

St. Anne Catholic Church

January 5, 2025



A St. Vincent de Paul Society Gospel Reflection

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi finds the newborn king and offers him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please consider prayers and offerings for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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



A Note of Thanks from the Giving Tree Committee

Once again St. Anne parishioners proved themselves to be exceedingly generous. There were over 800 gift tags on our two trees, and in the course of two weeks, every tag was chosen by someone, and the shopping began!

St. Anne Giving Tree project services three local groups—Operation Santa in conjunction with Yorkville Junior Women's Club; Catholic Charities of Joliet Diocese; and Individual Advocacy Group who service adults with special needs.

Through your kindness and generosity our Giving Tree project was a big success. THANK YOU. And special thanks to our teen helpers who assisted with sorting and bagging.

A NOTE FROM FATHER EICKHOFF

Merry Christmas!

I have not yet had the opportunity to thank in print all the people of St. Anne Parish who went out of their way to prepare the parish for the Christmas festivities. I want to do so now. And by doing so, I hope that everyone in the parish will appreciate how much we rely upon the efforts of parishioners who volunteer their time to ensure that our worship of God during this Christmas Season is truly joyous and festive.

First of all, I want to thank the deacons of the parish for all their efforts they put in during the Season of Advent and the Christmas Season to provide opportunities for parishioners to spiritually prepare themselves for Christmas. I also want to thank the staff of the parish for all the extra work they put in during the past few weeks to make the parish ready for Christmas.

I really want to thank all the many volunteers from among the parishioners who take the time from their busy schedules to assist in the Mass or getting the church ready for the Christmas Masses. They are the volunteers that you all see during the Mass such as the altar servers, ushers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. Without their assistance and the time that they put into preparing for their roles during the Mass our worship of God would be made more difficult and less awesome (as in creating a sense of awe and wonder) to participate in. I also want to thank the various choirs and musicians of the parish for all their hard work in preparing for and preforming during the Christmas Masses. How diminished would our praise of God be without music? Fortunately, we don't have to find out here at St. Anne Parish. Finally, I especially want to thank the Arts and Environment Committee for their creative work in decorating the church for Christmas.

To everyone who came out to worship God and to praise our newborn king and savior Jesus Christ during this Christmas Season I wish you a Holy New Year and I will pray that this coming year will be filled with the knowledge and love of God in your lives that Jesus Christ has brought to us.

> Yours in Christ, Fr. Stephen Eickhoff Pastor

Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan 6

8:00 AM- Maria Isidora T Reg: Niece

Tuesday, Jan 7

7:00 AM- Julius Wozek Reg: Deacon Duane & Chris Wozek

Wednesday, Jan 8

8:00 AM- Thomas Balunis Reg: Diane Crowe

Thursday, Jan 9

7:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, Jan 10

8:00 AM- Arlene and Edwin Klein Reg: Breedlove & Harper Families

Saturday, Jan 11

5:00 PM- Bob Hettinger Req: Mary Gillingham

Sunday, Jan 12

7:30 AM- Richard Nowotnik Reg: Mary Lou Nowotnik

9:15 AM- For the Parishioners

11:00 AM- Brett Suter Reg: Grandmother & Family

Readings for the Week

Scripture Readings-For the Week of January 5, 2025

12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and

12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Lord

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Monday

Tuesday

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

Thursday

13; Mk 6:45-52

15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Sunday-The Epiphany of the Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday-Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29-1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29 -30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Events

Mon, Jan 6

8:30 AM Rosary 7:30 PM Celebration Ringers 7:30 PM OCIA Catechumenate

Tues, Jan 7

7:30 AM Novena for Life 4:45 PM RE-K-8 Program 7:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Wed, Jan 8

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 7:00 PM Cursillo 715 PM Service and Outreach Commission 7:30 PM Men's Spirituality 7:30 PM Heart of Worship

Thurs, Jan 9

9:30 AM RE K-8 Program-Deanery Meeting 1:00 PM Saint Anne Seniors 6:30 PM Blue Army

Fri. Jan 10

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Sat Jan 11

8:00 AM Art and Environment 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 AM Kidz for a Cause 3:00 PM RE K8 Program-Teen S.P.I.C.E. 3:30-4:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Respect for Life-Purple Project Collection

Sun, Jan 12

All Masses-Hospitality Sunday All Masses-Respect for Life-Purple Project Collection 8:00 AM Religious Articles Store 11:00 AM RE K-8 Program-Children's Liturgy 12:00 PM Art and Environment 5:00 PM RE K-8 Program-DASH 3 Classes

Please Pray For

David Hoffman Mary Ellen Hull Dean Knott Joan Kubicki Mary Lach Adriana Padilla Victoria Russo Rudy Sanchez Lorraine Schleitwiler Father Dan Stempora Lee Toutant Ray Vanagas Jay Vidmar John Wossner

Lenny Altop Maximiliano Ballesteros Carol Brewick Anne Rangel-Croker Jim De Vos Robert Duprey James Feeley Laura Garbe Deane Goldstein Kelly Gosett Carolyn Gray Glenn Grimm Dan Gutierrez Ken Harkins Martha Hettinger

> 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? Do you wish to receive Communion at home? Pastoral Care Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to you.

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. <u>https://discovermass.com/church/st-anne-oswego-il/#bulletins</u>



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 Offering	\$ 26,098.15	
E-Giving	\$ 6,284.50	158 Transactions
Sunday Offering	\$ 19,813.65	\$20,000.00
Total Parish Offering December 22, 2024	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>

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 <u>https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-1474</u>

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."

Parish Administrative Assistant - St. Irene Catholic Church, Warrenville, IL

The St. Irene Parish Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing administrative support for parish staff, parishioners, visitors, and the Religious Education program. This position will work closely with the Office Manager in organizing, prioritizing, and accomplishing tasks that support the ministries of St. Irene Parish. The Parish Administrative Assistant must be an energetic individual with excellent communication, collaboration, and organizational skills. Applicants should have several years of experience working in an administrative role. Excellent verbal and written communication skills as well as interpersonal skills; must work well with others. Ability to organize, prioritize, and have focus/attention to detail. Proficiency in using Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook). Working knowledge of Parish Data Systems (PDS) software is helpful, but not required. Adaptable to new responsibilities and effectively handling assigned projects. Ability to effectively problem-solve within a short timeframe. Ability to honor and maintain absolute confidentiality both within and outside of the office regarding all parish business. Must follow the Safe Environment Program of the Diocese of Joliet. Must uphold the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. Interested candidates please send a cover letter with a resume to the Business Manager at businessmanager@st-irene.org. Please reference Parish Administrative Assistant in the subject line of your email.

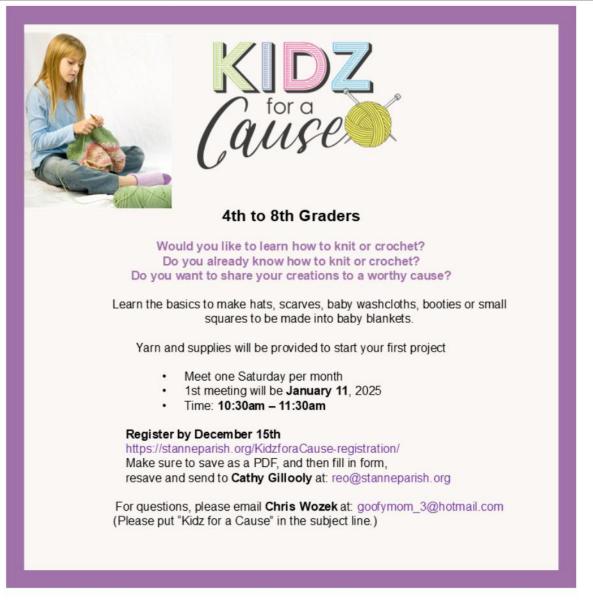
Catholic Charities Counseling Services Available

Catholic Charities provides outpatient counseling in DuPage, Will, Grundy, Kendall, Kankakee, Ford, and Iroquois counties. We offer individual, group, family, and couples therapy, including specialized services like anger management and preventative education programs.

Our services are available to those in financial need, and we accept most major insurance. If you or a loved one are struggling with anxiety, depression, substance use, or relationship issues, we are here to help.

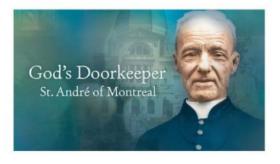
Call 815-723-0331 for more information, to verify insurance coverage, or to schedule an appointment. We're now accepting new clients!

For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit <u>catholiccharitiesjoliet.org</u>.





Week of January 05, 2025



God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



Epiphany

What is Epiphany? Join Dr. Michael Barber to find out.

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Epiphany of the Lord

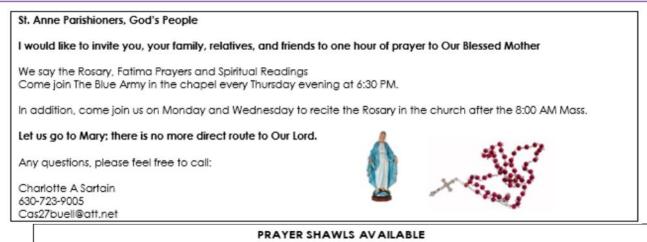


January 9, 2025, 1:00pm Regular Monthly Meeting

A program for the January meeting is still under discussion. Watch future bulletin announcements for further information. Visitors are welcome.

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

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





 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

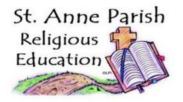
- stanne@stanneparish.org
- Shawls have been knitted or crocheted, blessed and bagged with an enclosed prayer ready to be given to someone in need



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



Contact us by phone (630-554-1425) or email us: reo@stanneparish.org for Cathy Gillooly, DRE K-5 jhdre@stanneparish.org for Julie Krakora, DRE 6-8

JANUARY SCHEDULE:

Classes for grades K-5 and the weekday DASH classes resume this Tuesday, January 7th.

Teen SPICE & Beyond meets on Saturday, January 11th from 3 to 4:30pm.

DASH 2 & 3 Sunday classes begin on January 12th from 5 to 7pm.

Junior High Youth Group meets on Friday, January 17th from 6 to 8pm.

There are no RE/DASH classes on Monday, January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

There is a required meeting for the parents of the children preparing for First Communion on Thursday, January 30th at 7pm.

This Sunday, January 5th, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We commemorate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus and the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Christ Jesus.

Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany (Adapted from the USCCB)

Parent: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: All: Stay with us, Lord.

Parent: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

All: Stay with us, Lord.

Parent: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: All: Stay with us, Lord.

All pray the Lord's Prayer.

A parent says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth. you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. All: Amen.





Sunday - January 12 - Hours 8:AM-12:30PM Sunday - February 9 - Hours 8:AM-12:30PM Saturday - March 8 - Hours 4:00PM-6:30PM Saturday - March 15 - Hours 4:00PM-6:30PM Sunday May 4 - Hours 8:00AM-12:30PM

Stop by the Religious Good Store located in the Joachim Center. Items for sale include:

- 2025 Sunday Missal
- Rosaries
- Bibles
- Crucifixes
- Holy cards
- Medals
- Miscellaneous religious items

We accept checks and cash only





BABY SHOWER FOR THE PURPLE PROJECT

St. Anne Parish will be hosting the first Pro-Life baby shower of the year for The Purple Project, the weekend of Jan. 11 & 12, 2025. The Purple Project is a local Oswego organization that was established by Joe and Sherry Anicich after the tragic loss of their daughter and unborn granddaughter. One of the missions of this organization is to help struggling mothers with their baby for the first year which includes supplying baby supplies. The list of new items needed for this collection are as follows:

Diapers Size 2 and 3

Wipes

Shampoo and baby Wash

Sleepers 6-12 months

Clothes 3-12 months

Bottles

Gift Cards - Walmart, Target

For more information or any questions concerning this collection, please contact: Linda Zedrow, 630-768-4350 or <u>zeddys@sbcglobal.net</u>.

To learn more about The Purple Project and their mission go to: www.purpleproject.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

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.



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Monday-Thursday	8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Monday-Thursday Friday	

Religious Education Office

Phone	
Fax	
Hours	
Mon, Tues, Wed	11:00 AM-7:00 PM
Thur	9:30 AM-4:00 PM
Fri	8:30AM-12:00 PM

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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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday	
Sunday	
Monday-Wednesday-Friday	
Tuesday	
Thursday Communion Service	7:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday		
Wednesday		
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION		
Wednesday		

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Friday	0-9:00	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.

PARISH MAILING ADDRESS

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

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