



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.

March 23, 2025 • Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners,



There are a couple of upcoming events that I hope you'll pray for. First, next Saturday is the Rite of Election for those entering the Church this Easter.

This is where catechumens indicate their desire to become Catholic by signing the Book of the Elect. The word "election" is used not

in a political sense here, but rather in the sense of discernment that God is present in the life of catechumen and leading him/her into a fuller sacramental life with the Church. So please pray for all those who are participating in this process.

Incidentally, this Sunday we begin the scrutinies at the 10:30 Sunday Mass. The scrutinies are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of those preparing to enter the Church so that all that is upright, strong and good may be strengthened and nourished within them (*RCIA*, #141). The three scrutinies, which date back to the early Church, are the last bits of preparation for those seeking to enter Her through baptism, but they are also a beautiful reminder to all of us of the need for self-examination and repentance.

Also, please pray for our parishioner, David Carter. David is in the seminary for the Fraternal Society of St. Peter, and he will be ordained to the

diaconate on April 5, 2025. David grew up in St. Ann's and was one of our altar boys for many years. While his parents moved a few years ago to Arizona, St. Ann's has remained David's home parish. I will be traveling out to Nebraska to be at David's diaconate ordination.

If you haven't done so yet, it's not too late to complete the Disciple Maker Index, an online survey that seeks to collect key information about St. Ann's related to your spiritual growth and engagement with the parish. The survey results will be used to help create a diocesan-wide vision, prioritize needs, and align resources at a diocesan level. To take the survey go to: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xgya9x>

Lastly, our parish mission begins this weekend! Our mission preacher this year is Fr. Basil Cole, a delightful Dominican priest stationed in Washington, DC. Fr. Cole is preaching about how to attain greater intimacy with our Lord. As we've done in the past, we will have mission talks from Sunday evening through Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by confessions. Additionally, Fr. Cole will offer Mass on Monday through Wednesday at 10am, followed by a talk at 10:30am for those who cannot make the evening talks.

With prayers for a peaceful Lent,

Fr. Reid

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 23

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

For our Parish

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of David and Chris Longo by Fr. Reid

12:30 pm

Intentions of Kenneth Witmore
by the Skinner Family

Monday, March 24

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Poor Souls by Sandra Sharron

Tuesday, March 25

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of the Grabowski Family by the Family

Wednesday, March 26

10:00 am Mission Mass

6:00 pm Intentions of St. Ann's Benefactors
and their loved ones

Thursday, March 27

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Will Carlson by Fr. Reid

Friday, March 28

7:00 am Intentions of Margaret Foushee Whetstone
by the Foushee Family

8:30 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions Anna Sadowski by the Family

Saturday, March 29

4:30 pm (Novus Ordo)

+John Paul Mack by the Family

Sunday, March 30

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

For our Parish

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Justin and Cindy Kreefer
by Joseph and Margaret Westerhauf

12:30 pm

Intentions of Seraphina Ferrante
by the Family

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte
Food Pantry Collection
1st and 3rd weekends of every month
Next collection: April 5&6

The Disciple Maker Index is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St.



Ann. This on-line survey will help parishioners grow in their faith and guide our parish leaders in their decision making.

Please provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in your relationship with Christ. The 15-minute survey can be accessed on-line using this QR Code:



Please Pray For...

Our Parishioners

Grace Coyne
Daniel Foster
Elena Hildebrand
James Hochstetler
Arlene and Gene Luczak
Roe Family
Stephany Shayeghi

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, March 23 Parish Mission with Fr. Basil Cole

- 9:00 am Legion of Mary Conference room
- 9:00 am Kindergarten Faith Formation..... Library
- 9:00 am Teen Apologetics.....Classrooms 1&2
- 10:15 am Classrooms 1&2 in use
- 1:45 pm Altar Server Basketball..... Gym
- 2:00 pm Baptism Church
- 7:00 pm Mission Talk Church

Monday, March 24

- 7:30 am Classrooms 3&4 in use until 2pm
- 10:00 am Mission Talk Church
- 2:45 pm Classrooms 1&2 in use until 3:45pm
- 5:00 pm MEF Server Training..... Church
- 7:00 pm Mission Talk Church
- 7:00 pm RCIA.....Classrooms 1&2
- 7:00 pm Fraternus..... Gym, Café

Tuesday, March 25

- 7:30 am Classrooms 2,3,4 in use..... until 2PM
- 8:00 am Adoration beginsChapel
- 10:00 am Mission Talk Church
- 2:45 pm Kitchen in use..... until 3:45 pm
- 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group..... Library
- 7:00 pm Mission Talk Church

Wednesday, March 26

Adoration continues in the Chapel

- 7:45 am HS Homeschoolall classrooms, library
- 10:30 am Mission Talk Church
- 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church
- 6:00 pm Young Adult Basketball Gym
- 6:45pm Our Lady's Handmaidens Café
- 7:00 pm Mission Talk Church

Thursday, March 27

- 7:00 am Mary's Women of JoyClassrooms 1&2
- 7:30 am Classrooms 3&4 in use until 2pm
- 2:45 pm Gym in use until 4:00 pm
- 5:30 pm Confessions Church

Friday, March 28

- 8:00 am Parent's rosaryChapel
- 8:30 am Homeschool CCEClassrooms 1-4, library
- 9:30 am Chapel in use..... until 10:30am
- 9:30 am Church in use..... until 11:30am
- 2:30 pm Kitchen reserved until 4:15 pm
- 6:00 pm Holy Hour of Reparation Church
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Church

Saturday, March 29

- 2:00 pm Baptism Church
- 3:00 pm Confessions Church
- 6:00 pm Fraternus Dinner Café, gym, kitchen

Sunday, March 30

- 9:00 am Legion of Mary Conference room
- 9:00 am Kindergarten Faith Formation..... Library
- 9:00 am Teen Apologetics.....Classrooms 1&2
- 10:15 am Classrooms 1&2 in use
- 2:00 pm Baptism Church

Catholic Charities Vineyard of Hope Banquet

Thursday, May 1

Carmel Country Club in Charlotte

Register at www.ccdoc.org/voh

Catholic Charities invites you to make a lasting impact in our community. Join us on **May 1** for an inspiring evening that celebrates our mission of hope for those in need. With Bishop Michael Martin, the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte, as our keynote speaker, this event will inspire a deep passion for service and strengthen your commitment to helping those in need within our community.

The Vineyard of Hope banquet, much like the vineyard in Scripture, calls each of us to labor in God's vineyard, nurturing and supporting our neighbors. Together, we can plant seeds of hope and build a stronger, more united community.

RSVP Today — your participation will directly impact the future of those we serve. Seats are limited, so don't delay! Visit www.ccdoc.org or scan the QR code below. Can't attend? You can still make a difference by donating to support this important evening.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this transformative evening!



SCAN TO RSVP

Catholic Charities
Vineyard of Hope Banquet

To request a facilities reservation:

Please contact:

Mark Donzella,

Director of Operations

(704) 523-4641 x 224 or

operations@stanncharlotte.org



Bulletin Articles Deadline:

Tuesday by noon

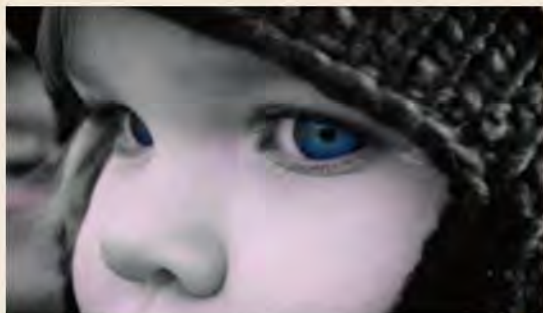
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- Science and Ethics of In Vitro Fertilization
Jean Baric-Parker, DBE
- A Catholic Approach to Mental Health
Very Rev. James Patrick Burns, IV, PhD, ABPP
- Health Care, Artificial Intelligence, and Other Forms of Technology
Faculty TBA
- Genetic Screening,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

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For more information, contact
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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.

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Reflecting God's Light

Your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal is shared with educational, multicultural, vocational, social service and faith formation ministries across the diocese. Thousands of people are positively impacted by your generosity. Bishop Martin has asked each of us to prayerfully consider our financial support of the DSA in 2025. Please scan here to learn more and to make a donation (when donating, please be sure to note St. Ann as your home parish). Thank you!



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

You will be asked to pray for **Deacon Tom, Deacon Peter and Deacon Ari** 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 any 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. Vincent ACES Senior Club invite all seniors 45+ young to join us Thurs.4/10/25 at 11am in the Activity Center as we welcome spring with a buffet lunch and enjoy a return visit by The Carolina Copy Cats Musical Revue. Cost-\$13/pp members and \$14/pp guest. RSVP/ payment by Fri. 4/4/25 Donna Anderson, call/text/email 704-607-6880 danderson@cottinghamchalk.com. Seats available for ACES four remaining 2025 trips, contact pgibbons1@att.net or 704-588-5870 (leave a message). See the ACES cabinet in the Narthex for more details. Newcomers welcome.

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.



Holy Saturday Blessing of Easter Food Baskets--St. Thomas Aquinas Church

On **Holy Saturday**, April 19th at 1:00 p.m., Deacon James Witulski will be blessing Easter Food Baskets at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. **The Blessing, in both the English and Polish languages, will take place in the Church.**

This Eastern & Central European tradition is called **The Blessing of the Easter Baskets, or, Swieconka**, in the Polish language, and will last about 30 minutes. This tradition has become popular among many Catholics.



The traditional foods, such as sausages, eggs, bread, and butter in the shape of a lamb, are brought to the Church, neatly arranged in a basket. However, **every person of any nationality is invited** to use their imagination and include their own national foods. Children can even bring their own baskets with their own treats, including chocolate and Easter candy. St. Thomas Aquinas Church is located at 1400 Suther Rd., Charlotte, NC 28213 ... Feel free to contact **Deacon James Witulski** with any questions at **704.960.3704**

WEDDING BANNERS

I: Isabella Hernandez Ramirez—Matthew Martin
April 12
St. Ann Church



33 Hours of Adoration

Tuesdays 8 am-Wednesdays
5 pm in the Church

Can you give one hour on
Wednesday at 12 noon or 1pm?

If so, please contact Cecilia Balman
at (704) 618-7648 or
vabalman@aol.com

St. Gerard Ministry

Would you like to support mothers after a birth? The St. Gerard Ministry organizes meal trains to support families after the birth of a child. This is an easy way to practice a work of mercy while getting to know other families in our parish! To get on the Ministry list, please email Clara Davison at: clarajdavison@gmail.com.

If you are expecting a baby soon and would like to receive meals, please email Clara at: clarajdavison@gmail.com!

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, email Tony Antonangeli at:

saintannprayers@gmail.com

Faith Formation: 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. **Our next Sunday off of class is on March 16.** Classes meet in the St. Ann school building, and families enter the doors at the upper parking lot. [Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or faithformation@stanncharlotte.org](mailto:faithformation@stanncharlotte.org)

Teen Apologetics: Sunday classes have started. We meet on Faith Formation days from 9:00am-10:10am. **Our next Sunday off of class is on March 16.** The faith formation calendar is also on the parish website. Our current study is with the book, "A Daily Defense" by Jimmy Akin. Come join us!

1st Communion and 1st Confession students have several special dates approaching. We will have our 1st Communion retreat on **April 5th** from 9-12 in the Allen Center. We also celebrate 1st Communion on May 17th. The **photography information** was sent in an email to all parents. If you are preparing your children at home, be sure you are registered to attend the retreat. You can send Virginia any questions at faithformation@stanncharlotte.org

Attention Confirmation Students: our all day retreat at Belmont Abbey is on **March 22 from 8:45am-3pm** so mark your calendars! Confirmation by Bishop Martin will be on **June 10th at 6pm** in St. Ann Church. Rehearsal is on June 9th at 5pm. **There is no class on March 16.**

Our **WELLS OF SALVATION** project will run through Lent. The collection boxes will be due back on Divine Mercy Sunday between the Masses. Please write a check for the amount you collect to **Cross Catholic** or go to the online link in the flyer to give directly at Cross Catholic. Be sure to indicate you are giving from St. Ann Parish. Our alms will help Cross Catholic Outreach build 145 community water systems, blessing 238,903 people with a lifetime supply of safe, clean water. Indeed, your gift of \$105 provides clean water for life for a family of five. We invite your families to: **PRAY. FAST. AND SHARE A GLASS.**

St. Ann Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve our parish community? The **Hospitality Ministry** is seeking **enthusiastic volunteers** to help foster a warm and welcoming environment!

We are responsible for:

- **Monthly Coffee & Donuts Socials** – Bringing our parish together in fellowship.
- **Sacramental Celebrations** – Hosting receptions for First Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA.
- **Food Donations & Event Support** – Setting up, serving, and cleaning up after special events.

Your helping hands and generous spirit will make a difference! Whether you can contribute food, set up, serve, or clean up, **your support is invaluable.**

Let's create a welcoming space where faith and community grow together!

Join us today! Contact: Brenda Kresak, bkresak@gmail.com or 678-793-2510

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 April 6 after the 10:30 mass** in classroom 1 for our monthly, hour long session.

Free childcare provided, email kaloakes@gmail.com to RSVP.



St. Ann will be holding a **Service Day** on **Saturday, April 5th from 8AM to 1PM**. We will be working outside to beautify our grounds for Easter.

Projects will include picking up trash and sticks, spreading mulch and pine

needles, weeding, trimming, planting flowers, etc. We need your help and bring your garden tools!

Please sign up using this QR code:



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Preacher:



Fr. Basil Cole, OP

Beginning
Sunday,
March 23rd
7:00 pm Talk
In the Church

Monday March 24th-
Wednesday March 26th

Daily in the Church

10:00 am Holy Mass
10:30 am Talk

7:00 pm Talk

Confessions to follow
each talk.

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Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Stewardship

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
March 2	\$25,892.56	\$27,212.50	\$ (1,319.94)
March 9	52,000.17	27,212.50	24,787.67
YTD July 1-March 9, 2025			
	\$1,086,716.70	\$1,006,862.50	\$79,854.20

929 Registered Families

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances

Rectory Loan	\$275,070.00
5 Year Plan Loan Paid in Full	\$0.00

**Sunday
Offertory**



**Diocesan
Stewardship**

DSA 2025

Goal	\$149,240.16
Pledged	16,560.93
Received	48,819.90
Balance Due.....	\$100,420.26

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.

Priests Retirement Assessment	0
Received.....	0
Balance Due.....	0



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

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Thomas Sanctis
x223

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Peter Tonon
X227

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ari Lekovic

Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization
Virginia Blatchford
X231

Faith Formation and Evangelization
Clare Beltran
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Liturgical Ministries
Helen Nobers
x229

Music
Terese Rowe
x234

Maintenance/Facilities
Raymond Mosley
X233
Chris Hall
X233

Accountant
Alejandra Seagle
x237

Accounting Assistant (Part time)
Sandra Sharron
x232

Administrative Assistant
Sister Mary Lydia, DVM
x221

Director of Operations and Facilities Scheduling
Mark Donzella
X224

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.



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