

Mass at the Firehouse / June 28, 1953



Church and School Construction



Bell Tower Under Construction

Church and Cafeteria Groundbreaking / 1958



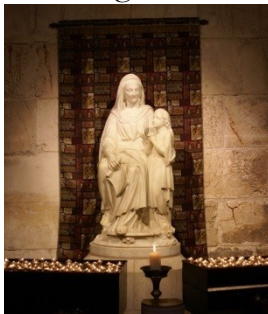
Church Dedication / 1959

November 2017



Holy Land & Italy Pilgrimage

A few weeks ago, I was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy. I walked the same roads and visited the same places as our Lord and His Apostles did 2000 years earlier. I celebrated Mass in Nazareth above the spot where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, asking her to be the Mother of God. I said Mass on Mt. Tabor where Jesus was Transfigured. I even got to say Mass at the home of St. Ann and St. Joachim, the place where our Blessed Mother was born, what an honor to be at the original St Ann. In Assisi and Rome, I visited and said Masses at many amazing churches- The Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare as well as the Basilicas of St. Paul in Rome and underneath the tomb of St. Peter in the Vatican. It was certainly amazing to be at all these Holy Sites.



[St Ann Church]

But it is just as much of an honor to say Mass here at St. Ann Church in Colerain Township. Two thousand years later we still celebrate the Mass given to us in the Upper Room (which I also visited). This pilgrimage deepened my understanding and appreciation for the term

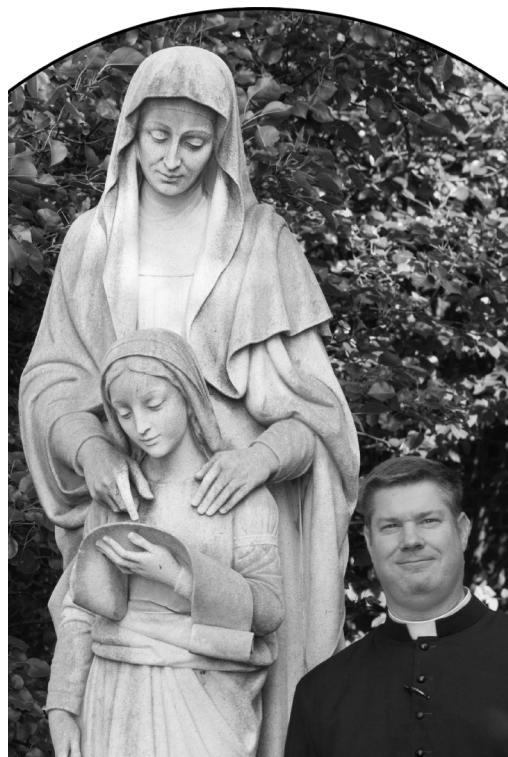
Catholic, which means universal. While I was there, thousands upon thousands of other people were also there, people of various nationalities and walks-of-life also came to visit these Holy Sites, with as much love and devotion as our group. They were certainly different in the way they looked and the languages they spoke, but we were all one body, believers in the same truths.

[Upper Room
Jerusalem]



I am happy to be back in the states, but what is most comforting for me is to know and see that same faith is alive and well in Cincinnati. As the Apostles were charged to spread the Good News to all nations, it is encouraging to see the next generation of disciples carrying on

this same mission. Every time we celebrate the Mass, all of the holy places and all of the history is present, along with all the angels and saints. If you never get the opportunity to visit the Holy Land or Italy, don't worry, because we all have the opportunity to go to a place, far, far greater and more glorious.



In Christ,
Fr. McCarthy
Pastor



We warmly welcome these families who have recently joined our parish community!



Gustavo & Maria Aguilon Family
 Jose Aguilon & Ana Cosigua Family
 Artoro & Norma Corpus-Alonso
 Frances DeBow
 Connie & Gerett Grigsby Family
 Axel & Maricela Jimenez-Aguilon Family
 Joseph & Vanesa Martini Family
 Christina Merz Family
 Laura Meyer
 Christopher Peketi & Yawa Ocloo Family
 Ross & Kelly Powers Family
 Aimee Rotte
 Gerardo Salgado & Martha Rivera Family
 Armando & Reyna Valle-Araiza Family
 Jose Velasquez-Ramirez Family
 Jorge Vasquez
 Sharon Wasserman



The following were welcomed into the faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Evelyn Esmeralda Aguilon
 Amy Jimenez-Aguilon
 Logan Alexander Aguilon
 Isaiah Chaddrick Alvarez
 Louis William Blessing, IV
 Welby Edilberto Crisostomo-Morales
 Carter John Felix
 Erick Fuentes
 Leydi Morales
 Maria Eufemia Velasquez-Aguilon
 Jose Guadalupe Velasquez-Aguilon
 Andrea Lynn Wiesman
 Travis James Wiesman

Please remember in your prayers the families of the following parishioners who recently passed through death:

Betty Ahlers
 Clarence Arand
 Marcia Austin
 Lawrence Bayer
 Don Bock
 Mary Braun
 Marilyn Dauer
 Walter DeWald

Makenzie Flowers
 Thelma Kroeger
 Helen Mauntel
 Amy Penafiel
 John R. Roll
 Marlene Ott
 Connie Schulte
 Colleen Woycke

“May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.” Amen.

Meet the Withrow Family!

In this corner

Chances are you have crossed paths with one of the Withrows. They have been very active members of St. Ann Parish for many years. Cindy grew up in the parish and Tim entered the Church here at St. Ann in 1997. Tim and Cindy have been married for 25 years and they have two sons – Alex and Daniel.

Cindy and Tim are involved with multiple ministries and efforts at St. Ann. They both teach religious education on Monday nights (MERP), have and do serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and are a part of the Marriage and Baptism ministries. Cindy is a member of Parish Council, actively works on the Parish Life/Engagement Committee and is chairperson for the Bunco/Ladies Night Out Fundraiser. Tim has been a member of the RCIA team and leader of SAMA (the parish men's group). He also trains altar servers and is a Facility Coordinator. Both Tim and Cindy volunteer for the Pray, Hope Believe Foundation. Tim is very involved with the efforts of The Cure Starts Now Foundation. Cindy volunteers for Fernside as a Grief Counselor for teens. They both enjoy cooking.

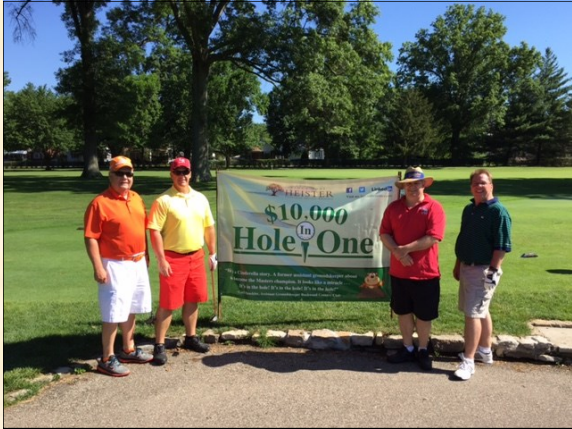
Tim and Cindy have, for 20 years, and continue to work together professionally for Computer Products Company where Tim is a Logistics and Inventory Manager and Cindy is an Accounting and Inside Sales Manager. Their son Alex works for Jeffrey Allen Landscaping and son Daniel plans to study Theology. He hopes to one day pursue a career in religious education.

Tim and Cindy consider St. Ann Parish home! They consider the parishioners of St. Ann their family. They proclaim St. Ann to be very warm and welcoming and they feel blessed to serve the community here. They have benefited from the many opportunities to learn and grow their Faith, Love and relationship with God and enjoy friendships and fellowship with many of the members of the parish. They declare that there is always something good going on at St. Ann.

They are right, there are many good things going on at St. Ann and Tim and Cindy are very likely to be found right in the middle of all of those good things.



Corpus Christi procession Sunday, June 18, 2017



Parish Golf Outing was held on June 19, 2017. Over 80 golfers enjoyed a great round of golf at Clovernook Country Club. Mark your calendars for next years outing on Monday, June 18, 2018.

St. Ann Parish celebrated its **64th Anniversary** with an ice cream social on June 25th.



St. Ann Choir Summer Concert was held July 2.



The concert was a Choral Tribute to God & Country. The Cook-out and Concert were enjoyed by many.



Parish Happenings



Hispanic Ministry Anniversary Event

Tuesday, July 11th, the Hispanic Community here at St. Ann, celebrated their four-year anniversary. Many of the parishioners who attended found the Mass and celebration afterward inspiring as the Hispanic families joined together for prayer and celebration.

Parish picnic was held on Friday, August 4. Over 800 of our folks enjoyed the St. Ann Appreciation Picnic at Stricker's Grove. Thanks to SAMA for handling the grill, again, this year! Lots of good fun and fellowship was had by all!



Brother Carmello made his annual visit, to St. Ann Parish on August 31st. Over 700 people (many of whom traveled from outside of the Cincinnati area) were in attendance for the prayer service and distribution of rose petals.



LIGHT Mass & Lunch was held on Monday, Oct. 2. Over 90 Seniors joined us for Mass and fellowship. The next Mass & Lunch will be May, 2018. Watch the bulletin for details.



Advent and Christmas at St. Ann

Prepare for and Celebrate the Birth of the Lord

St. Ann Parish welcomes all to the events and liturgies of the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Join in the preparation for and celebration of the Birth of the Savior.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Thursday, November 23rd at 8:30am.

A reception will follow.

Remember to bring a non-perishable food item.

There will be no Eucharistic Exposition or confession on November 23rd

The Little Blue Book

This Advent & Christmas Season we will have little blue books available for all parishioners to help guide your prayer time. These books contain daily six-minute reflections on the infancy narrative of Matthew. Look for the books in the gathering space the weekend of Nov. 25 & 26.

Please take one book per family. A Spanish edition will also be available.

Advent Gospels Four-Week Group Study

Mondays 11:00am & 7:30pm | Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, & 18 | Blessed Mother Hall

Come learn about the Sunday Gospels in preparation for the coming of Christ!

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

Confessions are heard at St. Ann, weekly, on Monday's and Thursday's from 5:30-6:30pm, and Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm. While we will not offer an Advent Reconciliation service at St. Ann, there are many opportunities to attend other churches in the area and they include:

Monday, December 4 | 7:00 p.m. | St. James White Oak | Penance Service

Tuesday, December 5 | 6:30 p.m. | Little Flower | Confession

Wednesday, December 13 | 7:00 p.m. | St. Clare | Penance Service

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Liturgies: (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7th at 4:30pm (vigil)

Friday, December 8 at 8:30am and 7:00pm



Consecration to Jesus through Mary

The children attending Monday evening Youth Faith Formation will be participating in a consecration to Jesus through his mother, Mary.

What is a Marian Consecration? It means giving Mary permission to complete her motherly role in our spiritual lives of helping us to great holiness in her Son, Jesus. It means saying to Mary, *"I want to be a saint. I know that you also want me to be a saint and that it's your God-given mission to form me into one. So, Mary, at this moment, on this day, I freely choose to give you my full permission to do your work in me, with the Holy Spirit."*

We invite all of you to prepare for Christ's coming this advent by joining us in this beautiful devotion.

Monday, December 11 | 6:45 p.m. Mass

Perfectly Yourself

Look for our Christmas gift, Matthew Kelly's *Perfectly Yourself* at Masses on Dec.16th & 17th.

Do you ever get the feeling that you are not enough? Not smart enough, not beautiful enough, not loved enough, not rich enough, not good enough . . . We all have these feelings from time to time, usually because we're comparing ourselves to others. But God doesn't compare you to anybody else.

He wants to help you become the person he created you to be - perfectly yourself!

In this life-changing book, Matthew Kelly addresses the opportunities and obstacles we encounter when we decide to ask life's BIG questions: *who am I? and why am I here?* Newly revised with an emphasis on spiritual growth and realizing God's dream for your life, *Perfectly Yourself* is a book for anyone who has survived the collapse of a relationship, wondered if he or she would ever find a fulfilling career, or failed at a diet. Kelly teaches us how to find the balance between accepting ourselves and striving to become all God dreams for us to become. This is the guide you need if you long to be at peace with who you are, where you are, and what you are doing, not in some distant tomorrow, but here and now - today.

Please take one book per family. Read it and once you have finished, share it! We all know someone who would like to be more perfectly who God created them to be - perfectly themselves.

Christmas Liturgies:

Sunday, December 24th

at 5:30pm and 10:00pm

Monday, December 25th

at 8:30am and 10:30am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Liturgies:

(Is not a Holy Day of Obligation, this year)

Monday, January 1st , 2018

at 8:30am and 10:30am



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP



Youth Faith Formation at St. Ann

TOTUS TUUS Summer Camp 2017 turned out to be an incredible week! Thank you to all who helped! Throughout the week the kids learned what it means to be authentically Catholic, in study, play, prayer, meals and taking it home! They unpacked the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, and understood what occurred in each! For example: We had six year old responding beautifully to the question “What is the Annunciation?” Children’s capacities to learn are amazing! Next Summer we will be bringing them back to host camp at St. Ann’s again!

Save the Date: Mid June 2018

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Classes: SAVE THE DATES!

Advent Gospels 4 Week Group Study: Mondays 11:00am & 7:30pm | Nov. 27-Dec. 18 | Come learn about the Sunday Gospels in preparation for the coming of Christ!

Wild Goose Study on the Holy Spirit: Every Thursday: 9:30am & 7:00pm
Ends December 21 | Who is the Holy Spirit? A person! The Love between God the Father and the Son IS a person, IS love itself. Do you know Him? Do you know Love?

Return: Mondays 11:00am & 7:30pm | January 22-May 21 | Wish your child or family member would return to the Church, but you have no idea where to begin? You need a game plan! Come learn and equip yourselves with the “How To” from Catholics who have devoted their lives to this evangelization.

Theology of the Body-Part 2 Into the Heart: Every Thursday @ 7:00pm | January 25-March 22 | Dive deeper into this understanding of who we are, how sin has entered into the heart of mankind, and the redeeming work of God set out from the beginning of time to bring us into relationship with Him for all eternity.



Welcome!

Saint Ann Catholic Church



We have a great new team leading RCIA this year and are so grateful for their work to welcome and walk with our catechumen. Please keep our catechumen and the team in your prayers.

New Website

Have you visited our new website yet?

www.sainannparish.org

On our new, easier-to-use and more accessible website you can access thousands of Catholic resources on Formed and stay up-to-date on everything we offer for your faith formation: parents night out, youth education, middle school youth group, high school youth group, young adults happenings, and adult classes.

Check it out!

Adult Faith Formation Note:

“God is Love” Did we really learn the true significance of this in our lives growing up? If you desire to know more about the God who created you, out of Love, for Love, come join our Adult Faith Formation classes Mondays and Thursdays! “I’ve learned more in this one class than I ever did growing up!” - Attendee
Can’t commit to weeks of classes? Come for one class! Anyone is welcome any time!!

Core Team Invitation:

This year we invite you to help create CORE Teams to serve the young people of our parish! There is an incredible amount of activities and events happening around the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the young people of the church, and our desire is to create something to sustain them here at the parish! WE NEED YOU! Ideas? Let us know! Desire to join or learn more?

Email mcsmith@saintannparish.org

YOUTH SACRAMENTS:

The greatest gifts we have been given and we can share with others are the Sacraments. Our Lord left us seven Sacraments through which he wants to share his love and grace with us in very real and tangible ways. Have you experienced this love and grace for yourself? Have you shared this love and grace with your children? If you or your children have not been baptized, or have not received the sacraments of reconciliation, eucharist, or confirmation we’d love to work with you to share these with you. Even if you are past a ‘traditional’ year for these sacraments (2nd & 7th grades) it is never too late. We are here to help you know Jesus, and what better way is there to know him than through these gifts he’s given us? Contact me at the parish office [521-8440] if you have any questions.

-Danielle Hart

A NOTE TO ALL PARENTS:

You have heard over and over again from us that “Parents, YOU are the primary educators of your child’s faith.” In hearing this, I pray you also hear “WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU IN THIS ENDEAVOR.” Whether we realize it or not, children look primarily to parents for understanding of who God is. The Family is the first place Children encounter love (imperfect as it may be), they associate God’s love and mercy, with that of their parents. As they grow in age and understanding, children will look to the world for understanding of who God is, if their family has not taken the time to answer this question. Truly, the world does not know God’s Love, so let us intervene to win the souls of our children! God Bless this task you are being equipped for!

-Mary Clare Smith



Check out our new and improved website!

After much hard work and dedication, we are delighted to bring you
a new and improved website.

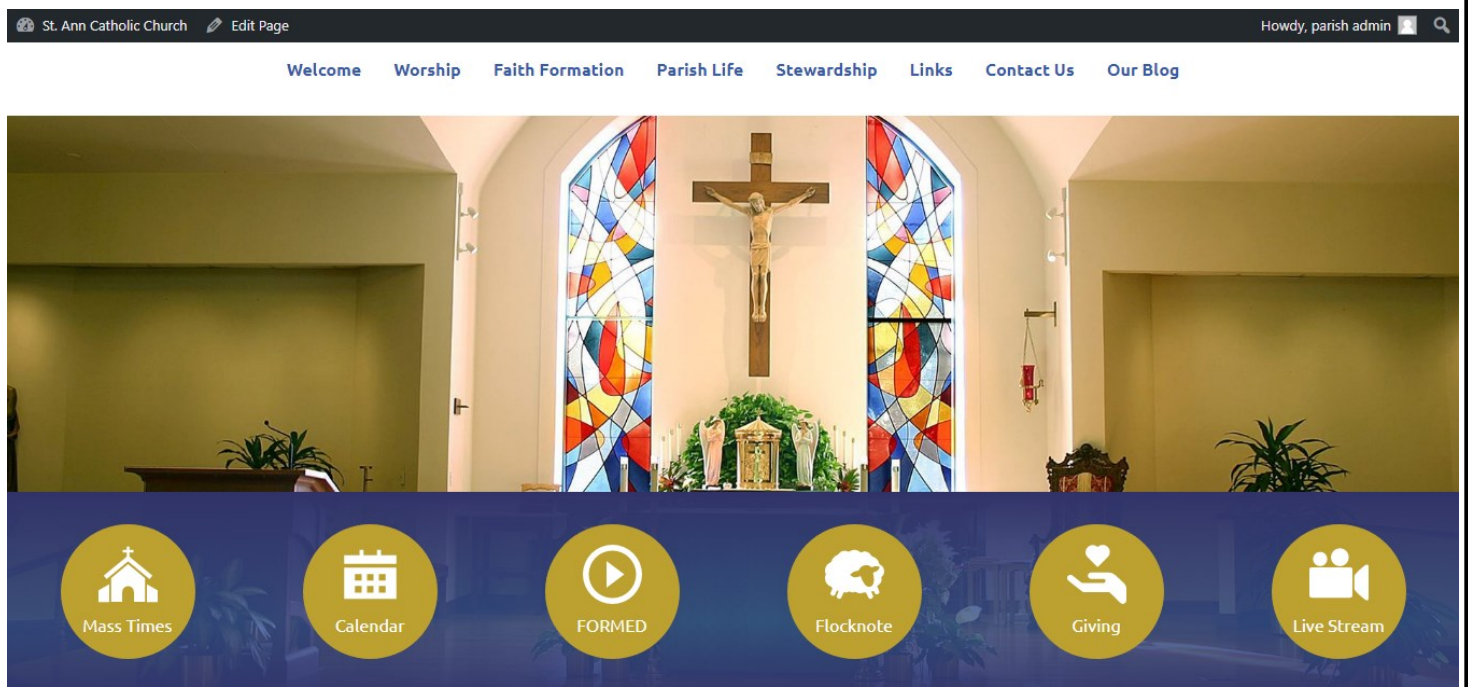
The site contains a fresh new look along with updated navigation tools and links.

We hope you find the new website easy to use and that you find it a great source of information about all that St. Ann Parish has to offer. Check out the new Blog. Stay up-to-date on Formed. Easy access to Streamspot, and Online Giving. Access the Parish Calendar and Mass times at the touch of a button. All of the Parish information at your fingertips!

Check it out!

www.saintannparish.org

We welcome any feedback, comments, and suggestions!



LED Sign

Have you seen the new LED sign in the Gathering Space? In addition to the monitor, this new sign will keep you up-to-date on important Parish information.

Newly Designed Envelopes

Watch for the newly designed Sunday contribution envelopes coming in January





*And behold,
I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:20

Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5

Adore Jesus for a Holy Hour when you can!

Sunday, November 5 // 3:00 p.m. Holy Hour led by Fr. McCarthy
with a Eucharistic procession around the grounds.

We will have a reception in the Monsignor Lunn Parish Center
following the procession.

*Adoration is
essentially an
embrace with Jesus in
which I say, "I am
yours, and I ask you,
please stay with me
always."*

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



TAXES & GIVING AT CHRISTMAS & YEAR END

Christmas and Year End Giving is not only a Catholic tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift – God’s gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Have you thought about the gifts that God has bestowed on us throughout the year and every day of our lives? We are stewards of these gifts.

Charitable giving is one area of the tax code that can provide a benefit to taxpayers for both Federal and State purposes. And given the news these days of possible tax reform, 2017 might be a great opportunity to maximize the tax advantages of a charitable contribution.

The following are two tax planning ideas to examine as you approach the end of 2017 and are looking for ways to reduce your taxes:

- 1) Consider donating shares of stock as opposed to cash. It is a win-win situation for you and St Ann Church – you get a deduction for the value of the stock, St Ann keeps the proceeds, and no one pays tax on the gain.
- 2) If you haven’t already received your IRA distribution for 2017, please consider donating that distribution or part of it to St. Ann. By doing this you can meet the IRS required distribution rule and reduce your taxable income for federal and state purposes.

Please consult your tax advisor or contact Doug at the Parish Office, 521-8440 or dmoore@saintannparish.org for more information.



Online Giving

Giving you options: This program is the perfect solution for weekly, monthly or annual contributions to regular collections and special collections. The online giving application is easy to use and it features FAQ’s and more specific fields for detailed instruction or options.

Giving you more control: Online giving provides you with the freedom to give anytime, anywhere with the click of a button found on our website at saintannparish.org.

You control registration and passwords and the parish does not have access to your account information or passwords. You control the timing and amounts of contributions for each fund. You may also automate recurring donations to one or several funds. One-time gifts for a designated fund, event or campaign may be made at any time. You receive email reminders when contributions are deducted from your account, or if there is a change or end of a designated fund.

You see your contributions for the year at any time for both tax time and end of the year giving.

YOU ARE IN CONTROL OF YOUR ACCOUNT!



STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



The fall is the time associated with harvest in much of our nation. We can look upon this time to reap what we have sown in our parishes as faithful stewards. Don't be afraid to immerse yourself with a parish outreach or a committee to achieve an important task. Few of us can have any significant impact on the decisions made at the highest levels of government or business, but we can have a profound effect on the lives of those who live among us in our parish. There is much to be accomplished – from the mundane tasks such as the setting up and taking down of chairs and tables for a parish event, to the more substantive missions such as teaching the faith to our youth or lending your expertise to any one of our ministries. Perhaps you have not shared your talents as a baker during a season that has plenty of festive holidays to celebrate, or maybe you are a born organizer – just the person needed to establish a book group focused on spiritual topics. The opportunities are virtually endless, but the important thing to remember is to not allow fear to foreclose the possibilities.

Our church is always in need more of our help, not less. This is because the material,

emotional and spiritual support they provide us all will be needed all the more during the craziness of the times. We've all heard the adage about the lighting a candle rather than cursing the darkness. It might also behoove us to reflect upon Saint Paul's admonition in his letter to the Galatians (6:2): "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."



We must lose the prideful sense that we are the sole determinants of our own destiny. We profess our faith with the understanding that we participate with Our Lord on our journey to salvation. We are called to believe the tenets of our religion both in season and

out, so our call to be good stewards does not have an exemption clause when times are uncertain.

Everything we have comes above, from the God who made us. Might we suggest taking time each day to savor the simple delight of God's creation and in that moment remind ourselves of Psalm 118:24 - "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." So, let's not unduly fret about the tensions on the street, the economy, the world, and the anxieties of the moment; let's make an effort instead to savor the authentic joy that God provides for us each day if we'll only stop to consider it.



Mark your
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for
upcoming
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November
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Saint Ann Craft Beer Tasting

30+ Craft beers and wines

Saturday, November 18, 2018 7:00pm-11:00pm

Ticket INCLUDES 6 (5oz.) TASTINGS

Tickets will be sold after masses on Nov. 4 & 5 and Nov. 11 & 12

Upcoming Christian Outreach Collections

It's hard to believe, but the holidays are fast approaching. and that means the **Christian Outreach Committee** gets very busy and we need your help. Please watch future bulletins for more information on the following collections:

November 11 & 12 *Christian Outreach asks that you bring stocking stuffers (little toys, books, crayons, candy, etc.) that can be put in stockings for the children at Our Mother of Good Counsel in Hazard, KY.*

November 23 *Christian Outreach asks you to bring non-perishable food items (or gift certificates or cash) to Mass on Thanksgiving Day.*

November 25-26 and December 2-3 *you are invited to take a tag from the Giving Tree and Shut-in Tree. Gifts are to be returned December 9-10.*

January 13-14, 2018 *Christian Outreach will be holding their annual coat drive. They will be collecting new or gently used coats for the needy. There is a special need for children's sized coats.*

Men's Christ Renews His Parish Retreat

"Come and you will see," Jn. 1:39

Is Christ calling you?
Do you want to recommit to Christ?
Do you want to become a vibrant, holy, and active apostle?
Join us for a men's retreat weekend on December 2-3, 2017!



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH is a weekend retreat designed to bring parish members together as the Body of Christ and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life. During the weekend you will find love and laughter, great food and friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging to this parish.



Want more details? Contact
Ron DeNamur @ 746-0213
DeNamurRJ@gmail.com
Diana Reckner @ 521-8440

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*Where we leave aging
To the wine and cheese!*

FINE DINING RETURNS TO MONSIGNOR LUNN MANOR for one night only...January 13, 2018. Enjoy a sumptuous four course dinner, complete with four specially chosen wines, for this one-of-a-kind fundraiser at St. Ann. Specialty appetizers and salad will be followed by a generous dinner of vegetables, potatoes and grilled chicken **and** steak and topped off with an incredible dessert chosen just for this occasion. Our sommelier from Heidelberg Distributors will choose wines to pair with each course. Tickets for this event are \$40.00 per person and are available after the Masses on the weekends of December 23/24 and January 6/7 if not sold out! In the past, tickets have sold out quickly so mark your calendars now.

If you wish to participate but do care to attend the dinner, special raffle chances will be sold in the Gathering Space on the same weekends. Check out the lovely wine rack we have available this year.



Tuesdays with Padre

Tuesday, January 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Church

Join Fr. McCarthy for an evening of faith formation and growth.

// Do you have any nagging questions about the faith?

// Would you like to learn more about moral theology, the spiritual life, or any other topics?

// Let us know—these talks are for you, we'd like to meet you where you are.

Baby Bottles for Madonna House – Once again St. Ann Parish Respect Life Committee will sponsor a baby bottle campaign to support the Madonna House of Northern Kentucky. Over the past eight years, St Ann parishioners have shown incredible generosity, having invested over \$70,000 in the lives of the mothers and children of the Madonna House. Bottles will be distributed on the weekend of January 20/21. Over the next week we hope you will take the opportunity to pray for the residents and staff and ask our life-giving God what you are called to do to help. The Madonna House is a living and learning center for single mothers and their infants. The Madonna House offers an abortion alternative to women who choose to give life and need support while learning how to maintain and nurture that life. When a resident is ready to leave the Madonna House and embark on independent living, the contents of her apartment are given to her to begin her new life. This necessitates replenishing kitchen towels, utensils, and bathroom and bedroom linens. **Please return your baby bottles to St. Ann on the weekend of January 27/27.** *Your change can change a life!*

Save the Date! Parish Mission

The Fathers of Mercy will be hosting our parish mission this year **February 5-8, 2018**. Be sure to mark your calendar for this very popular event.



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Supporting Your Family's Future and Your Family of Faith.

Learn more about the St. Ann Legacy Society on the website at saintannparish.org and/or attend the next Advanced Planning seminar on November 21, 2017. The seminar will start at 11:30 a.m. followed by a light lunch.

For more information, call Tim or Doug at the parish office at 521-8440.

