

**Parish Email Update – August 4, 2022**

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

**It's August already! Things are starting to get lively at St. Ann's as we anticipate the beginning of the school year and the re-start to many of our programs, prayer, and activities. Please watch this space, especially in the coming weeks, for up-to-date information.**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MASSES**

**Word of the Week** – Attached to this email is a simple 2-page reflection that will help you and your family prepare the readings for this Sunday.

**Parish Bulletin** – Click the link to read this weekend's bulletin: <https://www.stanncc.com/sunday-bulletin>



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** – Join us tomorrow, Friday, August 5, beginning at 10:00am, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Worship Space. Adoration will end with Benediction after the noon Mass.

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**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** – This year, the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Monday (August 15). When Holy Days fall on Monday, the US bishops have decided they will not be Holy Days of Obligation, but they still urge us to observe them. Fr. Ernest will say Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, at 12:00pm on Monday, August 15, in the Worship Space.



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** – Parents: registration forms for Christian Formation will be sent to you electronically on August 17. If you have changed your email address, please contact the office as soon as possible to update your information. Once you have filled out the form, please send it back to Silvana Lucero at [slucero@stanncc.com](mailto:slucero@stanncc.com) and make the payment at your convenience. Hard copies will be available in the Commons as well. Contact Elise Chapman for Middle and High School ([echapman@stanncc.com](mailto:echapman@stanncc.com)) or Silvana Lucero for Elementary, if you have any questions.

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**ALTAR & ARTS** – Do you love to create? Do you have an eye for beauty? Do you agree that our worship is enhanced by our surroundings? Or do you simply enjoy helping your church? If the answer to any of these is “YES!” then the Altar & Arts Ministry invites you to join them. The ministers of Altar & Arts work

together to ensure that our worship space is beautiful and prayerful. Their efforts help us to experience the liturgy, absorb the meaning of each season of the year, and inspire us to carry those themes into our everyday lives. Those involved use their God-given gifts of creativity and hard work to transform our space and gently surprise us out of our everyday perceptions. While an artistic eye and creative vision are great, anyone who is willing to help can join Altar & Arts. The next meeting is next **Thursday, August 11 at 10:00am in Condon Hall**. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Johnson ([kjohnson@stanncc.com](mailto:kjohnson@stanncc.com); 804-526-2548). Please join us!

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**FOOD PANTRY** – Summer is a slow time for donations to food pantries and soup kitchens. If you are able, please purchase a few items for our food pantry the next time you go to the grocery store. They can be dropped off in the grocery carts by the chapel any time the church building is open. In particular, we are in need of peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, tuna/hamburger helper, tuna fish, and body wash. Thank you!

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**PLEASE SEND US YOUR PICTURES OF LIFE AT ST. ANN'S!** – Email your pics to Katie Johnson ([kjohnson@stanncc.com](mailto:kjohnson@stanncc.com)) for inclusion on our parish website. Thank you for your help!

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You're invited to join **Tri-Cities Theology on Tap** every third Wednesday of the month. Come, have a drink, eat some food, and grow in your faith. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/TriCitiesTheologyOnTap>. The next gathering will be August 17, 7:00pm at Dancing Kilt, 12912 Old Stage Rd in Chester. Fr. Joe Goldsmith will be addressing the topic of Marriage.

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**Let us pray for one another as we celebrate these last few weeks of summer: may our days be filled with joy, may our visiting with family and friends fill our hearts, and may we reach out, as always, to those who need us.**