

ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 16, 2007 · THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings & Question for the Week



Reading I: God comes with vindication and divine recompense to save you.

Reading II: Be patient and do not complain about one another.

Gospel: Jesus teaches the crowds about John the Baptist's role.

Adult: How will you prepare the way of the Lord this week?

Children: How can you help your family get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

Victim Assistance Coordinator to Report Abuse:
Alicia Owens

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
Friday
Bulletin Deadline

8:00 AM–3:00 PM
8:00 AM–12:00 Noon
Monday, 12:00 Noon

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday
Sunday

5:15 PM
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Prayer and Mass Schedule

Mondays: Morning Prayer
Tuesdays – Fridays: Mass

8:30 AM
8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Sacraments

Advance preparation is needed for marriage and baptism. Please call the office for assistance.

St. Ann Staff

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Page Grubb, Director of Music Ministries
Mary Gross, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Erika Mildred, Secretary
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Committee Chairs

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MASS INTENTIONS

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12/15 Sat	Darlene Prochaska	5:15 PM
12/16 Sun	People of the Parish	8:00 AM
12/16 Sun	Bernard Curran	10:30 AM
12/18 T	Phyllis Shannon	8:30 AM
12/19 W	Gerry Saladino	8:30 AM
12/20 Th	Brian Sinnott	8:30 AM
12/21 F	Ruth Blanche	8:30 AM
12/22 Sat	Daniel Nagle	5:15 PM
12/23 Sun	Norbert Shannon	8:00 AM
12/23 Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 AM

FINANCES

PARISH INCOME NEEDS:

Average Weekly Operating Needs	\$ 6,878
Average Weekly Depreciation Needs	\$ 1,642
Average Weekly Tithing Needs	\$ 577
Total Weekly Average Needed	\$9,097
Received 12/9/07	\$11,648
*Over budget	\$ 2,551

Office Closings for Christmas & New Year

The office will be closed the week of Christmas: December 24–28. We will also be closed on New Year’s Day: Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

Secretary says Goodbye

Erika Mildred, our secretary, has accepted a full-time job offer and so will be leaving us mid-January, 2008. She has loved her time here with us! We thank her for partnering with us in our ministry at St. Ann and wish her all the best at her new job.

Big Baby Basket Thank You’s

Birtright would like to thank the GENEROUS support from St. Ann parish. They were overwhelmed with all the items! A special thank you to Father Parlette for his support, Pat Siemsen, Nancy Urmie & all the volunteers who helped make Big Baby Basket 2007 a success!

The Pre/K students, teachers, and Big Baby Basket committee wish to express our gratitude for the tremendous response to this year’s service project. We asked for donations of baby items for the babies of Birtright and the St. Ann community overwhelmed us with your generosity! We were able to deliver more than 20 layettes as well as many “extras” to Birtright. At this holiday time, we want to THANK you for being the GIVING people Christ wants us all to be!

Rite of Acceptance Congratulations

Congratulations to the following candidates and catechumens who participated in the Rite of Acceptance on December 2: Sarah VanDeWalle, Sarah Costello, Paul Sikorski, Allen Scott, Mike Greenleaf, Warren Ewoldt, Markisa Ewoldt, Morgun Ewoldt, and Maykylee Ewoldt. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey. The RCIA team.

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 35:1 – 6a, 10; James 5:7 – 10; Matthew 11:2 – 11

Next Weekend's Scriptures:

Isaiah 7:10 – 14, 10; Romans 1:1 – 7; Matthew 1:18 – 24

Upcoming Meetings at St. Ann

Admin Management on Thursdays at 9:15 AM

Staff Meeting on January 3 at 1:00 PM

Guild Meeting on January 8 at 9:00 AM

Parish Council on January 8 at 7:00 PM

Liturgy Meeting on January 15 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Worship Service in German

You’re invited to join Rev. Otto Brillinger at Grace Lutheran Church in Dewitt as he leads a Christmas worship service in German at 3:00 PM on Sunday, December 16. The guest choir is the American Schlesweig-Holstein Heritage Society Chorus. Hope you can make it!

Choir Practice to Resume

Starting this weekend (December 16) choir practice will resume at 9 AM. Hope you can join us!

North Scott Food Pantry News

Our Pantry is full thanks to the generosity of the North Scott community, and we are now in a position to purchase food at reduced cost from the River Bend Food Bank. The December need is prayer in thanks for the generosity of the North Scott community and prayer for families in need of the support of the Food Pantry. The Pantry will be closed Friday, December 14 for the disbursement of the Christmas baskets at Cornerstone Baptist. Other dates of closing are December 18, 21, and 25.

Thanks from Café on Vine

A Big Thank to all of the generous St. Ann’s people who help to provide food, table items and/or helped to serve the meal at Café on Vine on December 2. A hundred people were able to eat that night because of your Christmas Stewardship Spirit. God Bless you and Merry Christmas to all.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. An elderly parishioner at Grand Haven needs a ride to the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. If you are able to provide this service of ministry, please contact the church office.
2. Church decorating for Christmas will take place after the 10:30 Mass on December 23. Please call the church office and leave your name and phone number if you can help.

Communion in a Body for St. Ann Altar and Rosary Guild

The members of St. Ann Altar and Rosary Guild will receive Communion in a body at the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 23, for Norma DeCock, Jean Carlin, and Phyllis Shannon.

New Members!

Michael & Nicole Regan, and sons Liam & Luke, have joined St. Ann! We’re glad you’re here! Welcome!

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULES

Mon., Dec. 24: 5:15 PM Christmas Eve Mass with Children’s Pageant
8:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Music Program at 8:00 PM)

Tues., Dec. 25: 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Mon., Dec. 31: 4:00 PM New Year’s Eve Mass

Tues., Jan. 1: 9:00 AM New Year’s Day Mass



Christmas Flowers for the Altar

It's time to submit your money for the Christmas flowers memorial.
Today is the deadline!



Hearts to Harvest Update

Well, harvest is over and the crops are all sold. Wow! What a year it has been. We were so happy to see everyone who joined us at our pre-harvest celebration in September at the Dierickx's Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch.

Once again we have been so blessed with weather and such a giving community. Hearts to Harvest would like to thank everyone who has assisted this year's project in any way. We are so happy to announce that Hearts to Harvest raised \$25,000 because of the generous donations from individuals and businesses. Hearts to Harvest has committed \$20,000 to a Bosansko Grahovo Milk Cooperative in Bosnia through FRB (Food Resource Bank) and the remaining \$5,000 will be a 50/50 split between Lutheran World Relief and Catholic Relief Services.

MONEY MATTERS

Cut-off for Yearly Contributions is December 31

To comply with IRS regulations, the cut-off date for contributions for 2007 is December 31, 2007. All contributions must be received by the office by this date. In the past, we had been more lenient with a cut-off date, but with the tightening of accounting guidelines, we are forced to cut-off all contributions on the last day of 2007. Anything that is **received** after December 31, 2007 will be credited to 2008. Again, the contribution must be **received** in the office no later than December 31. Checks or envelopes postdated December 31 but not received until January 1 or later will be posted to 2008. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Memorial Money Given

\$330 was given to St. Ann in memory of Jean Carlin by family and friends. \$335 was given in memory of Phyllis Shannon.

ADA Goal Almost Reached!

Our current total is \$52,429 from 195 families. We only need \$4,307 more to meet our goal for this year. Please consider helping! This would be the first time in over two decades that we could meet our ADA goal from pledges! Let's reach 100%! And, a big thank you to all who have pledged so far!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group- will be meeting Wednesday, December 19 from 7-8:30 PM. All St. Ann's Senior High Teens are invited, as well as friends! It will be a night of fun with Christmas around the world and around your brain!

Hawkeye Basketball - We're heading off to an Iowa's Men Basketball Game on Wednesday, January 16. Tickets are just \$10 for teens, and \$15 for adults. Adult drivers - you're free! The plan is to leave from St. Ann's at 4:30 PM and return around 9 PM. Permission forms are on the kiosk and available at youth group. Please note there is a January 9 deadline because tickets must be ordered in advance.

Mission 2008 - We will begin meeting as a team after January 1, 2008. The dates are June 14-21, 2008, returning to New Orleans to assist Catholic Charities in rebuilding efforts. Our team is complete. If you're interested in participating, we will take your name in case someone drops out.

Looking ahead.....Important Dates for High School Youth Ministry

December 19 - High School Youth Christmas Event (7-8:30 PM)

January 16 - Iowa Basketball game (more info to come!)

February 16-18 - TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Diocesan retreat for juniors and seniors at St. Joe's in DeWitt

Altar Server Schedule

December 22 - 23, 2007

- 5:15 - Christina Keiran, Gus Newell
- 8:00 - Stephen Owings
- 10:30 - Cecelia & Arthur Behnke

Christmas Eve: December 24 (5:15 PM and 8:30 PM)

- 5:15 - Jacob & Megan Sikorski, Arthur Behnke, Abbie Gray, Ashlyn Vasold
- 8:30 - David Zimmer, Patrick Schwartzhoff

Christmas Day: December 25 (9:00 AM)

- 9:00 - Allie Spickermann, Andrew Owings

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

December 22 - 23, 2007

- 5:15 - Deb Hanson, Larry & Sharon Helm, Ken Kelly, Rita Pacha, Carroll & Rita Vis, Karen Wyatt
- 8:00 - Joe & Mary Gross, Chris & Kathy Henningsen, Ann Mohr, Jan Sebastian, Jim Zimmer, Mike Zimmer
- 10:30 - Lonnie Behnke, Rob Borelli, Bill Briggs, Carol Farrey, Sharon Helm, Tim Lane, Rita Pacha, Candy Reed, Rebecca Scott

Christmas Eve: December 24 (5:15 PM and 8:30 PM)

- 5:15 - Sheryl Empke, Ken & Bev Heintz, Ken & Virginia Kelly, Tim Lane, Jeff Liske, Ann Mohr, Carroll & Rita Vis, Karen Wyatt

- 8:30 - Judy Horsfield, Barry & Linda Lahann, Lois Nagle, Jerry & Connie Noel, Nancy Shannon, Dave & Betty Zimmer

Christmas Day: December 25 (9:00 AM)

- 9:00 - Tom & Kathy Arensdorf, Darlene Finnegan, Joe & Mary Gross, Chris & Kathy Henningsen, Jan Sebastian

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Any Junior High students interested in participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant should contact Maggie. There are parts for actors, speaking parts, and even some technicians. Kindergarteners are also invited to participate in the pageant at the 5:15 Mass on Christmas Eve. Pageant rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 22 (please note the change in this date) at 1 PM for junior high participants. Kindergarteners are asked to come at 2:30 PM.

Our parish Advent Penance Service will be today, Sunday Dec. 16 at 2:00 PM. This service is open to all parishioners. Reconciliation is a special way to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord. The service will also be First Reconciliation for 40 of our young people. Please plan to come and celebrate with our young people and their families.

Are you a good organizer? Have you helped in the CEW kitchen? We're looking for help with organizing one or more Households of Faith meals. This is an opportunity to serve about 150 people. If you're interested or have questions, please call Maggie at 285-4596.

The Households of Faith team is searching for a volunteer to staff the nursery during the Wed. evening sessions. If you are willing to help with one of the 4 remaining sessions, please call Ann or Maggie.

During Advent do good deeds in secret for those you love. Add a piece of straw to the manger for each good deed you have done during the week (2 for every deed you have done in secret).

Any adults interested in helping with the 4th & 5th grade Lock-in (Feb. 29/March 1) please contact Maggie. In order to spend the night with participants, all adults must have attended the "Protecting God's Children Workshop" and had a background check run. Thus, please plan ahead if you have not taken care of this diocesan business.

All children preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and at least 1 parent will meet this Sunday morning Dec. 16 during class time in the Day Chapel for a practice in preparation for the sacrament.

Help yourselves (while supplies last) to the Advent materials available on the table in the commons.

Children in 3rd grade and older are invited to sing in the Children's Choir. The choir will sing for the 5:15 Mass on Christmas Eve in conjunction with the Christmas Pageant. Practices will be held at 10AM on Dec. 16, and also at the Pageant practice on Sat. Dec. 22 from 2 to 3:30 PM (choir members at this time).

"Angel" Gifts

A special note of gratitude to all of you who helped with the Angel gift project this year. We were able to provide 118 gifts to the foster kids of Scott County and 239 to the North Scott Food Pantry. This is only possible because of your overwhelming generosity during this holy season.

Junior High Youth Group

Junior High Youth Group will be Wed. December 19 from 7 to 8:30 PM. We will be doing a large group lesson titled "Christmas Cookies that Teach: Digging Deeper into Christmas."



Acting for Justice

"Peace"

December 16, 2007

For Jesus, one way to love our enemies is to refuse to take revenge on those who have wronged us. Consider the case of a young woman named Julie Welch who was killed by a terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City. Julie's father worked unceasingly against the death penalty for the man responsible for the bombing. He knew that revenge would not bring his daughter back or make him feel any better. He believed that Christians are obligated to always assume that for even the most heinous criminal, reconciliation and remorse are possible.

In your prayer, reflect on the following questions:

- Who are your enemies?
- When someone hurts you, what is your usual reaction?
- What is the greatest challenge for you in living out this teaching from Jesus?

Reflect on this Scripture passage from the Gospel of Matthew 5:38-42

"You have heard it said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist and evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone want to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to any one who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you."

W e l c o m e

DON'T GET LOST! If you're new in our area or just have not taken the time to register, please fill in the form, drop it in the mail or the collection basket or bring it to the church office. **GOOD FEELING TO BELONG!**

If you are moving out of our parish or have a change of address, please fill in the form also, so we can keep our census listings accurate. Many thanks...

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PHONE: _____

NEW _____ MOVING _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: _____

WELCOMING INFORMATION: _____

PREFERRED CONTACT HOURS: _____

MASS PREFERENCE TIME: _____