



# St. Ann Catholic Church

3635 Park Road • Charlotte, North Carolina 28209  
Phone: 704-523-4641 • Fax: 704-527-8671  
[www.stanncharlotte.org](http://www.stanncharlotte.org)



## 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.

December 29, 2024 • Feast of the Holy Family

## Dear Parishioners,



As we come to the end of another year and celebrate this beautiful feast day in honor of the Holy Family, I want to thank all of you for all you have done this past year. We have a wonderful parish family, and I'm

so grateful to all of you who give of your time, talent, and treasure to make our parish the happy and faith-filled place that it is. I do hope, as well, that you've all been able to enjoy the Christmas Octave by spending this special time with family and friends, and that our Infant Lord will shower you with His abundant graces as we enter into a new year.

Fr. Jones and I are also so very grateful for your generosity and many kindnesses to us. Every year I am so touched and humbled by your gifts and acts of charity toward me. I am most especially thankful for your prayers. You humble me with your generosity. Please be assured of my earnest and grateful prayers for all of you this Christmas Season, as well as those of Fr. Jones.

Please keep in mind that Wednesday, 01 January 2025, is a federal holiday, which means our office will be closed. As it is also a holy day of obligation, we will have Mass on Tuesday, 31 December 2024, at 6 p.m., and two Masses on 01 January: 9 a.m. (Latin) and 12 noon (English). Please be sure to attend one of those Masses. As always, I will hear confessions between the Masses on 01 January from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Please note that there will be no Mass on the morning of December 31<sup>st</sup>. The 6 p.m. Mass will be the only parish Mass that day. Also, there will be no Adoration again this week because of the holiday, and no Holy Hour or 6pm Mass on Wednesday, 01 January 2025.**

The annual blessing of Epiphany water will take place next Sunday after the 12:30pm Mass. Please bring empty water bottles with you if you'd like to take home some Epiphany water.

Sincerely yours in the Christ Child and His Virginal Mother,

Fr. Reid

## Legacy of Faith

### *A Gift for Future Generations*

As we prepare our hearts this holy season, we are especially grateful to those who have included St. Ann Catholic Church or School in their will or trust. Your generosity provides a gift that will last beyond the season, nourishing and inspiring future generations of parishioners. If you have already made this thoughtful commitment and haven't informed us, please reach out to Mark Donzella at 704-523-4641 x224 or [operations@stanncharlotte.org](mailto:operations@stanncharlotte.org).

We would be honored to welcome you into the St. Ann Legacy Society.

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





# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, December 29

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of the Kaufmann Family  
by Mike and Joan Macalka

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

+Harold E Chapman Jr. by the Family

12:30 pm

For our Parish

## Monday, December 30

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Martha Zaytoun  
by the Young Catholic Professionals of Charlotte

## Tuesday, December 31 *Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God*

6:00 pm

For our Parish

## Wednesday, January 1

*Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*

9:00 am Mass

Intentions of Christopher Ebinger by the Family

12:00 pm (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Mia Alderman by the Family

## Thursday, January 2

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Monsignor Jeffery Ingham  
by the Grabowski Family

## Friday, January 3

7:00 am + Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:30 am (Novus Ordo)

+Lawrence Shelton by Megan Gomiz

## Saturday, January 4

4:30 pm (Novus Ordo)

+Monsignor Frank Hendrick  
by the Grabowski Family

## Sunday, January 5

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

For our parish

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

+Margie Terry by the Family

12:30 pm

Intentions of Carolyn Skinner by the Family

# WEDDING BANNERS

III: Grace Hetzel — Thomas Thierfelder  
December 31  
St. Ann Church

## Please Pray For...

### *Our Parishioners*

Grace Coyne  
Daniel Foster  
Elena Hildebrand  
Arlene and Gene Luczak  
Roe Family

### *Our Friends and Family*

Mia Alderman  
David Alderman  
Albert Ayd  
(Brother of Cecilia Balman)  
Brian Blatchford  
Betsy Devarakonda  
Kinley Duncan  
Steve Frank  
Maureen Frost  
(Sister-in-law of Regina Beach Hoar)  
Jeremy Kuhn  
(Son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn)  
Dolly Langley  
(Sister of Cecilia Balman)  
Marcia York  
(Sister of Carol Kuhn)

### *Our Servicemen and Servicewomen*

Lt. Grace Carlson, USN  
Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC  
Ensign Hayley Derscheid, USN  
Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Derscheid, USN  
SGT James "Jim" Alston, US Army  
2nd Lt. Kenneth Davison III USAF  
2nd Lt. Anna Davison USAF  
Cadet 2nd Class Therese Davison, USAF  
Lt. Thomas Hetzel, Deployed, US Army  
Capt. Peter Hetzel, US Army  
Sam Hucko, Basic Cadet, USAF  
Capt. Thomas Mathis IV, DO, US Army  
Lt. Grace Mathis, US Army  
1st Lt. Angelina Patrinostro USAF (deployed)

## This Week in Our Parish

### Sunday, December 29

9:00 am Legion of Mary .....Conference Room

### Monday, December 30

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal ..... Church  
7:00 pm Fraternus..... Gym, Café

### Tuesday, December 31 NO Adoration

4:00 pm Wedding..... Church  
7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group..... Library

### Wednesday, January 1 NO Adoration

10:00 am Confessions ..... Church

### Thursday, January 2

7:30 am Conference Room in use ..... until 10:30am  
5:30 pm Confessions ..... Church  
6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball..... Gym  
7:00 pm Young Adult Swing Dance ..... Cafe

### Friday, January 3

8:00 am Parent's rosary .....Chapel  
8:30 am Homeschool CCE ..... Classrooms, library  
6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball Practice ..... Gym

### Saturday, January 4

10:00 am Gym in use ..... until 6 pm  
3:00 pm Confessions ..... Church

### Sunday, January 5

8:00 am Family Ministry Formation café, playground  
9:00 am Legion of Mary .....Conference Room  
9:00 am Kindergarten Faith Formation..... Library  
9:00 am Teen Apologetics.....Classrooms 1&2  
12:00 pm Natural Marriage Group...Classrooms 1 & 2  
2:00 pm Blessing of Epiphany Water and Chalk

## Parish Resources



OPENLIGHT  
MEDIA

Open Light Media materials, produced by the Dominican Sisters, has excellent content! You will find virtue training, fun videos for the family and a parenting series.

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 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!

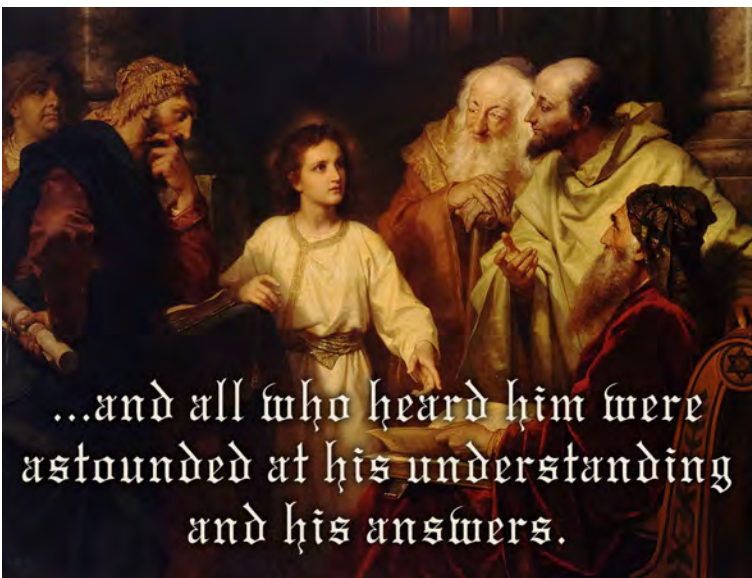
## To request a facilities reservation:



Please contact:

Mark Donzella, Director of Operations  
(704) 523-4641 x 224

[operations@stanncharlotte.org](mailto:operations@stanncharlotte.org)



...and all who heard him were  
astounded at his understanding  
and his answers.

Marriage Tip # 63

I THOUGHT I WAS  
BROKEN AND  
NEEDED FIXING.  
NOT TRUE!  
I WAS HURT  
AND NEEDED  
HEALING,  
A COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT  
CONCEPT.

HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG

## Retrouvaille Marriage Help

offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage.

Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For over 40 years, Retrouvaille has provided help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples in the Charlotte area on **Jan. 24-26<sup>th</sup>**,  
email: [3062r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3062r@helpourmarriage.org)  
or Call: 727-343-6701  
Website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Coffee & Donuts*

JOIN US THE 3RD SUNDAY OF  
THE MONTH AFTER EVERY MASS  
FOR REFRESHMENTS WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!

TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT  
BRENDA KRESAK AT [BKRESAK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BKRESAK@GMAIL.COM)

**CONVERGING ROADS™**  
WHERE HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND MEDICINE CONVERGE

**THE FUTURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY**

MARCH 29, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 5:45 PM | IN PERSON AND ONLINE  
THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PATRICK  
1621 DILWORTH ROAD EAST, CHARLOTTE, NC 28203

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Human Dignity and the Ethics Of Technology  
Jeffrey P. Bishop, MD, PhD
- Science and Ethics of In Vitro Fertilization  
Jean Baric-Parker, DBE
- A Catholic Approach to Mental Health  
Very Rev. James Patrick Burns, IV, PhD, ABPP
- Health Care, Artificial Intelligence, and Other Forms of Technology  
Faculty TBA
- Genetic Screening, Genetic Engineering, and Human Dignity  
Caroline Aragón, MS, CGC
- Technology and the Mental Health Crisis in Adolescents  
Johann M. D Souza, PhD

REGISTER HERE

For more information, contact  
Jessie Sonnen  
[jessie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:jessie@forlifeandfamily.org)  
832-779-1070

Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

PRESENTED BY

St. John Paul II Foundation, Diocese of Charlotte, Belmont Abbey College

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## St Joseph's Men's Prayer Group

We invite the men of our community to gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. Join us every **Tuesday at 7 PM** for Rosary followed by reflection and discussion in the library. Following the rosary, we engage in fellowship activities designed to foster genuine relationships within our parish. For updates or to submit prayer requests, please use the QR code provided.



## Help Needed:

An elderly woman (69) is looking for a ride to the 4:30 mass. She lives near the intersection of S. Tryon and Carowinds Blvd. If interested, call Sister Mary Lydia in the office.





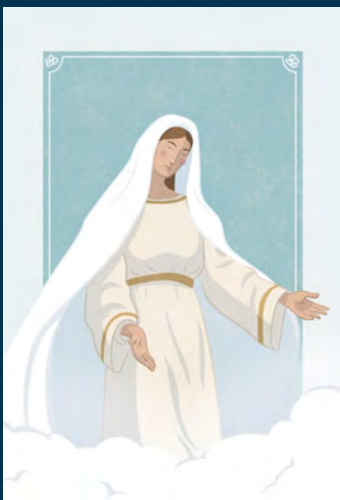
\*\* We are in need of prayer warriors for our two wonderful Deacons.

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)

## Legion of Mary

**Sundays • 9:00 am**  
Classroom 3  
Contact Sue Calkins  
At 704-724-2297  
or [maxxwellsr@gmail.com](mailto:maxxwellsr@gmail.com)



As recently communicated in The Friday Five, our **Pastoral Plan** was presented to the Bishop on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Plan, linked below, is based on survey inputs received from you regarding the current state



and future vision for our parish. We have just learned that the Bishop has approved the Pastoral Plan, which can now be used as a reference in making strategic decisions for St. Ann going forward. This is good news, indeed!



## St. Ann Homeless Ministry

### **We Are 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.

## 33 Hours of Adoration

**Tuesdays 8 am-Wednesdays 5 pm in the Church**

**We are in need of adorers on:**

**Tuesday at 12 noon or**

**Wednesday at 9 AM or 1PM**

Contact Cecilia Balman at (704) 618-7648

or [vabalman@aol.com](mailto:vabalman@aol.com)

**Also, currently there is only one adorer and our goal is to have two or more adorers at each hour.**

**Would you prayerfully consider a weekly commitment to one of these hours?**

**Tuesday - 10 AM, 12 PM, and 11 PM**

**Wednesday - 12 AM, 3 AM, 7 AM, 10 AM,**

**11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM and 3 PM**



# St. Ann Family Ministry Corner

## Equipping Parents in their Mission of Love and Building a Joyful Family

“He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” Mark 6:31

**Call to Action:** If you know of a family in Western North Carolina that has been affected by Hurricane Helene, please share information about the family retreat. We are offering a Free Retreat Scholarship for these families.

Information at [YHFRetreat.org](http://YHFRetreat.org)

## Register Now

Friday, Dec. 27–Monday, Dec. 30  
 Carolinas Retreat for Families at **Heartridge Retreat and Cultural Center, SC.** Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family in a new way. Your Holy Family has been running retreats for over 10 years and looks forward to sharing this gift with your family. **Registration at:** [YHFRetreat.org](http://YHFRetreat.org)

## Save the Date

Family Formation: Sunday, January 5 after the 10:30am mass  
 Come to the Allen Center for a short talk and family activity. Toys, games, and light refreshments will be provided.





15th Annual Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas

# QUEM SERVIS?

WHO DO YOU SERVE?

**FEBRUARY 8, 2025**





Day of Faith and Fellowship including keynote speakers, Mass, Rosary, Confession, Adoration and lunch included.

**SPEAKERS**

 <b>BISHOP FABRE-JEUNE</b> Diocese of Charleston <i>Celebrant</i>	 <b>JOHN FRANKMAN</b> Former Green Beret & Seminarian, Convert, Political Activist
 <b>JOHN EDWARDS</b> Former Marine, Convert Catholic & Redeemer	 <b>EKINOCK</b> Father, Husband Catholic Rapper
 <b>RICK BARRETT</b> Weapons Specialist <i>The Armed Catholic</i>	 <b>ANTHONY ABBATE &amp; ROB BLYTON</b> Podcast, Humorists <i>Avoiding Babylon</i>

**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213  
 \$40 General Admission | \$35 Specials & Students | \$25 Virtual  
 @catholicmensconf | www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org



## Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

### Food Pantry Collection

1st and 3rd weekends of every month

**Next collection: Jan. 4-5**



## Women's Conference Bilingual

1 FEBRUARY 2025  
 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 \$40

**ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 14740 Stumptown Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078

A day dedicated to nourishing and restoring women's souls with inspirational talks, adoration, guided meditation and worship.

"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul." Psalm 23:1-3

TO REGISTER GO TO  
[HEALEDANDRESTORED.ORG](http://HEALEDANDRESTORED.ORG) OR USE  
 THE QR CODE TO ACCESS REGISTRATION





# New Year's Retreat

Jesus used questions to promote healing, forgive the past, repair brokenness, and instill hope.

The retreat, **“Questions Jesus Asks You for the New Year”**, will invite you to answer the same life-altering questions.

There will be five engaging reflections, Mass, confession, Matins, Vespers, and Adoration. Plus, plenty of time to reflect upon the New Year in our sacred spaces while enjoying the fireplace in our lounge or exploring the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC.

**Two nights: December 30-January 1.**

As a special treat, there will be a New Year's Eve banquet with traditional festivities. The last two years have sold out, so register now at:

[www.catholicconference.org/new-years](http://www.catholicconference.org/new-years)

For more information email:

[info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org)

or call 828.327.7441.

# MARCH FOR LIFE

## CHARLOTTE MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 10, 2025

Mass 10:00am | Cathedral of St. Patrick  
Gather & Pray 11:30am | March 12:00pm  
1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC



SCAN HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

WASHINGTON, DC

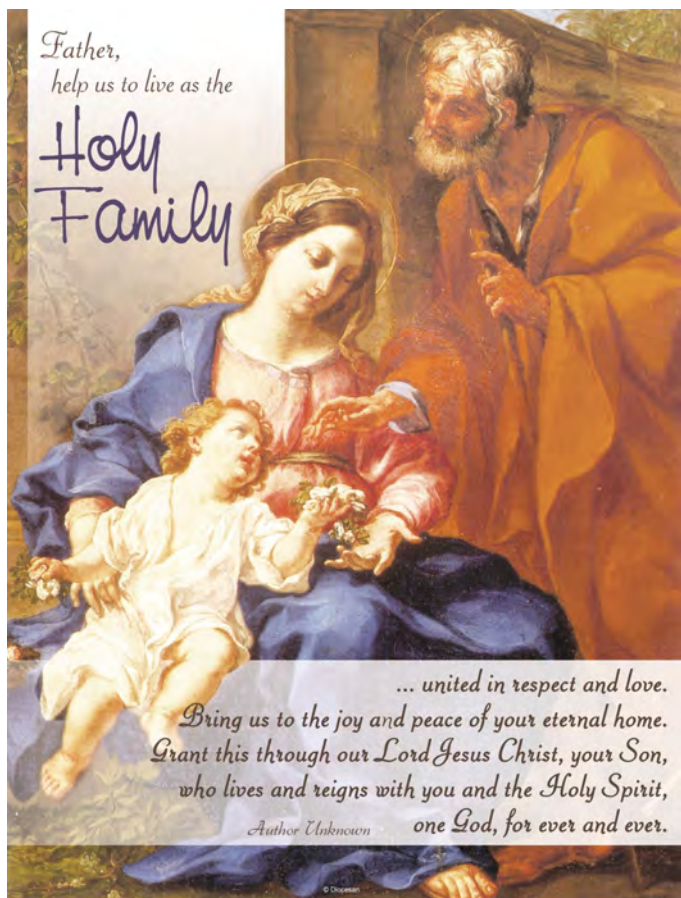
JANUARY 23-25, 2025

2 busses this year!  
Depart & return from Charlotte  
Bus fare, lodging, breakfasts included  
Tickets: \$200-\$300; student discount available



SCAN HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

National Prayer Vigil Mass | Life Fest  
Rally & March for Life | Saturday Pilgrimage



## Do You Like To Pray

or 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](mailto:stannpray_ers@comporium.net)



May God  
bless us in  
his mercy.



# FORMED®

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.



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

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone.

This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories.

Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

Watch the series with your spouse, with friends, on your own, or as part of a small group!

The participant guide includes questions for group discussion, topics for personal reflection, and ideas to try at home.

## Bulletin Articles Deadline:

Tuesday by noon

Email articles to: [bulletinstann3635@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinstann3635@gmail.com)

## Faith Formation 2024

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. We start our Christmas break on **December 22**, and return to class on **January 5th**. Classes meet in the St. Ann school building. Families enter the doors at the upper parking lot. [Contact Virginia Blatchford](mailto:Virginia.Blatchford@stanncharlotte.org) with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or [formation@stanncharlotte.org](mailto:formation@stanncharlotte.org)

## Teen Apologetics

Sunday classes have started. We meet on Faith Formation days from 9:00am-10:10am. Our Christmas break begins on **December 22** and we return to class on **January 5th**. The faith formation calendar is also on the parish website. We have started our study on *"Where is that in the Bible?"*, a study of scripture and how it is used in apologetics. Come join us!

## Natural Marriage Group

Launched last year as a highly successful pilot in three Catholic parishes across the country, this program offers engaged and married couples a space to learn about and support one another in NFP, fertility, and relationships.

Led by trained couples, the monthly support groups cover topics such as:

- NFP in practice
- Risks of contraception
- Struggle in times of abstinence
- Fear of pregnancy
- Fertility cycle education
- Coping with infertility
- and more.

Join us **Sunday January 5 after the 10:30 mass** in classroom 1 for our monthly, hour long session. Free childcare provided, email [kaloakes@gmail.com](mailto:kaloakes@gmail.com) to RSVP.

# Your Stewardship of Treasure

## Weekly Stewardship

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
December 1	\$30,619.42	\$27,212.50	\$ 3,406.92
<b>YTD July 1-December 2, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 599,560.62</b>	<b>\$ 625,887.50</b>	<b>(\$26,326.88)</b>

929 Registered Families

## Outstanding Parish Loan Balances

Rectory Loan .....	\$309,228.86
5 Year Plan Loan Paid in Full .....	\$0.00

**Sunday  
Offertory**



**Religious  
Retirement**

# DSA 2024

Goal .....	\$141,842.00
Pledged .....	\$123,125.62
Received .....	\$120,680.45
Over/Under Pledged .....	(\$19,291.38)
Assessment Balance .....	(\$21,161.55)
Donors .....	159

Priests Retirement Assessment: .....	43,506.00
Received.....	33,186.80
Balance Due.....	10,319.20

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 Parish Directory

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### Parish Office Hours

#### Monday

9:00 am-4:00 pm

#### Tuesdays

10:45 am-4:00 pm

#### Wednesday

9:00 am-4:00 pm

#### Thursday

9:00 am-4:00 pm

#### Friday

9:00 am-3:45 pm

#### Closed

1:00-1:30 pm for lunch

### Your Parish Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Timothy S. Reid  
x222

#### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Brandon H. Jones

#### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Thomas Sanctis  
x223

#### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Peter Tonon  
X227

#### Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

Virginia Blatchford  
X231

#### Faith Formation and Evangelization

Clare Beltran  
x231

#### Liturgical Ministries

Chris Brunhuber  
x229

#### Music

Terese Rowe  
x234

#### Facilities, Scheduling, and Maintenance Supervisor

Chris Brunhuber  
x233

#### Maintenance

Raymond Mosley  
x233

#### Accountant

Alejandra Seagle  
x237

#### Administrative Assistant

Sister Mary Lydia, DVM  
x221

#### Accounting Assistant (Part time)

Sandra Sharron  
x232

#### Director of Operations

Mark Donzella  
X224

Bulletin Articles Deadline  
Tuesday by 12:00 pm  
Email:bulletinstann3635@  
gmail.com

### Sunday Mass Schedule

**Saturday Anticipated Mass**  
4:30 p.m. (Novus Ordo)

#### 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

**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.