Saint Anne Parish Family
A Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Chicago
16801 Dixie Highway, Hazel Crest, Illinois 60429

Feast of Saint Anne

Saint Anne is a welcoming, loving community. We live out our faith with open arms. As disciples of Jesus, we embrace diversity and share our gifts and talents, as we journey to live, grow and share in God’s love.

Sunday, 23 July 2017
My Dear Parish Family,

Happy Feast Day! It is with great joy that our parish family comes together each year to celebrate the feast day of our Patron, Saint Anne. Many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard behind the scenes to make our celebration so special! For the first time, our feast day celebration is bringing together our band, our choir, and our coro for what is sure to be a great celebration of the rich diversity of our parish family. And we once again join together after Mass in Father Sweeney Hall for our Feast Day Dinner. Many thanks to everyone who is cooking and bringing in a special dish to share at our dinner. I hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate the gift of love that is our parish family. May Saint Anne continue to watch over us and guide us on our pilgrim way to the Kingdom of Our Lord!

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Children from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to participate in this year’s program: Hero Headquarters. Please pick up your registration form in the back of the church and return your completed form to the Religious Education Office. Please see page five for more information. Many thanks to Monica and her team of dedicated volunteers for working so hard to put this wonderful program together for the young people of our parish!

As our summer continues, I am looking forward to taking some extra time away from my regular routine here at the parish for my annual “staycation”. Even though I do not travel anywhere, I try to spend some extra time in prayer, reading, and relaxing here at the parish. This summer, I will also be using my staycation to work on continuing the development of our new parish website. While the basic framework of the site is already in place, there is much more work to be done. I am looking forward to the quiet of the summer to spend some time working on the more creative aspects of the site, and populating it with pictures, news, and other information about the many ministries and organizations. Please see page six for more information about our website and how you can help me develop it over the coming weeks. Visit our new site at: www.saintanneparish.org

Even as we roll out our new parish website, we continue to ask all of the members of our parish family to download and use the “OneParish” app. It is a free download available both on Google Play and iTunes. Please be sure to install this free app on your phone or tablet. The app automatically detects the default language of your device and will present itself in English or in Spanish. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with this wonderful app and its many faith building features, and use it as a way to stay connected to our parish family even when you can’t be here with us for Mass.

Yours In God’s Love,

Father Ralph
**Stewardship**

**July 16, 2017**

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**Other Collections**

- Building Fund: $324.00
- St. Paul Sharing: $5.00
- St. Vincent de Paul: $10.00
- St. Anne Feast Day: $10.00
- Father: $0.00

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**Please pray for all who are sick and in need of healing, especially:**

- Harold Adams
- Rosemarie Adams
- Bill Bahns
- Ron Boudreau
- Barbara Budzik
- Carolyn Collins
- Helen Cook
- Jim Cooper
- Al Degol
- Lucille Degol
- Bill DiWilde
- Shirley Doran
- Bernardo Esparza
- Sheila Fasano
- Ethel Gaines
- Sue Graf
- Helen Grandfield
- Karen Griffin
- Joan Grover
- Marty Harnett
- Nancy Harnett
- Christine Hutchins
- Jessie Isom
- Trinity Jeffries
- Mildred Kaye
- Jean Kosinski
- Mary Lu Larsen
- Dorothy Lazuka
- Pauline Liesse
- Millie Moore
- Colleen Murphy
- Joanne Nason
- Joyce Niersbach
- Robert Niersbach
- Mary Rose Rodriguez
- Mary St. Aubin
- Jessie Wakefield
- Mia Wakefield
- Cindy Wasilewski
- Drake Wenzel
- Sarah White
- Charlotte Young-Moore

**In Memoriam**

The parish family of St. Anne expresses our condolences to the families of:

- Betty Duggan

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, July 24—St. Sharbel Makhūf**

No Services Today

**Tuesday, July 25—St. James**

8:30 am  Purgatorial Society

**Wednesday, July 26—Sts. Anne and Joachim**

8:30 am  Marcus Bradshaw by John & Debbie Hausmann

Intentions of the 8:30 Rosary Mass Group by Jim Cameron

**Thursday, July 27—Weekday**

8:30 am  Parish Benefactors

**Friday, July 28—Weekday**

8:30 am  Communion Service

**Saturday, July 29—Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

4:30 pm  Lawrence, Patricia * Larry Browne by the Browne Family

Intentions of Vanessa Spaargaren by Jim Cameron

**Sunday, July 30—Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:30 am  People of the Parish

10:30 am  Samantha Carlson by the Carlson Family

**Please Pray for our**

**Renew My Church**

**Parish Grouping:**

- St. Emeric
- Infant Jesus of Prague
- St. Joseph
- St. Lawrence O'Toole

**St. Anne Holy Hour**

**Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.**

**September 5, 2017**

Please enter the church building through the parking lot door.
LITURGY CORNER

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE . . .

Jesus speaks in several parables today about the reign of God, including images from several groups of people in order to make his message clear to all who hear. The kingdom of God is like a man who sows good seed. The kingdom of God is like a person who plants a mustard seed. The kingdom of God is like a woman who adds yeast to her flour. All of these very human activities bring home the fact that the reign of God is already among us, working in small ways to bring about mysterious but very great results.

Good and evil are allowed to grow together until the end, lest the good be destroyed with the evil. There is a lesson for us here. It is not that we shouldn't oppose evil when we see it, but that in our zeal to make our world perfect by human force, we must be careful not to destroy the work that God is doing. It is not for us, but for God to judge what is to be kept and what destroyed, and even though we think we know the difference, we must be cautious not to disturb God's carefully planted goodness in others. Violence can never be the means of justice.

Likewise, the reign of God is like something very small, almost unnoticeable until we begin to see the results. The tiny mustard seed, which can be planted by any person (even a child), grows to be a large tree, amazing to all. A tiny amount of yeast, when added to flour, becomes invisible until it begins to make the whole dough rise, doubling or tripling its volume, and becoming bread in the oven’s heat.

Let us not judge what we see, but trust that God’s work in the world is gentle and quiet, the results known only in the final chapter. We seek, in humility, to watch for the Spirit working in the ordinary activities of our lives.


LITURGY CORNER

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

LITTLE THINGS ADD UP

Children and youth easily learn from your example when you plant the “mustard seeds” of faith in their lives. Recently, a group of youngsters shared their ideas on how to show the love of Jesus to others.

- I walk my neighbor’s dog because she’s too old to do it.
- Put money in a parking meter that ran out.
- Don’t talk about anyone behind their back.
- Clean the house when Mom and Dad are out.
- I put out the trash without being asked.
- Help take donations to the food bank.
- Invite your friend to go to Mass with you.
- Don’t yell at your sister.
- Hold the door open for people.
- When Mom or Dad has a long day I make dinner and look after my younger brother.
- Find something you’re good at and do it for someone else.
- Save some of your allowance and give it to help poor people.
- If you’re a bigger kid, just help out some of the little guys.
- Say prayers for people who are sick or in trouble.
- I interpret for deaf people.
- Give a surprise present to someone.
- I send notes to my parents at work just to tell them I love them.
- Stand up for a pregnant lady on the bus.
- Wake up early and make breakfast.
- Parents clean up after you every day; you can pick up after them, too.
- I visit people in the nursing home who don’t have family or are just plain lonely.
- If the classroom is really messed up, put things away before the teacher asks.
- If a friend looks sad, give them a nice warm hug.

Living Stewardship Now

“Whoever gives to me, teaches me to give.” —Danish proverb

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We invite all children who are entering Kindergarten thru Grade 5

Pick Up your Registration Forms in the back of Church
Medical Release Form is on the Back - Please fill out as well.
Please return completed form to Religious Education Office.

Registration must be received by Sunday, July 23rd.
No late registrations will be accepted due to scheduling.

Adult, Teen & Pre-Teen Helpers
and
Confirmation Students for Service Hours

Confirmation Students, Adult volunteers and children from 6th to 12th grade interested in helping at VBS there will be a Mandatory Meeting on July 16th after the 10:30 Mass in the Teen Room

All Adult Volunteers must be Virtus Certified

For more information please call Monica Elsey 708-432-5300. OR
Email to monicaelsey1@gmail.com
Building a New Website

As you are aware, our parish family has been hard at work trying to improve our overall financial situation. While we have had to make reductions in our payroll, we have also been working on increasing our parish income. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to increase the number of people who are joining us for Masses each weekend as well as increasing the enrollment at our Early Learning Center. We have been meeting with advisors from the Archdiocese who have been working closely with us to both reduce our expenses and to increase our income. One of their strongest recommendations was that we revamp our parish website to make it more inviting and visually appealing, making sure that it includes the kind of information that would attract people to our parish for Mass and welcome parents to enroll their children in our Early Learning Center. Quite honestly, this kind of work has been on the drawing board since we completed our Parish Transformation meetings, but we never really were able to get our ideas off the drawing board and onto the internet.

With much gratitude to all the people who have been working on ideas for a new website, the time has come to push those ideas off the drawing board and onto the internet. That being said, I will be spending my “staycation” this summer developing our new parish website. As part of our marketing program for the Early Learning Center, a large mailing of some quite awesome oversized, full color, postcards has been sent to every household in our entire area. Thousands of families are in the process of receiving this promotional mailing, which includes the URL of our new parish website: www.SaintAnneParish.org. This necessitated the immediate construction of the basic framework of our website so that anyone who received the mailing and went to visit our site would have accurate information about our parish and our day care. While I am quite happy with this initial framework, it is now very important that we continue to add to it and fill our website with the kind of information and pictures that will create a welcome invitation to all those who see it online to come and visit us in person.

How You Can Help...

The new website will only be as good as the information we are able to post to it. Here’s what we need...

1) Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!

The more pictures we can post on our new website the better. If you have taken pictures at any of our parish events, even events that may have taken place some time ago, we would love to have them as we work on populating our web pages. There are pages already set up to highlight our church, our day care, our religious education program, and our youth ministry. We will be adding pages about our many parish ministries and organizations to this initial list. It would be great if your pictures were electronic and could be sent directly to me by email: FrRalphZ@gmail.com. If you have regular photographs, you can bring them to Dee at the parish office or give them to her at Mass on the weekend. We will scan them and return them to you. Please be sure to identify the event, the people in the picture, and when the picture was taken.

2) News, Events, Stories, and Information...

The new website has a dedicated blog for posting news about our parish events, organizations and ministries. Send news and information to me by email, or call Dee at the office and let her know what you want to share. The website also includes a live, online calendar of events, so even simply making sure that your meetings and events are on the parish calendar will help a great deal. And of course, we will be posting each week’s bulletin to the website, so anything you have put in the bulletin will also be available. Make sharing information a priority in the work of your ministry or organization!
**The Divine Dance**

Listening to and reflecting upon the Divine Dance CD, I have experienced a deeper understanding and love for the Blessed Trinity. God is the Dance itself, not the dancer. We are all part of this divine flow, not an outsider. No one and nothing are excluded. The Trinity is in a loving relationship and communion with each other and with each of us. Life is mirrored in God – a centrifugal force flowing outward and a centripetal force pulling everything and everyone back toward the Trinity. The flow of the Trinity is the heart of the nature of God. The movement of giving and receiving defines everything. When we allow this Divine Flow to work through us, with us and in us, we change and everything takes on a deeper meaning in life, a newness, a vibrancy and a sacredness.

I am looking forward to learning more and becoming more within the Divine Dance and with one another. On my part I must learn to surrender, to trust and to allow God’s love and flow to work through me with new energy, grace and style trusting that I am being guided and loved every step on my journey of faith living within the Dance.

Mary Paetsch

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**THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD**

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God’s power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God’s people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God’s might, but is a direct result of God’s primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God’s mercy, power, and love.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest’s position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.

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