

Parish Email Update – May 25, 2023

Dear St. Ann Parishioners,

What happened to May?! It's hard to believe that this weekend is Memorial Day. As we look to summer, please take note of upcoming prayer, activities, etc., and join us! Don't hesitate to contact the office if you have questions.

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>

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION AFTER THE 11:15 MASS THIS WEEKEND – We are still in need of some food items and help with set up, food preparation/serving, and clean up. If you are able to lend a hand, please sign up through the link below. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to contribute time and "talent"! We have so much to celebrate!

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

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU! We are looking for more folks to join our liturgical ministries. If you attend Mass – and we know you do! – you are encouraged to volunteer. We make the schedule ahead of time and tailor it to your availability, and you will be trained so you know exactly what to do. We can use help in any of these ministries: ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, liturgy coordinators, and livestreaming; but we are in particular need of lectors and ushers at all the Masses, and liturgy coordinators for the 11:15 (soon to be 10:30 for the summer). Here is a brief explanation of these roles:

- **Lector** – read one of the scriptures assigned for the day; read either the announcements before Mass or the Prayers of the Faithful.
- **Usher** – greet people as they arrive, do a "head count" of attendance, take up the collection, assist with the communion procession, hand out bulletins, check the Worship Space after Mass for readiness for the next Mass.
- **Liturgy Coordinator** – set up for communion before Mass, check to ensure that all liturgical ministers have arrived, assist Fr. Ernest at the altar during Mass, help clean vessels after Mass. (At the 11:15/10:30 Mass, the LC does not assist during Mass because we have altar servers who do so.)

This is an important way that we are church for one another and minister to one another, and it is a wonderful experience to be involved in Mass more deeply. You are invited! If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for any ministry, please contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548).



Mass Time Change – During the summer, our 11:15am Sunday Mass moves to 10:30am. The new time will begin on Sunday, June 4 and go through the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 3.



RICE BOWLS – This is your LAST weekend to turn in your Rice Bowls, to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Please leave them in the basket provided in the Commons. If you forget to bring your Rice Bowl this weekend, we ask that you make an individual donation to CRS through their website: <https://www.crs.org/>



PENTECOST – Join the fabulous parishioners of Altar & Arts as we switch out our liturgical décor from the Easter Season to Pentecost. We'll gather in the Worship Space at 9:00 **THIS SATURDAY**, May 27. Many hands make light work, so thank you in advance for giving us a hand!



NEW DEVOTIONAL – During this past Lent, one of the daily devotional resources that was available to parishioners was “The Word Among Us.” If you used this devotional or would like to try out, there are copies available in the Commons. A new copy will be available during June and August. This is a trial period offered by the company for people to sample the product and consider buying it. You are under **NO** obligation to purchase a subscription or even pick up a new devotional in the following months. If you pick up a devotional, please sign the clipboard with your name and contact information. Linda Mingos will contact you at a later date to see **IF** you are interested in participating in a group subscription. If possible, you are invited to make a \$2 donation to help our parish cover the cost of the devotional. Please contact Linda (lmingos@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548) if you have any questions.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! – This year we have a great Space theme: “Stellar, Shine Jesus’ Light.” Parents, take advantage of this opportunity to send your children for a week full of fun and adventure, at the same time as they grow their faith in Jesus. Save the dates for the week of June 26-30 and register children aged 4 to raising 5th graders at the parish website, or fill out a registration form in the Commons. The VBS team is working hard to bring a great program for the children and are in need of donations; below is the link for the SignUp Genius, or grab a tag from the board in the Commons and contribute what you can. We really appreciate your help! Contact Silvana (slucero@stanncc.com) if you have any questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9aa29a20-vacation#/>

YOUTH MINISTRY



Is there a Graduating Senior in your house? There is still room for your Senior’s picture, along with a brief description of what’s next, on the Youth Board! The Blessing of our Graduates (in cap and gown) will be held on June 4 at the 10:30am Mass. Save the date! Senior awards will be given at that time.

Calling all Rising 10th-12th graders! Join our Jr/Sr group on Sunday, June 4 from 6:30-8:00pm as they continue gathering through the summer under the watchful eyes of Jackie Otieno & Brian Casey! Come to vent, to explore, to talk, to share, or just hang out! The next gathering after this one will be on Sunday, June 25 due to Father’s Day on June 18.

The Youth Group's annual **Spring Bazaar Vender & Yard Sale Fund Raiser** will be held on June 3! Spots are still available to sell your crafts and/or your treasures. This is a fundraiser for students/adults who participate in Youth Group events. Your time working at the sale equates to money in your Youth Group account! Let Elise know of your availability or contact her for more information.

Middle School **Point of Rocks Excursion** is scheduled for June 11 from 12 noon through 3:00pm. We'll provide the pizza, snacks, and drinks. 😊 You provide your beach/camping chair or blanket to sit on and maybe an outdoor game to play. Permission slips are on the Youth Board.

Our **Middle School** students have set up some summer plans and we need some adults to help make those plans possible. If you are able to help out with:

June 11	Trip to Point of Rocks
July 15	Beach Trip
TBD	Indoor Camping Lock-In

Contact Elise as soon as possible so that we can get those things scheduled. 😊 Additionally, Middle School Mini Retreat is scheduled for June 17-23 and the Diocesan EPIC event for Middle School students is on Aug 19. Lots happening! Let Elise know of your child's interest and/or your willingness to help out. Thanks!



Grief & Hope: A Prayer Service for Those Who Have Lost a Child – Mother's Day and Father's Day can be difficult, especially for those who have lost a child or grandchild. Please join us for a special prayer service on Friday, June 9, at 7:00pm in the worship space, as we pray with and for those who have lost a child or grandchild. Our time together will give us an opportunity to reflect, hear scripture, and sing as we remember, mourn, and hope. If you have not experienced such a loss but would like to be in prayerful support of those who have, you are also welcome to join us. Please contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548) if you have any questions.



2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal Update: Over the past few months our parishioners have contributed generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As of May 8, 2023, St. Ann parishioners have pledged a total of \$32,348.00. We have reached 80% of our target goal of \$40,570.00, with 103 donors. Will you help us reach and exceed our goal? We are only \$9,506.00 away! Remember, your donation helps empower the next generation of Catholics, provides for those in need, and strengthens our Catholic Community. Donate today!

For questions on how to donate to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal, please feel free to call Melissa Pakurar in the office at (804) 526-2548 option #3 or you may email her at mpakurar@stanncc.com. Thank you for your continued support!



BINGO, BINGO! — Social Seniors are planning bingo and a potluck lunch on **Friday, June 2**, at 1:00 (after daily Mass and Benediction). Small door prizes are appreciated. Come, bring a dish, and have fun! Any questions, call: Arlene Masters, 804-366-0209.

Let us pray for all those who lost their lives in service to our country. May their sacrifices, and those of their loved ones, not be in vain.