

**Parish Email Update – January 19, 2023**

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

**We hope you are having a good week! Welcome to our weekly email update – read ahead for new information and reminders about upcoming events.**

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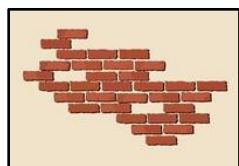
**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MASSES**

**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 next Friday, February 3, beginning at 10:00am, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Worship Space. Adoration will end with Benediction after the noon Mass.



**Do you know about the Memory Garden?** When you walk out of the church this weekend, look to your right. A peaceful garden is there, remembering our friends and relatives, both living and deceased. There is even a bench on which to sit, reflect, meditate, and remember those represented with an engraved brick. The garden is currently full. In order to expand it, we must have an idea if there is an interest in our community to do so. There is a poster in the Commons with a sign-up sheet indicating interest. This is not a commitment to buy a brick or 2. It is simply an indication of interest. Please sign up if you think you are interested. Thank you!

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**“Repurposing” the Easter Candle** – At the Easter Vigil each year, we bless a new Easter candle and use it throughout the year that follows. Have you ever wondered what happens to the old candle? At St. Ann’s we melt the previous year’s candle and make votive candles. These candles are presented at funerals to the family of the deceased, and they are encouraged to light them in remembrance of their lost loved one. We are looking for a few folks to be part of this lovely ministry. The process of making votives does not take long, so would not be a big time commitment for those who are interested. If you would like to help, and learn a little about candle-making in the process, please contact Pat Blaszak (804-520-1162; [blaszakpr@gmail.com](mailto:blaszakpr@gmail.com)).

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**AED/CPR TRAINING** – Serve your parish and other organizations in our community by being trained in AED/CPR. If you have been trained before, it’s likely your certification lapsed during COVID. Training will be held at St. Ann’s on Saturday, February 11, 10:00am-2:00pm in Condon Hall. There is a \$25 cost for each participant; the rest of the cost of training is being covered by a donation from a generous

parishioner. Please sign up in the Commons after Masses this weekend (January 28 & 29) and next (February 4 & 5). Checks can be made out to St. Ann Catholic Church. If the cost is prohibitive for you, contact Katie Johnson in the church office (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548) and arrangements can be made. This training is particularly helpful for ushers, catechists, and ministry leaders, in case of emergency, but all are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Katie Johnson.

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### **CDA BOUNTIFUL SUPERBOWL PARTY BASKET ANNUAL RAFFLE**

The NFL is getting ready to close out the season with one of the events that keeps America glued to the television. IT IS SUPERBOWL TIME! And that means you have another exciting opportunity to win the now-famous **SUPERBOWL BOUNTIFUL BASKET(S)**! It is a bounty indeed, not only for Superbowl, but for any occasion. The basket includes a nice selection of spirits, snacks, mixers, a gift certificate, paper products and much more. Tickets are \$2.50 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. The most gratifying part of this raffle is that your funds will go to help victims/survivors of domestic violence through the work of the James House in Prince George. Tickets will be available online beginning Monday, January 30 at <https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/superbowl2023>. CDA sisters will also be at all Masses the weekends of February 4 & 5 and 11 & 12 selling tickets in person. The drawing will be right after all sales are complete after the 11:15 Mass on February 12. The CDA is counting on our community to help them help others! Thank you in advance for your participation!

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**A Memorial Mass** – The 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 11 will serve as a Memorial Mass for the Appomattox Assembly Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. A necrology will be read prior to the Mass, and all Knights and their families are invited to participate.

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### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Middle and High School Formation (aka Youth Group)** continues this Sunday evening, January 29. Optional meal is from 5:30-6:30pm and class is 6:30-8:00pm. **ON THE MENU:** Thai cuisine! Don't miss out!



**NCYC IS CALLING ALL HS YOUTH** (9th-12th graders during the 2023-2024 academic year) “NCYC: Fully Alive” will be held November 16-18, 2023 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. You can still turn in registration forms which can be found on the youth board!

**CONFIRMATION DATE CHANGE** – The Sacrament of Confirmation Liturgy will be held on **Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00pm** here at St. Ann with Bishop Knestout. Please remove the previous date and add this to your calendar. Thank you! 😊

**MAKE A NOTE OF IT** – Because the Superbowl is on Sunday, February 12, class time is adjusted to allow for folks to participate in both Youth Group and Super Bowl Festivities. Youth Group meal will be from 12:30-1:30pm and Youth Group from 1:30-3:00pm. Come for Faith Formation, football style! Wear your favorite team jersey!

**THANK YOU** to Gary See and Marc Dorin (and their brother Knights who helped out) for their participation in last week's Spaghetti Contest! While Marc's sauce won the taste test, he was soon disqualified because HIS WIFE MADE THE SAUCE, making Gary our winner! However, when our Knights of Columbus support our kids like this we are all winners!

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**AARP TaxAide** at St. Ann's Catholic Church is available to individuals seeking assistance in the preparation and filing of Federal and Virginia tax returns. The site will be open from 12:00-4:00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays beginning February 3 and running through April 18. Appointments are not required. Call 804-592-6941 for additional information.

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**We pray for an end to gun violence in our country. May we be peacemakers in our homes and our community, and may we advocate with our civic leaders to do everything that can be done to save lives and heal devastated families and communities.**