

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JUNE 24, 2007 · NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

St. Ann's Staff

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Executive Committee

Lonnie Behnke Pastoral Council President
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Committee Chairs

Building and Grounds

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Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30 AM–3:00 PM
 Bulletin Deadline Monday noon

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:15 PM
 Sunday..... 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Prayer and Mass Schedule

Mondays: Morning Prayer.....8:30 AM
 Tuesdays – Fridays: Morning Mass.....8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Sacraments

Preparation is needed for all celebrations: marriage and baptism. Please call the office for assistance.

Victim Assistance Coordinator to Report Abuse:

Alicia Owens

Phone: 563/349-5002

Question of the Week



Reading I: Isaiah foretells the greatness of the coming Messiah.

Reading II: Paul recounts that John foretold the coming of Jesus.

Gospel: John is born and named.

Adult: How will you proclaim the message of Christ this week?

Children: Name one friend who needs to hear about Jesus.



MASS INTENTIONS

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6/23	Lillian Peters	5:15 PM
6/24	People of the Parish	8:00 AM
6/24	Mary Schwarz	10:30 AM
6/26	Catalina & Benjamin Aponte & Miguel Melendez	8:30 AM
6/27	LeRoy Strobbe	8:30 AM
6/28	Juanita Betourne	8:30 AM
6/29	Gene Santee	8:30 AM
6/30	Brett Martin	5:15 PM

FINANCES

PARISH INCOME NEEDS:

Average Weekly Budget Needs \$ 7,161
 Received 6/17/07 -\$5,323
 * Under budget..... (\$1,838)

RCIA announces Open Houses

Are you interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team will hold an informal open house on the 4th weekends of June, July, and August in Room 22, just outside the Great Hall, after all masses. No registration, just drop by and see what the RCIA is all about; learn about the interesting topics of Church and Faith included in the RCIA. Sessions are open to everyone: those who are just interested in what the RCIA at St. Ann's is all about, those who might want to share their Catholic Faith with newcomers as sponsors, and those who may have some interest in joining the Church. For more information, call Ann or Rick Baughman (285-5630) or Glenn Leach (391-5505).

Blood Drive – Save the Date!

Mark the date now for the Blood Drive on July 26. The last day to give blood is May 30.

Parish Council Results

Congratulations to our new Parish Council members: Jeff VandeCastele, John Selby, Brian Murphy, and Christine Cauwels. They were the four candidates nominated by the parish at large who have said "Yes" to accepting the invitation. Since we had four openings, there will not need to be an election. Their terms begin with the first council meeting of the new fiscal year: July 10.

Upcoming Protecting God's Children Sessions

Sat, 8/11, 9:30 AM - St. James in Washington (Spanish)
 Tues, 8/21, 6:30 PM - St. Joseph in Dewitt
 Thurs, 9/6, 6:30 PM - Bishop Hayes School in Muscatine

First Communion Pictures

Pictures from First Communion are available to be picked up in the church office. If you have questions, call Maggie at 285-9417.

06-24-07 Nativity of John the Baptist

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 49:1 - 6; Acts 13: 22 - 26; Luke 1: 57 - 66, 80

Happy Birthday

Birthdays are lots of fun! Parents even plan birthday parties for their one-year-old child who, at that age, doesn't understand all that is going on. As we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist today we recall that we really don't know the exact date of his birth. The choice of this day to celebrate is not so much about John as it is about Jesus. You'll notice that we are celebrating six months before Christmas, a timeline determined by the annunciation story in Luke's infancy narrative (check out Luke 1:36). Even as we honor John, we understand that the celebration of the life and deeds of any of the saints is really about Jesus and what he inspired the sainted person to be and do. Jesus is the core of our faith. Without his dying and rising our faith would mean nothing. The second reading for the vigil of today's feast puts it this way: "Although you have not seen Jesus Christ you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him" (1 Pt 1:8).

Next Weekend's Scriptures:

1 Kings 19: 16b, 19 - 21; Galatians 5: 1, 13 - 18; Luke 9: 51 - 62

Do you have or know of a need for prayer?

If so, please be sure to call one of our Prayer Support Line representatives: Bernie Leach - 391-5505; Vicki Gall - 285-4142; Mary Lou Byrd - 285-6811.

Newlywed Blessings!

Wedding Congratulations to...

- Anthony Wilhelmi and Laura Meyer.....May 12
- Cassandra Hoffman and Kent Engler June 23
- Stephanie Jurisic and Matthew Arensdorff..... July 21

Fr. Ebel's new address (effective June 29) will be:

Fr. Steve Ebel
 St. Anthony Church
 1202 Woodland Dr.
 Knoxville, IA 50138



CAMPAIGN UPDATE:
"Completing our Parish Dream"



Our Capital Campaign is well into its second phase: "Completing Our Parish Dream." This is an exciting time for St. Ann's as we seek to retire the building debt as well as welcome a new priest into the facilities with which God has blessed us. If you have not already joined us on this important venture, please consider doing so. We need everyone's help to make this campaign a success. We want to give a huge thank-you to all messenger volunteers and campaign co-chairs for all your work and service to this parish with your work on this campaign! Please complete any remaining follow-up necessary for any families assigned to you as soon as possible.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Waterpark Fun! - There are a few spots open for the charter bus trip to Noah's Ark Waterpark in the Wisconsin Dells on Wednesday, July 11. Call Ann at 285-4370 or get your registrations & medical releases in ASAP.

Mission 2007 Team - will be commissioned at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, June 17. Please continue to pray for the team and their work in New Orleans June 22 - 29. Participating in this year's mission experience are: Rachel Sarafin, Gabrielle Green, Linette and Randy Biery, Kyle Williams, Ali Schroeder, Barb Schroeder, Sheila Spickermann, Eric Spickermann, Dave Sarafin, Taylor Wilson, Matt Wolf, Matt Meyer, Kirstin Baker, Natalie Liske, Stephen, Liske, Mike Zimmer, Adrienne Zimmer, Nicole Kelly, Jessy Warren, Kelsey Schwager, Kate Hermiston, Sarah VandeCastele, Emily Hayungs, Mona, Chris Green, and Ann Mohr.

Catholics in Action - pray for those teens and their adult leader participating in this Diocesan based service retreat June 24-26: Mike Weaver, Brent Stonskas, Aaron Viner, Kim Wolf, Michelle Hosch, and Cindy Wolf.

New and returning college/trade school students will be blessed at the 10:30 Mass on August 5. Students are invited to attend this liturgy before returning to school this fall. Please contact Ann if you would like to be a lector, Eucharistic Minister, or gift bearer at this Mass.

Returning college/trade school students from St. Ann's are invited to apply for a St. Ann's Continuing Ed Scholarship every year they are in post-secondary school (up to the age of 30) Previous high school scholarship winners are eligible as well. We are pleased to be able to offer 2 \$400 scholarships to deserving students. The requirements are: 1. Completed a year or more of college/trade school, 2. Member of St. Ann's - under 30 years of age, 3. Plan on continuing your education this fall. You must submit an essay (200 words or less) showing how you have been active in your Catholic faith while attending school AND how your Catholic faith has impacted your life. Be specific on your activities (for example, Catholic campus ministry groups, retreats, mission trips, etc.) Essays are due by July 31, and recipients will be awarded the scholarships at the August 5th College Send Off Mass.

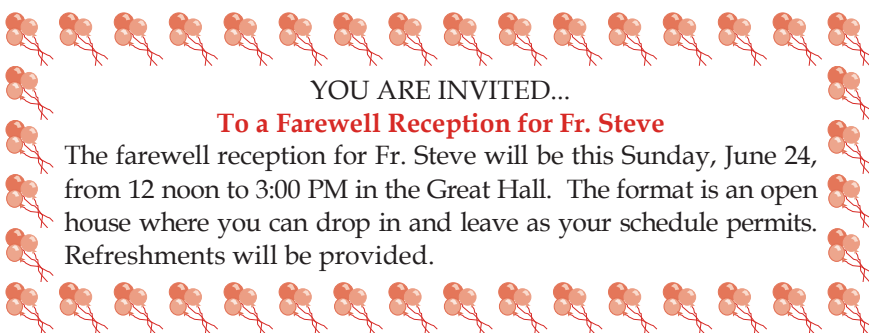
Looking ahead....Important Dates for High School Youth Ministry

June 17 - Mission 2007 commissioning at 10:30 Mass

June 22-29 - Mission trip to New Orleans

June 24-26 - Catholics in Action (Diocesan-based service retreat)

July 11 - Noah's Ark Waterpark bus trip for incoming 7-12 graders



YOU ARE INVITED...

To a Farewell Reception for Fr. Steve

The farewell reception for Fr. Steve will be this Sunday, June 24, from 12 noon to 3:00 PM in the Great Hall. The format is an open house where you can drop in and leave as your schedule permits. Refreshments will be provided.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Monthly Payment

We are short \$2707 for the ADA payment for June. Our monthly payments are \$4922. We need everyone's help to make these monthly payments, or we are forced to take the shortfall from our general operating fund, which is already being taxed to the limit. Please help out if you can.

Automatic Deposits Available

You can make weekly and building fund contributions with automatic deposits. Contact the office.

Peter's Pence Collection

The collection, providing emergency assistance throughout the world, will be June 24.

Volunteers Needed for Weekly Classes!

We will be having grade-level sessions on Sundays this fall and need volunteers for this ministry. You will be trained and must attend a "Protecting God's Children" workshop. The training sessions will be:

1. July 9 or 17 - Basic Goals of Catechesis
2. July 10 or 16 - Classroom Management
3. Grade level meetings to be announced

Look for New Email Addresses for Staff

We are in the process of creating new email addresses for staff members through our website. Our current email for the St. Ann's office, stanlong@netins.net, will **stay the same**. In addition, staff will have personal email addresses through our website. Watch for these addresses in upcoming bulletins.

North Scott Food Pantry

June needs for the North Scott Food Pantry are peanut butter and jelly, pasta mixes, and powdered drinks. Thanks to all who have given in the past!

Prolife Mass

The prolife Mass will occur on Saturday, July 7, at 8:00 AM at St. Joseph's, 417 6th Ave in Dewitt. A Rosary will take place after Mass in the church and then in front of Planned Parenthood in Bettendorf.

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Welcome to St. Ann's!

We wish a warm welcome to new members Susanne and Jeff Knutsen! We're glad you are a part of our St. Ann's family!

VBS Thank You's and Prayer Bears

A special thank you to the many volunteers who helped make VBS a great success again this year. These many volunteers include all of you who took a coupon and donated an item, many who gave a cash donation, all of you who signed your children up and brought them each day, the over 50 youth who helped in various ways, and the over 30 adults who gave their time and talents each day here during VBS week. And for all your parishioners who remembered us in your prayers.

Each year VBS has a service component. This year our service component was to make a "Prayer Bear" for another youth. Each VBS participant made 2 bears; one to give away with a prayer note attached and another for themselves to keep with a reminder to pray for the recipient of their other "Prayer Bear." Please remember the recipients of these bears in your prayers as well. This year (like last year) our prayer bears will be going to St. Mary's parish in Davenport to be distributed.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

"The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict."

"For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."

"Potluck Supper Sunday at 5:00 PM. Prayer and medication to follow."

Thank You from Social Action!

Social Action Committee would like to thank those individuals who volunteered to help sell tickets for the Parade of Homes to support Rebuilding Together.

Legal Notice

You may have a claim against the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa

- If, while you were under the age of 18, you had sexual contact with or were sexually touched by a Catholic priest, employee, volunteer, or other person associated with the Diocese of Davenport in Iowa or for a Catholic parish, school, orphanage, or other institution served by the Diocese; or
- If you believe the Diocese is responsible for causing you injury or harm at any age; or
- If the Diocese owes you any money; or
- If you assert a right to payment from the Diocese, whether or not you know the amount owed; or
- If you assert a right to an equitable remedy (e.g., the right to require the Diocese either to do or not do something) which would result in the Diocese owing you money for its failure to do as required.

**You must act now to preserve your rights.
Your claims must be filed by July 16, 2007.**

On October 10, 2006, the Diocese of Davenport ("Diocese") filed for bankruptcy protection under chapter 11 of the United States Code. If you have a claim against the Diocese, you must file a proof of claim so that it is received by July 16, 2007. If you have a claim and your proof of claim is not received by July 16, 2007, your claim may be disallowed. If your claim is disallowed, you will be forever prevented from asserting your claim against the Diocese.

For more information, or to receive a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit the following website: www.davenportcommittee.com or contact Hamid R. Ralatjoo or Gillian N. Brown at Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young Jones & Weintraub LLP, counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, at 310.277.6910.



Weekly
"Home"work

June 24, 2007

Teaching Self-Esteem

Many times we talk about the importance of self-esteem today. Self-esteem is valuable if it is understood in the context of God's grace.

False self-esteem is the attitude that I am the source of my success. This attitude pays no tribute to God or the other people who helped form me into a successful person.

True self-esteem recognizes that God's grace is the source of all goodness, and any success I experience is God's gift to me, a gift given through all the people that have helped in my formation.

With true self-esteem, failure doesn't overwhelm me for 2 reasons:

1. I fail in a community setting so I have someone to lean on until I get back on my feet; and
2. I have God's grace at my center - my soul. With God, there is always hope for new beginnings and future successes.

Rather than telling your children to believe in themselves, tell them to believe in the gifts God has given them.

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: _____