



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 5, 2023



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Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

St. Ann's Parish Mission

St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;

**Mass in the Extraordinary
Form: 12:30 p.m.**

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the
Extraordinary Form)
Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the
Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.

Adoration

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through
Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
Holy Hour:
Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday, February 5	8:00 am Intentions of Faye Bernadine <i>by the family</i> 10:30 am Intentions of our Parish 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of John Nobers <i>by the family</i>	9:00 a.m. Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 9:15 a.m. Donuts and Dogma in Café 5:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers-St. Joseph Seminary
Monday, February 6	7:00 am Intentions of Barbara and Jim Hoida <i>by Mary Eileen Baeten</i>	7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) RCIA (Classrooms 1 & 2) Fraternus in gym
Tuesday, February 7	7:00 am + Sue and Kim Dorsett <i>by the family</i>	8:00 a.m. Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 p.m. Interfaith Basketball practice (Gym)
Wednesday, February 8	6:00 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Ethan Gyoery <i>by the Palanos family</i>	<i>Adoration continues in the church</i> 8:00 a.m. Library, classrooms 1, 2,3 &4 in use 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour Church 7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym) SVDP Ministry (Classrooms 1&2)
Thursday, February 9	7:00 am + Mary Lou Healy <i>by Suzanne Terry</i>	10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Study-Classroom 3 2:30 p.m. Church in use 5:30 p.m. Confessions in Church 7:00 p.m. Gym in use
Friday, February 10	7:00 am Latin Mass Intentions of Fr. Jose Herve <i>by the Mas family</i> 8:30 am + James Williams <i>by the Nobers family</i>	8:00 a.m. All rooms in use 1:00 p.m. Church cry room in use 5:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal (Church) 6:00 p.m. Interfaith basketball practice (gym)
Saturday, February 11	4:30 pm + Laurence Shelten <i>by Megan Gomiz</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms) 1:00 p.m. Wedding (Church) 3:00 p.m. Confessions Church
Sunday, February 12	8:00 am + Jack Stook <i>by the Carillo family</i> 10:30 am Intentions of Tom Hilgen and family 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of our parish	9:00 a.m. Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 9:15 a.m. Donuts and Dogma (Café)



Dear Parishioners,

One of the great blessings of our parish is the number of vocations to the priesthood and religious life we've had amongst our young people. Currently, we have 9 young men studying for the priesthood from our parish (7 for our diocese, and 2 for the Fraternal Society of St. Peter), and we have 4 young ladies who have entered the convent in recent years. This past week, another young lady from our parish, Colleen Dreyer, entered religious life with the Gospel of Life Disciples in Oklahoma. Please pray for Colleen as she takes this important step in her life: that God's blessings may be upon her, and that she may fulfill our Lord's most holy will! Please continue praying for more vocations amongst the young men and women of our parish!

This weekend our St. Ann's Men's Club will begin taking pre-orders for their annual Superbowl Wings and Ribs sale! Hopefully, you found the order form in last Sunday's bulletin. They do a great job every year with their wings and ribs, and the money they raise contributes to all the good work the Men's Club does around our parish, so please support them.

As I mentioned last weekend, we're in the midst of designing new lower stained-glass windows for our church, as our current windows are literally falling apart. Each of the 12 windows (which will depict the apostles) is available for memorialization for \$25,000. If you would like to memorialize a window, please contact me directly.

Don't forget the "The Messages of Medjugorje" talks next Saturday, 11 February 2023. The talks will take place from 1:30 – 3:30pm in the new Fine Arts Center at Charlotte Catholic High School. Speaking will be Ann Vucic and Colleen Willard. Ann was born near Medjugorje and was one of the first witnesses to the early days of the apparitions. She is a personal friend of mine, and she knows and understands well the significance of the apparitions – as well as all of the controversies surrounding Medjugorje. Ann also happens to be a very articulate and dynamic speaker! Joining Ann will be Colleen Willard, who experienced a complete and total healing of an inoperable brain tumor at Medjugorje. If you're interested in learning more about Medjugorje, please join us!

Lastly, the details of the "Saints and Cellars" France pilgrimage are now available on our parish website homepage. We'll be traveling September 18-29, 2023, and we'll be visiting lots of holy sites, including Lourdes and the tombs of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Mary Magdalene, as well as some famous wineries! It should be a great trip!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid's homilies (audio & PDF) & the bulletins are posted on the website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org

Your Stewardship of Treasure*807 registered families*

<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
January 1	22,347.00	22,961.53	(614.53)
January 8	46,337.53	22,961.53	23,376.00
YTD July 01, 2022-January 8, 2023	\$ 704,147.97	\$ 642,922.84	\$ 61,225.13

—Text **Offertory** Donations to: 704-360-5305 with the amount you would like to contribute (Example: 25).

—Text **5-year Plan** Donations to: 704-360-5305 Amt/Space/Needs. You will be sent to a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debt or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. *Thank you for your generosity!*

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2023

DSA 2023:**Goal: \$ 134,991.59****Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:**

Rectory Loan: \$562,782.65
5 Year Plan Loan \$303,709.19

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

The Messages of Medjugorje

February 11, 2023

1:30- 3:30

Charlotte Catholic High School
Fine Arts Building

**With Featured Speaker,
Ann Vucic!**

A Medjugorje native, Ann was one of the very first witnesses to the beginning days of Our Lady's apparitions in Medjugorje, which profoundly changed her life. Ann has dedicated her life to ministry and evangelization because of her devout love for Our Blessed Mother.

As you listen to Ann speak about the significance of the Medjugorje apparitions, especially in these times, her passionate delivery and authentic witness will touch your heart and keep you on the edge of your seat.

**With Special Guest,
Colleen Willard!**

After being diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor, Colleen Willard was moved by the Holy Spirit to go to Medjugorje. While there, Colleen experienced a complete healing that science and medicine can't explain. Since that day, Colleen has dedicated her life to ministry and testifying to the validity of Our Lady's presence in Medjugorje.

If you've ever wondered if miracles are possible, if God still cares, and if Mary's intercession matters, then you'll enjoy hearing this powerful witness speak about the love our Lord and Blessed Mother have for each of us.

**Be the MVP
At Your
Super Bowl Party!**

**Heat 'n Serve
St. Ann's Babyback Ribs
&
Angelo's Wings**

Take-out
Saturday 10a-7p
Sunday 9a-4p

Pre Pay by Feb. 06
and Save \$5!
Call: 704-430-8129

Order Form: St. Ann Super Bowl Ribs & Wings

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Circle Pickup: (Feb 11 Sat. 12-7p) (Feb 12 Sun. 9a-12p) (Feb 12 Sun. 12-2p)

Pickup orders at St. Ann's Church - Payment type: ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Credit

Item	Quantity	times	\$ per item	=	Total
Whole Rack Babyback Ribs		x	@ \$ 20.	=	
Half Rack Babyback Ribs		x	@ \$ 10.	=	
Ribs & Wings Boxed Dinner		x	@ \$ 12.	=	
3lb. Bucket of Hearty Wings		x	@ \$ 15.	=	
Grand Subtotals					
Subtract Pre Paid Discount	Qty. Above	x	@ \$ 1.	=	()
Total to be remitted					

Make checks payable to St. Ann's and submit to church or office with bottom half of this form attached. Problems? Call Paul Soree 704-430-8129

**** Please bring your old palms and place them in the basket in the Narthex. They will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday.**

**** Lost and Found - we now have a lost and found basket in the South Vestibule. Please take a look in case you are missing something.**

*** Please help keep our church campus beautiful and place all trash in receptacles.**

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Respect Life

Respect Life for February: Spiritual Adoption of the Abortion Vulnerable. Our unborn baby is 4 months old! The poster showing the development of a 4-month-old unborn baby is on display in the narthex this weekend.

PRAY: The February Mass for Our Blessed Lady's Respect Life intentions will be **Saturday, February 25th, at 8am (MEF)**. Holy Hour of Reparation and prayers at PP will follow as usual.

GIVE: Please continue your great generosity to our beloved MiraVia and Be Not Afraid. You can learn more about their missions and donate at their websites, <https://miravia.org> and <https://benotafraid.net>.

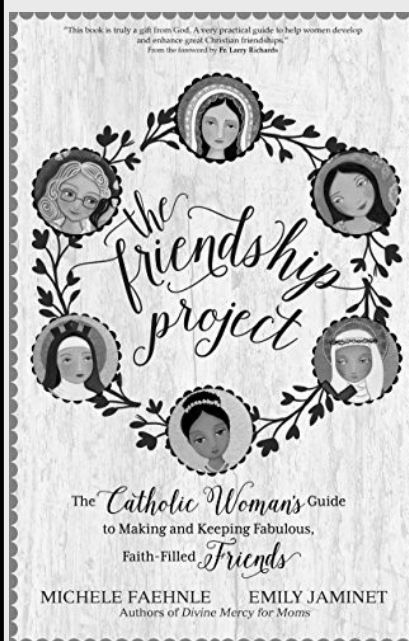
ACT: There are two important pro-life bills - one state, one federal - that need our support. Please contact your representatives (it's easy - just follow the links below)!

NC Heartbeat Law

Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, North Carolina has seen a 37% increase in the number of abortions performed here, as neighboring states have moved to limit or ban abortion. It's time our state banned it too. Please visit the following link to send an automatic message to your state representative and senator: www.ncvalues.org/heartbeat

No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act

The House of Representatives is considering whether to bring the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) to a vote. This bill would permanently ban taxpayer dollars from going to abortions. Please visit the USCCB's Action Center to contact your representative: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/100286/Respond> Please join our email list for up-to-date information and alerts on pro-life issues and events. Email Rachel Shrader at peregrinenorth@gmail.com to be added to the list.

"The Friendship Project: The Catholic Woman's Guide to Making and Keeping Fabulous, Faith-filled Friends"

(Ladies' book study)

Monday mornings
9-11am

Activity Center
Library,
beginning
February 6

Contact Teresa Sanctis for more information & registration.
tdsanc6@bellsouth.net

**Catholic Quizbowl of North Carolina**

All students, grades 5th-12th, are invited to compete in the first annual Catholic Quizbowl of North Carolina competition on **March 4** from **9am-4pm** in the Allen Center at St. Ann Catholic Church. Details and rules can be found on the website at:

www.nccatholicquizbowl.blogspot.com.

Please email Mary Margaret Lewis at marymargaretlewis03@gmail.com with any questions.

Elza Spaedy,**Director of Healed and Restored**

(<https://www.healedandrestored.org/>)

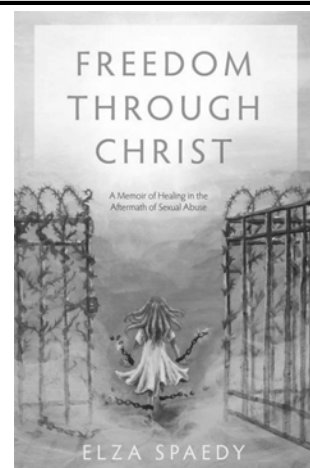
and author of several books on the topic of abuse,
will speak on

"The Transformative Power of Suffering"

February 15 at 7pm.

St. Ann Church

Please call Sister Mary Lucia to RSVP if you are interested!



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation 2022-23

Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:10 a.m. Forms for registration will be available at the church office and on the parish website. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704-523-4641 ext. 231.

Deacons and Dogma

Deacon Tonon will host a class for adults from 9-10:10 in the café. These classes take place on each class day for Faith Formation. This is a great time for parents of Faith Formation students to deepen their beliefs, and enjoy faith filled conversations with other adults as they gather tools to use in the world. All adults are invited! We will NOT have class on February 5th, as Deacon Tonon will be away. We will be back for our sessions on February 12th.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Our RCIA team meets for classes on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center. Meetings are held from September through May. The RCIA program is an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, and exploration of what it means to be a Christian, and preparation to enter fully into the Catholic community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please contact Virginia Blatchford, Director of Faith Formation, with any questions vlblatchford@rcdoc.org

Prayer cards of our Statues

are available in the North Vestibule.
A donation of \$0.50 per card.

First Communion Families:

Please note that the 1st Communion Date has been changed to April 29th. If we do not have your baptism certificate, please bring it to the office.

St. Ann has just renewed our parish membership for **Open Light Media**. To access the content, please sign up to create an account as though you are purchasing the membership. When you get to the checkout step, enter the parish code and your balance should go to zero. Our parish code is `oplsaccdocp0pfreyear`. This code will allow you to access all the material on the site. The materials are produced by the Dominican Sisters so the content is excellent!



*I recommend the Manners Mondays which are a 2-3 minute clips found here <https://openlightmedia.com/manners-monday/>

*They also have a variety of videos on their channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/OpenlightMedia/videos>

*At St. Ann's we also have Formed.org which has a powerful program called "Our Story" that walks you through the books of the Bible with a Catholic view. Our parish code is `Y6ZQ8M`

Teen Apologetics

All students who have been confirmed are invited to join the Young Adult Apologetics classes. Classes are from 9-10:10 am, follow the faith formation schedule, and meet in the upstairs classroom at the Allen Center. We are starting Apologetics 7: How to Read the Bible by San Juan Catholic Seminars.

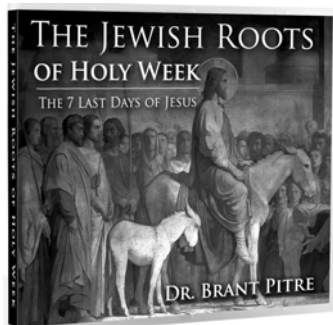
Do You Like To Pray? Are you in need of prayer? Receive the comfort of others praying for and with you by joining the **St. Ann Prayer Group**. This group of volunteers filled with the love of God and the love of prayer. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the need. Pray in your home, at Mass, at Adoration, or any place you are at peace. Any questions or to join, call Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email stannpray_ers@comporium.net

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Valentine's Day

The Young Couples and Families ministry is comprised of newly married couples and families in the beginning years of parenthood! Our next event is a Valentine's Event on February 5th. Please email clarajdavison@gmail.com for more information about this event and to be added to the Young Couples and Families email list.

Please consider joining us in our Rock Hill home to grow in faith and fellowship as we host **Catholic Productions** program:



The Jewish Roots of Holy Week: The 7 Last Days of Jesus

We will gather on **Tuesday evenings beginning February 21st** (last session April 4th). Feel free to start arriving at 7pm. The video will begin around 7:15pm and a discussion surrounding the video will follow. If you have any questions, call or text Tammy Fischer (704.287.2319) or Ron Fischer (704.965.1815). There is no material to purchase, but there is an outline you can download (if you wish) at the website.

You are invited to attend a monthly gathering on the **2nd Saturday of each month** hosted by the Eitzenberger and Hebert Families. The event includes a potluck meal, fellowship, recreation and concludes with praying a rosary with other families on their journey to holiness. For more details and to sign up, please visit abearacres.org or contact Denae at 512-657-4388 -denae@yourhollyfamily.org



LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

February 5	Septuagesima Sunday - 2 nd class
February 6	St. Titus - 3 rd class
February 7	St. Romuald - 3 rd class
February 8	St. John of Matha - 3 rd class
February 9	St. Cyril of Alexandria - 3 rd class
February 10	St. Scholastica - 3 rd class
February 11	Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes - 3 rd class
February 12	Sexagesima Sunday - 2 nd class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m., and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

Latin Mass Q&A: What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are many Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas. Feria is a non-feast day and readings typically revert to the prior Sunday readings.

More Questions? Email:
info@charlottelatinmass.org.
For Latin Mass news, visit
www.charlottelatinmass.org

Latin Mass Email List: The Latin Mass Community shares updates on future Latin Masses around Charlotte, and last minute schedule changes. To sign up, email Chris Lauer at info@charlottelatinmass.org.

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on Oct 14-16 in Charlotte, contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: billlynfolsom@gmail.com (3 L's in a row) or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

WEDDING BANNs

III: Jamie Wright —Evan Holst
11 February
1 PM
St. Ann Church

II: Isabel Wright—
Michael Kashmanian
18 February
1:30 PM
St. Ann Church



33 Hours of Adoration
Tuesdays 8 am—
Wednesdays 5 pm
in the church.

Adorers: share your contact information with those who adore during your Adoration Hour.

Check out the Sign-UP Genius for Adoration:
www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48aaab2aabf49-eucharistic1. Contact Cecilia Balman: vabalman@aol.com.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**Our Parishioners**

Roe family,
Chuck Sollard,
Edward McNally,
Mark Ponischil,
Mckenzie Hansen,
Anna Sobus & family,
Thomas Lauer & family
Maximiliano Cardlle
Susan Carter

Penn Castles

Langan family

Our friends and family:

Ellen Hill (sister of Yvonne Dundee)
Michelle Obruba
(friend of Skorupa family)

Jennifer Arnold
(friend of Nancy Tota)

Mary Regester
(friend of Nancy Tota)

Grace Portigue
(daughter of Barbara Meskill)

Douglas Edge

Albert Ayd

(brother of Cecilia Balman)

Dolly Langley
(sister of Cecilia Balman)

Joel Rivera

Marcia York
(sister of Carol Kuhn)

Michael Pappas
Jacqueline Russell

(mother of Andrea Hines)
James Matthew Brennan

William "Will" Shack
(grandson of Pat Niemer)

Muriel Johnson

Christine Weiss & family,

Jimmy Dixon
(Mary Ann Wolff)

Thais Turner
(mother of Carmel Palanos)

Judah
(grandson of Carol Fiore)

MOP Brothers & Residents in India

Rena Butler

Everleigh Moore
(granddaughter of Maryann Conrad)

Mary Jo Shannon
(niece of Jim & Wilma Crates and Kathleen & Rick Miner)

Jeremy Kuhn, (son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn),
Don Perkins (friend of Mary Ann Wolff)

Jan Hart

Steve Frank

Our servicemen and servicewomen:

Lt. Grace Carlson, USN,
Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC
Ensign Hayley Derscheid

Petty Officer 1st Class

Jeffrey Derscheid

SGT James "Jim"

Alston, US Army.

Cadet 1st Class Kenneth

Davison III USAF

Cadet 2nd Class Anna

Davison USAF

Cadet 4th Class Therese

Davison USAF

Lt. Thomas Hetzel,
Deployed

Capt. Peter Hetzel,
US Army

DIOCESAN EVENTS

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club
 invite all seniors 45+ young
 to join us on **Thursday, Feb. 9, at 11 am**
 in the Activity Center
 as we celebrate Valentine's Day
 with an Italian Buffet
 and the sounds of **"Music for All Seasons"**
 duo Paul Tunno & Joan York.
 Cost is \$12/pp members and \$13/pp guest.
 Please RSVP by Sunday, February 5, to
 Sandy Jankoski at 631-338-1290
 mommaj4@yahoo.com.
NEWCOMERS WELCOME.
 Seats available on two trips,
Elvis Tribute
 Sun. 2/12 and
"RAT PACK Tribute 3/26.
 Info: Peggy pgibbons1@att.net or
 704-588-5870 (leave a message).

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HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

PROCESSION
FOR LIFE

CharlotteHelpers.com

8am Mass @ Family Life Center
The Cathedral of St. Patrick**Feb. 11, 2023**Procession after Mass @
Planned Parenthood (700
S. Torrence Street) with
Fr. Ernest Nebangongnjoh

CONVERGING ROADS™

St. JOHN PAUL II
FOUNDATIONREGISTER
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MARCH 25, 2023 | 9:15 AM - 6:45 PM | THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

Medical professionals, students, and interested laypeople are invited to the sixth annual Converging Roads health care ethics conference on Saturday, March 25 at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte! This conference is a wonderful way to gain a comprehensive knowledge of practicing medicine under a Catholic ethos while earning up to 7 hours of CME/CNE credits. Join national and local experts either in person or online to discuss topics rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/cr23-cnc>

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™ FORMATION SERIES

YEAR-ROUND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES OF SPOUSES

SERIES ONE: Family, St. Dominic Church

FEATURING:

DANIELLE BEAN

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Couples gather monthly for a 7-part series
- A meal and time for fellowship
- Short, compelling video presentations
- A Bring It Home component that translates learning into living
- Available for Spanish-speaking couples through translated materials
- Cost of registration is \$50 per couple

For questions, email Ashley Soriano at ashley@waterforlifeandfamily.org

PRESENTED BY **ST. ANN**

SCAN TO SIGN UP AND LEARN MORE!

TOGETHERINHOLINESS.ORG

REMINDERS

Please to be mindful of our Lord's presence whenever you are in the church. **Making sure to genuflect whenever you pass before the tabernacle, maintaining a prayerful silence in the church, dressing modestly** and silencing cell phones are practices that we would all do well to follow—not simply out of respect for our Lord, but for the benefit of our fellow parishioners as well. Thank you!

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Make sure to lock your cars and trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*

If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money.** Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.* Thank you!

Low gluten hosts are available at Holy Communion for those who need them. To receive a low gluten host, go to the eagle lectern after everyone else has received Holy Communion.

Be sure you are up to date on your **Protecting God's Children information & the Virtus monthly bulletins.** You need to up date your **Background Check every five (5) years.** All forms are online on the Diocese of Charlotte website: under Safe Environment & Volunteers.

If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns safely, securely and anonymously 24/7 over the phone using the diocese's new hotline, 8 8 8 - 6 3 0 - 5 9 2 9 , or online : **www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.**

NOTE: If you suspect a child is in danger, contact 9-1-1 or local law enforcement agency.

To Parents with Infants and Small Children

One of the most beautiful blessings of our Parish is that we have so many babies and small kids! While all children are most welcome in the church, please keep in mind that the acoustics in our church are excellent, which means that their voices carry. If your children cry or scream during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please be sensitive to those around you by taking your child to one of our cry rooms. *The cry rooms are reserved for families with small children. Everyone else is requested to sit in the church.*

To those in the Cry Rooms for Mass

Please remember that these rooms are an extension of the church itself. Therefore, please be as reverent as possible during Mass. These rooms exist to help you train your children how to attend Mass properly; thus, they should not be used as play rooms. While everyone who uses the cry rooms expects them to be a bit noisier than the church, disruptive games or toys are better left at home. Moreover, conversations in the cry rooms should be kept to a minimum during Mass. *Thank you for your consideration.*

Outdoor Speakers

We have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.

The general dispensation to miss Mass has been rescinded. Everyone without a serious reason to miss Mass is obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. As has always been the case, we may legitimately miss a Sunday Mass if we are sick, if we care for the sick and infirmed, have a health condition that would be seriously compromised if we were to contract a communicable disease, or if we have good reason to think we might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness. Feel welcome to continue wearing a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. As for the Allen Center, masks are not mandated.

To book a room in the Allen Center,
call Chris Brunhuber at 704-523-4641 x233.