

**Parish Email Update – August 11, 2022**

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

It's August already! All of a sudden, we have lots to think about and plan for as we organize our calendars for the "new year" starting after Labor Day. Please read carefully and make note of the activities and ministries that pertain to you and your family. (Hint: some are in August, so don't delay!)

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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>



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. We will celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, at 12:00pm this Monday, August 15, in the Worship Space.



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**Join us next weekend, August 20 & 21**, as we bless the backpacks! Bring your backpack (or briefcase, teachers) as we start our year off right! Don't forget to get your special pencil!

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**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY NEXT WEEK!** – Join your St. Ann family for coffee hour after all the Masses next weekend, August 20 & 21. Have some good food and connect with friends old and new! If you'd like to help in the future, please contact Melisa Phillingane (804-892-4110).



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**HOMECOMING WEEKEND?!** We want to plan a big weekend to welcome everyone back to St. Ann after these past few years of the pandemic and after we get started in the new school year. Imagine a weekend where there are several events and activities – including Masses, of course! – all of which are open to the whole parish and welcome all ages. Wouldn't you like to reconnect

with old friends? Welcome new folks? Get to know each other better, share some good food, perhaps listen to some great music or play some games? Sounds great, doesn't it?!

This idea arose from our discussions during the Synod process, and now is the time to get going! So we need some volunteers who like to share ideas and help plan. If you want to be part of planning this great weekend, please contact Katie Johnson ([kjohnson@stanncc.com](mailto:kjohnson@stanncc.com); 804-526-2548). This group will NOT be doing all the work! We'll gather in the next few weeks, generate ideas, talk dates, and then figure out how to involve a wide circle of the parish. Join us! All are welcome!

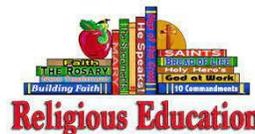


**YOUNG ADULT GET-TOGETHER!** Enjoying Mass but feeling like you are the youngest parishioner in the crowd? Longing for someone to talk to about your faith who is in your generation? Well, have no fear! A young adult get-together will take place in Condon Hall after the 11:15 Mass on the 11th of September. Food will be provided, so come, meet, and mingle with your fellow young adult parishioners! Got questions? Contact Alex Clark for answers: [ajc23510@gmail.com](mailto:ajc23510@gmail.com).



**Parents, Grandparents & Caregivers...** You're invited to gather in the Nursery each Tuesday, beginning September 13, from 10am-Noon. Come meet other parishioners who are caring for babies and pre-school aged kiddos while the children enjoy playing in a safe environment. Contact Linda Mingos if you have questions: [lmingos@stanncc.com](mailto:lmingos@stanncc.com).

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS



### Elementary Christian Formation and MS/HS Youth Group Registration 2022–2023 is coming!

Parents/Guardians: Registration forms for Christian Formation will be sent electronically on August 17<sup>th</sup>. If your email has changed, or you don't receive the email, please contact the office ASAP to update your information. Please print the form, fill it out, and return it by scan, snail mail, or drop it by the office to Silvana Lucero ([slucero@stanncc.com](mailto:slucero@stanncc.com)). Please include payment with your registration form. If paying for registration AND a sacrament, please pay separately for each. Hard copy registration forms will also be available by August 17 in the Commons.



### VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

- Catechist Aide for 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Elementary substitutes
- Catechists for 7th and 11th/12th grade
- Coordinator for Sunday Meals
- Assist with Sunday Meals

Contact or Silvana Lucero (Elementary/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist & Reconciliation) at [slucero@stanncc.com](mailto:slucero@stanncc.com)

or Elise Chapman (Youth Group/Confirmation) at [echapman@stanncc.com](mailto:echapman@stanncc.com) if you have any questions.

## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



### CONFIRMATION SAVE THE DATES:

**Day Retreat #1:** September 17, 10:00am-6:00pm – Facilitated by John Angotti

**Confirmation Parent Orientation:** September 17m 10:00-11:00am

**Weekend Retreat:** January 13-15, 2023

Please begin looking for a Sponsor and make sure to complete both regular AND Confirmation Registration forms. Thank you!

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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.**