

ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 2, 2008 · FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings & Question for the Week



Reading I: The spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.

Reading II: We are light in the Lord.

Gospel: God anoints the eyes of the beggar.

Adult: How will you give to God this week?

Children: What can you do to show God's love?

Victim Assistance Coordinator to Report Abuse:
Alicia Owens

Phone: 563/349-5002



Office Hours

Monday–Thursday

8:00 AM–3:00 PM

Friday

8:00 AM–12:00 Noon

Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 12:00 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: Mass

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

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Parish Council

Kelly Greenleaf, President

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Brian Murphy

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Paul Rucker

Dave Sheridan

Jeff VanDeCastelee

Noreen Warren

Committee Chairs

Building and Grounds

Scott Youngbauer

Finance

Joe Ragona

Church Life/Family Life

Melissa Brimeyer

Faith Formation

Maggie Liske

Liturgy

Joanna Riedel

Social Action

Kurt Miller

Altar Server Coordinators

Sue Ferkel, 285-8091

Deb Sikorski, 285-8460

Parish Nurse

Kathy Kinmonth, 285-2935

Administrative Management Team

Loras Schafer.....285-4663

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Randy Siemsen.....285-4389

Jerry Noel.....285-8162

Fr. Thomas Parlette.....285-4596



MASS INTENTIONS

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3/1	Sat	Mary Schwarz	5:15 PM
3/2	Sun	Rita T. Claeys	8:00 AM
3/2	Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 AM
3/3	Mon	Jim Cronkleton	8:30 AM
3/4	Tues	Living & deceased Guild Members	8:30 AM
3/5	Wed	Bob Cawiezal	8:30 AM
3/6	Th	Mary Cronkleton	8:30 AM
3/8	Sat	Gene Carstons	5:15 PM
3/9	Sun	Bob Schlutz	8:00 AM
3/9	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 2/17/08	<u>\$4,335</u>
(under)	(\$ 4,762)

To Father Parlette and all of St. Ann's Parish.

The community gathered from St. Ann's and other parishes, schools and many friends to give thanks to God for all He has done and is doing for us and particularly for Page. The day began with a hymn, a supplication that He give us "peace beyond our fear and love beyond our sorrow." There were readings from the Scripture and music by the choir and congregation. What an outpouring of love! That was all followed by sumptuous desserts and a bountiful silent auction. All this happens "by human hearts and hands," and we, Page and his parents thank the hands and hearts that made this such a splendid offering and blessing. We shall never forget that day, nor I'm sure will each of you. Thank you all so much! Rt. Rev. Edward and Anne MacBurney (Page's parents)

Communion to the Homebound

Every Friday communion is taken to the homebound. We could use some additional ministers to help take communion to the homes. If you are interested, please let Fr. Parlette know. We are trying to get a complete list of those who are homebound, please call the office with the names of those who are homebound.



Readings for this weekend:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a: Ephesians 5:8-14: John 9:1-41

Readings for next weekend:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a: Ephesians 5:8-14: John 11:1-45

Upcoming Meetings at St. Ann

Admin Management on Thursdays at 9:15 AM

Catholic Radio

Tune in each week to Catholic Radio on 92.5 FM.

CEW News

Looking for a way to work on your relationship with God? Here is a wonderful tool to do just that! Christian Experience Weekends (CEW) are being held here at St. Ann's Church. The weekends will be held on March 7,8,9 for women, and March 28,29,30 for men. All people are welcome - you don't have to be Catholic to attend! Brochures are available in the church kiosk. If you have any questions, please call the women's director - Deb Hanson at 285-8605, or the men's director - Steve Langhauser at 285-7486.

If you are a member of the CEW community and would be willing to make a food or monetary donation, please visit the table outside the Great Hall after all Masses the weekends of February 16/17 and 23/24 or contact the 2008 kitchen chairs Karen VanDeCastelee 285-1383; Joleen Newman 285-7773; or Jeff VanDeCastelee 285-1383.

Needs help shoveling snow

A St. Ann Parishioner, who is recovering from surgery, is looking for a high school teen to help shovel snow this winter. The individual lives in Eldridge, and the shoveling involves just a driveway and sidewalks. Please call 285-4016 if you can help.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

March 5	Faith Formation
March 12	Finance
March 19	Social Action
March 21	Good Friday



Altar Serving Schedule

March 8 - 9, 2008

5:15—	Rachel Hosch, Shane Dierickx, Gus Newell, Patrick Schwartzhoff
8:00—	Stephen Owings
10:30—	Jacob Sikorski, Megan Sikorski, Cecelia Behnke, Arthur Behnke

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

March 8 - 9, 2008

5:15—	Dave Curlott, Ann Mohr, Karen Wyatt, Judy Shipman, Brian Murphy, Tom Van De Velde, Dave Sheridan
8:00—	Vard Marguglio, Jan Sebststion Lorie Rathje, Rita Vis, Carroll Vis, Kathy Clasen, Joe Gross & Mary Gross
10:30—	Candy Reed, Randy Scheeta, Bob Braden, Becca Scott, Mary Schmidt, Kelly Cole, Tim Lane, Mary Ann Braden

Parish Breakfast

Please join us after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Mass for breakfast sponsored by the Grounds & Buildings Committee.

Youth Minister Position Available: June 2008

If you are interested in this position, please contact the parish office. Youth Ministry training will be provided.

Parish Fall Festival Coordinator Needed

September 14, 2008, has been selected as the date for our fall parish festival. We are in need of a person to coordinate the event and round up volunteers. Early planning will help make this wonderful, outdoor Mass a fun event for our church family to enjoy! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for coordinator. Please call Kelly Greenleaf at 285-8380 or 528-5851 for more information.

Receptionist Needed at Chancery Office

The Diocese of Davenport is seeking a full or part time receptionist. Bi-lingual skill is preferred, computer skills required. Needs excellent oral communication skills. Send resume or application to Char Maaske, CFO, Diocese of Davenport maaske@davenportdiocese.org 563-324-1911. Letters of recommendation and background check will be expected.

Flowers for the Altar for Easter

Now is the time to submit your money for the Easter flowers memorial. Use the designated envelope. The names of your loved ones will be printed at Easter. Deadline is Palm Sunday (March 16).

Do you have or know of a need for prayer?

If so, please contact one of our three Prayer Support Line representatives: Vicki Gall – 285-4142, Mary Lou Byrd – 285-6811, Bernie Leach – 391-5505.

MONEY MATTERS**Automatic Deposits Available**

You can make weekly, building fund, and ADA contributions with automatic deposits. Contact the office if interested.

Catholic Messenger Goal

For a parish our size, we are required to have a minimum of 323 subscriptions, for a total of \$7,106. Currently we have 105 subscriptions and \$2,648 going toward this diocesan newspaper.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Camp Shalom – is taking registrations for this summer's sessions. Camp Shalom is a Christ-centered outdoor ministry rich in worship, learning, fun and fellowship experiences that inspire people of all ages to live fully in the Spirit. St. Ann has a long history of supporting this ecumenical ministry. For more information, there are brochures outside the Youth Ministry office. Registrations can also be made online at <http://www.campshalomia.org>

Youth Group – will be meeting again Wednesday, March 13, 2008 from 7-8:30PM. Confirmation teens are reminded this is a required session for you. Teens, you are reminded to support Operation Rice Bowl!

Mission 2008 Teen needed – We have a spot that has just opened for a committed St. Ann's High School teen, entering their junior or senior year of high school next fall. This person should be regularly attending youth group and Mass, and be willing to commit to the preparations for our trip to New Orleans this summer. Call Ann @ 285-4370 for more info.

Mission 2008 – We have kicked off our fundraising campaign for the upcoming summer trip to New Orleans at last weekend's Masses. This trip will culminate our previous 2 years of work in New Orleans, as we will be assisting homeowners in their rebuilding efforts. We ask the support of St. Ann Parishioners in purchasing stock on any of our team members, beginning the weekend of January 26/27, and ending the last weekend of March. Our goal is to raise \$2500 to help defray trip costs, such as gas, food and lodging. All team members contribute \$100 towards this trip, as well. The dates have been set for June 14-21, 2008. Your generosity has been unflinching in the past – please consider purchasing stock again on our youth!

Confirmation 2008 Enrollment Book – St. Ann family and friends are invited to show their support for our young people in Confirmation by signing the Enrollment Book located in the church commons between now and the Confirmation Rite on May 17, 2008.

Scholarships for the Class of 2008 – St. Ann will again be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors this spring. Seniors are reminded to complete the North Scott Educational Foundation Scholarship applications and indicate that you are interested in a St. Ann scholarship. Reminder: In addition to the NSEF essay seniors must also complete a letter to the St. Ann Scholarship committee on how they have been involved with St. Ann parish. More info will be arriving in the mail.

Looking ahead.....Important Dates for High School Youth Ministry
March 13 – Youth Group (7-8:30PM)

Households of Faith News

Adult Faith Formation Sunday occurs between the Masses this Sunday. Join us in rooms #20 & #21 as we explore the topic of "Acting for Justice" this year and more specifically our "Rights & Responsibilities" as Catholics. What does God expect from us? What Jesus ask of each of us in terms of our responsibilities to others and what does each person have a right to expect from other people? This session will last from 9 to 10:15 AM. Take this time for yourself several times this year to explore the topics of Catholic Justice and Service.

Households of Faith for March is this Wednesday, March 5 from 6 to 8 PM. This month we will explore the topic of "Rights & Responsibilities". Come explore what God plans for our lives. How does God want us to live? What rights can each of us expect from life? What is our responsibility to others in terms of helping them to find their basic rights? We will begin with dinner at 6 PM. Our opening activity will look at what we possess and also look at what basic needs are not being met by other people in our world.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Operation Rice Bowl – 4th Sunday of Lent

Each week as you participate in Operation Rice Bowl, please bring your monetary sacrifices with you to Mass. There will be a basket on the altar for you to place your contribution into during the collection of the gifts during the Mass.

Jean Denis and Francois are neighbors in Coteaux, Haiti. For years they barely supported their families through subsistence farming. In 2002, they joined an agricultural cooperative organized by Catholic Relief Services and began to see change. They received and planted better seed, diversified their crops, found better techniques for raising livestock, learned to combat erosion, and generated surplus crops to take to market. Now their families no longer face hunger or malnutrition. As Jesus transformed the life of the blind man, so CRS transforms the lives of rural farmers. By giving through Operation Rice Bowl and purchasing Fair Trade products, you support the dignity of workers by ensuring just wages and economic self-sufficiency.

Junior High

Junior High session this week, March 5, will be *Households of Faith*. All junior high youth are encouraged to attend either beginning with the meal at 6 or in room #22 at 7pm.

Junior High parents are needed to help with snacks for the remainder of the sessions. Please contact Maggie if you are able to help with snacks for 1 Wed. night session.

Are you a good organizer? Have you helped in the CEW kitchen? We are looking for help with organizing the meals for one or more Households of Faith meals. This is a one-time opportunity to serve about 100 people. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Maggie at 285-4596.

Sacramental News

Collages and prayer sheets for the First Communion candidates are in the commons. Families and parish members are encouraged to take time to write a prayer note to the candidates as a sign of love and support.

First Communion Parents and candidate are reminded that we will have a mini-retreat on Saturday March 8 from 9 to 11AM in the Day Chapel. Parents are reminded to complete the "Heart" they were given in February and to bring this heart with them to the mini-retreat.

Sacramental candidates (2nd grade) are encouraged to attend the Holy Thursday Mass. They are to gather at 6:50 with their parents in the Day Chapel for special directions for the Mass. They have been invited to lead the procession from the main sanctuary into the Day Chapel at the end of the Liturgy.

Foot Washing

4th – 8th graders, altar server, and several adults are needed to help with the foot washing at the Holy Thursday Mass. If you are interested in this service to our parish community, please contact Maggie Liske and plan to gather at 6:30pm before Mass for instructions.

Palm Sunday

All children ages Pre/K and older are encouraged to participate in the procession at the beginning of the Palm Sunday Mass. All children will gather at the front of the assembly near Fr. Parlette at the beginning of the Mass. They will then lead the procession into the church. When they enter the church they will then line the path for the adults who follow into the main sanctuary.

Because of the Parish breakfast scheduled for this Sunday, "Donut Sunday" will not be held this month. We would encourage you to participate in the parish breakfast sponsored by the Buildings and Grounds Commission this morning. We encourage you to meet your neighbor, stay and visit, or move into the adjoining rooms for *Adult Faith Formation Sunday* and the topic of "Rights & Responsibilities".



Acting for Justice "Solidarity of All God's People"

March 2, 2008

Lenten Prayer

Good and Gracious God,
You who are full of compassion,
Help us to show compassion towards
others this Lent.

During this Holy Season we:
Pray that we may be transformed,
Fast in solidarity with those who are
hungry, **Learn** to live with less,
and **Give** so that others may live.

May we join in solidarity as one human
family and love one another as you love
each of us. Amen.

This week we visit our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Use a map or globe to locate the nation of Haiti. **Pray** for all farmers, who provide food for themselves and others by cultivating the land. **Learn** about Francois Livert in Haiti by reading his story in the Operation Rice Bowl materials. **Fast** one day in solidarity with those in need. **Give** the money you save in fasting to Operation Rice Bowl. Other giving ideas are; give \$4.00 for each wage earner in your house, give \$.67 in solidarity with all farmers, eat a simple meal one evening and give the money you save to this worthy cause.

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: _____