

Parish Email Update – November 17, 2022

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

We will not be sending out an email next week because of Thanksgiving, so today's email is filled with information, not just about this weekend, but for the next few weeks. Including the beginning of Advent! Please take a little time to read through the information below, so you know what's happening.

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>

THANKSGIVING WEEK MASSES – Daily Masses will be as usual on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a special daily Mass on Thanksgiving at 10:00am, and the Mass on Friday will be cancelled. If you have any questions, please check the parish calendar on the website or in next week's bulletin.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – All are invited to join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in two weeks, on Friday, December 2, 10:00am-12:30pm, in the Worship Space. Adoration will end with Benediction after the noon daily Mass.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT – What information should we include in this weekly email? We want it to be useful to you, so please let us know what you think might be missing. Ideas could be: the church calendar for the next 10 days, contact info for the parish office and staff members, the prayer list, etc. What would you like to see? If you have ideas, please email Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com) and keep your eyes open for a "new and improved" parish email in the coming weeks!

A HUGE THANK YOU! Our wonderful Homecoming Weekend was funded, in part, by a grant from the Raskob Foundation, and we want to let them know how grateful we are for their assistance. Stop in the Commons before or after Mass this weekend to sign the big thank you card that will be available there. Let's fill it up with St. Ann gratitude!

HEADS UP FOR ADVENT – At all the Masses on the first Sunday of Advent (November 26 & 27), Fr. Ernest will be blessing components of YOUR home Advent wreath. Bring a small (small!) vial of water and/or your candles – please, not the wreath itself – and place it in front of the altar. When our parish Advent wreath is blessed at the beginning of Mass, Fr. Ernest will also bless our water and candles. Pick

yours up after Mass and take them home to connect what we do at Mass with your home observance of the season. (Please mark your items with your name or initials, so everyone gets their own back after Mass.) A blessing and the nightly prayers for your Advent wreath will be included with the calendar for Advent in the bulletin this weekend.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH – Join in the fun as the Altar & Arts Ministry decorates the Worship Space, Commons, and Chapel for the beginning of Advent! Start Thanksgiving week off right – on Monday morning, November 21, meet at 9:00am to change banners, wreaths, and altar cloths to the purple of Advent. A little bit of exercise, a lot of laughter, and a cup of coffee are all part of the camaraderie of the day. Thanks in advance for your help!

LECTORS – The new liturgical year starts the last weekend of November. Please pick up your new Lector Workbook in the sacristy this weekend if you haven't done so already. Initial the list so we know that you have picked up your copy. Thanks!



The LAURA McKELVEY CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE is coming! The cookie sale is an annual service project hosted by the Elementary CF students and Youth of St. Ann. All parish families are encouraged to pull out their favorite Christmas cookie recipe and bake a pan full of them to donate for the cookie sale on the weekend of December 10 & 11. The cookie pans are available in the Commons. Cookies can be dropped off in Condon Hall on Saturday, December 10, between 12:00-5:00pm.

Volunteers are needed to help at the sale. Can you help set up on Saturday or assist at one of the sales after Mass? Please see the sign-up sheet in the Commons or contact Linda, Elise, or Silvana in the parish office.

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Cross-Catholic Outreach Ministries to help those living in poverty in South American countries.

The RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP is coming to St. Ann Church on the weekend of December 3 & 4. Come to Condon Hall after any of the weekend masses to shop for religious articles, bibles, and other spiritual books and items. Just in time for Christmas!

ADVENT is almost here! Are you looking for a devotional for Advent? Advent candles? A faith-based book for your child or grandchild to instill the real spirit of the season? Stop by the KIOSK in the Commons to see the items that are available for sale. All items are sold at cost so as to provide them at the most economical price for parishioners.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

There will be **NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL GRADES, and NO CRESCENDOS PRACTICE** on Sunday, November 27 due to Thanksgiving! Enjoy your holiday!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – Children 4 to 7 years old are invited to participate in this ministry regularly at the 8:30am Mass. In addition, this Sunday, November 20, CLOW will be offered at the 11:15am Mass. We still encourage parents, grandparents, and any adult who is interested to help with this ministry. We need at least 4 people at the 11:15 Mass so everyone can take turns and it wouldn't be just one person doing it every Sunday. Please contact Silvana Lucero at slucero@stanncc.com if you are interested.



THE ANNUAL ELEMENTARY CF ADVENT CELEBRATION – Save the date for our Advent Celebration which will be held on December 18, during regular class time. All family members are invited to join their children in the Worship space at 9:45am for a prayerful, community storying-telling activity. Crafts and holiday treats will follow in Condon Hall. This is a regularly scheduled Christian Formation class and all children are expected to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FORMATION (AKA YOUTH GROUP) continues this weekend, November 20, from 6:30-8:00pm. If not participating in the Crescendos' choir rehearsal or the meal, all students should gather in the worship space for welcome and opening prayer. **Please note that Crescendos' Choir Rehearsal start time has changed to 5:00pm.**



On the MENU this week is build-your-own hoagies and chips. Who's coming for dinner?

😊 Sign up here if your child(ren) is planning to attend AND/OR if you would like your culinary prowess to be a part of our schedule! Dates are still open!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9aa29a20-youth5>

CELEBRATE YOUTH MASS will be held this Sunday, November 20, at the 11:15am Mass and will be sponsored by our 6th & 7th graders. All 6th & 7th grade students are asked to be at the church by 10:30 to practice reading and/or get ready for Mass. All other students are expected to attend.



CHRISTMAS GREENERY is here! Orders can be picked up in Condon Hall until 4:30pm on Thursday and then after Masses over the weekend. Online orders for Greenery can still be placed until December 9 by going to giftitforward.com and using the CODE STANNVA001. Then identify a student you would like to support OR put ELISE and it will go into a general scholarship account for events. Thank you for your support! 😊

DATE CHANGE – Please note that the Walk Through Bethlehem, originally on the calendar for December 4, is now on December 11. Please make sure to adjust your calendars accordingly. December 4 will now be a regularly scheduled class. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE – The **Sacrament of Confirmation Liturgy** will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00pm here at St. Ann's. Bishop Knestout will be presiding.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER – There's lots is going on between now and the new year. Please make sure to read your bulletin and/or Youth Ministry newsletter for all events and activities coming up!

The **PREGNANCY HELP CENTER OF CHESTERFIELD** is training their nurses to give ultrasounds, and they need “models” to give the nurses practice. Please help if you are able, and pass the word on to others.

*****Models Needed*****

PHCC is in need of expectant mothers who will be 7-24 weeks pregnant within the next month.

We will be offering FREE ultrasounds as our nurses work to complete their ultrasound training. As a thank you, a keepsake photo will be given to take home. Please contact our Nurse Manager, Michelle Johnson for details and scheduling- MichelleJ@PHCChesterfield.com

Please share with friends and family! We are excited to begin offering ultrasounds to women of our community and appreciate your help! "

The logo for the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield features a circular arrangement of colorful flowers in shades of pink, orange, and yellow. To the right of the flowers, the word "Pregnancy" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below it, the words "HELP CENTER" are written in a smaller, clean, sans-serif font, with "of Chesterfield" in an even smaller font underneath.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we give thanks for one another, for our parish family, and for the gift of faith. Many blessings to you and your loved ones this week!