St. Anne Catholic Church
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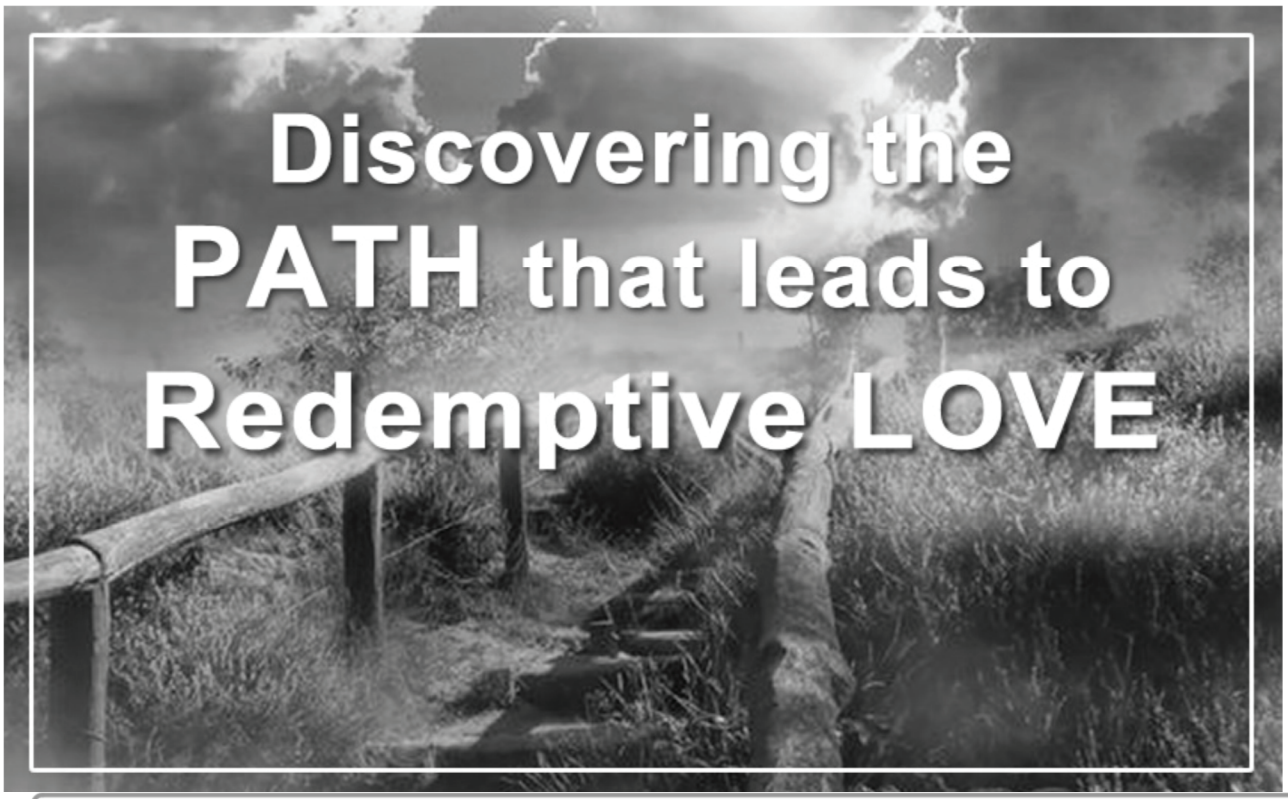


Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

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

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	8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM-Noon

E-MAIL

stanne@stanneparish.org

Visit us on our website: www.stanneparish.org

myparishapp.com

DIOCESE OF JOLIET
LIFE ADVOCACY DAY

Please join the
Office for Human Dignity ~ Respect Life Ministry

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
At the Capitol Building in Springfield
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Schedule of the Day:

- 10:00 AM – Briefing at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception School in Cafeteria, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 60703
- 10:30 AM – Lobby with Legislators
- 1:00 PM – Lunch Provided at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception School in Cafeteria, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 60703
- 2:00 PM – Depart Springfield to return home

REGISTRATION FORM

To register online visit: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/*life*/

Please choose your departing location:

_____ Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill
(Bus departure time approximately 6:45 AM)

_____ Corpus Christi Parish, 1415 W. Lies Road, Carol Stream
(Bus departure time approximately 5:45 AM)

Cost per person $10.00. Make checks payable to "Diocese of Joliet", and mail to Diocese of Joliet, Attention Respect Life Ministry, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Email address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Dietary Need: _____

____ Check here to be added to our email list

Please check:
_____ *I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend the Diocese of Joliet, its officers, directors, agents, employees, or representatives from any and all liability for illness or death arising from or in connection with my participation on this trip.*

In event that I should require medical treatment and I am not able to communicate my desires to attending physicians or other medical personnel, I give permission for the necessary emergency treatment to be administered. I understand that I or my insurance company will be responsible for any charges incurred.

Please register by *Thursday, March 28, 2019*

Consider fasting on Wednesday, April 3, to join in solidarity with those from our diocese who will be traveling to Springfield.

Prayer for Life Advocacy Day

Gracious and merciful God, we ask that you send your Spirit among us to guide us and direct us in order to inspire all of our political leaders to advance the culture of life in their duty to uphold the common good for all the people they serve. You sent your Son Jesus to teach us how to pray, how to serve you in obedience and how to be the people you are calling us to be. You inspire us each and every day to appreciate the gifts you bestow upon us and to use them to change the hearts and minds of all people. The most precious gift you have given us is the gift of life and you call us to be good stewards of all our creation. Help us to cultivate a spirit of prayer and of reconciliation for the lack of due diligence in protecting the most vulnerable among us; the children who are forgotten, abandoned and thought of as an inconvenience to the welfare of societies. Inspire all those in public office to protect the dignity of the unborn and those who are living who are deemed unfit to receive our care. Help us to receive your wisdom so that we may know how best to serve you and your people. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

We ask the faithful of the Diocese of Joliet to pray this prayer daily.

OFFICE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY
Respect Life Ministry

16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403
(815) 221-6251
prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/

This advocacy campaign is part of a larger effort by all the dioceses in Illinois, and is coordinated by the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

REMOVING THE BARRIERS

As we follow the pathway of discovery to God's redemptive love, we are invited to approach holy and sacred ground. In our Old Testament reading this week, Moses is out tending the flock and he is drawn into a mystery, a sight he cannot explain, an event he cannot comprehend. He catches a glimpse of a bush, burning all alone by itself. It is burning and it doesn't burn out. He is mesmerized at the reality that it doesn't burn out, but rather it is going on perpetually and unchanging. This makes no sense to him. In our day and age, we have seen eternal flames in cemeteries and monuments. The light never goes out because of an underground gas line. We know the source of the fuel. But in this event, in this experience, the bush burns and is not consumed by the fire and the fuel source is from within. This sight beckons a closer look. As he approaches, a voice speaks very clearly that this is holy ground and he is to remove his sandals. The God of the covenant reveals Himself to Moses after the sandals are removed.

Why does God ask Moses to remove his sandals? Because it is holy ground. We know this is clearly stated by God but why did God ask Moses to remove his sandals? I have spent a lot of time reflecting on this. I think God invited Moses to remove the barrier of the sole of the sandal so he could feel the holiness of the ground on his feet. Holiness touches the skin on his feet. God's desire is to remove the barrier of the bottom of the sandal so the physical body, the flesh of Moses could touch the divine holiness of God. It is a profound gesture of God to long to remove any barriers of his holiness from physically touching our lives, our bodies and our souls. This removal of barriers is the invitation of the third week of Lent and every day of our lives. God longs to touch us physically; He allows us to take His very flesh, His body and blood into our bodies. He allows either our hand or our tongue to come into contact with the most holy experience ever, the Real Presence of Jesus Himself. We touch Him, we consume Him. God wants no barriers between His most holy Son and our physical bodies. This demonstrates the magnitude of the humility of God. It is mesmerizing, it is overwhelming, it is real.

Discovering this desire of God to remove all barriers will find us beginning the Sacred Triduum with the celebration of the liturgy of Holy Thursday. On that night within the ritual of the universal Church, the community of faith is invited to have their feet washed. Just as Moses was told this is sacred and holy ground, God invites us to leave any barriers at the door and become invested in the sacredness of Jesus' example. We are to remove our shoes and the shoes of others. We are to become the missionary disciples who wash the feet of others. We are to show and touch the holiness God has found in each and every one of us.

This week sets the journey towards the Sacred Triduum into motion; a journey of removing barriers. Shoes are easy to remove, but prejudice, laziness, stubbornness…those are much harder.

Reverend John J. Ouper

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25

8:00 AM-Albina Troscinski req. Family

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 AM-Intention of the Priest

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM-George Smar req. Sharon Brummel

7:00 PM-Intention of the Priest

Thursday, March 28

7:00 AM-Intention of the Priest

Friday, March 29

8:00 AM-Judy Bulin req. Husband

Saturday, March 30

5:00 PM-Clarence Surges req. Josephine Deible

Sunday, March 31

7:30 AM-Phyllis Lellman req. Family and Friends

9:15 AM-For the Parishioners

11:00 AM-Ryan Mertl req. Knych Family

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
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:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 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]

Meetings and Events

Monday

6:30 PM-Arts & Environment.

7:00 PM-Celebration Ringers.

7:00 PM-Blue Army meets for Rosary and Holy Hour.

7:30 PM-Administration Commission meeting.

7:30 PM-RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Tuesday

12:00 Noon-AFF: Women's Scripture Study.

7:30 PM-Chancel Choir.

7:30 PM-Men's Spirituality.

7:30 PM-Prayer Group.

7:30 PM-St. Vincent DePaul meeting.

7:30 PM-Parish Council meeting.

Wednesday

9:00 AM-Rosary.

9:30 AM-AFF: Transfigured Scripture Study.

5:00 PM-Joyful Ringers.

5:45 PM-Youth Choir.

7:30 PM-Heart of Worship.

Thursday

7:30 PM-Ruah.

7:30 PM-AFF: Evening with the Bible.

Friday

7:00 PM-Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Hour for Prayer for Life Advocacy.

Saturday

4:45-6:30 PM-Religious Articles Store.

5:00 Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Peace and Justice letters for Bread for the World.

Sunday

Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Peace and Justice letters for Bread for the World.

8:15 AM-12:30 PM-Religious Articles Store.

11:00 AM-RCIA 2nd Scrutiny, Dismissal and Breaking Open.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Cherie Andrews
Gary Avram
Emma Bates
Steven Bermes
Noah Burch
Gaetano Capici
Sol Carlson
Thomas Duprey
Lucille Mary Eager
Peggy Flanigan
Al Frieders
Gail Gross
Nick Gross
Daniel Harkens
Joseph Harkens
Phyllis Harkens
Sarah Hinkle
Lari Johnston
Fran Lang
Debra Losch
Ramiro Martinez
Callie Payne
Julie Peters
Frank Petrella
Estella Ramirez
Bill Rich
Nick Rich
Terry Ann Richmond
Joel Rivera
Isabella Rominski
Eleanor Salisbury
Carmelita Schuster
Steve Schuster
Lance Smalarz
Thomas Szymborski
James Wren
Janet Zakosek
Josefina Zwerenz

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

In response to Bishop Conlon's request for action against the extreme Anti-Life legislation being introduced in Illinois, and in anticipation of the April 3 Rally to lobby with Legislators in Springfield, a Holy Hour will be prayed following the Stations of the Cross led by the Blue Army on Friday, March 29, 2019.

Stations begin at 7:00 PM and the Holy Hour will be approximately from 7:45-9:00 PM.

The Holy Hour will begin with the prayer we have been asked to pray beginning March 31 through April 6.

Please join us to pray in solidarity with those from our Diocese who will be traveling to Springfield to further the cause of Life in the Illinois Legislature by meeting with elected officials. This prayer and advocacy campaign is part of a larger effort by all the Dioceses in Illinois, and is coordinated by the Catholic Conference of Illinois .

Parish Information

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. Please email your copy to stanne@stanneparish.org. using WORD Times New Roman 12 font.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DIFIBRILLATOR AED
Located Across from Parish Offices and On Outside Wall of Gathering Room of Church

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.

	Actual	Budgeted
Total Parish Offering		
Sunday Offering	$25,950.44	$24,750.00
E-Giving	$ 2,846.00	74 Transactions
Children's Offering	$ 3.78	
Money not in envelope but in above figure	$ 1,427.36	
Parishioners registered for envelopes as of February 28, 2019	3,033	
Average Regular Envelope Users	535	17% Participation
Number of envelopes used last Sunday	558	18% Participation
Number of Children's envelopes used	06	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.

"Recent Federal Tax changes may make it advantageous for parishioners receiving RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions) to transfer funds from their IRA (Individual Retirement Accounts) to St. Anne Parish. "Please consult your financial planner or tax advisor before making any tax or contribution decision."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On March 30 & 31, our diocese will take up the **Catholic Relief Services** collection. Your support of this collection serves *Jesus in disguise* in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. In rural communities in Afghanistan, for example, children have limited access to education because of distance and the danger of commuting to public schools. In a remote village in Ghor, one of the poorest provinces of the country, an estimated 80% of adults are illiterate, and the illiteracy rate is even higher for women. Most villagers are farmers who never attended school. The closest school was too far and the road too dangerous for young children to attend.

With your help last year, Catholic Relief Services brought a community-based classroom to this remote village. Your generosity made it possible for the children to attend school and has offered them a more hopeful and secure future. Such programs have been implemented across Afghanistan for 15 years and have helped more than 23,000 students build more prosperous lives. Children across Afghanistan, and around the world depend on your support to go to school and have bright futures.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit *www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.*

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

Lenten Reconciliation Confessions
Prepare for the Lenten Season by
celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation!
Sunday, April 7, 3:00 PM

Mass with
Sacrament of
the Sick
Saturday, April 6, 2019
11:00 AM
Luncheon to follow

2019 LENTEN SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

As Christians, our Baptism initiates us into the world of mission. In response to the Gospel call of Jesus, the Joliet Diocese Partnership forms servants for the work of missions and justice. They reach out in service, relief, and friendship to our brothers and sisters of the Navajo Reservation of Chinle, Arizona. The Navajo Nation is the largest (300,000 and growing) single federally recognized tribe in the U.S., and is located in four states (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah).

The mission contributes to the needs of the Navajo community either by directly helping a Navajo family with basic life needs, or indirectly through projects at Our Lady of Fatima Parish and its associated missions. Families are involved in projects as much as they can. Missioners have daily Mass at OLF, and experience the Navajo spiritual outlook on life.

All money collected will cover construction expenses. Any extra funds will be donated to some need on the Reservation. Any checks should be made to St. Anne Church. Envelopes will be provided in the church narthex along with a display of information on the Mission.

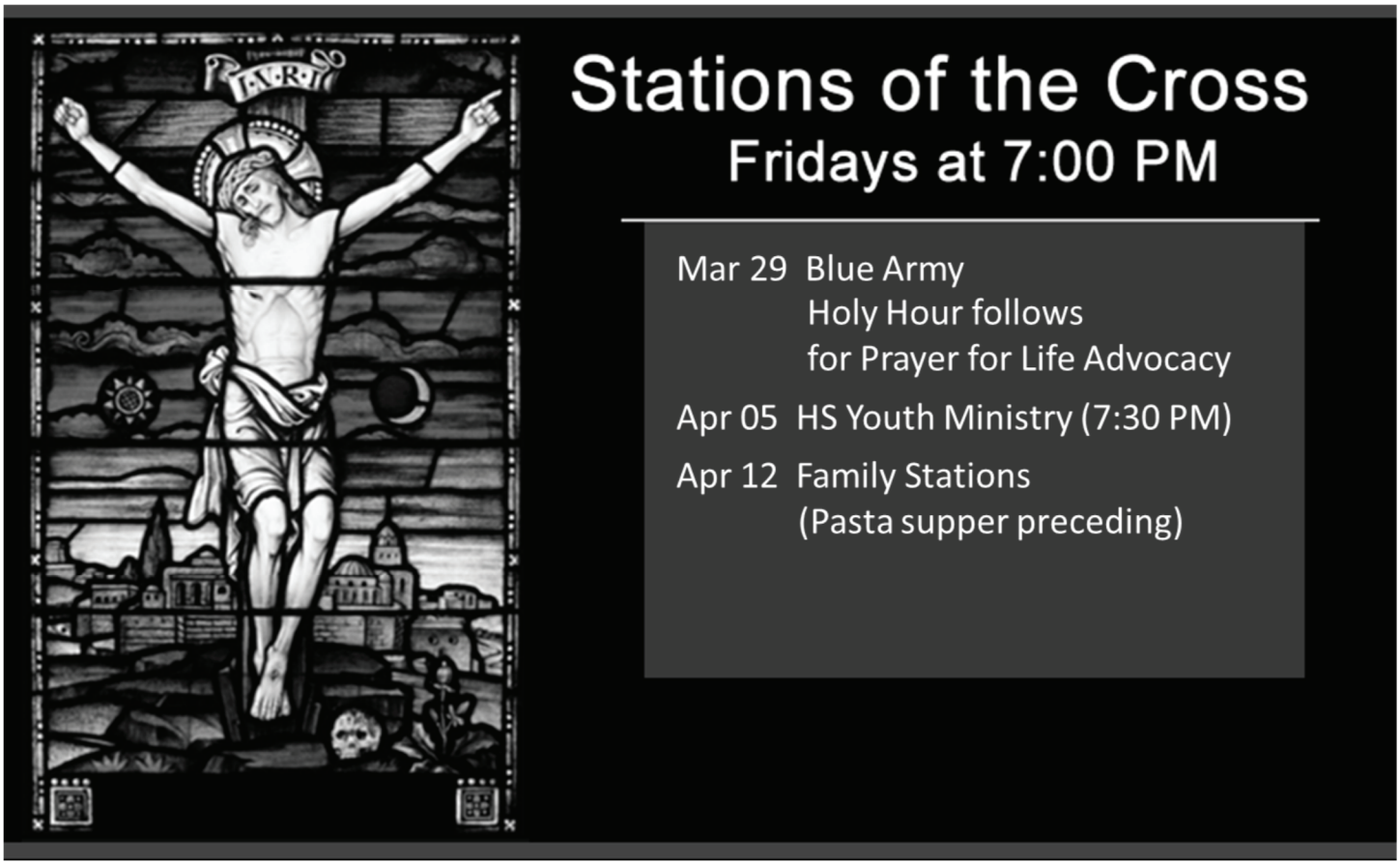
We encounter the presence of God in the midst of those to whom we are sent. Your generosity is appreciated.

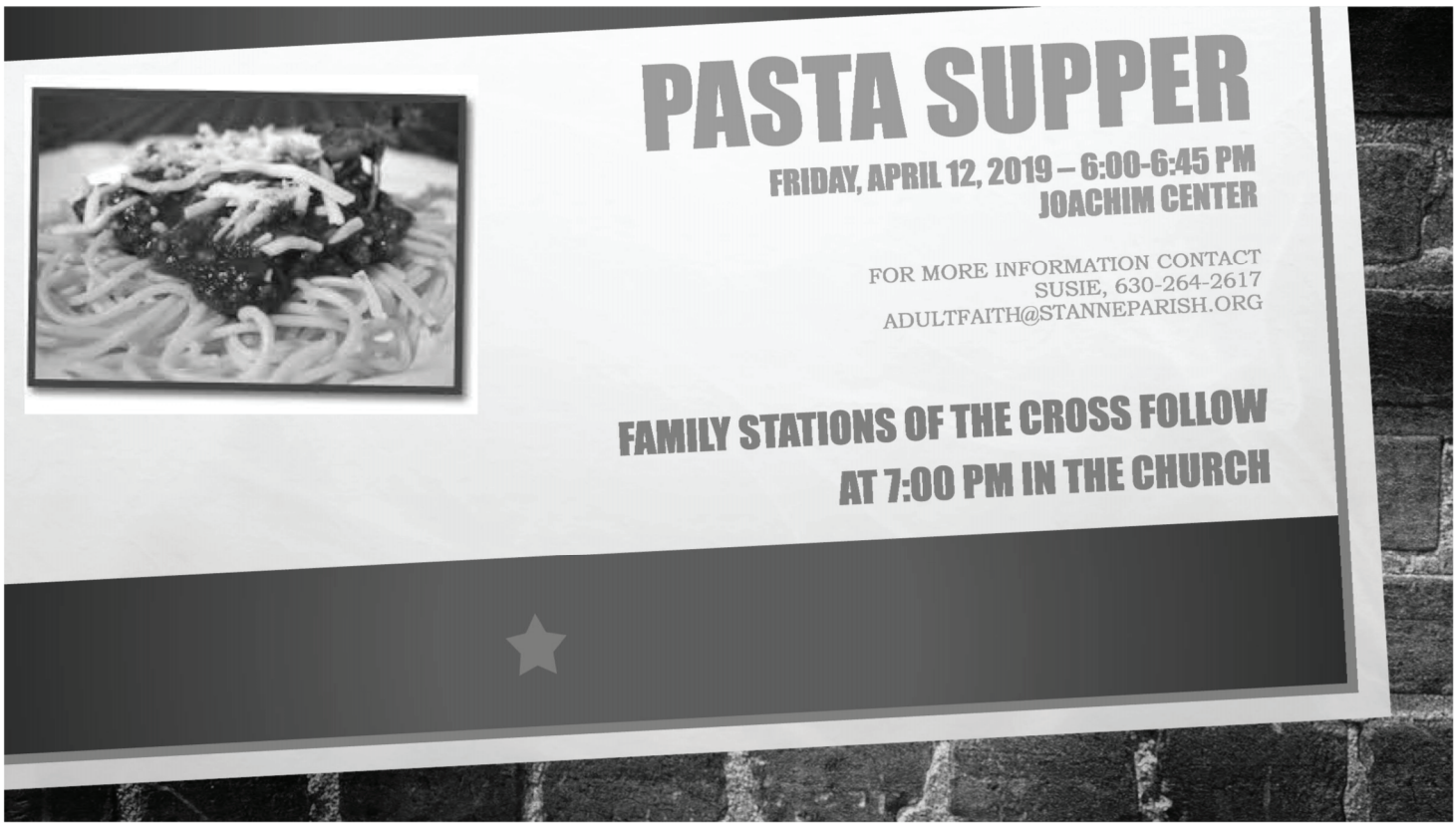
Please return your envelopes Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019.

HOPE AFTER ABORTION

Visit hopeafterabortion.com if you or someone you know has been affected by an abortion.

888-456-HOPE for help after abortion.


Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 7:00 PM
Mar 29 Blue Army
Holy Hour follows
for Prayer for Life Advocacy
Apr 05 HS Youth Ministry (7:30 PM)
Apr 12 Family Stations
(Pasta supper preceding)


PASTA SUPPER
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 – 6:00-6:45 PM
JOACHIM CENTER
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SUSIE, 630-264-2617
ADULTFAITH@STANNEPARISH.ORG
FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOW
AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

St. Anne Parish

Religious Education

RE Class Schedule

March 24 – April 2	No RE or DASH classes during Spring Break
Wednesday, April 3	Grades K-6 classes resume
Sunday, April 7	RCIA2 Dismissed from 9:15 Mass
April 8-10	Grades K-6 classes in session as usual
April 14-21	No RE or DASH classes during Holy Week
April 22-24	Grades K-6 classes resume
	Note: We do have classes on Monday, April 22!

Family Stations of the Cross

On Friday, April 12, all families are encouraged to join us for this special evening coordinated by the Adult Faith Formation team. A simple pasta dinner will be served in the Joachim Center at 6:00 PM, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 PM. The Stations will be presented by parish families in family-friendly language for children and adults of all ages.

dash

disciples actively striving 4 holiness

~ DASH 2 & 3 does not meet again ***until*** April 7 when everyone comes at the SAME time/day for Reconciliation *(4:30 - 6:30 PM)*

~ Confirmation retreat days were sent out earlier this month. Those in DASH 3 should sign up for Sat. Aug 10 or 17.

10 Year SPICE Anniversary

Special People Included in Catholic Environments

For the month of March, we celebrate Cerebral Palsy!

Cerebral palsy is caused by an abnormality or disruption in brain development, usually before a child is born. In many cases, the exact trigger isn't known. Factors that may lead to problems with brain development include:

- Mutations in genes that lead to abnormal brain development
- Maternal infections that affect the developing fetus
- Fetal stroke, a disruption of blood supply to the developing brain
- Infant infections that cause inflammation in or around the brain
- Traumatic head injury to an infant from a motor vehicle accident or fall
- Lack of oxygen to the brain (asphyxia) related to difficult labor or delivery, although birth-related asphyxia is much less commonly a cause than historically thought

(https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/ cerebral-palsy/symptoms-causes/syc-20353999 August 25, 2016)

To learn more about our SPICE program, contact Jenine Boes, Coordinator, at 630-554-2502; t.j.boes@att.net or Cathy Gillooly, DRE at 630-554-1425; reo@stanneparish.org.

TEXAS BORDER MISSION EXPERIENCE

Deacon Gary recently returned from a trip to the U.S./Mexican border, assisting at the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas. It is run by Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley.

He will be having an informal question and answer session on his experience on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:30 P.M. in the Joachim Center.

All are welcome to attend.

GET MORE INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH AND BECOME AN USHER!

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ~ Romans 12:13

Ushering is an opportunity to serve God by serving His people, and is a marvelous way to actively and faithfully participate in the functioning of our parish.

The role of the usher is often underestimated for its importance. Good ushers are "people-persons" who make people coming into the church feel welcome and appreciated. In doing so, ushers contribute greatly to making everyone's church experience a positive one.

Anyone 18 and over is welcome to the usher ministry!

Our Usher Ministry has immediate openings for:

- Two (2) USHERS at **Saturday's 5:00 PM Mass**
- Two (2) USHERS at **Sunday's 11:00 AM Mass**

If you are willing and feeling called to serve as an usher, please call or text Glen Grimm at 630-777-9406 or by email at glen.grimm13@gmail.com.

Pre-Planning is One of the Greatest Gifts of Love!

Do it for her, do it for him...do it for your family!

Don't miss our Spring Open House
April 1 through April 8

Call today to make your reservation.

The Catholic Cemeteries, Mausoleums and Cremation Columbarium's of the Diocese of Joliet

Special Open House Offerings. $1,000 off a complete full body package for two. $500 off a complete Individual full body Package. $750 off a companion cremation niche package and $375 up to $500 off a individual cremation niche package. Interest Free Payment Plans will be available.

Assumption Cemetery	Holy Family Cemetery*	Resurrection Cemetery	Risen Lord Cemetery	Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery*
1S510 Winfield Ave.	2501 Hobson Rd.	200 W. Romeo Rd. (135th)	1501 Simons Rd. (127th)	Columbia & North Ave.
Wheaton, IL	Downers Grove, IL	Romeoville, IL	Oswego/Plainfield/SW. Naper	Downtown Naperville, IL
630-668-3313	630-554-7590	815-886-0750	630-554-7590	630-668-3313

*denotes no office available call for appointment

HONOR THEIR ASHES

Are you holding the cremated remains of a loved one at home? Now is the time to bring them 'home' to one of our Catholic Cemeteries for a proper and dignified burial in a sacred place.

From the most elegant to most affordable! Glass & Granite Front Cremation Niches.
Elegant Mausoleum Crypts. Traditional Grave Space and Memorial & Monument Design Services

ST. ANNE REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION MINISTRY

Once a month, along with the regular collection baskets, separate baskets are placed at the various Church entrances, filled with slips listing non-perishable food items. Parishioners are encouraged to take slips from the basket, purchase the items, and then return them to the narthex of the church the following weekend at any of the Masses.

After the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, St. Anne volunteers collect the food items and transport them to the Kendall County Food Pantry in Yorkville where the volunteers unload and sort the items. It takes about 1 1/2 hours of time each month to load vehicles, transport the food and sort the items for future distribution. Volunteers are always needed for this ministry. We welcome help from adults, families, children with adult supervision, and students needing service credit for volunteer activities, or anyone who enjoys helping those in need.

If you are not able to shop, the Food Pantry accepts cash donations. For every $1 you donate, the Pantry can purchase $8.00 in food from the food bank. You may place your donation in the collection basket the weekend of the Reverse Food Collection. Checks are made out to **Kendall County Community Food Pantry.**

For more information or to become a volunteer, contact Willie or Jay Vidmar at 815-436-6664, or by email: ladywil@aol.com or vidacres@aol.com. Please put "reverse collection" in the subject line to distinguish it from spam mail.

Slips Out	**Return Items**	
March 30/31	April 6/7	***Early due to Palm Sunday and Easter***
May 11/12	May 18/19	***Early due to Memorial Day weekend***
June 15/16	June 22/23	

OFFERING OF LETTERS TO CONGRESS
WEEKEND OF MARCH 30/31

On March 30/31, the Peace and Justice Ministry will present an opportunity for your voice to be heard in the fight against world hunger. Letters will be available for you to send to Congress asking to increase funding for the nutrition of mothers, newborns, and young children in countries with a high burden of malnutrition.

Bread for the World's 2019 Offering of Letters campaign: **Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow**. These letters will be blessed and hand delivered to Congress on behalf of the people of the Diocese of Joliet. Watch for our table near the Joachim Center after all Masses the weekend of March 30/31. For more information see: **www.bread.org**

SAINT ANNE SENIORS —S.A.S.

April 5 SAS members are encouraged to spend an hour at the Lenten adoration between 8:30 AM and Noon.

April 11 Regular monthly meeting—1:00 PM. We will have our annual Pro Life baby shower. A representative from Joliet Catholic Charities will be present to describe the Diocese's ministry for single mothers and their babies. Bring unwrapped gifts of bottles, diapers and clothes for babies up to 6 months old.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Here to Help

The St. Anne Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is up and running, ready to provide assistance for those who are experiencing difficult times. The Society can offer material help with transitional or emergency needs as well as spiritual support and guidance. If you would like to request help, or know of someone in need, you can reach us at

630-383-2322

For those who are interested in helping this new organization in its work, cash/check donations can be placed in a clearly marked envelope and dropped in the Sunday collection basket. Those who wish to donate furniture or other usable household goods may do so by calling (630) 231-4658. The St. Vincent de Paul truck makes pick-ups in Oswego every other Thursday. Also, watch for news of our upcoming clothing drive.

Please keep us and our clients in your prayers.

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady of Mercy Parish is hosting the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The historic statue was sculpted in 1947 by Jose Thedim. The image reflects the description of Sr. Lucia, the oldest of the three Fatima seers. On October 13,1947, more than 150,000 Fatima pilgrims witnessed the blessing of this image of Our Lady by the Bishop of Leiria at Fatima, Portugal as he commissioned it to serve as the Pilgrim Virgin who would carry the blessings of Fatima and Our Lady's message throughout the world to the many millions of her children who would never have an opportunity to visit Fatima.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has traveled the world many times visiting more than 100 countries, including Russia and Red China, bringing the great message of salvation and of hope, "the peace plan from heaven," to countless millions of people and will be here at OLM on April 1 & 2.

So many miracles and signal graces have been reported wherever the statue has traveled that, in 1951, Pope Pius XII remarked:

"*In 1946, we crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the next year, through Her Pilgrim Statue, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion, and the favors She performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes*."

RESPECT LIFE—*Waterleaf Miracle*

"Christine" came to Waterleaf very determined to have an abortion. She had recently lost her job, had no transportation and was being pressured from the father of the baby to terminate her pregnancy. Already parenting 3 children, she felt hopeless and lost. At her first appointment, the Waterleaf team provided her with an ultrasound and during a spiritual discussion with her advocate, Christine prayed *"God if you can change things so I don't have to have an abortion, please help me."* At the conclusion of her this appointment she was undecided but very interested in learning about the resources available to help her family. Waterleaf worked closely with Christine, providing referrals and resources including school supplies for her children, a crib and baby supplies, and securing a grant to help pay her back rent. She obtained employment and reports being in a much better place now. Stating how grateful she is to Waterleaf for all the support, she is happy to have chosen life for a beautiful baby boy named "Luke", who was born at the end of January!

IRELAND PILGRIMAGE

Oct. 27—Nov. 3, 2019

$3068* From Chicago
Per Person – Double Occupancy
All Inclusive – Air – Land – Hotels – Tours
***Lunches – Love Offerings – Trip Insurance - Additional**

Join Deacon Dale & Chaplain Arlene Metcalfe
Pilgrimage Specialists—On This Once In A Lifetime Experience

***Register Before May 1, 2019 and SAVE $300**

$250 Deposit Due with Registration

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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.**

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