Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday           5:00 PM
Sunday         7:30, 9:15 &
               11:00 AM
Monday-Wednesday-Friday  8:00 AM
Tuesday—Thursday    7:00 AM
Wednesday        7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM
or by appt.

551 Boulder Hill Pass
PO Box 670, Oswego, IL  60543
630-554-3331  630-554-0530 (FAX)

PARISH OFFICES
630-554-3331  630-554-0530 (FAX)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Friday          8:30 AM-Noon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
630-554-1425  630-554-9797 (FAX)

RE OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Wednesday 10:00 AM-7:30 PM
Thursday        10:00 AM-6:30 PM
Friday          8:30 AM-Noon

E-MAIL
stanne@stanneparish.org  myparishapp.com

Visit us on our website: www.stanneparish.org

Because of His promising mercy,
we can enter into
God’s glorious hope.
Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 9
7:00 PM
Mary’s way of the cross
led by:
Blue Army

Lenten Confessions

Reconciliation enables us to rejoice in God’s mercy

Sunday, March 11 beginning at 3:00 PM
Here and Now in the Temple

The Gospel portrays the passion and zeal Jesus has for the temple. He clears it out of those who have misused it. It is not to be made into a marketplace. That distinction is important to us as we enter the temple. We are to know and experience the difference between the two, a temple and a marketplace.

THE HERE

The temple becomes an invitation on two levels, the practical and the symbolic. We are all drawn to church. Its open doors allow us to pray; its stained glass windows tell stories and amplify the beauty. What brings an individual to church can be vast in motivation, yet simple in its execution. It is our need for God. The confusion is when we feel we are not heard. Symbolically the disciples recall that story and refer to Jesus speaking of the temple of His body. On this level too, we must know and treat our bodies as a temple, as a place of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We must reverence the breath of God in our soul. Yet how often do we make ourselves a marketplace. We abuse the food and drink we consume; we sell out to fad diets and put pressure on what we look like instead of how God sees us.

THE NOW

In the temple of transparency we are called to worship the One who dwells in the temple, not the temple itself. So often we can hide behind laws and traditions and not make the connection with God. We use the security of what we know to build walls to avoid growth and faith. Pastoral sensitivity gets lost. In the now we must face the fact that God uses the vehicle of the Church even when it is broken. It is not easy to trust an institution riddled with child abuse cases, abuse of power issues, and divisions as to pastoral responses. Yet God is above and beyond it all. His choice is to dwell in the Sacraments. In the now of our bodily temples we are to sit with the sin in our lives. We are to admit the times we get caught up in the issues of how we look, what we wear, what we drive, and how that money changing keeps us from how God sees us.

WHERE IT LEADS US

It says clearly that after Jesus left the temple He did not trust Himself to certain people, He knew them. After showing His passion for the outward temple of worship and His bodily temple, He is in full knowledge of what He is called to be. He is protective of God's plan and that it should not be sidetracked, high jacked or misinterpreted by others. This certainly leads us to what we are called to do. So often our uncertainty and our unwillingness to be strong in our faith weakens our ability to keep holy the Sabbath. So often we load up Sunday with many things to accomplish and leave very little time for God. From sporting activities, games and practices, distractions come in all shapes and sizes. Procrastination fills the last hours before going back to school and some use the time to catch up on work rather than spend the time necessary to have a passion and zeal for the Sabbath as God intended.

When church becomes a chore or something to cross off the list, we are far from the temple’s focus and priority. We must recapture it. Within the temple of ourselves this happens with silence. This happens with recognizing the presence of God, the blessings of God and the movement of God in our lives. When we connect with this, grace overcomes our uncertainty and we can realize we have never been abandoned and the interior of the temple has always been strong because it comes from God.

Here is the now; the temple is the place,

Jesus is waiting.

Reverend John J. Ouper
Monday, March 5
8:00 AM-Andrew & Lottie Rys req. Boes Family

Tuesday, March 6
7:00 AM-Lynn Nelson req. Bill Smith

Wednesday, March 7
8:00 AM-Tom Schindlbeck req. Jean Hilger
7:00 PM-Max W. Sartain req. Family

Thursday, March 8
7:00 AM-Alfonso Ramirez req. Irma Reyes

Friday, March 9
8:00 AM-George Guerra req. Irma Reyes Family

Saturday, March 10
5:00 PM
Deceased Members of Froelich Family req.
Paul & Colette Gurley
Miguel Segarra & Ilia Rivera
25th Anniversary

Sunday, March 11
7:30 AM-For the Parishioners
9:15 AM-Ann Pfolsgrof req. Melida Hughes
11:00 AM-Richard Hames req. Hames Family

MONDAY
4:30 & 6:00 PM-RE K-6 classes & Reconciliation.
7:00 PM-HS SALT Leadership meeting.
7:00 PM-Blue Army.
7:30 PM-RE Grades 7/8 classes.
7:30 PM-RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

TUESDAY
9:30 AM-AFF: Lenten Morning of Reflection.
4:30 & 6:00 PM-RE K-6 classes & Reconciliation.
7:00 PM-Celebration Ringers.
7:00 PM-Chancel Choir.
7:30 PM-Men’s Spirituality.
7:30 PM-Prayer Group.
7:30 PM-AFF: Lenten Evening of Reflection.

WEDNESDAY
9:00 AM-Rosary.
9:30 AM-Moms Ministry.
9:30 AM-AFF: Transfigured Scripture Study.
4:30 & 6:00 PM-RE K-6 classes & Reconciliation.
5:00 PM-Joyful Ringers.
5:45 PM-Youth Choir.
7:30 PM-Heart of Worship.
7:30 PM-Adult Confirmation class.
7:30 PM-AFF: Baptism Preparation I.

THURSDAY
9:30 AM-Peace & Justice meeting.
1:00 PM-St. Anne Seniors.
4:30 PM-RE K-5 classes & Reconciliation.
7:30 PM-AFF: Evening with the Bible.

FRIDAY
7:00 PM-Stations of the Cross.

SATURDAY
4:45-6:30 PM-Religious Articles Sales.
5:00 PM-Catholic Relief Services Collection.
6:00 PM-HS Youth Ministry dinner for St. Anne Seniors.

SUNDAY
All Masses-Catholic Relief Services Collection.
8:15 AM-12:30 PM-Religious Articles Sales.
9:15 AM-Liturgy of the Word for Children.
9:15 AM-RCIA Children’s Year 2 Dismissal & Breaking Open.
11:00 AM-RCIA 2nd Scrutiny, Dismissal & Breaking Open.
12:00 Noon-SpiritSong.
3:00 PM-Lenten Reconciliation/Confessions.
4:30-6:30 PM-RE Grade 7/8.
6:45 PM-HS Reconciliation.

Mass Intentions

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
PLEASE PRAY FOR

And all who are experiencing illness and are not listed by name.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of someone unable to attend Mass regularly due to age or illness and wishes to receive Communion at home, please have them contact the parish office, 630-554-3331, so that arrangements can be made to have a Pastoral Care Minister bring the Eucharist to their home.

2019 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2019 Mass Intention book will open Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Masses are scheduled Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM and Friday from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM in person in the parish office. If you are not able to come in person, please submit a written list of dates/times and Mass intention requested. You may do this via email: stanne@stanneparish.org; fax, 630-554-0530; or US Mail PO Box 670, Oswego, IL 60543. We will be happy to work with you once we have the information.

In order to accommodate more Mass requests, we will be scheduling more than one Mass intention on several days each week. Please be aware that if necessary, there may be more than your intention scheduled on a specific day.

We still ask that you consider offering Masses for whole families rather than individuals. Suggested offering is $10.00 per Mass.

The Diocese of Joliet is still in need of Mass Stipends for retired and missionary priests of the Diocese. Please consider leaving offerings that we may send to the Diocese to accommodate their desperate need. The Diocese has been most grateful for the intentions we have been able to send so far.
STEWARDSHIP

The Gospel story of Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple is a familiar story. The prophets Jeremiah, Zechariah and Malachi prophesied that when the Kingdom of God was at hand, the Temple would be cleansed of all activities unworthy of an encounter with God.

Christians are often referred to as “Temples of the Lord.” As stewards of a “Holy Temple”, God has entrusted to each one of us, what are we doing to be cleansed of activities unworthy of an encounter with the Lord? This week, reflect on one thing you can do to cleanse the Temple God has given you so that it becomes a more inviting home for Christ Jesus.

God’s Share

All of us are recipients of many blessings from God. In return, He expects that we praise Him for His goodness and thank Him for His generous gifts. Thanking, however, is not done in word only, but in deed, also.

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Parishioners registered for envelopes as of January 31, 2018 2,944

Average Regular Envelope Users 566 19% Participation
Number of envelopes used last Sunday 594 20% Participation
Number of Children’s envelopes used 02 01% Participation

E-Giving: If you would like to participate in E-Giving, please log on to the Saint Anne website: www.stanneparish.org and click on the E-Giving link for under “Support Us”. Please follow link for instructions.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH MAILING ADDRESS
Reminder: anything mailed to parish offices must be addressed to:
P. O. Box 670
Oswego, IL 60543-0670

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Bulletin articles are due into the parish office by 10:00 AM Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday you wish the article to appear. You may drop off, fax (554-0530) or e-mail (stanne@stanneparish.org) your articles.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AED
Located Across from Parish Offices and On Outside Wall of Gathering Room of Church
Thank you to everyone who has pledged their support to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gifts will benefit so many through the thirty ministries our annual appeal supports.

Our parish’s goal for the 2018 CMAA is $107,600. Our hope is that every parishioner will contribute as partners in caring, as every gift—large and small—makes a difference. If we raise more than our goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish!

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year’s CMAA. In-pew envelopes are still available in the church literature racks or you can make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Pledge your gift to the CMAA!
LENTEN REGULATIONS and the EASTER TRIDUUM

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer and a performance of charity and mercy.
LENTEN SACRIFICIAL PROJECT

Our *Lenten Sacrifices* will be sent to

*Consolata Missionaries of Westlands, Nairobi—Kenya* to assist with their charitable works.

Where Education is Still a Luxury Many Cannot Afford

By Henry Onyango

Part II

Uwezo county coordinator, John Ngatia Lekupuny says that many children aged between 6 and 13 are out of school looking after livestock at the expense of their colleagues in other parts of the country. This, he says has made literacy levels in the county deteriorate.

Apart from children abandoning school to take care of livestock, the residents have also been but aback by some of the cultural practices.

Benjamin Letoluai, a resident at Maralal town notes that traditional practices such as Female Genital Mutilation, early marriages and cattle rustling have taken the community backwards in ending the increased illiteracy levels in the region.

“‘We only hope that traditional practices like FGM, early marriages and cattle rustling will end someday. The old and the young here have been practicing these traditions for years and still want to stick to them despite the consequences,’” he tells *The Seed*.

He believes that the government and the church can still help the community achieve its goals by investing in education to benefit the community.

Ms Lucy Espila, Caritas Maralal Diocese Project officer in-charge of Education says that it’s possible for the pupils to join school but unfortunately do not go till class four.

“The transitions level among students in the region is wanting. You will see that the enrolment in lower primary school is high as compared to upper and secondary school,” says Ms Espila.

*(Continued next week)*

Envelopes are available in the church narthex. Lenten sacrifices may be collected in these envelopes and return on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018.
RE Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday  10:00 AM – 7:30 PM
Thursday  10:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Friday  8:30 AM – Noon

Up-Coming K-6 & RCIA/C Schedule

Sunday, March 4  RCIA/C1 Dismissal from 11:00 Mass
Safe Environment Instruction at Noon
March 5-8  K-6 Classes meet as usual;
Reconciliation during class time for grades 2-6, SPICE, and RCIA1
Sunday, March 11  RCIA/C2 Dismissal from 9:15 Mass
March 12-15  K-6 Classes meet as usual;
Fr. John leads a special lesson during part of class time
Saturday, March 17  First Communion Parent & Child Retreat #3, 3:30 to 6:00 PM
Sunday, March 18  RCIA/C2 Dismissal from 9:15 Mass

Safe Environment Instruction: THIS SUNDAY!

Most of our RE students receive Safe Environment (safe touch) instruction each year at their public school. If your child missed this instruction, needs a refresher, or attends a school that does not provide it, please plan to attend the Safe Environment lesson being held here at St. Anne THIS Sunday, March 4 at Noon. This is open to all children in Kindergarten through 8th grade, and parents have a video they can view. The lesson will not take more than an hour.

Upcoming DASH 2 & 3 Dates

*We meet this Sunday/Monday March 4/5 regular times
* The following week, March 11th is the SAME day and SAME time is for ALL DASH 2 & 3 from 4:30 – 6:30pm for your reconciliation service and class time.

FAITHBOOSTERS

Writing in advance of Fr. Borello, we know he is going to talk about deepening your relationship with God through prayer. Those extra special moments you create to reflect on God in your life, or bring God to focus, is a Faithbooster. Even if you have “done” your requirement, the purpose is to train your soul and mind to be a strong Christian disciple. It’s not just a Confirmation thing; a relationship with God in prayer is a whole life thing!
EASTER PIE SALES

Youth Ministry will once again be taking orders for freshly baked pies after all of the Masses in the Joachim Center on the dates below. Money for the pies are due upon ordering. Pies are available again in Apple, Cherry and Strawberry Rhubarb.

Order Pies March 3-4; March 10-11
After all Masses

Pick Up Pies Saturday, March 31 (day before Easter)
10:00 AM-Noon
A Whole Month of Liturgical Content on formed.org!

3 SAINT KATHERINE DREXEL
   Study: YDisciple: Called, Session 1: What is a Vocation?

7 SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY
   Listen: Swimming Upstream

9 SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO
   Listen: St. Dominic Savio

17 SAINT PATRICK
   Listen: The Trials of Saint Patrick
   Read: Twenty Tales of Irish Saints

19 SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH
   Watch: Joseph of Nazareth
   Read: Father of the Family

25 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION
   Watch: Holy Week in Rome *
   Read: Meditations for Lent

29 HOLY THURSDAY
   Study: Lectio: Eucharist
   Watch: Brother Francis: The Bread of Life *
   Listen: The Fourth Cup

30 GOOD FRIDAY
   Study: Symbolon Knowing the Faith: Session 6: The Paschal Mystery *
   Listen: Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross
   Listen: Love – Sacrifice – Trust
   Read: Awakening

31 HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL
   Watch: Convinced

* Available in Spanish
SAINT ANNE SENIORS —S.A.S.

March 8  SAS meeting—1:00 PM  The program will be presented by Ken Hermann. He will give a pictorial presentation of the history of St. Anne Parish. The primary focus will be the building of the third church building — now Our Church.

April 12  SAS meeting — 1:00 PM. Program will be our Pro-Life Baby Shower. The speaker will be from Waterleaf in Aurora. The items asked for are diapers, wipes, onesies or $5 to $10 gift cards for gas stations or grocery stores. Gives should not be wrapped. We invite all parishioners to participate in this baby shower. Bring gifts to the April meeting or give to a SAS member or call President, Francis, 630-897-2421.

SAS plans to have lunch at a local restaurant in the week following the monthly meeting. Please attend the meeting to find out where we are going!

Saint Anne Seniors group meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:00 PM in the Joachim Center. Please join us for fun and companionship. All registered parishioners 55 and older are invited to join the Saint Anne Seniors (SAS) group.

For more information please call Francis Slama, 630-897-2421.

ATTENTION ST. ANNE SENIORS

It’s that time of the year again when those that are involved in the Youth Ministry Program would like to invite ALL Saint Anne Seniors 55 AND OLDER to our annual Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 PM in the Joachim Center.

Please RSVP to the OFFICE 554-1425 ext116 by Tuesday March 6.

Come and enjoy a complimentary dinner prepared and served by our Youth!
MOMS MINISTRY

Is looking for nursery volunteers! Can you help us out?

- Volunteers are needed from 9:15 - 11:00 AM on the first and third Wednesdays of the month during Moms Ministry meetings.

- Nursery volunteers will enable participants in the Moms Ministry to engage in meaningful discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

- All volunteers must complete Protecting God’s Children and Safe Environment paperwork prior to volunteering.

- Please email Kathleen--moms@stanneparish.org for more information or if you're interested in signing up to volunteer.

Cemetery Seasonal Workers Needed
Diocese of Joliet—Cemeteries

The Diocese of Joliet Cemetery Office is seeking to hire multiple Seasonal Cemetery workers. These positions consist of the performance of seasonal work in the cemetery for the maximum period as outlined in the union contract (mid-March to October 31). A valid Illinois drivers’ license is required. Must be willing and able to perform tasks as outlined in the Cemetery Seasonal job description.

Diocesan Cemetery reporting base at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee; Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Joliet; or Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton. Normal 40 hour workweek. Union membership is required. Conditions and pay-rate ($12.00 per hour) as outlined in the current union contract. Seasonal/temporary with no benefits.

Interested applicants may email a resume and/or application to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org or complete employment application found at http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org under employment and forward to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org. To mail resumes and/or applications, mail to: Office of Human Resources Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403.
MISSION STATEMENT
God has called us to be Christian witnesses by the precious gift of our Catholic faith through Baptism. Just as Saint Anne had a role in God’s plan so do each of us. We are called to faithfully teach and live the message of Jesus. We listen to God’s word, grow in our understanding of it and respond to it through outreach and service in our own parish as well as the wider community. We exercise our responsibility to develop and see the gifts God has given us for the common good and to insure that our Eucharistic celebrations are truly joyful and meaningful.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptisms are generally held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (some months this may vary) at 12:30 PM. Expectant parents are to call the Parish Office, six months before the birth of their child for preparation information. Please do not choose Godparents until you receive the established Church guidelines for Godparents.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage should call the parish office at least six months before the date of marriage. A wedding date may not be secured until meeting with the parish Deacon or Priest. At that time, the couple will be secured a date and begin the process of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or age, please call the parish office at anytime to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Those interested in becoming Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith meet weekly. Call the parish office or e-mail rcia@stanneparish.org for more information.

STEWARDSHIP PARISH
We are a stewardship parish. This means that every parishioner with an income is asked to use a Sunday envelope, since we expect to meet our needs from the one collection at the Presentation of the Gifts.

NEW PARISHIONERS
All new families are warmly welcomed to Saint Anne Parish and we ask that you register your family through our website: http://stanneparish.org/registration-form/.

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