

Parish email – February 27, 2025

Dear St. Ann Parishioners –

**Pick up your Lent Bag when you come to Mass this weekend! The season begins next week and will provide you with many opportunities to grow in faith. You are encouraged to think carefully, before Ash Wednesday and see where the Spirit may be calling you to a different way of growing.**

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**PARISH BULLETIN** – Click the link to read this weekend’s bulletin: <https://www.stanncc.com/sunday-bulletin>.

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**2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal** – *Sharing His Love with Others* will be conducted next weekend. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, but it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish *such as the Fuel and Hunger Fund and Rice Bowl Grant*. Our Parish Goal this year is \$44,820.00. Of this amount, our parish receives 20% for anything collected up to the parish’s target and 50% for anything collected over target. This year, the funds returned will be used to replace our Stations of the Cross and for refinishing the pews. Please consider donating today at <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp67568e289385d/user/guest>

***Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Thank you for your donation!***

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**THIS WEEKEND – PREPARE FOR LENT**

- This is your last opportunity to contribute last year’s palms to our ashes for Ash Wednesday. Drop off your palms in the Commons when you come to Mass. Remove them from bags and take off everything that is not a palm such as paperclips, strings, rubber bands, etc. We cannot burn anything that is not a palm.
- When you come to Mass, pick up a Lent Bag. There will be lots of goodies and resources in it that will help you and your family have a blessed Lenten season. We have bags with Spanish materials as well as bags with English.
- **BONFIRE** – Join us at 4:00pm this Sunday, March 2, for a bonfire at the fire pit on the far side of the parish office building. We will be burning worn out liturgical items such as linens, books, and Bibles, and we will have a separate fire to burn the palms we will use on Ash Wednesday. This is an unusual event, and all are welcome to come and learn a little bit about why we do it!

**MONDAY: IT’S NOT QUITE THE WEEKEND – But still preparing for Lent!** Join us at 9:00am to help change the Worship Space and Chapel for Lent. Many hands make light work! Thanks!

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**ASH WEDNESDAY** is next Wednesday, March 5. We have three opportunities to gather, pray, and receive ashes:

7:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes
12:00pm	Mass with Imposition of Ashes
7:00pm	Mass with Imposition of Ashes

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**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Please join us next Friday, March 7 for Adoration. It will be in the Worship Space beginning at 10:00am and will end with Benediction after the noon Mass. All are welcome!

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**2024 YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** - Thank you for your generous support of St. Ann! The yearly contribution statements have been mailed. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa or Sal, in the office at (804) 526-2548. Again, thank you for your continued support of our St. Ann community!

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**SOCIAL SENIORS BINGO!** Join us on Friday, March 7 after the noon Mass in Condon Hall, free of charge. Please bring a finger food dish to share for lunch and/or a new or gently used item for Bingo prizes. (No Christmas items, please). Come join in the fun!

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**WE NEED YOUR PICTURES OF LIFE AT ST. ANN'S THROUGH THE YEARS!** We are putting together a history display and a centennial book, and we need lots of pictures. Please look through your photo albums and your phone and find great pictures of our parish. A box has been placed in the Commons for your photos:

- Place your photos in an envelope with your name and contact information on the outside.
- For EACH PICTURE, please give us –
- Event at which photo was taken
- Date of photo
- Names of the people pictured

Send electronic photos to Alex Clark, [ps2freak11223@gmail.com](mailto:ps2freak11223@gmail.com)

**The deadline for photo submissions is March 16.** Your photos will be scanned and returned to you. We may not use every photo, especially if we have multiples for the same event. Questions? Contact Alex Clark, (804) 551-3667.

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**FOOD PANTRY NEWS** – We are entering the into the holiest season of our liturgical year. As members of the pantry, we want to share our humility with you as we serve our brothers and sisters in need as they come to our pantry door. Come and join us or donate to help our community. This week we can use canned black beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, baked beans, peas. We are also always in need of cereal. For information contact Evelyn Keesler ([elkeesler1@gmail.com](mailto:elkeesler1@gmail.com); 804-241-7189).  
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**The Church of the Sacred Heart, Prince George**, is having a Silent Auction for our twin parish in Haiti, the weekends of 22/23 February 1/2 March and 8/9 March. Viewing is before and after masses. The auction supports our parish school at St. Joseph Church in Marche Canard. All funds are used for the daily school meals and salaries for the staff. All are welcome. Questions, call Betty Pezillo at 804-861-5336.

### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS**

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** continues for Grade levels and Adult Formation this weekend, March 2, 2025, at their regularly scheduled times.

### **FIRST SACRAMENTS**

1st EUCHARIST Preparation Class #2 will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 5:45pm in the double classroom of the school to accommodate the Lenten Soup Supper in Condon Hall. The April 5th date for the 1st Eucharist retreat is now likely to change. Be on the lookout for the final announcement next week.

**SPRING BAPTISMS** will take place the weekend of May 10/11th.  
Preparation Session #1 is April 13 in the Nursery of the school at 1p.  
Preparation Session #2 is April 27 in the Nursery of the school at 1p.  
Remember attendance at both sessions is required. Contact Samuel Moss for more information.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION**

for the weekend of February 23, 2025

**ON THE MENU** for Sunday, March 2, 2025, is Shrimp and Fried Rice by the Agada family! Join us in Condon Hall from 5:30p-6:30p! We still have 2 meals that have no cooks! Could that be YOU?!

Youth Group Volunteers are needed for **High School Stations of the Cross** (March 7-rehearsal March 6) **Youth Group sponsored Soup Supper** (Mar 19), and **Middle School Experiential Stations** (April 11). Sign up here to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9aa29a20-holy#/>

**CELEBRATE YOUTH MASS**, hosted by our 11th/12th graders, will be Sunday, March 16 at the 11:15a Mass. All 11th/12th graders should plan to arrive by 10:30a for practice and further instructions. ALL students are encouraged to attend!

**Congratulations to Joshua Biles**, winner of our Superbowl Quiz, by missing on 9 out of 30 questions. Joshua wins a \$25 gift card of his choice! Way to go Joshua!

Deadline for all youth, and adults, interested in participating in the **NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (AKA NCYC)** is March 1. This is geared towards all HS YOUTH (9th-12th graders for the 2025-2026 academic year)! NCYC: I AM will be held November 20-22, 2025, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Contact Elise for more information and to register.

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**Let us pray for all who suffer discrimination because of their religious beliefs. May we all grow in understanding and appreciation of the many ways in which people journey to God.**

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**ST. ANN CALENDAR – Thursday, February 27, 2025 – Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**THURSDAY – February 27**

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
11:00am	Mary Cozzupoli Funeral Mass	Chapel
11:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**FRIDAY – February 28**

9:30 am	Elaine Camp Visitation	Chapel
10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group (cancelled)	
10:30 am	Elaine Camp Funeral	Chapel
12:00 pm	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
12:00 pm	AARP Tax Aide	Double Classroom/Rm 7
12:00 pm	Elaine Camp Reception	Condon Hall
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**SATURDAY – March 1 (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

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

**SUNDAY – March 2 (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School Building
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
9:45 am	Centennial Planning Meeting	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Hospitality After Mass	Condon Hall
11:15 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
12:30 pm	Hospitality After Mass	Condon Hall
4:00 pm	Burning of Palms & Old Liturgical Items	Fire Pit
5:00 pm	Crescendos	Worship Space
5:30 pm	Youth Group Meal	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	MS & HS Youth Group	All Spaces
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**MONDAY – March 3**

9:00 am	Decorate for Lent	Worship Space
9:00 am	Morning Pause	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**TUESDAY – March 4**

8:30 am	Happy Feet Dancers	Condon Hall Double Classroom/Rm 7
12:00 pm	AARP Tax Aide	
12:15 pm	Game Day	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Double Classroom
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**WEDNESDAY – March 5 (Ash Wednesday)**

7:00 am	Bible Study	Worship Space
7:30 am	Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes	Worship Space
9:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
9:30 am	Bible Study	Rm 6
12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass	Worship Space
1:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Peer Group	Rm 6
2:30 pm	Lenten Book Study	Rm 6

5:00 pm	Preludes Practice (cancelled)	
6:30 pm	Choir Practice (cancelled)	
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**THURSDAY – March 6**

9:00 am	Happy Feet Dancers Beginners Class	Condon Hall
9:30 am	Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 8
10:30 am	Mass at Colonial Heights Rehab & Nursing	Off-site
11:00 am	Daily Mass (cancelled)	
5:30 pm	CDA Thankful Thursday	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**FRIDAY – March 7**

	First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Worship Space
10:00 am	Sacrament	Worship Space
12:00 pm	Daily Mass	Chapel
		Double Classroom/Rm 7
12:00 pm	AARP Tax Aide	7
12:45 pm	Social Seniors Pot Luck Lunch & BINGO	Condon Hall
5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	Condon Hall
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Worship Space
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**SATURDAY – March 8 (1st Sunday of Lent)**

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

**SUNDAY – March 9 (1st Sunday of Lent)**

8:30 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
9:30 am	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Condon Hall
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	School Building
9:45 am	Adult Formation	Rm 8
11:15 am	Mass (CLOW during Mass)	Worship Space
12:30 pm	CDA Monthly Meeting	Condon Hall
5:00 pm	Crescendos	Worship Space
5:30 pm	Youth Group Meal	Condon Hall
6:30 pm	MS & HS Youth Group	All Spaces

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!





