



*Celebrating*  
**65**  
*Years*  
| 1953-2018 |



August 2018



# What Summer Break?

School might be out for the summer, but we seem to be busier than ever here at St. Ann!

St. Ann has entered its 65<sup>th</sup> year as a parish, and I began my sixth year as your pastor. On Saturday, September 1, we will celebrate this significant anniversary with a dinner at Lakeridge Hall. Then on Sunday, September 2, we will have an anniversary breakfast during *Mass+*. A few weeks ago, we completed our St. Ann Novena, which has been a long-standing tradition of the parish. We invited back previous pastors – Fr. Tom Dennemann and Fr. Bill Dorrman, as well as Bishop Binzer, who grew up in the parish.

Most of June and July has been planning and preparing for *Mass+*, which will begin on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The two main areas of focus are to enhance parish engagement, particularly with our youth and young families, and to provide additional opportunities for parishioners to grow and deepen their faith. We have been making many new adjustments to the buildings and grounds, including air conditioning in the gym and school classrooms, creating a dedicated room for our babysitting program, as well as a hospitality room that will serve as a secondary parish office on Sundays and include a gift shop, area for refreshments, and a central area to host our volunteers. In addition, we have enhanced the Trinity Rooms, so to be more conducive for education and new ministries. Our hope is to put up a digital sign to make our presence more fully known to the neighborhood, as well as to strangers driving by. Plans are also underway to fix the front walk at the entrance of the church and add a Legacy Garden. As you have read, St. Ann is a happening place; we are focused on a long and bright future, realizing the next 65 years can be just as great as the past 65 years. And with God's grace and your continued support, it is certainly a goal that is achievable.

If things work out at the U.S. embassy in Zimbabwe, Fr. Mandlenkosi Ndlovu will be coming to St. Ann in early August. Yes, I said Fr. Mandlenkosi Ndlovu. He is a priest from Zimbabwe, Africa, coming to Cincinnati to obtain a master's degree at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. I did ask him if there was a simpler name we could call him, and he said his baptismal name is John and would be most happy if we just called him Fr. John.

Although Fr. John is not assigned to be my assistant, he has offered to help as much as he can when he is not at the seminary or doing homework. So don't be surprised

when he says Masses. English is his native tongue, but he has a deep accent, even more so than the Northerners or those from the deep South. Although some will complain that they don't understand him, I hope you will accept him as other area parishes who have African priests have accepted them. Everyone says that St. Ann is a welcoming parish and open to having a diverse community, and I hope this applies even more so to a priest from Africa. He will likely be here for two years.

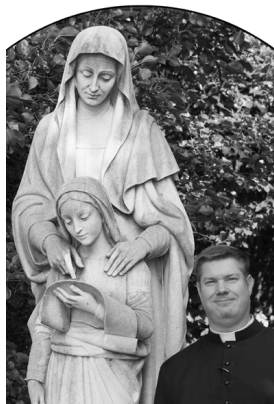
In September, after 11 years as a priest, I will be taking a sabbatical; I will be gone about 3 months. I have arranged for priests to cover Masses and other events. Fr. Tom Wray will serve as temporary administrator while I am away. Fr. Snodgrass, who recently retired, has agreed to help say Masses on most weekdays. Fr. John will also be living in the rectory and is willing to help as much as possible. It will be difficult taking so long a break from the people I love and have served these past five years.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, I have now entered my sixth year as your pastor. I realize it was not the smoothest of transitions at the beginning and many were concerned with the direction I was taking the parish. I hope, after five full years, that you are pleased with what has been accomplished and what we are moving toward. As a priest, my primary responsibility, then and today, is to help you, the people of St. Ann, deepen your relationship with Christ and obtain heaven.

It is at the end of the sixth year that the pastor's term is completed, and the diocese determines at that time whether he will be moved or given another six year term. I want the best for the parish and I want each person to grow in their relationship with Christ – *To know, love, and serve the Lord in this life and to be happy with Him forever in the next*. Perhaps there is a priest better suited to lead you to that goal? Perhaps I can still be effective in carrying out this mission at St. Ann? Let us all be open to what the Holy Spirit has in store for our future. I am grateful to all who have made me feel welcomed and who have supported and encouraged me over the past five years. Thank you!

There are many great things happening at St. Ann, and I hope everyone is excited about the direction we are heading. With God's grace and your continued support, the next 65 years can be just as great as the previous 65 years.

In Christ, Fr. McCarthy, Pastor





# Mass+

## August, September, October

<b>Sunday Aug. 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Open House</b></li> <li>* Blood Pressure Screenings</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Aug. 12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>"What is an Amazing Parish?"</b> Talk w/Sean Ater - Archdiocese of Cincinnati</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Aug. 19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Feedback &amp; Vision - Parish Update &amp; Discussion Part 1</b></li> <li>* Totus Tuus Teens</li> <li>* Child Programs</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Aug. 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Feedback &amp; Vision - Parish Update &amp; Discussion Part 2</b></li> <li>* Totus Tuus Teens</li> <li>* Child Programs</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday Sept. 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Parish 65th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast</b></li> <li>* Blood Pressure Screenings</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Sept. 9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>"Presence" Series</b> - Video &amp; Discussion on the Eucharist (1 of 3)</li> <li>* Child Programs</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Sept. 16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Ministry Fair</b></li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Sept. 23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>"Presence" Series</b> -Video &amp; Discussion on the Eucharist (2 of 3)</li> <li>* Child Programs</li> <li>* Youth Choir Practice</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday Sept. 30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Missionary Talk</b> with Fr. John from Zimbabwe</li> <li>* Child Programs</li> <li>* Totus Tuus Teens</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Oct. 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>"Presence" Series</b> - Video &amp; Discussion on the Eucharist (3 of 3)</li> <li>* Blood Pressure Screenings</li> <li>* Child Programs</li> <li>* Youth Choir Practice</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Oct. 14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Make and Pray the Rosary</b> - Family Activity and Prayer</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Oct. 21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>"Marriage, God's Design for Life &amp; Love"</b> -Video &amp; Discussion</li> <li>* Child Programs</li> <li>* Youth Choir Practice</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday Oct. 28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Exposition</b></li> <li>* Groups: Mom's, Men's CRHP, Respect Life and others</li> <li>* Child Programs</li> <li>* Totus Tuus Teens</li> <li>* Babysitting</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mass Times: 9:00am, 11:30am</b>  <b>Mass+ activities begin at 10:10am and end at 11:15am</b></p> 		





Based on the feedback from the parish convocation last fall, we have instituted **Mass+**, which incorporates meeting the challenges our parish is presented. One of the top challenges presented is offering programs to engage young adults and families. Two of the main challenges facing young families are time restraint and child care. Our solution gives parents an opportunity to participate in a class, activity or discussion while their child attends babysitting or a special activity of their own.

## Check Out the New Ministries



**The Babysitting Ministry** is comprised of Virtus\* trained, volunteer adults and teens who provide safe and caring supervision for infants and young children up to age 5 during the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass, so parents can fully participate in the Mass without distraction, if they choose. Children are **always** welcome at Mass, but sometimes circumstances occur where babysitting may be helpful to parents attending Mass. Babysitting will also be available during most **Mass+** activities.

Babysitting services are provided in Room 4 of the school hallway. There will be a sign-in/sign-out table each week as parents take advantage of the service. Preregistration is **not** required. Parents have two options for the service: the **Gold Option** provides service during the 9:00am or 11:30am Mass along with the **Mass+** activity. Your child would stay in the Babysitting Program for a little over 2 hours. The **Silver Option** provides service during the 9:00am or 11:30am Mass.

Service times are

Early Mass: 8:30am -10:15am (*Silver Option*)

Early Mass & **Mass+**: 8:30am-11:30am (*Gold Option*)

**Mass+** & Late Mass: 10:00am-12:45pm (*Gold Option*)

Late Mass: 11:00am-12:45pm (*Silver Option*)

\*Archdiocese of Cincinnati child safety program





**Teens:** Last month, the students who attended the Totus Tuus camp enjoyed the program so much, they requested to keep it going. This new ministry is open to teens from 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The group will be led by young adult facilitators along with input from a teen activity board. The group will focus on engaging discussions, prayer opportunities, games and activities while growing in the Catholic faith. The teens will meet during the **Mass+** time in the Blessed Mother Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.



## The Saint Ann Bakers

New this year is a ministry dedicated to sharing and preparing those wonderful, passed-through the generations, recipes. The St. Ann Bakers will provide homemade cookies, brownies, breads and pastries throughout the year for various events.

Make sure to stop by the Hospitality rooms during **Mass+** and enjoy a sample of love from your fellow parishioner's oven!



**Help us Grow!** Based on your feedback through the engagement process, we are looking for volunteers to help facilitate the following new potential groups listed below. If you are interested in any of these groups, please contact Cindy Withrow or Claudia Sajnog at the parish office (513-521-8440). We are hoping to have new groups in place early next year.

Veterans

Prayer Group

Grief Support

Mom's Group

Dad's Group

Widows/Widowers

Empty Nesters

Young Adults





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

Santiago Armando Aguilar  
Sofia Ximena Aguilar  
Gerardo Coronado-Lopez  
Karen Lynn Kramer  
Katherine Dayanna Marroquin-Coronado  
Alan Ortiz  
Alyse Jada Rogers  
Erick E. Cosigua Velazquez

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

**Robert Baker**  
**Dorothy Birkmeyer**  
**Dorothy McDonald**  
**Samuel Mirizzi**  
**Dolores Molter**  
**Madeline Rechel**  
**Mary Rohling**  
**Rita Schneider**

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

St. Ann parish extends **CONGRATULATIONS** to all  
of our high school honor students and 2018 graduates!

As of the printing of this newsletter, we have received  
the following honor notifications:

**LaSalle ~ 4th Quarter First Honors:** Nolan Blessing,  
Jeremy Boggess, Alex Braun, Anthony D'Amico,  
Garrett Hasson, Brendan Kolbinsky, David Mattingly,  
Ethan Miller, Thomas Williams **Second Honors:**  
Joshua Boggess, Elijah Hyman, Michael McMahon,  
Kean Schnieber

**St. Xavier ~ 2nd Semester First Honors:** Alexander  
Baier, Nathan Baier, Benjamin Leidenbor, John Reid III,  
Jeremy Roenker **Second Honors:** Jude Hagerman,  
Eric Ruter



## Meet the Norton Family

In  
this  
corner

The Norton family has been a vibrant  
part of St. Ann Parish for the last 16  
years. They are: Mark, Lucy, Adriana, Sandra  
and Sam. Mark works as an MRI Technician at  
Dearborn County Hospital, while Lucy homeschools  
all three of their children.

Adriana is 17 and just graduated from high  
school. She is currently involved with the Hispanic  
Tutoring Program here at St. Ann and is looking forward  
to going on retreat this summer to the Ohio Eagle Eye  
Summer Institute, run by the Brothers and Sisters of St.  
John. While there, Adriana will be immersed in prayer,  
study, daily Mass and will develop lasting friendships as she  
and the others are encouraged to recognize and discern  
God's plan and will for their lives.

Sandra is 16 and a high school junior. In addition to  
being homeschooled, she also attends a high school co-  
op. Sandra is a member of the Omega Ultimate Frisbee  
Team and will be attending her third Steubenville Summer  
Conference for Youth this year. This conference has  
provided Sandra with wonderful opportunities to develop  
friendships as she grows in closer relationship with Christ.

Sam is 12 and in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He also attends a co-op on  
Fridays, in addition to his home schooling. He plays  
violin, loves theater and participates in a theater program  
in the fall and summer. Sam enjoys serving at the 11:30 am  
Mass on Sundays and at the monthly Spanish Mass.

As a family, the Nortons share a devotion to Mary  
which they have developed through the Schoenstatt  
Movement. This spirituality is based on a covenant of love  
to our Mother Mary. Mark and Lucy made a covenant in  
May 2006 to Mary through this movement. Adriana and  
Sandra love attending daily Mass together as sisters, and  
Sam enjoys serving at Mass and his fellowship with the  
other altar servers. One of the things they enjoy doing  
most as a family is traveling to Puerto Rico to visit  
extended family, as Lucy is from Puerto Rico. They also  
enjoy cooking and sharing delicious meals together around  
the family table.

The Nortons agree that St. Ann is a very welcoming  
and generous parish, with people truly dedicated and  
committed to their Faith. They love and cherish all the  
opportunities they have been given to grow in their Faith  
together with missions, opportunities for Confession,  
Adoration and Exposition, and the many classes and  
learning experiences  
offered so frequently.

St. Ann is blessed to  
have families like the  
Nortons. Make sure to say  
"hi" the next time you see  
them around campus.



## *St. Ann Parish Family Picnic*

The St. Ann Parish Family Picnic will be held on **Friday, August 3rd**. As in former years, the picnic will be at Stricker's Grove (on Route 128 outside of Ross) from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Admission is free and includes all rides, even the big roller coaster! Rides open at 6:00pm.

Also included this year, free snow cones and cotton candy, in appreciation of all you do for St. Ann parish!

**Don't forget - we will be drawing for our 2018 Daily Raffle \$1000 winner at the end of the evening!**  
**2019 Daily Raffle tickets will be available for purchase.**



**WATCH FOR YOUR  
INVITATION IN  
THE MAIL!**

**St. Ann Anniversary Dinner**

**Saturday, September 1st ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Lakeridge Hall**

*St. Ann Parish has been sixty five years of joy, of refuge, of thanks, of family and friends - sixty five years of learning and teaching, of sharing and giving. My family of parishioners has been with me always, proving that God is good ... all the time!*

*- Lou Blessing*



On August 5th please consider signing your child up for the St. Ann Youth Choir at the **Mass+** Open House. The Youth Choir will be under the direction of Laura Carroll. They will meet twice a month starting in September, and participate in the Mass at Christmas, Easter, and a few other feast days during the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your child or children engage in what could possibly be a life-long ministry for them, and learn that through our giving of time and talent, we give glory to our Lord. Won't you share this interest with your child today? We look forward to seeing you at the Open House in Room 2!

For more information visit:

<https://saintannparish.org/worshipour-faithour-faith/ministers-of-music/sapyc/>





# Parish happenings ...



The parish gathered on May 6 to celebrate **Deacon Andrew Hess' ordination** to the diaconate, which occurred on April 28.



We had a very delicious and successful **chicken dinner** on April 29.



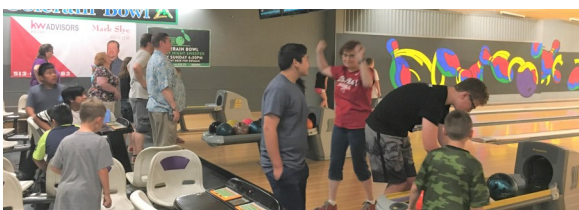
The seniors of our parish enjoyed a Mass, anointing, and **LIGHT lunch** on May 7.



Parishioners planted a **community garden** this spring.



On May 21 we celebrated Mass to end another fruitful year of **Religious Education**. We had 26 students who achieved perfect attendance for the year; they were rewarded with **pizza and bowling** at Colerain Bowl on June 26.

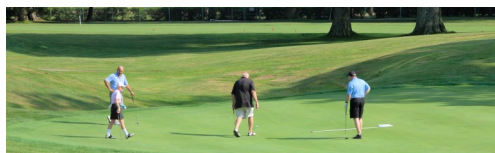
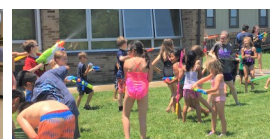


Our **May Crowning** was a beautiful evening honoring our Blessed Mother on May 7.

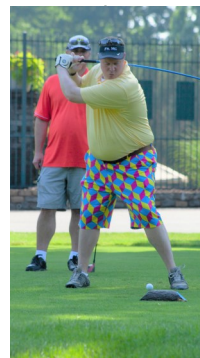
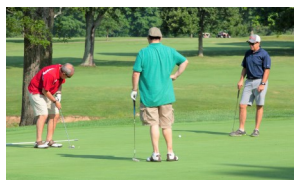




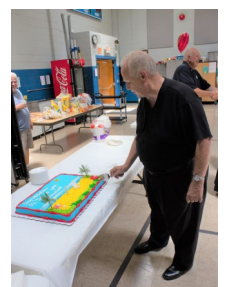
Our **Totus Tuus summer camp** was a fantastic success June 10-15. Seventy-five youth, from ages 6-18, participated in this fun, engaging, and faith-filled week.



June 12 marked the celebration of the **five-year anniversary of our Hispanic ministry**. Members from across the parish enjoyed a fun night, despite the rain.



St. Ann's **golf outing** was another fun and colorful event this year on June 18 at Clovernook Country Club.



Fr. Snodgrass was honored at his **retirement reception** and the parish's anniversary **ice cream social** on June 24.



On June 28, the teens of St. Ann had a fun-filled cookout with Fr. McCarthy and Dcn Andrew.



# sacraments

*Congratulations to all our parishioners who received Sacraments this spring.*

We are blessed to have welcomed five people into the Church on March 31st during the Easter Vigil Mass, shared Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist for the first time with thirty children on May 5th and 6th, and had Archbishop Schnurr seal twenty-nine parishioners with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation on May 15th.



*Please keep each of these parishioners in your prayers  
that the Lord may continue to work in their lives through these gifts they have received.*



## Bring a Friend to Christ

Do you know someone  
who is curious about God?

Do you have a friend, co-worker,  
neighbor, or family member who asks  
questions and discusses God or the  
Church with you?

### Invite them!

If you answered yes to those  
questions, please invite them to a  
cookout with Fr. McCarthy  
where they can learn more.

**Sun., Aug. 19 | 1:00 pm**

*or*

**Tue., Aug. 21 | 6:00 pm**

**Blessed Mother Hall**

*Everyone who brings a friend will receive a  
St. Ann t-shirt and will be entered into a raffle  
to win a \$50 gift card to the St. Ann store!*

*What is keeping you from inviting someone  
to a relationship with Jesus?*

# gracias



Thank you to all our tutors who volunteer  
every Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm  
to help the kids of Saint Ann's Hispanic  
Community excel in school.

*May God bless you abundantly!*

If you are interested in serving as a tutor,  
please contact our  
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator,  
Maria I. Bolanos at  
[mbolanos@saintannparish.org](mailto:mbolanos@saintannparish.org) or  
cell: 765-337-6407.

You do not need to know any Spanish  
to serve in this ministry!

It takes a big  
**heart**  
to help shape  
**little  
minds.**



## Our Time is Much Like Our Money

Life is full of choices. In fact, we make dozens of choices every day of our lives – what to eat for breakfast, what television show to watch, whether we choose to pray every day, and many more. When it comes to our money, we make choices on whether and how to spend it, save it, invest it, or to give it away. If you think about it, we make similar choices regarding our time here on earth as well.

Everyone's time is valuable. After all, our time here on earth is short, especially when compared to eternity. In fact, the Bible makes many references on just how short our lives really are: "...a passing breeze that does not return" (Psalms 78:39) and "...a vapor that appears for a little time then vanishes away" (James 4:14), are two. A soap opera that first aired in 1965 began with these words: "Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives." The message is the same: life is short!

What we decide to do with the hours of our day is similar to what we do with our money, because it reflects how we prioritize our values. Do we spend our time in front of a television set or a computer or working? Do we invest our time working on our homes or building a business that has become more than we can handle? Or, do we share our time by volunteering at our church or a local charity to impact the lives of others?

**Mass+** is a new and exciting way to make a positive choice with your time, a decision to invest it in your relationship with Christ and your parish. Family, sports, and work have become consumers of our time, during the week and even more so on the weekends. "Spending" an extra hour at your parish – either before or after Mass – is a great way to "invest" in your faith and that of your entire family.



The demands of life can often create roadblocks that make spending more than one hour at Mass each week seem impossible. With **Mass+** as part of your Sunday morning routine, you and your family can enter into a richer life with Christ.

**Give it a try!**



## Join us at Eucharistic Exposition

The Eucharist is a miracle, the very Presence of our Lord. We celebrate Jesus's gift to us at every Mass when the host is consecrated and transformed from bread into His body. His body remains in the tabernacle for us until Exposition. We are challenged to understand and, through faith, accept the God Who created the universe, took on a human form as Jesus and became a sacrifice to show His infinite love for us.



The Eucharist is Jesus truly present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity! At the moment of Consecration during the Mass, the gifts of bread and wine are transformed (transubstantiated) into the actual Body and Blood of Christ, at the altar. This means that they are not only spiritually transformed, but also actually (substantially) transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ - the True Presence.

Our Lord waits for us to come to Him at Mass, and we also have the opportunity to go to Him at Eucharistic Exposition. He wants us to come to Him. He waits for our acts of faith, adoration, love, thanksgiving, charity, repentance, and reparation that we can offer as we contemplate His Divine Majesty in the Blessed Sacrament. (St. Pope John Paul II)

We all need time to ourselves to collect our thoughts, remind ourselves what is important, what we need to do to get through our days and, hopefully, to appreciate the things we do for ourselves and others each day. Eucharistic Exposition is the time when Jesus is most present to us outside of Mass. He is able to gaze upon us as we adore Him. He is able to help us see who we are and who He calls us to be in His love.

So, please join us for just one hour a week. How would you spend that hour in prayer? Reflect on the blessings in your life. Read from the literature available to those attending Exposition. Say the rosary, meditating on the mysteries that take us through the life of Christ. Or, simply gaze upon the monstrance and speak to God.

During that hour, the church is still. Parishioners who sit quietly with you are all focused on the altar, looking at God's Presence on display. He will be there for you to see Him, feel Him and hear Him. Is there any other place that can capture your imagination and turn it into an appreciation for God's Presence and revitalize your faith?

Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Benediction at 6:45 p.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 to 6:00  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



## God Wants His Message Shared - Saint Ann is Living the Mission

Do you know who said this quote? “I am a great believer that any tool that enhances communication has profound effects in terms of how people can learn...”

Bill Gates made this comment describing the way messages should be communicated today - aggressively and, as Bill Gates says, “...in any way possible”. Consequently, most Americans are constantly bombarded by a myriad of messages every day making it difficult to be heard. The Church, under the circumstances, is challenged to evangelize its message of faith, hope and salvation clearly and so it reaches all people.

The exciting news is people respond to the Word of God, the Presence of Christ upon the altar, and the hope for Salvation. The sermon remains the primary form of communication, although there is a requirement to use other avenues as well: word-of-mouth, print, internet/electronic, and advertisements are some available. Plus, we communicate to our parish and staff, and to people outside the parish.

Saint Ann continues to use traditional tools of communication such as bulletins, newsletters and, at times, phone calls or mailings. We also listen to your feedback and monitor surrounding churches to make sure we distinguish ourselves by using other ways, such as Flock Notes or Facebook. Saint Ann’s ongoing regular communications include:

- ◆ Weekly bulletins available at church; newsletters mailed quarterly to your home.
- ◆ Web Site ([www.saintannparish.org](http://www.saintannparish.org)), which was recently updated. 426 people visited the web site just this past month alone, and when they visited read 1,583 pages.
- ◆ Parish App, which can be downloaded from a “Smart Phone” app store.
- ◆ Flock Notes, which are sent to over a 1,000 people weekly with additional Flock notes sent to promote specific messages or events.
- ◆ Social Media, featuring information about Saint Ann parish life, educational opportunities, events, and activities on its Facebook pages, Instagram, and Pinterest Page. Facebook messages alone reach an average 25,000 people each month with 2,291 people actively reading, “liking” or commenting.
- ◆ FORMED, provided free, features Catholic videos, audio talks and eBooks.

You are the judge of the effectiveness of communications from Saint Ann. We appreciate your feedback or suggestions on ways to build on the messages to church members and the surrounding community.

Father McCarthy often speaks of our responsibility to spread the Word of God to others. In Christ, we will work together to find the best methods to communicate the messages of God, the Church and Saint Ann Parish. Please keep all our efforts in your prayers for the salvation of all.

## Back to School

Please pray for our students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new school year.

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon these students, teachers, and staff and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their work and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### STARTING DATES

Aug. 21 | Northwest Schools Start  
Aug. 23 | Our Lady of Grace Starts  
Sept. 10 | Religious Education Starts

If your child is entering 2nd or 7th grade look for information regarding sacraments in the coming weeks.

Please be aware that our sacramental preparation is a two-year process. If you have a child entering 1st or 6th grade and would like them to receive First

Reconciliation & First Communion or Confirmation next year, please be sure that they are receiving religious education either through a Catholic school or through our parish religious education program on Monday evenings this year.

If you have any questions please contact Danielle Hart at [dhart@saintannparish.org](mailto:dhart@saintannparish.org) or 521-8440.

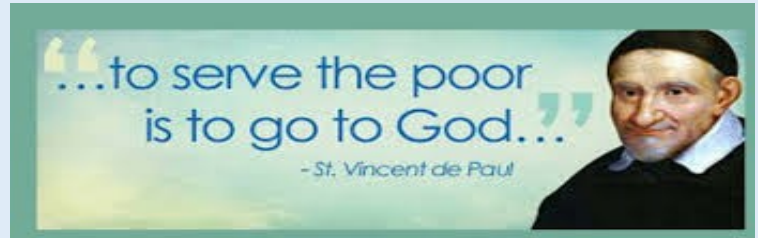


## St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Quarter Report

In the Gospel we hear how Jesus sent his apostles out two by two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs “two by two” to those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, the Vincentians listen, offer humble advice and render assistance.

This Quarter (Apr, May, June) through your gifts, St. Ann St. Vincent de Paul offered humble advice and rendered assistance to 105 families, providing 96 bags of food and \$10,250 for utility and rent bills.

The members of St. Ann St. Vincent de Paul wish to again thank all parishioners for your generous food donations and monetary contributions. You are a blessing to the poor and needy in our parish boundaries. In addition, we also thank all of you for your outstanding contributions to our special needs food items.



**Men – A call to the annual  
*Christ Renews His Parish* retreat!**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Do you ever feel alone in your spiritual journey? Are you even experiencing a spiritual journey to Christ? Christ Renews His Parish is a fellowship of parishioners (separate groups for men and women) that can help enhance your spiritual life.

Men and women establish and react to relationships in different ways. For men, just the word “relationship” can create a barrier. Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) for men provides a confidential environment for men to share their concerns. During the annual *retreat weekend*, some past participants give witness to their own spiritual journeys. Often, new participants will internalize what they hear and use it to renew or sharpen their own spiritual journey toward Christ. From this, men will often see hope for themselves and seek additional enrichment.

Knowing and better loving Christ is the opportunity and challenge at hand. Join us at the annual retreat given by men of the parish. The retreat will be on December 1 & 2, Saturday 8:00 a.m. through Sunday 1:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call Ron DeNamur at 513-746-0213

or call the parish office at 513-521-8440.

## NEW MASS TIMES ~ **MASS+** MAKES ITS DEBUT

August 5, 2018 9 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Mass | **MASS+** Open House  
10:10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.



## OLG FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL | August 23, 2018

## ST. ANN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

September 1, 2018 | Lakeridge Hall ~ 5:30 p.m.

## ST. ANN DIRECTORY PICTURES

September 2018 | Details in future bulletins

## EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 15, 2018 | Information and registration in future bulletins

## LIGHT LUNCHEON & MASS

Monday, October 1, 2018 | Shut-ins and seniors are invited to the Trinity Rooms for Anointing and Rosary, followed by Mass and lunch ~ 10:00 a.m.

## **MASS+** VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 11, 2018 | Monsignor Lunn Parish Center (gym) ~ 9:00 a.m.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 22, 2018 | "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5: 18)



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*"As each one has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another."*

*1 Peter 4:10*

If you would like to talk to someone, call Tim or Doug  
at the parish office at 521-8440.

