

July 14, 2024



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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.

#### Parish Office Hours Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

Sunday Mass Schedule Saturday Anticipated Mass (Novus Ordo): 4:30 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. (Novus Ordo); 10:30 a.m. (Novus Ordo); 12:30 p.m.

#### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 a.m. (Novus Ordo) Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Friday: 7:00 a.m.; 8:30 a.m. (Novus Ordo) Adoration

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

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

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.

+ Deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday, July 14	<ul> <li>8:00 am (Novus Ordo)</li> <li>+ Elisabeth Dierkes</li> <li>by the Navaroli family</li> <li>10:30 am (Novus Ordo)</li> <li>Intentions of Sam Hucko</li> <li>by the family</li> <li>12:30 pm Intentions of our Parish</li> </ul>	9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Baptism Class (Classroom 3)
Monday, July 15	<b>7:00 am</b> (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Katie and Jeff Conrad by the Miller family	7:00 pm Fraternus (Gym, Café)
Tuesday, July 16	<b>7:00 am</b> (Novus Ordo) Intentions of the Grabowski family <i>by the family</i>	8:00 am Adoration begins (Chapel) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group (Library) Angel Group (Classrooms 1&2)
Wed. July 17	6:00 pm + Joseph Salvemini by Mary Salvemini	<i>Adoration continues (Chapel)</i> 5:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 pm Young Adult Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, July 18	<b>7:00 am</b> (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Dierkes family <i>by the Navaroli family</i>	5:30 pm Confessions (Church) 7:00 pm Young Adult Ballroom Dancing (Gym) Sacred Art Class w/Deacon Yellico (CL 1&2)
Friday, July 19	7:00 am Intentions of Perpetua Grabowski by the family 8:30 am (Novus Ordo) + Marjiore Valleau by Molly Beckert	
Saturday, July 20	<b>4:30 pm</b> (Novus Ordo) Intentions of our Parish	10:00 am Baptism (Church) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
Sunday, July 21	<ul> <li>8:00 am (Novus Ordo) <ul> <li>+ Abbey Lejk</li> <li>by the Lejk family</li> </ul> </li> <li>10:30 am (Novus Ordo) <ul> <li>+ Tesfat family members</li> <li>by Hana Tesfat</li> </ul> </li> <li>12:30 pm Intentions of Katherine Gallegos</li> <li>by Our Lady's Handmaidens</li> </ul>	9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) 11:00 am Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church) Summer Catechesis Prep Day (All classrooms, gym, café)

# In Vitro Fertilization

As pro-life Catholics, one threating issue to life that often flies under the radar is that of In Vitro Fertilization (IVF). As medicine and technology advance, the prevalence of these lives being created outside the womb are increasing and the dignity of more persons are being cast aside. The morality of the practice of IVF is beginning to gain more attention as experimentation, artificial wombs and genetically altered or "made to order" babies are attempted at being created at increased levels.

The Church has clearly taught for decades that In Vitro Fertilization technology is clearly and unequivocally judged to be immoral (USCCB). Human beings bear the image and likeness of God. They are to be reverenced as sacred. Never are they to be used as a means to an end, not even to satisfy the deepest wishes of an infertile couple. While we continue to teach about this clear stance on the practice, participation and implementation of IVF, additional problems surrounding this issue are presenting further difficulties regarding morality.

We now have the question and weight of caring for these 1 million babies on ice (stat from National Catholic Register, Jan. 2023). What is our moral responsibility as Catholics to care for, advocate, and protect these lives? While biological parents, medical facilities and the greater "big fertility" take these issues, rights, and agendas to the courts, we must remember these are children, fully persons in a most vulnerable state, that we are dealing with.

*Dignitas Personae* (2008) addresses the serious moral reservations about the approach of embryo adoption as a solution, though it does not condemn it as immoral. Today, moral theologians continue to discuss and debate the morality of embryo adoption as one possible approach to the crisis of the state of these precious lives. This approach is argued to violate the loving marital act as designed and intended in procreation, the child's right to both biological parents and will put the babies at an increased risk of death during the process. Other ethicists and theologians present the likelihood that embryo adoption will remain immoral. They point out that keeping the embryos in their preserved state should be the current approach while advocating for laws to limit embryo creation and increasing our education efforts teaching the immorality of IVF as we await further moral guidance from the Church

We, the faithful, need to double our efforts to educate ourselves and all on the clear immorality of IVF and the tangled web of issues that continue to follow it in our current time. Pray for the conversion of lawmakers and doctors, and most especially for couples struggling with infertility.

Jessica Grabowski Pro-Life Program Director Office of Family Life, Diocese of Charlotte

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your Stewardship of Treasure
929 registered families

<b>Collection Date</b>	
June 2	
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<u>Actual</u>
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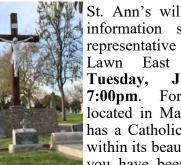
Budget **Over/Under** 24.892.30 \$ 12.867.60 24,892.30 5,489.84

YTD July 01, 2023-June 9, 2024 \$1,344,322.16 \$1,244,615.00 \$ 99,707.16



#### 2024 DSA

Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus.



St. Ann's will be hosting an information session with a from Forest Cemetery Lawn East on 30<sup>th</sup> Julv at 7:00pm. Forest Lawn East is located in Matthews, NC and has a Catholic section located within its beautiful grounds. If vou have been contemplating

where your final resting place will be, plan to attend this information session to learn more about Forest Lawn East. Please contact Chris Brunhuber if you plan to attend at 704 241-2577 or ccb2691@icloud.com

Deacon Joseph Yellico will be teaching a threeweek course in July entitled "Sacred Art: The Church's expression of Truth, Goodness and Beauty." The course will cover different mediums of sacred art from painting to architecture as well

as cover the doctrine, rich symbolism and philosophical thought involved. The first session will begin in classroom 2 on Thursday July 11th at 7PM; the following two sessions will occur on the 18th and 25th also at 7PM. Feel free to join and explore the vast treasury of the Church's artwork.



DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024	Gire onlane: NACON
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DSA 2024 Goal:	141,842.00
Pledged: Received:	117,440.62 87,818.77
<b>Over/Under Pledged:</b> Assessment Balance:	(24,401.38) 54,023.23
Donors:	141

#### **Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:**

**Rectory Loan: \$376,783.49** 5 Year Plan Loan: \$ 0.00 PIF



#### **St. Ann Homeless Ministry**

is always in need of volunteers. We cook and serve a hot meal the 3rd Sunday each month for those in need. For details and signups, please scan this OR code or contact Elliot

Consoli at 704-497-6998.

Must be 16 to serve at the shelter but no age required to help cook and prepare meals.





#### St. Ann Catholic Church

## **EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S**



33 Hours of Adoration Tuesdays 8 am -Wednesdays 5 pm in the Church.
We are very grateful for our newest adorer, but are still in need of

three permanent adorers on Tuesdays at 4PM, 7PM or 11PM.

If you can help with any of these times, please contact Cecilia Balman at vabalman@aol.com

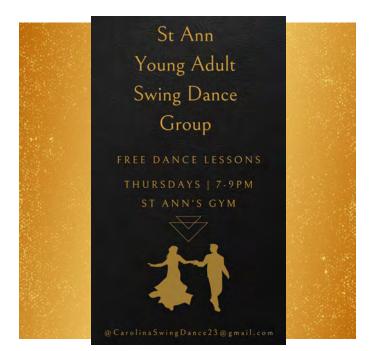


#### SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE UPDATE:

\*\* We are in need of prayer warriors for our two wonderful Deacons. You will be asked to

pray for **BOTH Deacon Tom and Deacon Peter** one day/ week. Please let me know if you can give Our Lord just one hour. If God is calling you to make a Holy Hour/week for either of our needs, please contact Anchoress, Sarah Miller at:

Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com.





#### St. Ann Family Ministry Corner

Equipping Parents in their Mission of Love and Building a Community of Joy

"The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church His bride." St. John Paul II

#### Family 33 Day Consecration <u>33day.org</u> or Resources QR code:



**Save the Dates** 

--Family Potluck/Rosary night: August 10 For more information go to <u>abearacres.org</u>

--St. Ann Family Ministry kick off: September 1 after morning masses

--Carolinas Retreat for Families: December 27- December 30 at Heartridge Retreat and Cultural Center, SC

Challenge: Make a family mission statement.

### 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

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Faith Formation 2023-24 The St. Ann Faith Formation program for the children of registered parishioners in grades K-8 takes place from 9:00 to 10:10am between the Masses on Sunday. Registration for our fall classes will begin in August. We would like to thank all out teachers for their time and instruction to our young people! We are currently looking for a few teachers for the fall. Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlblatchford@rcdoc.org

Our Summer Cat for fly Up, Up, and Away with the Saints on the Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love will take place on July 22-26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-12:15pm each day. Child registration is now closed. However, this is a reminder for those who are registered. Please contact Virginia Blatchford, Faith Formation Director, with any questions at <u>sumcatstann@gmail.com</u>

**Camp Joshua**-St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville is hosting this two-day pro-life camp July 26 and 27 for high schoolers presented by NC Right to Life. For details visit: www.ncrtl.org/campjoshuanc

Teen Apologetics- our Sunday classes will begin again in September. A big thank you to all who participated! Fr. Reid will do a talk on the **Angels** for our September 29<sup>th</sup> class. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Parish Resources: Open Light Media materials, produced by the Dominican Sisters, has excellent content! You will find virtue training and fun videos for the family. Manners Monday is a favorite series. The kids love them! To access our new subscription, please follow the steps listed: Users join the St. Ann group in 3 simple steps! 1. Go to Open Light Media subscription, 2. If individuals do not have a login on Open Light Media, you will be prompted to create a free account or log in using an OPENLIGHT existing user account, 3. Fill out the form. Copy and paste this into the search bar: St. Ann, 3635 Park Road, Charlotte, NC, 28209 You must type in the name and address exactly as above or the account will not pop up!





St. Ann's Formed.org account has many resources for our parish including movies and devotionals as well as many audio books. To access these resources, just go to: www.formed.org and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the homepage. Our parish code is: Y6ZQ8M.

Kendra Tiernev is a widowed Southern California mother of ten children from toddler to college student. Her passion is liturgical living in the home. Through her blog Catholic All Year, social media, and books including The Catholic All Year Compendium: Liturgical Living for Real Life and The Catholic All Year Prayer Companion, where she shares how obscure Catholic traditions have shaped a strong family culture and Catholic identity.

Sponsors are needed for new families each year. Therefore, we are looking for faith filled adults to sponsor new families for a baptism or new members at the Easter vigil in the coming year. Please prayerfully consider whether Our Lord is calling you to this ministry. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlblatchford@rcdoc.org

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Matthew 11: 28-30)

St. Ann Parish endeavors to make the RCIA program much more than a program. Our desire is for the **RCIA** to be a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ and His Church. We invite you to join us for an evening of inquiry on Wednesday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Allen Center to learn more about our program, and we invite you to bring a friend. Please Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231.

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

St. Ann's collects non perishable food items twice monthly to be delivered to Catholic Charities. We are in need of an additional person/ family to assist with this ministry. Please contact the office at 704 523-4641 for more details.



Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry Collection 1st and 3rd weekends of every month Next collection: July 20-21



Contact Sue Calkins at 704-724-2297 or maxxwellsr@gmail.com.

> <u>Bulletin Deadline</u>: Tuesday by noon Email articles to: bulletinstann3635@gmail.com

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

## Saint Ann's Parish Carnival Needs YOU



Our annual St. Ann carnival is **Saturday**, **November 2nd.** In preparations for this fun filled day, we are asking for your help to make it happen. We need enthusiastic parishioners with a passion for good stewardship and a desire to aid in cultivating fellowship in our parish to be silent auction coordinator, sponsorship coordinator, and volunteer coordinator. If you are interested in taking on the call of becoming an impactful and essential member of our carnival crew, please contact Eric Kashmanian at : <u>eric.kashmanian@gmail.com</u> Join us in making this year's carnival a memorable event for our community!



## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

# More Than Just A Weekend



# Ketrouvaille \_\_\_\_\_ A lizeline for Married Couples

### www.HelpOurMarriage.org

**Marriage Help** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming weekends in Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: <u>3062ac@helpourmarriage.org</u> or visit the web site at <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u>

For more information about upcoming **Retrouvaille Weekend** programs, Email:<u>3062ac@helpourmarriage.org</u> or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com



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## **MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**



Our Parishioners Roe family

# Our friends and family:

Albert Ayd (brother of Cecilia Balman) Dolly Langley (sister of Cecilia Balman) Marcia York (sister of Carol Kuhn) Jeremy Kuhn, (son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn) Steve Frank Maureen Frost (Sister-in-law of Regina Beach Hoar) Brian Blatchford Betsy Devarakonda Danny Williams Kinley Duncan

# Our servicemen and servicewomen:

Lt. Grace Carlson, USN. Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC **Ensign Hayley Derscheid** Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrev 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 Sam Hucko, Basic cadet, USAF

## **Chaplet of the Holy Face of Jesus Christ**

is prayed in our chapel every Tuesday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for this beautiful chaplet honoring the five wounds (five senses) of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to ask of God the triumph of His holy Church. We say the version that is 15-20 minutes. Any questions email Chantal at: <u>mommytots@att.net</u>.



## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**



What is the Catholic perspective on infertility and assisted reproductive technologies like IVF?

Learn more by exploring resources from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Diocese of Charlotte (USCCB) below:

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE <u>Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology</u> uses a question-and-answer format to address the suffering of infertility, how Catholic couples can respond, and the problems with the use of donors, surrogates, IVF, and other reproductive technologies.

<u>In Vitro Fertilization: The Human Cost</u> outlines the risks associated with IVF, including high death rates for embryos, health risks for women and the children conceived by this procedure, and "mix-ups" and errors that harm families.

Letter to the U.S. Senate (Feb, 2024) from the U.S. bishops outlining the threats to life, family integrity, and religious freedom in recent legislative efforts to create a "right to IVF."

*Charlotte Catholic High School's Options Program* is growing and seeking to hire two part time teaching assistants. The Options Program at Charlotte Catholic High School provides a Catholic High School education for students with developmental disabilities. Please use the following link:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1710353142/charlottecatholicorg/dq17ijvvf94eqxcyfk2s/ OPTIONSASSISTANTFLYER.pdf

or contact Dr. Marie Leahy at <u>MMLeahy@charlottecatholic.org</u> for additional details and questions.

#### Knights of Columbus Council 770 Meetings

First Tuesday of every month at St. Patrick Church. Agenda for the meeting is: 6:30pm rosary, 7pm business meeting, 7:30 social, bible study. K of C is a Catholic men's fraternal and service organization. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men. For more information about the Knights, contact knights@stpatricks.org or info@kofc770.org



# NFP CONTINUING EDUCATION

# **CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

An online NFP course designed for Parish and Diocesan Ministry Leaders. Limited time offer.



Free until 08.15.24

# www.ccli.org/ministry-education

# Mass with Bishop Martin - 9:00

# Catholic Family Day @ C A R O W I N D S



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# \$60 Includes

Park Admission All you can eat lunch Free Parking (\$25 savings) Season Pass Holders, \$18 Lunch

# Tickets on sale now!

