

# St. Ann Catholic Church

**Website:** [www.saintannparish.org](http://www.saintannparish.org)

**Parish Office** – 513-521-8440

**Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:45am, 11:30am  
Weekdays: 6:45pm Monday, 8:30am Tuesday-Friday  
8:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

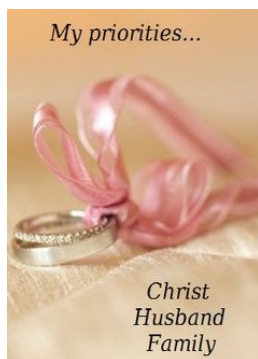
## **Reconciliation:**

Mondays: 5:30-6:30pm, Thursdays: 5:30-6:30pm &  
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00pm

## **Eucharistic Exposition:**

Thursdays following 8:30am Mass until 7:00pm,  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: Holy Hour following 8:30am Mass until  
10:00am

## **Resources for your Marriage**



When prioritizing your life in this way, everything stays balanced, focused, and in order. It can be easy to let your child or children become the center of your lives. However, without God, the giver of life, and your spouse, your child would not exist.

## **Adult Education Program**

Please watch the parish bulletin for announcements of religious education programs, classes taught by Fr. McCarthy, retreats, events, book discussions, and do at home studies. The parish has Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs available in the Gathering Space for a donation.

Marriage & Spiritual Retreats and Additional Classes are available at St. Meinrad Arch abbey <http://www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats/>  
Maria Stein Spiritual Center <http://spiritualcenter.net/>  
Ruah Woods <http://www.ruahwoods.org/>

**Take advantage of the opportunity to have a date night when the parish is providing child care—once a month.**



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## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*To know, love, and serve the Lord in this life  
and to be happy with Him forever in the next.*

## **Baptism Preparation**

Guidelines & Expectations  
of Parents and Godparents



Fr. Thomas McCarthy – Pastor

Deacon John Quattrone

Mary Clare McLaughlin– Director of Faith Formation

## Baptism Guidelines

The following guidelines apply for Baptisms of children under the age of seven, children age seven and older must attend RCIA for Children, please contact the parish office for more information.

### **To have a child baptized:**

- You should be a registered parishioner, if not, you will be required to provide a letter of delegation from your home parish granting us permission to perform the baptism
- Attend a Baptism Preparation Program at St. Ann's or provide proof of attendance from a Baptism Class at your home parish
- Future Children/Baptisms: If you have taken the class within 24 months of the baptism of your next child, you would be exempt from attending class for that child. If you are exempt, you will need to provide the office with general information as well as the date of your previous child's Baptism, in order to confirm your exemption and schedule your next child's baptism.

### **Why does the Church baptize:**

The Church baptizes because Christ gives us the command to do so. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." Through Baptism, the Priest/Deacon brings about the death of sin and brings your child into the life of the Holy Trinity through the Paschal Mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

### **By asking to have your child Baptized, you are promising and agreeing to raise your child in the Catholic faith.**

- It is required that at least one of the parents be a faithfully, practicing Catholic (Attending Mass every Sunday)
- If the couple is not practicing their Catholic faith, they will need to become faithfully, practicing members of the Catholic Church prior to scheduling their child's baptism.
- If the couple is living together or in a civil marriage, not married within the Church, they will need to meet with Fr. McCarthy before the baptism can be scheduled.
- According to Canon Law, there must be a well founded hope of faith before the Church will baptize a child.

**To schedule a meeting with Fr. McCarthy or to schedule your child's Baptism, please call the parish office at 513-521-8440. Baptism's are scheduled to take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:45pm each month, following the 11:30am Mass.**

## Godparent Guidelines

*Please prayerfully consider who you would like to have help you raise your child in the Catholic faith. Catholic Godparents must be baptized, confirmed, & faithfully, practicing Catholics - at least 16 years of age.*

- Two Godparents are most appropriate to symbolize the family: one man and one woman, but only one Godparent is required
- One Godparent must be a faithfully, practicing Catholic
- A non-Catholic cannot be a Godparent, but a baptized person may serve as a Christian Witness
- If a selected Godparent is unable to attend the Baptism of the child, a different person may stand in as their proxy for the Baptism

### Importance of Religious Education

The Church refers to the family as the domestic church. Instructing your children on general teachings, devotional practices, praying, and reading Scripture, is a very important part of your child's development. What's even more important is your own example. Children model the beliefs and actions from what they see at home.

*"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children... Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them." (CCC 6667)*

The goal is to educate our children in the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith; this can be accomplished several ways. The choice of how your child receives his/her religious education is yours. Our hope is that you are reinforcing what is being taught in the classroom with your child/children at home.

- 1. Home School:** If you would like to have the parish order materials, we would provide them to you at cost.
- 2. Our Lady of Grace Catholic School:** Grades K-8, for more information visit [www.olgcs.org](http://www.olgcs.org) or contact the office at 931-3070
- 3. Parish Religious Education Program:** Pre-school Religious Education: Ages 3-Kindergarten meets 9:45-10:45am on Sundays  
Grades 1-8 meet on Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm in the School  
Contact Mary Clare at [mmclaughlin@saintannparish.org](mailto:mmclaughlin@saintannparish.org) or 521-8440 or visit [www.saintannparish.org](http://www.saintannparish.org) to register.