

St. Ann Catholic Church

Website: www.saintannparish.org

Parish Office – 513-521-8440

Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:30am

Mass+ : 10:10-11:15—Education, Activities, breakfasts between Masses: check calendar for more information

Weekdays: 6:45pm Monday / 8:30am Tuesday-Friday / 8:30am 2nd and 4th Saturdays

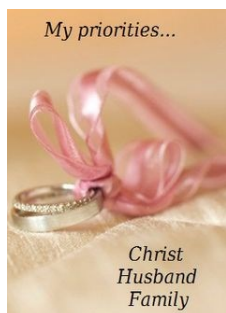
Reconciliation:

5:30-6:30pm Monday & Thursday / 9:00-10:00am 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Eucharistic Exposition:

9:00am until 7:00pm Thursday / 9:00-10:00am 2nd and 4th Saturdays

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, including classes taught by Fr. McCarthy.

Marriage & Spiritual Retreats and additional classes are available at

Maria Stein Spiritual Center <http://spiritualcenter.net/>

Ruah Woods <http://www.ruahwoods.org/>

FORMED: Is an on-line program of videos and other resources to enrich one's faith and understanding of their Faith. It is a free program. Go to the parish website and clicked the FORMED button

Parents Night Out: Parish provides evening child care four times a year (Oct-Dec-February-April)



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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



Baptism Preparation Classes:

**August, November, February, and May
3rd and 4th Sundays during Mass+.**

Must attend both classes

Fr. Thomas McCarthy – Pastor

Doug Moore - Director of Religious Education

Baptism Guidelines

The following guidelines apply for children under the age of seven; children over seven 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.
- Must Attend the Baptism Preparation Program at St. Ann's or provide proof of attendance of a Baptism Class at your home parish.
- Baptism Program at St. Ann consists of two classes, on two consecutive Sundays during *Mass +*; must attend both classes. Must call the parish office to register prior to attending.
- 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.

Baptisms can be scheduled any Sunday, as well as other times based on the availability of the church and priest.

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, a person enters into the life of the Most Blessed Trinity through the merits of Christ's Paschal Mystery—His 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 faithful, practicing Catholic (attending Mass every Sunday).
- If the couple is not practicing their Catholic faith, they will need to start to do so, prior to scheduling their child's Baptism.
- If the couple is living together or in a civil marriage, or not married within the Church, they will need to meet with Fr. McCarthy before taking the Baptism classes.
- According to Canon Law, there must be a well-founded hope of faith before the Church will baptize a child.

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, & faithful, 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 faithful, current, 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. Requirements for proxies are same as Godparents.

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 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 2223)

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 or contact the office at 931-3070.
- 3. Parish Religious Education Program:** Pre-school Religious Education: Ages 3-Kindergarten meets 10:10-11:10am on Sundays. Grades 1-8 meet on Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm in the school. Contact Doug Moore at the parish office to register your child(ren).