2301
Bulletin—Lisa Halbert	Bulletin@stannindy.org
Festival—Tom & Rhonda Gerding	317-294-8150
Giving Tree/Respect for Life—Mike Duffy	317-757-9141
Ladies' Guild—Donna McGrath	317-840-1979
Liturgy—Lisa Halbert	Liturgy@stannindy.org
Men's Club—Jim White	317-681-4832
Parish Council—Leslie Maxwell	317-513-1196
St. Vincent de Paul—Tom Gerding	317-294-8150
Stewardship—Amanda Williams	317-730-5787
Faith Formation—Tom Guilfooy	317-918-0936

We, the parishioners of St. Ann Catholic Church, are called to worship God, learn and share our faith as we serve the needs of all our neighbors.

Recently Departed Loved Ones of St. Ann Parishioners

Mary Cathrine Benell—Mother of Nickie Morgan
 James Johnson
 Tom Simpson—Brother of Joe Simpson
 Cindy Gregory—Sister of Sally Brandenburg and Mary Dyer and
 cousin of Marlene Russell.
 Marilyn Dye
 Patricia Lee
 Irudhayaraj Danasamy—Fr. Jude's Uncle
 Please notify the office when a loved one passes away.

St. Ann Prayer Chain

Pam Dixon	Ralph & Linda Hague
Bobby Hamblin	Mary C. Harris
Marilyn Hirzel	Sandra Miller
Dave Shireman	Dr. & Mrs. Tom Thompson
St. Ann Parishioners	The James Johnson Family

Mass Intentions

Tue. Dec. 19	St. Ann 9:30 a.m.	Joseph Stewart
Wed. Dec. 20	St. Thomas More 9:30 a.m.	Gunnar Diekhoff and Richard Wolfe
Thur. Dec. 21	St. Ann 9:30 a.m.	Marigrace Nichols
Fri. Dec. 22	St. Thomas More 9:30 a.m.	Kevin O'Farrell and Jim Johnson
Sat. Dec. 23	St. Ann 4:00 p.m.	Holly Duffy and The Parishioners of St. Ann
	St. Thomas More 5:30 p.m.	Paul Jarvis, Barney Rossner, and Louie Schubert
Sun. Dec. 24	St. Ann 9:00 a.m.	Tom & Marge Duffy, and Mike Szackel
	St. Thomas More 10:45 a.m.	George Poteet, and The Parishioners of St. Thomas More
Sun. Dec. 24	St. Ann 4:00 p.m.	Rosie Slocum, and Carl Daugherty
	St. Thomas More 5:30 p.m.	The Barkley Family, The Bennett Family, The Brugh Family, The Dailey Family, Charlie Dotson, Healing for L & G Fleming, Gerald & Irene Fleming, Fr. Jude Meril, Joe Funk, John Giovanoni, Jim Johnson, Henry & Sara Kenny, Charlie Kenny, The Kobylarz Family,
	St. Thomas More 12:00 Midnight	Chuck Kenny, Eric & Meghan Lawson, Ed & Nancy Lydick, The McArdle Family, Kevin O'Farrell, The Shea Family, Richard & Mary Sutton, Ruth Viles, Ellsworth & Amy Viner, Bud & Winnie Wakolbinger, Frank and Anna Walolbinger, Frank & LaVerne Wakolbinger, John & Kathleen Wakolbinger, The Weber Family, and Harold Wells.
Mon. Dec. 25	St. Ann 9:00 a.m.	Jaime and Marissa Farrell and Harold Wells

Ministry Schedule

	Dec. 16 th	Dec. 17 th	Dec. 23 rd	Dec. 24 th	Dec. 24 th	Dec. 25 th	
FRONT DOOR	Pat Robinson	Lisha Ejimabo	Peggy Howard				
SANCTUARY	Andrea Pratt		Andrea Pratt				
SACRISTAN	Theresa Farrell	Donna McGrath	Theresa Farrell	Donna McGrath	Theresa Farrell	Theresa Farrell	
ALTAR SERVER	Mindy Young	Russell Williams Jeffrey Ejimabo	Mindy Young		Emiliano Vasquez Isabel Vasquez		
1st READING	Jeffrey Regester	Rhonda Gerding	Suzanne Thurman	Linda Kile		Susan Koerber	
2nd READING	Fred Rivera	Gracie Wunderlich	Sandi Fischer	Suzannah Koerber		Donna McGrath	
Cantor	Beth McKay Rachel McKay	Bil Danner	Fred Rivera	Robert McKay	Children & Adult Chior	Bil Danner	
EMHC	1	Cindy Young	Sheri Lowden	Cindy Young	Linda Kile	Cindy Young	Linda Kile
	2	Pat Robinson		Pat Robinson			Helen Rollison
	3	Helen Rollison		Andrea Pratt			
	4			Helen Rollison			
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St. Ann Parish has been given a goal of **\$18,561** for the **UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL**.
 At this time **37** of **St. Ann's parishioners** have pledged a total of **\$11,365**. This is **sixty-three percent** of our goal.
Within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis **\$3.4 million** has been pledged.

What IS Going On At Mass?

We hope that you are enjoying our Mass Series excerpts from Fr. Luke Spannagel's "The Mass Step-by-Step". We continue our break from the series as we focus on Advent. We will return to The Mass Series in January.

So, what is Advent?

The word advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning arrival or appearance—the arrival or appearance of the Messiah. Thus, the four week period before Christmas is known as the Season of Advent. It is the first season of the liturgical year and focuses on the anticipation of, and preparation for the arrival of Christ. Not only are we preparing for his incarnate arrival in the baby Jesus, but we are also preparing for his final coming at the end of time. And so, we must do all we can to be prepared for his arrival through penance, acts of charity, and the celebration of the sacraments.

Because of the penitential nature of the season the color purple is utilized in the adornment of the altar, the vestments worn by the priest, and the candles in the familiar symbol of the season—the Advent wreath.

The circular wreath, often decorated with berries and pinecones, has no beginning or end. It is eternal. Both the evergreen branches and the circular shape reflect the endless love of Christ, and the eternal life hoped for through him. That is a lot for which to be prepared!

Four candles are placed within the wreath and signify Christ's coming as the light in darkness.

This week the light against the darkness is enhanced even more as three candles are lit: the Prophet Candle from the first week, the Bethlehem Candle from the second week and the Shepherd's Candle for this week.

The Shepherd's Candle is pink in color and signifies the joy that the shepherds felt at the birth of Jesus. During this third week of Advent we rejoice over the soon arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is known as *Gaudete Sunday* because *gaudete* is Latin for rejoice.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

Luke 2:20

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.

Amen.

Holiday Office Hours

The offices of both St. Ann and St. Thomas More will be closed December 22nd to January 2nd. **Beginning January 8th**, St. Ann Office will be open five days a week (Mon.—Fri.) 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Total Contribution to The Giving Tree from St. Ann Parishioners was \$3,535. Thank YOU to all who help to make this possible.

Thank YOU to all who helped with the packaging of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Baskets and to all who donated goods to make this possible.

The SVdP help line is in dire need of volunteers to take calls from needy neighbors, requesting assistance with food, clothing, household furnishings, and rent/utility assistance.

Minimum commitment of 4 hours monthly.

Computer access required.

*Contact Pat Rapp: prapp1949@comcast.net
317-796-7790*

Contact information for **Dave Shireman:**

Springs at Mooresville

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Year—In—Photos

We are hoping to do a Year-in-Photos Review of 2023. For inclusion in this special issue. Please send any photos you may have that represent St. Ann Catholic Church activities from this year to bulletin@stannindy.org

A brief description would be helpful.

Notice: St. Ann Catholic Church Music Ministry is in need of a Music Coordinator. The position pays \$15/hr.—up to ten hours per week. If you, or anyone you know might be interested in this position, please notify Fr. Jude.

Save the Date:

Mardi Gras—Reverse Raffle

February 10, 2024

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Donations for Flowers

Mr. & Mrs. Garry Courtney In Memory of:
Edmund & Rosemary Daeger
Joseph & Virginia Courtney
Gregg Courtney

Mike Duffy In Memory of:
Lorraine Capparelli
Joseph Capparelli
Marge Duffy
Thomas Duffy



Your Gifts

December 09-10, 2023	
Collection	\$5,053
Debt Reduction	\$1,658
Capital Maintenance	\$1,375
Total Weekly	\$8,086
Fiscal Year to Date—Overage	\$8,632
Religious Retirement	\$50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$30
The Giving Tree	\$1,740
Seeds of Hope	\$10
Building Loan Balance as of 11/30/2023	\$689,500

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 17: Winter Feast/Breakfast with Santa
- Dec. 19: Liturgy Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23: 4th Sunday of Advent **Anticipation Mass 4:00 p.m. St. Ann**
- Dec. 24: 4th Sunday of Advent **Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Ann; 10:30 a.m. St. Thomas More**
Nativity of our Lord (Children's Mass) 4:00 p.m. St. Ann
5:30 p.m. St. Thomas More; Midnight Mass St. Thomas More 12:00 a.m.
- Dec. 25: Christmas morning **Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Ann**
- Dec. 26: No Mass, No Communion Service, and No Adoration
- Dec. 30: Feast of the Holy Family 4:00 p.m. Mass
- Dec. 31: Fest of the Holy Family 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Jan. 01: **Mary, Holy Mother of God 9:30 a.m. Combined Mass at St. Thomas More**
Note: Because this Holy Day falls on a Monday it is Not Obligatory.

Recent Unexpected Expenses:

HVAC Repairs:	\$10,044
North Exterior Wall Paint:	\$2,500
Sanctuary Wall	\$1,500

St. Ann 50-50 Report for December 10, 2023

Pot: \$564—#233—Robert Robinson

We Have A Winner!

To be eligible to win, place your envelope containing \$2.00, with name and registered number in the 50/50 box located outside the office. Empty envelopes will be voided.

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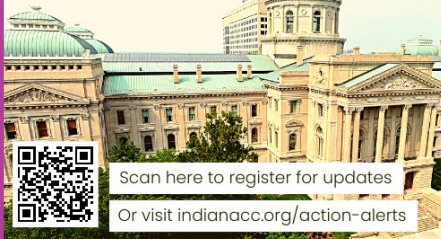
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Contact research@archindy.org for further details

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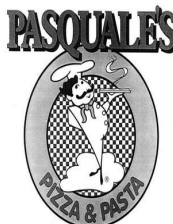
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