

December 3rd, 2023 *The First Sunday of Advent*

St. Ann Catholic Church

6350 S. Mooresville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46221

Parish Office

317-821-2909

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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*Show us Lord,
your love;
and grant us
your salvation.*

Daily Readings

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sun. 12-03	Is 63:16b-17, 64:2-7	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19	1 Cor 1:3-9	Mk 13:33-37
Mon. 12-04	Is 2:1-5	Ps 122:1-9		Mt 8:5-11
Tue 12-05	Is 11:1-10	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17		Lk 10:21-24
Wed. 12-06	Is 25:6-10a	Ps 23:1-6		Mt 15:29-37
Thu. 12-07	Is 26:1-6	Ps118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a		Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri. 12-08	Gn 3:9-15, 20	Ps 98:1-4	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Lk 1:26-38
Sat. 12-09	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Ps147:1-6		Mt 9:35-10:1,5a, 6-8
Sun. 12-10	Is 40:1-5, 9-11	Ps 85:9-14	2 Pt 3:8-14	Mt 1:1-8

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

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. Please contact Donna McGrath for further information. 317-840-1979.

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

**Charles C. Thompson Sr.—Father of Archbishop Thompson
Cindy (Kunkel) Gregory —Sister of Sally Brandenburg**

Please notify the office when a loved one passes away.

St. Ann Prayer Chain

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

Mass Intentions

Tue. Dec. 05	St. Ann 9:30 a.m.	Anthony Pancras
Wed. Dec. 06	St. Thomas More 9:30 a.m.	Rich Weihler and Jeanne Gwaltney
Thur. Dec. 07	St. Ann 9:30 a.m.	Kellie & Pete McKay
Fri. Dec. 08	St. Ann 12:00 p.m.	Robert & Zita McKay
	St. Thomas More 6:30 p.m.	Pat Grant and George Poteet
Sat. Dec. 09	St. Ann 4:00 p.m.	Leonard Koerber
	St. Thomas More 5:30 p.m.	Jim Johnson and John Sappington
Sun. Dec. 10	St. Ann 9:00 a.m.	Tom Simpson and The Parishioners of St. Ann
	St. Thomas More 10:45 a.m.	Myron & Brian Cassidy and Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Ministry Schedule

		Dec. 2nd 4:00 P.M.	Dec. 3rd 9:00 A.M.	Dec. 9th 4:00 P.M.	Dec. 10th 9:00 A.M.
FRONT DOOR		Pat Robinson	Lisha Ejimabo	Pat Robinson	Lisha
SANCTUARY DOOR		Andrea Pratt		Marlene Russell	
SACRISTAN		Theresa Farrell	Donna McGrath	Theresa Farrell	Donna McGrath
ALTAR SERVER		Mindy Young	Russell Williams Jeffrey Ejimabo	Mindy Young	Russell Williams Jeffrey Ejimabo
1st READING			Tim Nawrocki	Suzanne Thurman	Gary Cahill
2nd READING		Donna McGrath	Marie Schroeder		Marie Schroeder
Cantor		Fred Rivera	Donna McGrath & Josh McKay	Ashley Guilfoy	Monica Gilbrech
EMHC	1	Cindy Young	Donna McGrath	Cindy Young	
	2	Pat Robinson	Ken Betz	Susie Gill	
	3		Ginger Betz	Pat Robinson	
	4				
	5				
	6			Deacon Joe	Deacon Joe

St. Ann Parish has been given a goal of **\$18,561** for the **UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL**.
At this time **20** of **St. Ann's parishioners** have pledged a total of **\$5,960**. This is **thirty-two percent** of our goal.
Within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis **\$1.9 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 the Mass Series excerpts from Fr. Luke Spannagel's "The Mass Step-by-Step." Last week we concluded the portion of the Mass known as the Introductory Rites. We will be taking a break from the Mass Series and changing our focus to Advent during the next four weeks. 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.

Why is an evergreen wreath the traditional symbol of the season?

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. A single candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent. It is purple in color and represent hope. It is known as the Prophecy Candle as during this first week of Advent we reflect on the Old Testament prophets who foretold of the coming of Jesus with hope and anticipation.

Each week one additional candle is lit and as Christmas draws neigh each subsequent candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Some traditions place a white candle in the center of the wreath which is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is indeed with us. This central, white candle is known as the "Christ Candle."

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2

Advent Wreath Prayer for Week One

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what is really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul

Our shelves are pretty empty!

Please donate canned goods and other non-perishable food items.

We are especially in need of canned vegetables, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, pasta sauce, and paper products (tissue, towels).

Food Basket Assembly will take place on December 15th in the social hall. We will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Distribution to the community will be along with

The Giving Tree Gift Cards on December 16th.

URGENT

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***

The ***St. Ann Giving Tree*** with donation envelopes is in the Narthex. Your donations may be placed in the weekly collection basket *or dropped off at the parish office* through ***December 10th***.

Please make checks payable to St. Ann Parish with "Giving Tree" mentioned in the memo line.

Sandi Bessler and Chuck Fischer would like to extend an invitation to all St. Ann Parishioners to witness their Sacrament of Matrimony which will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9th at St. Ann Catholic Church .

Save the Date:

***Mardi Gras—Reverse Raffle
February 10, 2024***

Your Gifts

November 25-26, 2023	
Collection	\$4,846
Debt Reduction	\$60
Capital Maintenance	\$292
Total Weekly	\$5,198
Fiscal Year to Date—Overage	\$2,225
St. Vincent de Paul	
The Giving Tree	\$685
Building Loan Balance as of 10/31/23	\$693,000

St. Ann 50-50 Report for November 26, 2023

Pot: \$378—#158—Tanya Groves

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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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 for further details

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 03: First Sunday of Advent

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2:00-5:00 p.m. social hall

Dec. 05: Reconciliation at St. Ann 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 06: Reconciliation at St. Thomas More 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 08: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at St. Ann 12:00 noon Mass at St. Thomas More 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 09/10: 2nd Collection—Retirement Fund for Religious

Dec. 10: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Dec. 15: Food Basket Assembly 6:00 p.m. in the social hall

Dec. 16: Distribution to community of Giving Tree and SvDP Food Baskets

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

Recent Unexpected Expenses:

Roof Repairs:	\$1,300
HVAC Repairs:	\$10,044
Sanctuary Wall Plaster and Paint	\$1,500
North Exterior Wall Paint:	\$2,500

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus, Council #7431, would like to thank the parishioners of St. Ann for their generosity in our Tootsie Roll Drive for the Handicapable Camp. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a safe holiday season. Thank You!



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