

St. Ann Catholic Church

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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.

December 8, 2024 • Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,



This Monday, 09 December 2024, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.** It is a holy day of obligation. Thus, we will have Masses that day at 7a.m., 12 noon, and 6p.m. Please plan to attend one of those

Masses. I am grateful to the many of you who are praying the Novena in preparation for the dedication of our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we will celebrate after the 7am Mass on Monday. This is something we've been doing for several years now, and it's something that I believe brings great graces to our parish.

This coming Saturday, 14 December 2024, we will have our annual *Rorate Mass* at 6:30 a.m. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "Rorate coeli, désuper et nubes pluant justum," which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." What is special about this Mass is that it is celebrated early in the morning using only candlelight, a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. As the Mass is offered, and the dawn begins to break, the Church – through the prayers of this Mass – expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah in the darkness of our fallen world. It is thus a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child. I realize that 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday is a bit early, but I promise that this Mass will be worth getting up for! So please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

Lastly, we still have not met our **Diocesan Support Appeal** Goal (DSA) for this year. We are nearly \$30,000 short of our assessment. If you haven't donated to the DSA yet, now is a great time to do so. If we fall short of our assessment (which is \$142,842 this year), we must make up the missing funds from our general operating account. And please consider giving generously to the **5-Year Plan** as you plan your end-of-year giving. We still have a debt to pay off for rectory mortgage, and several other projects we hope to undertake in the coming years. Thanks for your generosity!

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,

Ru TSR.

Fr. Reid



Basket available for optional Free-Will Gift Offering. Gifts may be made via check payable to 'Fr. Reid.' Sponsored by St. Ann Homeschool Ministry - Spread the word & bring a friend! Childcare not provided. Nursing babies welcome!

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Derek Ashley by the Murdico Family 10:30 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Ava Shayeghi by the Family 12:30 pm Intentions of Allen and Alisha Severson by Katie Cosby

Monday, December 9 Koly Day of Obligation

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)
Intentions of Aaron Blais by the Family
12:00 pm For our Parish
6:00 pm Intentions of Zach Johnson
by the Young Catholic Professionals of Charlotte

Tuesday, December 10 7:00 am (Novus Ordo) +Noelia Crespo by Madeline Carchia

Wednesday, December 11 6:00 pm +Mary Whitmore by Carolyn Skinner

Thursday, December 12 7:00 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of James Nobers by the family

Friday, December 13 7:00 am Intentions of Hannah Nobers by the Family

8:30 am (Novus Ordo) +Wayne Norris by Johnny and Terry Alderman

Saturday, December 14

6:30 am Rorate Mass 4:30 pm (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Jack Nobers by the family

Sunday, December 15 8:00 am (Novus Ordo) +Abbey Lejk by the Rick Lejk Family 10:30 am (Novus Ordo) For our Parish 12:30 pm Intentions of Nathan Nobers by the Family

WEDDING

III: Brianna Pavlish—Peter Bernosky 14 December 2024 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 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

Oplatky–Christmas Wafers –Oplatek

Renew the Eastern European Christmas Tradition sharing the Oplatek/Christmas Wafer at Christmas Eve dinner. Breaking the wafer with family and friends with best wishes, expressions of forgiveness; bring joy and happiness to hearts and homes for the coming year thru the birth of Jesus Christ. Cost: \$1.00 per wafer, state quantity or buy sealed packet of 4 wafers for \$6.00. Order by Dec. 20th. Contact Helen Collins, 704-576-3562 or <u>helen892@att.net</u>.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am	Legion of Mary	Conference Room
9:00 am	Kindergarten Faith Forn	nation Library
9:00 am	Teen Apologetics	Classrooms 1&2
2:00 pm	Baptism	Church

Monday, December 9 Office Closed

7:00 pm	RCIA	Classrooms 1&2
7:00 pm	Fraternus	Gym

Tuesday, December 10

7:30 am	Classrooms 2,3&4 in use until 2pm
8:00 am	Adoration beginsChapel
6:00 pm	Interfaith BasketballGym
6:30 pm	Classrooms 1 & 2 in use until 8 pm
6:30 pm	Young Adult Happy Holy Hour
7:00 pm	St. Joseph Prayer Group Library

Wednesday, December 11

	Adoration continuesChape	l
7:45 am	HS Homeschool all classrooms and library	/
5:00 pm	Holy Hour Church	۱
6:00 pm	Young Adult Basketball Gym	۱
6:45 pm	Our Lady's Handmaidens Café	ś
7:00 pm	Bible Study Classroom 3	3
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Group- Classrooms 1 &	2

Thursday, December 12

7:30 am	Classrooms 3&4 in use until 2pm
5:30 pm	Confession Church
6:30 pm	St. Ann School Christmas Concert Gym
6:45 pm	SAHSM Women's Advent Retreat

Friday, December 13

8:30 am	Homeschool CCE Classrooms, library
6:00 pm	Interfaith Basketball Practice Gym

Saturday, December 14

8:00 am	Carmelites (All Rooms)	until 12:30 pm
1:30 pm	Wedding	Church
2:00 pm	Gym in use	until 6 pm
3:00 pm	Confessions	Church

Sunday, December 15

9:00 am	Legion of MaryConference Room
9:00 am	Kindergarten Faith Formation Library
9:00 am	Teen ApologeticsClassrooms 1&2
11:00 am	Homeless Ministry Kitchen

Parish Resources

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
- 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!





What if our children learn from our example? They do.

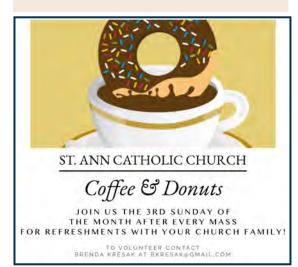
www.HelpOurMarriage.o

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. 24-26th*,

email: <u>3062r@helpourmarriage.org</u> or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com



The St. Ann Men's Club needs your help for our Annual Charity Christmas Tree Sale!



Over 500 Trees and Wreaths to sell, bale, and load this year!



This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, supporting critical community & charity projects.

Can you give a few hours of your time? Scan the QR Code below to register and choose a shift that works for you. Let's come together to make this event a success and spread holiday cheer! Thank you for your support!



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

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 sub-



mit 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

Legion of Mary

Sundays • 9:00 am Classroom 3 Contact Sue Calkins At 704-724-2297 or maxxwellsr@gmail.com

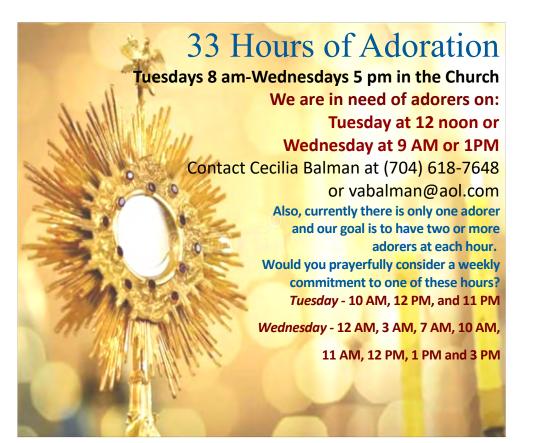




St. Ann Homeless Ministry

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.



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

Sign up for

Saturday, December 14 Family Potluck/Rosary night Fun for the whole family, hiking trails, playgrounds, sports, bonfire and more. For more information go to <u>abearacres.org</u>

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: <u>YHFRetreat.org</u> 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.



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

ADVENT ANGEL TREE

THANK YOU

For helping us bring **Christmas joy** to those in need by taking an ornament to purchase an **Angel Tree gift.**

We are grateful for your generosity.

PLEASE

RETURN the ornament along with your unwrapped gift to the Tree by Sunday, December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways B 91:11

CONTACT Terry Alderman or Jennifer Ingallinera st.annangelgroup@gmail.com with questions.

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

Prepare the way of the Lord

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

For more information email: info@catholicconference.org or call 828.327.7441.

THE CASA CORNER

The Courtyard at Saint Anns - For Young Adults 21-39

Upcorning Events

HOLY HAPPY HOUR Tuesday, Dec. 10th / 6:30pm St. Ann, 7:45pm Selwyn Pub

RORATE MASS & CHURCH CLEANUP Saturday, Dec. 14th / 6:30am Mass, 9:30am Cleanup at St. Ann

CASA CHRISTMAS CAFE AFTER MASS Sunday, Dec. 15th | 11:45am St. Ann

ADVENT CELEBRATION HOSTED BY YCP Wednesday, Dec. 18th / 7pm St. Joseph's Seminary in Mt. Holly

Stay up to date on GroupMe and/or Instagram for more details

STAY CONNECTED

@courtyardatstanns



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



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



MORE DETAILS

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



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 December 8 after the 10:30 mass in classroom 1 for our monthly, hour long session. Free childcare provided, email <u>kaloakes@gmail.com</u> to RSVP.



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 Godgiven 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.

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 are back at class on **December 8th.** Classes meet in the St. Ann school building, and families enter the doors at the upper parking lot. <u>Contact Virginia</u> <u>Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext.</u> 231 or faithformation@stanncharlotte.org

Bulletin Articles Deadline:

Tuesday by noon Email: bulletinstann3635@gmail.com

Teen Apologetics

Our Sunday classes have started. We meet on Faith Formation days from 9:00am-10:10am. The faith formation calendar is on the parish website. We are back at class on **December 8th**. 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!

Volunteer Opportunities

- St. Ann's is looking for individuals who are interested in maintaining our *parish center kitchen*. If you enjoy having a clean, well organized kitchen then this opportunity may be just for you. We are seeking folks who can help clean, maintain and keep our parish center kitchen organized. Please contact Chris Brunhuber at <u>facilities@stanncharlotte.org</u> to learn more details.
- If *gardening and working with planters* is something you enjoy, consider joining the St. Ann's beautification committee. St. Ann's has a beautiful campus, and we need individuals who like to plant, prune and get their hands a little dirty to keep our campus beautiful. Please contact Chris Brunhuber at <u>facilities@stanncharlotte.org</u> for more details.

Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Stewardship

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
November 3	\$28,840.33	\$27,212.50	\$ 1,627.83
November 10	28,896.10	27,212.50	1,683.60
November 17	29,450.15	27,212.50	2,237.65
YTD July 1-November 18, 2024			
2	\$ 537,655.16	\$ 571,462.50	(\$33,807.34)

929 Registered Families

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances

Rectory Loan\$320,558.36 5 Year Plan Loan Paid in Full\$0.00

Sunday Offertory



Religious Retirement

DSA 2024

Goal Pledged Received Over/Under Pledged Assessment Balance Donors	\$122,550.62 \$111,065.75 <mark>(\$19,291.38)</mark> (\$30,776.25)
Priests Retirement Assessment: Received Balance Due	30,216.22

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.



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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

Holy Hour Wednesday

5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Thursday 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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.

Accountant Alejandra Seagle x237

Administrative Assistant Sister Mary Lydia, DVM x221

Accounting Assistant (Part time) Sandra Sharron x232

Director of Operations Mark Donzella X224

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