





A St. Vincent de Paul Society Gospel Reflection

As we begin Advent, we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they often ring the rectory bell but are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your prayers and gifts for St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Do you know of someone who needs help? Our contact information is: Hotline: 630-383-2322 Email: stvincentdp@stanneparish.org.

A NOTE FROM FATHER EICKHOFF

Today marks the start of the new Church Year – the Year of Grace 2025 – and the beginning of the Season of Advent. With a new Church Year and the beginning of a new Church Season you will notice some changes around the parish. For example, the decorations in the church will be different. Furthermore, the color used in the Mass will switch from green to purple. These are all exterior changes you might say. Changes outside of ourselves. Yet, the point of the Season of Advent is to further interior changes within our souls so that we might be better ready to truly welcome our Lord and Savior at Christmas. This interior change is best carried out not by hanging decorations (although creating Christmas decorations and witnessing Christmas decorations can have a beneficial effect upon our interior being), but by making interior preparations.

The interior preparations that we should carry out can be thought of as prayer, repentance, and a Christmas spirit. I encourage all of you to immerse yourselves in these three preparations in the coming four weeks before Christmas.

Prayer can refer to any Christian spiritual activity. Some examples of these activities include: reading the Holy Scriptures, taking the time to include silent prayer in your life, and making the commitment to come to Mass this Advent Season. Advent is a wonderful time to slowly and prayerfully read one of the Infancy narratives in the Holy Gospel of Matthew or Luke. You might make the commitment to read this narrative a few verses at a time before Christmas. You might also choose to come to one or more of the Sunday Vesper Services that will be held in the St. Anne chapel at 6pm every Sunday during Advent.

Advent is also an excellent time to come to the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions are held every Wednesday evening between 7pm and 8pm and every Saturday afternoon between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. There will also be a special Parish Reconciliation Service on Sunday, December 8th beginning at 4pm with a number of priests in attendance to help hear confessions. Finally, confessions will also be heard during the Sunday Vesper service on December 15th and 22nd.

I also encourage you to come to the special Christmas Concert featuring the Catholic singer-songwriter Sarah Kroger on Saturday, December 14th at 7pm here at St. Anne Parish. This should be a wonderful way to help build the "Christmas spirit" in your life this Advent Season. Please check the bulletin for how to purchase tickets to this event.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Stephen Eickhoff Pastor

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Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec 2

8:00 AM- Cesar Pabona Rea: Cruz Family

Tuesday, Dec 3

7:00 AM– Deceased members & Family of the Knights of Columbus Req: Knight of Columbus

Wednesday, Dec 4

8:00 AM- Gary Davis Req: Mike & Maureen Kipfer

Thursday, Dec 5

9:30 AM Deceased members of the Roth Family Req: Andrew and Mary klug

Friday, Dec 6

8:00 AM– Deceased members of the Roth Family Req: Andrew and Mary Klug

Saturday, Dec 7

5:00 PM– John and Mary Razumich Req: Larry Rybicki

Sunday, Dec 8

7:30 AM– For the Parishioners

9:15 AM- Carolyn Manella Req: Sharon Brummel

11:00 AM– Harry and Josephine Basile Req: By Daughter

Readings for the Week

Scripture Readings-For the

Week of December 1, 2024

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Sunday-First Sunday of

Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7. 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday-Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b -4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21,

24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday-Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday-Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Events

Mon, Dec 2

8:30 AM Rosary

4:45 & 6:00 PM RE K-8 Program

7:30 PM Celebration Ringers

7:30 PM OCIA Catechumenate

Tues, Dec 3

4:45 PM RE K-8 Program

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Wed, Dec 4

8:30 AM Rosary

9:30 AM AFF: Transfigured-Scripture Study

5:15 & 5:30 PM RE K-8 Program

5:45 PM Youth Choir

7:00 - 8:00 PM Confessions

7:00 - 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel

7:00 PM Cursillo

7:30 PM Men's Spirituality

7:30 PM Heart of Worship

Thurs, Dec 5

6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council

6:30 PM Blue Army

6:30 PM AFF: Evening with the Bible

Fri, Dec 6

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council 16720-Members-Family Christmas Dinner

Sat Dec 7

9:30 AM First Reconciliation

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

4:45 PM Giving Tree in the Narthex

5:00 PM Special Collection-Retirement Fund for Religious

Sun, Dec 8

All Masses – Special Collection-

Retirement Fund for Religious

All Masses- Giving Tree in the Narthex

4:00 PM Reconciliation for Parish and DASH 2

6:00 PM Advent Vespers in Chapel

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Please Pray For

Karen Alesch Ken Assell

Maximiliano Ballesteros

Trica Barron Mary Connelly Anne Rangel-Croker

Jim De Vos Paula Dohonge Karleigh Drebes Robert Duprey StephanieDuprey

Anna Duy James Feeley Lorraine Fischer Deane Goldstein Kelly Gosett Carolyn Gray

Glenn Grimm

Dan Gutierrez Liam Harkins Ken Harkins J. J. Heinemann Dean Hermance Martha Hettinger David Hoffman James Hooper Mark Hums Dean Knott Joan Kubicki

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Andrea Lorenz

Charles Nieldlinger Adriana Padilla Kathryn Pasholk Victoria Russo Rudy Sanchez Lorraine Schleitwiler John Schultz

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Barbara Shields
Patricia Slama
MaryAnn Smolucha
Father Dan Stempora
Marianne Troscinski
Ray Vanagas
Jay Vidmar
Tom Wicklund
Debby Winograd

John Wossner

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

Names will be kept on listing for six weeks

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

† Are you or do you know someone unable to attend Mass regularly due to age or illness?







PARISH BULLETIN EMAIL NOTIFICATION

Stay up to date with what is happening at St. Anne Parish.

Each week Discover Mass will send you an email update with a link to the current week's bulletin. https://discovermass.com/church/st-anne-oswego-il/#bulletins



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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 1 gifts. Thanking, however, is not done in word only, but in deed, also.

Total Parish Offering November 17, 2024	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Sunday Offering	\$ 14,713.43	\$20,000.00
E-Giving	\$ 8,832.50	170 Transactions

Total Offering \$ 23,545.93

Thank you to those who are able to continue to support us through EGIVING or mailing in your contribution!

E-Giving: If you would like to participate in E-Giving https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-1474

For those signed up for EGIVING, please continue this practice to aide in the processing of the collection.

"Recent Federal Tax changes may make it advantageous for parishioners receiving RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions) to <u>transfer funds</u> 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."



THE 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL Pledge Your Gift to the CMAA

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$105,700.00. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our Diocese, *For the Glory of God.* Pledge envelopes are still available in the literature racks or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the Diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the Diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

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2024 Retirement Fund for Religious

Second Collection December 7th and 8th.

Most senior religious worked for many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.

Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.

Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world.





Week of December 01, 2024



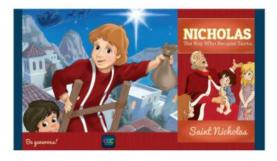
30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



Christmas (Part 1) | What Catholics Believe

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!



Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus.

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St. Anne Seniors

December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe: Christmas luncheon, NOON Doors open at 11:30 AM.

Non-members are welcome. Cost is \$17, which can be paid ahead or at the door. However, a head count is needed by November 27. Please call Karen Nichols at (630) 710-1881. If she doesn't answer, leave a message, and she will return your call.

St. Anne Seniors is a social organization for parishioners over 55. The seniors often participate in parish service-and-outreach programs. Monthly meetings treat current parish happenings, followed by an educational topic or entertainment.

For information contact Mary Robinson at (630) 608-9668.

St. Anne Parishioners, God's People

I would like to invite you, your family, relatives, and friends to one hour of prayer to Our Blessed Mother

We say the Rosary, Fatima Prayers and Spiritual Readings Come join The Blue Army in the chapel every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM.

In addition, come join us on Monday and Wednesday to recite the Rosary in the church after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Let us go to Mary; there is no more direct route to Our Lord.

Any questions, please feel free to call:

Charlotte A Sartain 630-723-9005 Cas27buell@att.net





PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE



- Know a parishioner, family member or friend going through a difficult time?
- Prayer Shawls are available. Please contact the parish office to arrange a time to pick one up to take to them: 630-554-3331 or stanne@stanneparish.org
- Shawls have been knitted or crocheted, blessed and bagged with an enclosed prayer ready to be given to someone in need



PRAYER TREE

The prayer tree is a small group of people quietly serving in a special ministry and is known for its long-time commitment to the needs of others. These individuals quietly pray behind the scenes for their fellow parishioners, their families and our community

There are no meetings, no minutes and no reports. All are welcome to open their hearts to reach out and join the ranks of those praying.

Contact: Jackie Johnson, 630-554-1591

EINANCE S= COMMITTEE

Seeking New Members

The St. Anne Finance Committee is seeking new members. The committee currently has 2 volunteer positions open. The general role of the committee is as follows:

- Review of monthly financial reports
- Bi-monthly in-person committee meetings
- Advise on the budget and spending of St. Anne Parish
- Advise on capital projects for the Parish

If interested, please reach out to the Parish office at (630) 554-3331.





TREASURER NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to serve the poor in our area? The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Anne is in need of a treasurer. Our treasurer works with our members on the financial aspect of cases and keeps our financial records. The position requires record-keeping and spreadsheet skills. If you have talent in these areas and wish to serve those in need, this is a great opportunity. Our present treasurer will be available to help with the transition.

If you're interested and wish to learn more, please call Laura Woelke at (630) 207-1817

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Advent Vespers and Benediction

You are invited to participate in Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church, in the Chapel at 6:00 P.M. on the four Sundays in Advent, December 1, 8, 15, and 22. A psalm arrangement will be used, a time for Adoration, and the hour of prayer will end with Benediction.

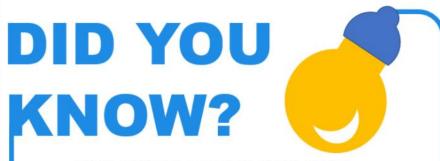
(Father will be available to hear confessions on December 15th and 22nd during this time).

Prayer booklets will be provided.
All are welcome.





Monday, December 9
(Not a Holy Day of obligation this year)
Mass Schedule
8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
7:00 PM



HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you are a high school student and want to take personal responsibility of your faith, then it's time to say **YES** to God.

Any high school student who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to take the journey into adult Christianity.

Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin January 11, 2025, at 10am in the Joachim Center.

To sign up or for more information, please call Deacon Duane Wozek, Youth Ministry, 630-383-2316.



Who Is Jesus?

Do you want to get to know Him better?

What does it mean to follow Him?

Let's find out the answers to these questions together

WHO: all high school students are invited

WHAT: 6 week bible study

WHERE: Teen Center (lower level of Joachim Center)

WHEN: starting January 5th after the 11:00 am mass

Contact Deacon Duane at 630-383-2316



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Mon, Tues, Wed	11:00 AM-7:00 PM
Thur	9:30 AM-4:00 PM
Fri	8.30 ANA_12.00 PNA

MISSION STATEMENT Learn, Live and Nurture -

Learn the Faith, Live the Faith and Nurture the Faith

As a welcoming Catholic community, we strive to be disciples of Jesus glorifying His true presence in the Eucharist. Just as St. Anne was called by God, we are called as faithful witnesses to celebrate the Sacraments, honor traditions and nurture the family by studying, praying and proclaiming the Good News through service and evangelization.

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.

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Sunday		
Monday-Wednesday-Friday		
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Saturday	5:00 PM	
Sunday	7:30, 9:15 & 11:00 AM	
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Tuesday	7:00 AM	
Thursday Communion Service	7:00 AM	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION		

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Friday8:3	30-9:00 AM

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.

O.C.I.A. (Order 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 at http:// stanneparish.org/registration-form/.

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 Microsoft WORD.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DIFIBRILLATOR AED

Located Across from Parish Offices and On Outside Wall of Gathering Room of Church.

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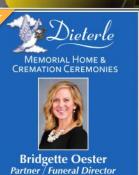
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