



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 8, 2024



**St. Ann Catholic Church • 3635 Park Road • Charlotte, NC 28209 •**  
**StAnnCharlotte.org • Fax 704-527-8671 • stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org**

Pastor.....	<b>Rev. Timothy S. Reid.....</b>	704-523-4641 x222
Parochial Vicar .....	<b>Rev. Brandon H. Jones .....</b>	704-523-4641
Deacon.....	<b>Rev. Mr. Thomas Sanctis.....</b>	704-523-4641 x223
Deacon.....	<b>Rev. Mr. Peter Tonon .....</b>	704-523-4641 x227
Director of Faith Formation & Evangelization	<b>Virginia Blatchford .....</b>	704-523-4641 x231
	<b>Clare Beltran .....</b>	704-523-4641 x231
Liturgical Ministries .....	<b>Chris Brunhuber .....</b>	704-523-4641 x229
Music .....	<b>Terese Rowe .....</b>	704-523-4641 x234
Facilities/Scheduling/Maintenance Supervisor .....	<b>Chris Brunhuber .....</b>	704-523-4641 x233
Maintenance.....	<b>Raymond Mosley .....</b>	704-523-4641 x233
Accountant.....	<b>Alejandra Seagle .....</b>	704 523-4641 x237
Administrative Assistant .....	<b>Sister Mary Lydia, DVM.....</b>	704-523-4641 x221
Accounting Assistant (Part time) .....	<b>Sandra Sharron.....</b>	704 523-4641 x232
Parish Manager.....	<b>Mark Donzella.....</b>	704 523-4641x 224

**Parish Office Hours** *Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 am- 4 pm; Tuesdays 11am-4 pm*  
**Closed 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm for lunch**

**Liturgical Schedule** *(Changes in the schedule noted inside)*

**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.

<p><b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Weekday Masses</b> 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)</p>	<p><b>Adoration</b> Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b> Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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+ Deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
<p><b>Sunday, September 8</b></p>	<p><b>8:00 am (Novus Ordo)</b> Intentions of the Kaufman family <i>by Joan and Mike Macalka</i> <b>10:30 am (Novus Ordo)</b> +Thomas Weeks <i>by Susan and Bert Rodriguez</i> <b>12:30 pm</b> Intentions of Hannah Nobers <i>by the family</i></p>	<p>9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Family Ministry Kickoff after 8am &amp; 10:30 Mass Kindergarten Faith Formation (Library) Teen Apologetics (CL 1&amp;2)</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 9</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 am (Novus Ordo)</b> +John Malcom Murchison, Jr. <i>by the Orso family</i></p>	<p>7:30 am St. Ann School (CL 3&amp;4) 2:45 pm St. Ann School Baking Club (Kitchen) 6:00 pm Small Book Club (Library) 7:00 pm Fraternus (Gym, café) RCIA (CL 1&amp;2)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, September 10</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 am (Novus Ordo)</b> Intentions of Gloria Felton <i>by the Homeschool Ministry</i></p>	<p>7:30 am St. Ann School (CL 3&amp;4) 8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:30 pm Deacon Peter (CL 1&amp;2) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group (Library)</p>
<p><b>Wed. September 11</b></p>	<p><b>6:00 pm</b> +Dan Conroy <i>by Carolyn Skinner</i></p>	<p>Adoration continues (Church) 7:45 am High School Homeschool (All classrooms, library) 5:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 pm Young Adult Basketball (Gym) 6:45pm Our Lady's Handmaidens (Café) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Ministry (CL 1&amp;2)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, September 12</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 am (Novus Ordo)</b> + Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>by the Duncan family</i> <b>8:30 am</b> Mary's Women of Joy</p>	<p>7:30 am St. Ann School (CL 3&amp;4) 8:00 am Mary Women of Joy (CL 1&amp;2) 5:30 pm Confessions (Church) 6:30 pm Interfaith Basketball Open Gym (Gym)</p>
<p><b>Friday, September 13</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 am</b> +George Skinner <i>by Carolyn Skinner</i> <b>8:30 am (Novus Ordo)</b> +Fran Moskal <i>by the Colin family</i></p>	<p>8:00 am Parents Rosary (Chapel) 8:30 am Homeschool CCE (Classrooms 1-4, library) 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Church) 6:30 pm HS Middle School Reflect/Social (Café)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, September 14</b></p>	<p><b>4:30 pm (Novus Ordo)</b> Intentions of our Parish</p>	<p>8:00 am Carmelites (All Rooms) 11:00 am Baptism (Church) 1:30 pm Wedding (Church) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)</p>
<p><b>Sunday, September 15</b></p>	<p><b>8:00 am (Novus Ordo)</b> +Mike Rayano <i>by the family</i> <b>10:30 am (Novus Ordo)</b> +Rochy Panizzo <i>by Lucy and Bert Rodriguez</i> <b>12:30 pm</b> +Dianne Skinner <i>by Carolyn Skinner</i></p>	<p>9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Kindergarten Faith Formation (Library) Teen Apologetics (CL 1&amp;2) Ministry Meet &amp; Greet (Gym) 9:10 am Baptism Class (Classroom 3) 11:00 am Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church)</p>





Dear Parishioners,

As the new school year gets underway, don't forget that **Faith Formation** is starting this weekend! Please check the parish website for the Faith Formation schedule. Any questions you have can be directed to either Virginia Blatchford, our Faith Formation Director, or her assistant, Clare Beltran, at the Faith Formation office: 704-523-4641, ext. 231.

As we prepare to start up Faith Formation classes, it's also time to prepare for **RCIA** (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). This is our class for those who are interested in converting to Catholicism. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith, our first RCIA class will be next Monday, 09 September 2024 at 7pm. We meet in Classrooms 1&2 of the Activity Center. Please call the main office to sign up.

Our annual **Parish Carnival** will soon be upon us! This year the Carnival will take place on Saturday, 02 November 2024, from 10am-6pm. We are still in need of sponsorships for our games and rides, whether personal or corporate. And we need volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Eric Kashmanian at: [eric.kashmanian@gmail.com](mailto:eric.kashmanian@gmail.com). Please keep an eye on the bulletin and the Friday 5 for more information.

Lastly, we are finally at the end of our **Pastoral Planning process** for our parish. You'll remember that last year, Bishop Jugis instituted a new pastoral planning process that each parish is required to go through every 6 years, by which we are to determine our pastoral needs and priorities. I'm very grateful to all of you who provided input through our parish survey last winter for this process. I'm also grateful to all of you who worked with our Parish Council members to help craft the various parts of the survey.

The Parish Council and I have carefully sorted through all the information you provided, along with input from the Finance Council and parish staff, to chart a course for our parish to follow for the next 6 years. This pastoral plan detailing the state of the parish and our pastoral needs and priorities has just been submitted to the Diocese. At the end of October, several parish leaders and I will spend a day at the diocesan offices to review our pastoral plan with diocesan leadership (and hopefully get approval for it!). I am exceedingly grateful to the outstanding work done by our Parish Council under the very capable and expeditious leadership of our chairman, Rick Taylor. Rick and our council members have put in many, many hours of work on this project, and we all owe them a debt of gratitude.

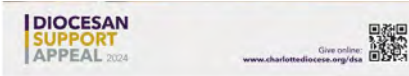
Yours in Jesus and Mary,

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

Fr. Reid


**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
929 registered families

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
August 4	22,368.59	27,212.50	\$ ( 4,843.91)
August 11	23,036.09	27,212.50	( 4,176.41)
<b>YTD August 11, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 146,622.11</b>	<b>\$190,487.50</b>	<b>\$ (25,865.39)</b>



**ONE Body in CHRIST**

<b>DSA 2024 Goal:</b>	<b>141,842.00</b>
<b>Pledged:</b>	<b>120,925.62</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>98,838.43</b>
<b>Over/Under Pledged:</b>	<b>(20,916.38)</b>
<b>Assessment Balance:</b>	<b>43,003.57</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>148</b>



**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.

**Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:**

**Rectory Loan: \$365,594.55**  
**5 Year Plan Loan: \$ 0.00 PIF**

PLEASE JOIN THE ST. THOMAS MORE  
SOCIETY OF CHARLOTTE

# RED MASS

Celebrated by The Most Reverend Michael T. Martin,  
OFM Conv., Bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 6 PM

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK  
1621 DILWORTH ROAD EAST  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28203

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments  
to follow with guest speaker  
U.S. District Court Judge Robert J. Conrad

Event is Free  
Please RSVP

Memberships and  
Donations Welcome




## Altar Server Training

We will be having an altar server training for the Novus Ordo mass on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00. This training is specifically for new servers, our St. Ann school servers and those boys age 10 and under who are currently serving.

Please contact Thomas Dinneny for information of if you plan to attend. [Thomasdinneny@gmail.com](mailto:Thomasdinneny@gmail.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](mailto:Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com).



EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



HOPE FOR HEALING  
*Gala*

COME FOR A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP, COCKTAIL HOUR AND HORS D'OEUVRES, AND SILENT AUCTION. OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER WILL BE FATHER JOHN PUTNAM. BENEFITTING THE WOMEN SERVED BY HEALED AND RESTORED.

SEPT 21, 2024  
7 - 10 PM  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
RSVP AT [INFO@HEALEDANDRESTORED.ORG](mailto:INFO@HEALEDANDRESTORED.ORG) BY AUGUST 31

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE VISIT [HEALEDANDRESTORED.ORG/DONATE](http://HEALEDANDRESTORED.ORG/DONATE)

St. Ann's Mass intentions for 2024 are full, but Mass intentions for 2025 will open on September 1st. The easiest way to have a mass said for you or your loved one's intentions or for the repose of a soul is to email Sr. Mary Lydia at: [stanncharlotte.rcdoc.org](mailto:stanncharlotte.rcdoc.org)



**YOUNG ADULT SWING DANCE**

Join us this September for our beginner-intermediate friendly swing dance lessons and social.

Prior experience not required. Come solo or with a partner.

St Ann Activity Center  
3635 Park Rd,  
Charlotte 28209

19 SEPTEMBER LESSON NIGHT #2!  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**St. Ann Family Ministry Corner**



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

“Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith.” Pope Francis

1. Family Potluck/Rosary night: September 14  
For more information go to [abearacres.org](http://abearacres.org)
  2. Family Dance: September 27  
6pm-9pm in the Allen Center Cafeteria
- Register Now:**  
**Carolinas Retreat for Families:**  
**December 27- December 30 at**  
**Heartridge Retreat and Cultural Center, SC.**  
**Registration at: [YHFRetreat.org](http://YHFRetreat.org)**

**Challenge:** Prioritize family prayer time this week: Resource at [33day.org](http://33day.org) If you do not pray regularly as a family, work on your schedule to try to commit to a daily time this week and select scripture and/or a devotion to do during prayer time. For those who have a regular family prayer time: select an intention for this weeks family prayers and a scripture meditation or ask older children to prepare one.

**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 QR 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.





## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

*"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 our next introductory session which will be on **September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Allen Center at 7:00pm**. Please Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231.

**Teen Apologetics-** our Sunday classes will begin again on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-10:10am. Fr. Reid will do a talk on the **Angels** for our September 29<sup>th</sup> class. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**Fall Bible Study:** Join the class for a ten week study of Exodus. We will travel with Moses through the desert as God leads His people to the Promised Land. We will also learn how the story of Exodus reveals who God is and what he calls us to be. Please review the book of Genesis so the story is fresh in your mind as we meet the God's people living in Egypt. We will meet beginning on **September 18 from 7 - 9 PM** in room 3. Please email me ([cece@cathoicexchange.com](mailto:cece@cathoicexchange.com)) that you wish to attend, so I will have materials for you. The workbook cost is \$30 (cash or checks written to St. Ann) can be brought to the first meeting.

**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 [Vblatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:Vblatchford@rcdoc.org)

**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. **September 8<sup>th</sup> will be our first class.** Classes meet in the St. Ann school building, and families enter the doors at the upper parking lot. Registration for our fall classes is open during August online. The **First Communion Parent Meeting** will be on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Allen Center. The **Confirmation Parent Meeting** will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Allen Center. Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or [Vblatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:Vblatchford@rcdoc.org)

### ***Legion of Mary***

meets on **Sundays at 9 am**  
in **Classroom 3.**

Contact Sue Calkins at  
704-724-2297 or [maxxwellsr@gmail.com](mailto:maxxwellsr@gmail.com).



**St. Ann's Formed.org** has kid movies, audio books, saint shows, and formation materials. Our parish code is Y6ZQ8M. A direct link is **FORMED** found on our parish website.

This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind. Jon Voight's powerful, Emmy-nominated performance as John Paul II was widely praised, as was Cary Elwes as the young Karol. Shot on location in Rome and Poland in close connection with the Vatican, this is the definitive epic film on the life of Pope John Paul II. Stars Jon Voight, Cary Elwes, Ben Gazzara, James Cromwell, and Christopher Lee.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



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 Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry Collection 1st and 3rd weekends of every month Next collection: Sept. 14-15

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club invite all seniors 45+young to join us Thursday, Sept. 12 at 11am in the Activity Center as we welcome autumn and celebrate Grandparents Day with a southern buffet and music by Jerry Herbert. Cost is \$13/pp members and \$14/pp guest. RSVP/payment due by September 6 to Donna Anderson, email anderson@cottinghamchalk.com or call/text 704-607-6880. Seats available for "A Capital Christmas" Trip 3 days 2 nights. Tour of the White House and seventeen (17) other venues. Rates/pp-D-\$751.43, S-\$938.77, triple and quad rates available; contact pgibbons1@att.net or 704-588-5870 (leave a message). Trip RSVP/deposit by 8/10 and final payment due by 8/31. Newcomers welcome.



33 Hours of Adoration Tuesdays 8 am - Wednesdays 5 pm in the Church

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday by noon

Email: bulletinstann3635@gmail.com

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



DYNAMIC PRESENTATIONS | CHILDCARE | MASS | ADORATION | CONFESSION

NOVEMBER 16, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 3:45 PM ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH CHARLOTTE, NC

FEATURING:



Couple \$64 Register by September 30 to grab an Early Bird discount!

Childcare \$5/child



REGISTER HERE

PRESENTED BY



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH SILENT AUCTION coming soon



Our goal is to raise \$25,000 and we need YOUR help to make it happen. Let's tap into our resources! Connect with friends, family, neighbors and business associates.

Most Wanted Items:

- Art, Religious Items, Rounds of Golf, Gift Certificates, Hotel Accommodations, Themed Gift baskets, Dinner for Two, Autographed Memorabilia, Jewelry, New Electronics, Lessons, Sports Tickets, New Toys & Games, Gift Cards, Movie Tickets, Fun experience, Anything you can think of!

Your donations may be tax deductible!

Deadline: October 1, 2024, Tuesday

Any questions or inquires please contact

Leslie Erfle leslieanneerfle@gmail.com (214) 789-3835



MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Upcoming 12-Week Support and Healing Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics

Are you struggling with marital stress, separation, or divorce?

Build a New Life Workshop offers hope and guidance through a comprehensive, virtual 12-week support and healing program.

Start Date: September 12

Don't suffer alone. Start your healing journey today.

Learn more and register now: AboundingJoyministry.com/events or contact Carolyn at 608-547-9484



MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

prayer Requests



Our Parishioners

Roe family
Arlene and Gene Luczak
Grace Coyne
Daniel Foster
Ray Brocato

Our friends and family:

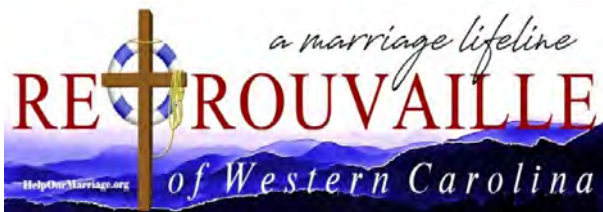
Albert Ayd (brother of Cecilia Balman)
Dolly Langley (sister of Cecilia Balman)
Marcia York (sister of Carol Kuhn)
Jeremy Kuhn, (son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn)
Steve Frank
Maureen Frost (Sister-in-law of Regina Beach Hoar)
Brian Blatchford
Betsy Devarakonda
Kinley Duncan

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
Sam Hucko, Basic cadet, USAF

WEDDING BANNERS

I: Giovanna Valenca—Aiden Jackson
28 September 2024
St. Ann Church



Marriage Help – For over 40 years, 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 September 27-29th weekend in Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: 3062R@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

call: 803-810-9602,
visit: SCMarriageMatters.org,
email: applications@scmarriagematters.org.

Next event: September 17

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

HOLY HOUR
Happy HOUR

HOLY HOUR AT ST. ANN'S • 6:30-7:30PM

Happy Hour at Silvan Ave Pub • 7:45PM





DIOCESAN EVENTS



*The*  
**EUGHARIST**  
*Our Source & Summit*

A DAY WITH DR. SCOTT HAHN & DR. JOHN BERGSMA

**DATE**  
Saturday, September 21, 2024  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**PRICE**  
\$35

**LOCATION**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
1400 Suther Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28213

**DR. SCOTT HAHN** **DR. JOHN BERGSMA**

**TO REGISTER**  
[StPaulCenter.com/Charlotte2024](http://StPaulCenter.com/Charlotte2024)



**Healing the Whole Person**

An 8 week video course presented by the JPII Healing Center

Wednesday evenings 7-9pm  
September 25th- November 13th

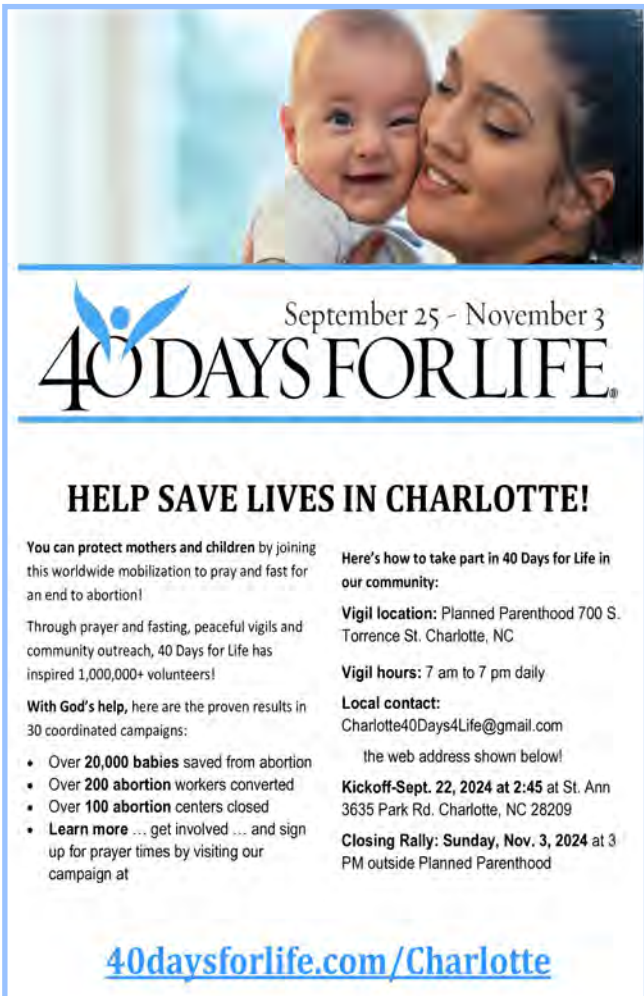
**DR. BOB SCHUCHTS**

Registration: \$25 per person/\$40 per married couple plus cost of workbook  
\*registration deadline: September 18th

**SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
1400 Suther Road  
Charlotte, NC 28213

Registration or questions contact Beth Ohlhaut: [bunchofkids@gmail.com](mailto:bunchofkids@gmail.com)



September 25 - November 3  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**HELP SAVE LIVES IN CHARLOTTE!**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed
- Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at

[40daysforlife.com/Charlotte](http://40daysforlife.com/Charlotte)

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

**Vigil location:** Planned Parenthood 700 S. Torrence St. Charlotte, NC

**Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily

**Local contact:** [Charlotte40Days4Life@gmail.com](mailto:Charlotte40Days4Life@gmail.com)

the web address shown below!

**Kickoff-Sept. 22, 2024 at 2:45 at St. Ann**  
3635 Park Rd. Charlotte, NC 28209

**Closing Rally: Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024 at 3 PM** outside Planned Parenthood



Face today's challenges with *Faith*

**2024 Life & Family Conference**  
"Cultural Challenges & Catholic Faith"

Join us for a day of formation and education focused on marriage, family and pro-life work. Experience dynamic, nationally known speakers and panel discussions about fostering hope and love in family life, strengthening marriages, and other life-affirming topics. Mass will be offered. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. Lunch and refreshments included.

**Father Jeff Kirby, STD**  
"The Way of the Lord: Speaking Moral Truth with Love"

**Christine Wisdom, MS, LMHC**  
"From Suffering to Healing in Family Life"

**Adamo Manfra, Major USMCR, S.T.B.**  
"Faith in the Public Square: Catholic Engagement in Politics and Policy"

**September 28, 2024**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
St. Matthew Catholic Church  
8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy.  
Charlotte, N.C. 28277

Scan to register now!

Sponsored by:  
**DIocese of Charlotte**  
FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

Questions? Email [familylife@rcdoc.org](mailto:familylife@rcdoc.org)



## REGISTRATION OPEN

MARY'S WOMEN OF JOY | FALL SESSION 2024



Mary's Women of Joy is a sisterhood offering prayer and the Catholic study of scripture and Church teachings; encouraging and supporting women in their spiritual growth, understanding and embrace of the Catholic faith.

**Mornings include** Prayer, Song, Sharing, Study Videos and Small Group discussion.

### JESUS APPROACHES

Women's Scripture Study with Liz Kelly

Join award-winning author and speaker, Liz Kelly in a 8-week study based on her book: Jesus Approaches, What Today's Woman Can Learn about Healing, Freedom and Joy from the Women of the New Testament. By taking a fresh look at the encounters that women had with Jesus and immersing ourselves in Church teaching on the important vocation of women, we will grow in confidence and skill in praying with scripture and in making the Gospel story our own.

Strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and join us this Fall. **Space is limited, so register early.**

*"the best women's study I've ever done"  
"really intimate, personal"  
"I feel more deeply connected to all women and the gifts we all have."*

**Dates:**  
September 12 - November 14, 2024  
Orientation, 8-week study, Luncheon

**Day:** Weekly on Thursdays  
Time: 9:30 am-12:00 pm  
Hospitality available beginning 9:00 am

**Location:** St. Ann Allen Center  
Classrooms 1+2

**Registration Fee:** \$65 includes Book and Study Guide



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[Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology](#) 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.

[In Vitro Fertilization: The Human Cost](#) 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.

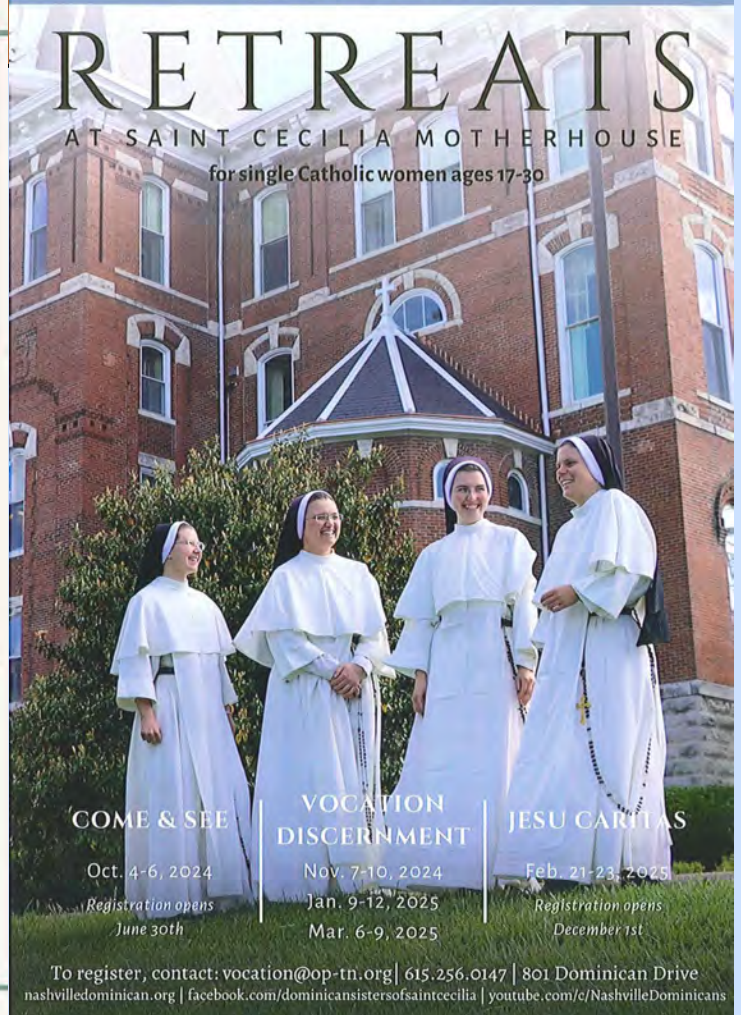
[Letter to the U.S. Senate](#) (Feb, 2024) from the U.S. bishops outlining the threats to life, family integrity, and religious freedom in recent legislative efforts to create a "right to IVF."

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