

December 24th, 2023 *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

St. Ann Catholic Church

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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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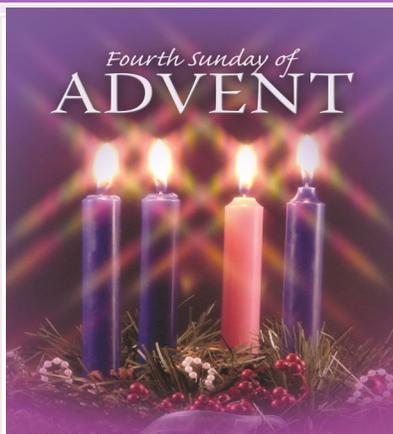
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*Behold,
I am the handmaid
of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to
your word.*

Daily Readings

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sun. 12-24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Ps 89: 2-5, 27, 29	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38
Mon. 12-25	Is 52:7-10	Ps 98:1-6	Heb 1:1-6	Jn 1:1-18
Tue 12-26	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59	Ps 31:3-6, 8ab, 16b-17		Mt 10:17-22
Wed. 12-27	1 Jn 1:1-4	Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12		Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thu. 12-28	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8		Mt 2:13-18
Fri. 12-29	1 Jn 2:3-11	Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6		Lk 2:22-35
Sat. 12-30	1 Jn 2:12-17	Ps 96:7-10		Lk 2:36-40
Sun. 12-31	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	Ps 128:1-5	Col 3:12-21	Lk 2:22-40

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To all of our visitors this holiday season, we are happy that you are here! Thank you for joining us and know that you are always welcome at St. Ann Catholic Church.

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
 Jim Johnson
 Tom Simpson—Brother of Joe Simpson
 Charles C. Thompson Sr.—Father of Archbishop Thompson
 Cindy Gregory—Sister of Sally Brandenburg and Mary Dyer and cousin of
 Marlene Russell.
 Marilyn Dye
 Patricia Lee
 Irudhayaraj Danasamy—Uncle of Fr. Jude
 Pat Sward—Mother of Mary (Walter) Johnson
 Please notify the office when a loved one passes away.

St. Ann Prayer Chain

Pam Dixon
 Bobby Hamblin
 Marilyn Hirzel
 Sandra Miller
 St. Ann Parishioners

Ralph & Linda Hague
 Mary C. Harris
 The Jim Johnson Family
 Dave Shireman
 Dr. & Mrs. Tom Thompson

Mass Intentions

Tue. Dec. 26	St. Ann 9:30 a.m.	No Mass and No Adoration
Wed. Dec. 27	St. Thomas More 9:30 a.m.	Mike Shea and Jim Johnson
Thur. Dec. 28	St. Ann 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Harold Rightor
Fri. Dec. 29	St. Thomas More 9:30 a.m.	Kevin O'Farrell
Sat. Dec. 30	St. Ann 4:00 p.m.	Joseph & Lorraine Capparelli and The Parishioners of St. Ann
	St. Thomas More 5:30 p.m.	Leonarda & Larry Schubert
Sun. Dec. 31	St. Ann 9:00 a.m.	Fr. Glenn O'Connor
	St. Thomas More 10:45 a.m.	Barajas Family, John Giovanoni and Parishioners of St. Thomas More
Mon. Jan. 01	St. Thomas More 9:30 a.m.	Mo Barkley

Ministry Schedule

	Dec. 23 rd 4:00 P.M.	Dec. 24 th 9:00 A.M.	Dec. 24 th 4:00 P.M.	Dec. 25 th 9:00 A.M.	Dec. 30th 4:00 P.M.	Dec. 31st 9:00 A.M.
FRONT DOOR	Peggy Howard				Patti Robinson	
SANCTUARY	Andrea Pratt				Marlene Russell	
SACRISTAN	Theresa Farrell	Donna McGrath	Theresa Farrell	Theresa Farrell		
ALTAR SERVER	Mindy Young		Emiliano, Isa- belle, Russell		Mindy Young	Russell Williams
1st READING	Suzanne Thurman	Linda Kile		Susannah Koerber	Helen Rollison	Susannah
2nd READING	Sandi Fischer	Suzannah Koerber		Donna McGrath	Tim Nawrocki	Donna McGrath
Cantor	Fred Rivera	Robert McKay	Children & Adult	Bil Danner		
EMHC	1	Cindy Young	Linda Kile	Cindy Young	Linda Kile	Cindy Young
	2	Pat Robinson			Helen Rollison	Patti Robinson
	3	Andrea Pratt			Sheri Lowden	Susie Gill
	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 **40** of **St. Ann's parishioners** have pledged a total of **\$12,105**. This is **sixty-five percent** of our goal.
Within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis **\$3.6 million** has been pledged.
 Giving doesn't just make the mission possible. Giving is part of the mission.

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 maximized as all four candles are lit: the Prophet Candle from the first week, the Bethlehem Candle from the second week, the Shepherd's Candle from last week and this week's candle the Angel's Candle.

The Angel's Candle, purple in color, represents love. During these final moments of Advent we rejoice in the endless love God has for us. This love is made apparent through the gift of his son and announced to the world by the angel Gabriel.

Let us rejoice!

"And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'"

Luke 2:10-11

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus.

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.



Thank You!



To all who purchased
or supported the Citrus Fundraiser.

We were able to directly donate \$375.50 worth of Fruit to 5 different charities & net \$511.00 to apply to many of the other planned donations we make. Total: \$886.50

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Indiana March for Life

Join hundreds of Hoosiers downtown Indy as we march for a culture of life where abortion is unthinkable.

Monday, January 22nd, 2024.

9:00-11:00 a.m. Youth event at Indiana Convention Center

11:30 a.m. Mass at Indiana Convention Center

1:45 P.m. March begins at Georgia St. & Illinois St.

2:30 p.m. Afer march rally at Statehouse

Questions? Contact Brie at bvarick@archindy.org or Paul at Psifuentes@archindy.org

Donations for Flowers

Mr. & Mrs. Garry Courtney In Memory of: Edmund & Rosemary Daeger Joseph & Virginia Courtney Gregg Courtney	Manuel & Sharon Ponte in Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oda Mr. & Mrs. Gene Fanning
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Steve Kavanaugh in Memory of: Louis & Catherine Kavanaugh Tim & Lee Kavanaugh Leo Lucus Joe Woods Rose Kavanaugh	

Jesus is calling, "Pray with me."

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St. Ann Catholic Church every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We are in need of individuals to serve 1 or 2 hours. Contact Donna McGrath for further information. 317-840-1979.

Your Gifts

December 16-17, 2023	
Collection	\$5,124
Debt Reduction	\$548
Capital Maintenance	\$1,258
Total Weekly	\$6,930
Fiscal Year to Date—Overage	\$10,116
St. Vincent de Paul	\$185
Seeds of Hope	\$60
Building Loan Balance as of 11/30/2023	\$689,500

St. Ann 50-50 Report for December 17, 2023

Pot: \$92—#831—Tyler & Kristy Murphy

Did Not Play

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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Save the Date:

Mardi Gras—Reverse Raffle

February 10, 2024

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The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is conducting a diocesan-wide research initiative to help shape its communications strategies. Hiron, an Indianapolis based communications firm, will be reaching out to parishioners in the coming weeks. We ask that you please take the time to participate in this initiative.

Contact
research@archindy.org

Upcoming Events

- 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.
 Jan. 02: **Offices reopen 9:00 a.m.**
 Jan. 08: **New office hours begin today. 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Monday—Friday**

Recent Unexpected Expenses:

HVAC Repairs:	\$10,044
Water Backflow Valve:	\$1,100
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