

Parish Email – August 28, 2025

Dear St. Ann Parishioners –

It's time to turn the page to a new month and a new season! As we all contemplate this "new year," you're invited to pray about how involvement in St. Ann's ministries and activities help you draw closer to God. Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities the Holy Spirit is sending your way!

PARISH BULLETIN – Click the link to read this weekend's bulletin:

<https://parishesonline.com/organization/st-ann-church-23834>

MASS TIME CHANGE! It's that time again – starting on Sunday, September 7, the 10:30 Mass will move to 11:15am through next Memorial Day. At least this time – if you forget – you'll be early to Mass instead of late! 😊

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be next Friday, September 5, beginning at 10:00am in the Worship Space. Adoration will conclude with Benediction after the noon daily Mass. Join us!

HOSPITALITY - Stop by Condon Hall, Sunday, September 7, after both Masses, and join your other parishioners for coffee and light refreshments, as we start our Hospitality Ministry back up.

CATECHIST ORIENTATION PICNIC will be held next Sunday, Sept 7th from 1-4pm. Let us begin the year with food, prayer, and fellowship! Bring a lunch and seat, and we will provide chips drinks, and dessert:) See what is new for 2025-2026, learn more about Part 3 of Empowering God's Children class and get to know each other better-we have some new folks! Please RSVP to Elise or Sam if you can attend!

PARISH FAMILY DINNER – Saturday, September 13, from 6 – 8 - Join the Knights of Columbus as they prepare another wonderful Parish Dinner for Everyone! Hope to see you there!

PARISH PICNIC and FALL KICKOFF/OPENHOUSE for everyone will take place on Sunday, September 21, from 1:00p-4:00p. Picnics and Entertainment will take place during that time. Additionally, from 1p-2p, there will be a Christian Formation Openhouse in Classrooms for our Elementary students and in the Worship Space for our Middle and High School Students. Additional informational tables may be set up for other ministries.

Please see how you can help out:

Knights of Columbus: Providing and grilling our meats

Catholic Daughters: Helping coordinate our sides. As with other picnics, you can pick up your tray in the commons. See Bernadette Gilmore or Andi Dodwell-Wright for more information.

Elementary and Youth Ministry Families: Providing Desserts

Signups available to assist with set up, kitchen help and clean up! Many hands lighten the load! WE NEED YOU!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY will be celebrated on the weekend of September 20/21. The theme, chosen by the USCCB, is “Always be ready to give an explanation.... for the reason for your hope.” 1 Peter 3:15. Join us in celebrating our catechists at all Masses that weekend as they will be recognized with a special blessing! Then join us for a special Formation KICKOFF following the 11:15a Mass! Remember that “Formation” is NOT just for our children, but for EVERYONE-Womb-Tomb! This is an opportunity to be a part of all our Adult Formation opportunities too!

REGISTRATION for Children and Youth Formation for 2025-2026 continues. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: -Samuel Moss regarding 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist & Elementary Formation at smoss@stanncc.com, OR -Elise Chapman regarding Middle School, High School & Confirmation at echapman@stanncc.com

We are still in need of team members for CLOW and OCIA! We are currently in need of Team members in the following areas.

OCIA (former RCIA) 2-3 Catechist to add to team.

OCIA for Children (Children’s Catechumenate): 2-3 Catechist to add to team.

Children’s Liturgy of Word: 1 for the 8:30a Mass and 2 for the 11:15a Mass.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Elise or Sam as soon as possible.

ADULT FORMATION Sunday Adult Formation kicks off on Sunday, September 28. We are using the video series The Chosen as the starting point of discussion. We will begin with episode 7 of season 4. These sessions meet in the youth ministry room from 10-11. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S (FOR ANYONE!) SPIRITUALITY is a long-standing ministry serving our St. Ann family. In its evolution, the ministry has become a host for anyone in the parish who is interested, not just women. We will begin on Thursday, September 25 from 9:30-11:00. This year begins with season 5 of The Chosen then will move on to Ascension Press's program Fulfilled, a look at the Biblical roots of Catholicism.

THE GARDENS AT ST. ANN – Volunteer gardeners work to beautify the spaces leading up to the Church entrance. The **GARDEN MINISTRY** is in need of new gardeners to take over two prime garden spaces. Advice and some funding can be provided. If you like to garden, please consider joining this ministry. Contact Joan Donovan at joandonovan1@comcast.net for more information. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY – We have great news! Our Daily Bread Food Pantry has received a TFAP grant from Feed More to be used for capacity-building for the pantry. With these funds we have been able to purchase refrigerators/freezers, new carts, and additional storage shelving. We have contracted to have a mini-split heat/air unit that will be installed in our food storage shed. This unit replaces an old air conditioner and space heater and will maintain a constant temperature for safe food storage. You may have noticed, we have moved the shed from the parking lot to just outside of the pantry building. This will be safer and more efficient for our volunteers. Our plan is to create a cottage-like atmosphere to enhance the aesthetics surrounding the area. Please bear with us as we go through this transition. As always, we thank you for your generous donations and helping to support our neighbors in need. This week we need: spaghetti sauce, canned carrots, canned mixed greens, and canned soup. THANK YOU!

ALTAR & ARTS – We're getting started again after a summer hiatus, and **YOU** are invited to join us! The Altar & Arts ministry works to creatively enhance our worship space throughout the liturgical seasons, so that we can more deeply experience our community's prayer and sacraments. Creative minds and hands are welcome, as are those who might not call themselves "creative" but who love to be involved and want to help. Our first meeting of the program year will be **Thursday, September 11 at 9:30am** in Rm 6 of the school. If you have questions, contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548).

MEAL HELP Do you have a favorite meal you would love to share with our Middle and High School youth and catechists? Our Youth Group meals have been a huge hit over the last couple of years, serving on average 30-40 folks each week! We are so grateful to those who have provided delicious Sunday meals for the youth group to say nothing of the ethnic diversity of those same meals! It is NOW time to sign up for the upcoming months (through December). Meals can be whatever suits your fancy but should be able to feed approximately 30-40 people. Expectation is that folks providing the meal prepare (either on site or off) the meal and dessert (optional), assist with the serving and cleanup afterwards (students will wipe off and put away tables and clear the floor of chairs). Ideally, preparing the meal at home and bringing serving utensils makes it so that everything can go home with you and nothing needs to be washed (but you CAN use the kitchen and utensils). Paper products are provided and will be cleared before student/catechists' head to class. Trash and recycling will need to be bagged and, if possible, take

to the appropriate dumpster. Reimbursement for expenses can be arranged. Meals can be provided by anyone interested in sharing a culinary delight! Sign up to claim your spot!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA9AA29A20-youth6#/>

BAPTISM INFORMATION: Do you need a child baptized?

Fall Baptisms will take place on the weekend of October 25 & 26. The two required preparation classes will take place on Oct 5th at 1pm, and Oct 19th at 1pm. In the meantime, be thinking about who your Godparents and/or Christian Witnesses are (if not Catholic). We have Godparent forms in English or Spanish and the Baptism registration forms available on the parish website, <https://www.stanncc.com/sacraments>. They are due by the second preparation class. Please contact Samuel Moss at smoss@stanncc.com to get registered or follow up with any further questions.

VIRTUS- All volunteers should take the time to log into your VIRTUS account and update your account. This is a mandated requirement by the diocese for folks volunteering with children and/or vulnerable adults. Let's work together to keep our children safe. Please let Elise know if you have any questions. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND – This is your last chance! After this weekend, we will be donating or throwing away everything in our Lost & Found collection. If you are missing something, check the lower shelves on the tables under the bulletin boards in the Commons. Thanks!

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE – Bishop Knestout has designated the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk as a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year of 2025. St. Mary's is the oldest parish in the diocese and is the only African American Basilica in the United States. Join the pilgrimage, organized by St. Elizabeth's in Richmond, on Tuesday, September 16. See the attached flyer for more information and to learn how to register. The flyer will also be available on the table in the Commons this weekend, and you are invited to take a picture so you have all the information.

SAVE THE DATE ITEMS!

Ladies' Afternoon Tea! Get your hats, gloves, and teacups ready! This popular event will take place on Saturday, October 18, 1:00-4:00pm. We'll have a fashion show, door prizes, entertainment, and a bevy of great teas, scones, and cucumber sandwiches, along with all the best tea party food. Tickets will be on sale at all Masses beginning Saturday, September 27 until they sell out, so stash your tea money and get ready to party, CDA style!

FluteForte! Returns to St. Ann for a concert on October 25, after the 5:00 Mass around 7 pm. Ask anyone who attended their first concert in 2023, and they will tell you it was phenomenal!! Imagine the sound of over 30 different flutes – a Flute Orchestra, as it’s called, making magical music. This year’s concert will highlight both full orchestra and smaller ensembles playing a variety of “south of the border” tunes. A light reception will follow with “south of the border” treats. Our very own Carol Crittendon, whom we all enjoy playing her flute at Mass, is part of this great program! You definitely won’t want to miss this event

Let us pray for those who suffer from violence, especially the families and community of Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minneapolis; may they know God’s love, presence, and healing through our support and prayers. We pray also for those who resort to violence that they may experience a conversion of heart and seek peaceful ways of being in relationship with others.

ST. ANN CALENDAR – Thursday, August 28 through Sunday, September 14

*** Note time change for Mass on September 7; 10:30 Mass moves to 11:15**

THURSDAY – August 28

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
11:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Admin Building
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – August 29

10:00 am	Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser	Kitchen
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – August 30 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:00 am	Joe Camacho Visitation	Chapel
11:00 am	Joe Camacho Funeral Mass	Worship Space
12:00 pm	Funeral Reception	Condon Hall
12:00 pm	Knights of Columbus BBQ Sales	Parking Lot
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – August 31 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am	Mass	Worship Space
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10:30 am	Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

MONDAY – September 1 (Labor Day)

All Day	Offices Closed	
9:00 am	No Morning Pause	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

TUESDAY – September 2

8:30 am	No Happy Feet Dancers	
11:00 am	Arlinda Mondejar Visitation	Chapel
12:00 pm	Arlinda Mondejar Funeral Mass	Worship Space
12:15 pm	Game Day	Rm 6
1:00 pm	Funeral Reception	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Double Classroom
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – September 3

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
1:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Peer Group	Rm 6
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – September 4

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
10:30 am	Mass at Colonial Heights Rehab & Nursing	Off-site
11:00 am	No Daily Mass	
5:30 pm	CDA Thankful Thursday Rosary	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – September 5

10:00 am	First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Worship Space
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – September 6 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass (Grandparents Blessing during Mass)	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – September 7 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am	Mass (Grandparents Blessing during Mass)	Worship Space
9:45 am	Centennial Planning Committee Meeting	Condon Hall
11:15 am *	Mass (Grandparents Blessing during Mass)	Worship Space
1:00 pm	Catechist Orientation & Picnic	All Spaces
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

MONDAY – September 8

9:00 am	Morning Pause	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

TUESDAY – September 9

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall
12:15 pm	Game Day	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

WEDNESDAY – September 10

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting	Admin Building
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

THURSDAY – September 11

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
9:30 am	Altar & Arts Meeting	Rm 6
11:00 am	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

FRIDAY – September 12

10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SATURDAY – September 13 (Exaltation of the Cross)

2:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Dinner Prep	Condon Hall
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship Space
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Parish Dinner	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

SUNDAY – September 14 (Exaltation of the Cross)

8:30 am	Mass (Grandparents Blessing during Mass)	Worship Space
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9:30 am	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Condon Hall
11:15 am	Mass	Worship Space
12:45 pm	Catholic Daughters Monthly Meeting	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

For information about how to join Compline on Zoom, please go to the St. Ann website and click on the “St. Ann Prays” tab. All are welcome!

