

# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### NOVEMBER 27 2011 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

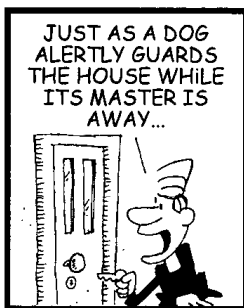


*Jesus said to his disciples:  
 "Be watchful! You do not  
 know when the time will come.  
 What I say to you, I  
 say to all: Watch!"*

*Mark 13:33-37*

**Victim Assistance Coordinator to Report Abuse:**  
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#### 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



#### 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 4:00 PM  
 Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

#### Weekday Prayer and Mass Schedule

Tuesdays — Fridays: Mass 8:30 AM

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

#### Sacraments

8 months in advance preparation is needed for marriage. Please call the office for assistance.

#### St. Ann Staff

Msgr. Drake Shafer, Pastor  
 Sally Schulz, Director of Music Ministries  
 Mary Gross, Office Manager/Bookkeeper  
 Donna Metcalf, Secretary  
 Dwight Gittings, Maintenance Manager

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#### Parish Council

Paul Hayungs, President  
 Kelly Cole, Vice President  
 Matt Wilson, Secretary  
 Bryan Arensdorff  
 Bill Bolton  
 Bill Briggs  
 Marc Carlson

Jeremiah Costello  
 Katie Lane (student)  
 Nancy Lane  
 Julie Newell  
 Rita Pacha  
 Diana Vollbeer  
 Drew Wilson (student)

#### Committee Chairs

##### Building and Grounds

Scott Youngbauer

##### Church Life/Family Life

Bryan Arensdorff

##### Liturgy

Jeremiah Costello

##### Stewardship

Bill Briggs

##### Altar Server Coordinators

Lynn Kilburg 285-5803

##### Finance

Joe Ragona

##### Faith Formation

Kelly Cole

##### Social Action

Kurt Miller

##### Guild

Celeste Murphy

Jeni Rochholz 349-3918

#### Administrative Management Team

Loras Schafer.....285-4663  
 Joe Ragona.....349-9272  
 Jerry Noel.....285-8162  
 Mary Ann Curran.....285-8739

Randy Siemsen.....285-4389  
 Msgr. Drake Shafer.....285-4596  
 Lolita Dierickx.....285-7242  
 Julie Newell.....285-6498



**MASS INTENTIONS**

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11/26 Sat	Edwin & Loretta Weis	4:00 PM
11/27 Sun	People of the Parish	8:00 AM
11/27 Sun	Deb Meyer	10:30 AM
11/29 Tue	Phyllis Shannon	8:30 AM
11/30 Wed	Eugene Burke	8:30 AM
12/1 Thu	Betty Conway	8:30 AM
12/2 Fri	Doris Dutton	8:30 AM
12/3 Sat	Donald DeWulf	4:00 PM
12/4 Sun	Rita Jorgensen	8:00 AM
12/4 Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 AM

**Readings for this weekend:**

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

**Readings for next weekend:**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8

**Upcoming Meetings at St. Ann**

- Admin meeting on Thursday, December 1 at 9:15 AM
- Guild meeting on Tuesday, December 6 at 9:15 AM
- Building & Grounds meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 PM
- Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM
- K of C meeting on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM

**Parish Planning Process Forms & Church Support**

Thank you to all who made your commitment to the annual pledge drive. If you have not turned in your pledge please do so next week.

**FINANCES**

**PARISH INCOME NEEDS:**

Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011	\$532,500
Projected income divided by 52 weeks =	\$10,240
Average Weekly Operating Needs	\$10,240
Received 11/20	Not available

**Memorial Contribution**

A memorial contribution was given to St. Ann Church in memory of Elma Costello to the St. Ann Guild and the music program from her family.

**Christmas Flowers for the Altar**

It's time to submit your money for the Christmas flowers memorial. Use the designated envelope. The names of your loved ones will be printed at Christmas. **The deadline is Sunday, December 11.**

**New Altar Server Coordinators**

St. Ann's would like to welcome Lynn Kilburg and Jeni Rochholz as the new Altar Server Coordinators. Welcome Lynn & Jeni! The parish would also like to thank Deb Sikorski and Julie Newell for the many countless hours that they dedicated to this program. Thank You!

**Save the Date for the Parish Dinner**

St. Ann's is hosting a parish fundraiser dinner on Sunday, December 11 with social hour beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. This parish event will consist of a 5-course dinner (not yet determined) being made by Msgr. Shafer & Joe Ragona. The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations will be required. Tickets will be available after Mass or by calling the church office. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, December 6.

**Mass Schedule for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass times for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) will be Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m.



**North Scott Food Pantry Needs**

November needs for the North Scott Food Pantry are soups and crackers.



**Altar Serving Schedule**

**December 3 & 4, 2011**

- 4:00— Need volunteers
- 8:00— Arthur, Martha & George Behnke
- 10:30— Isobel LaCorte & Jenna Cole

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**

**December 3 & 4, 2011**

- 4:00- Tom VanDeVelde, Dave Curlott, Inez Tobin, Bernie Leach, Rita & Carroll Vis, Glenn Leach, Pat Limberg
- 8:00- Jan Sebastian, Darla Zrostlick, Kathy Arensdorf, Mary Lou Byrd, Diana Vollbeer, Kathy Henningsen, Tom Arensdorf, Lois Nagle
- 10:30 - Mike Hawley, Kelly Cole, Joanna Riedel, Bill Briggs, Al Rus, Jayne Dierickx, Angelika Peiffer, Paul Riedel

### Angel Tree Tags

The Angel tree tags were available beginning Saturday, November 12. There were more than 320 children who was served by this outreach. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, please return the gift item wrapped and with an Angel tree tag attached to St. Ann's, the weekend of December 3 & 4. Gifts will be brought forward during Mass that weekend at the Offertory. A \$10 price limit, please!

### Communal Penance

There will be a communal penance service on Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m. There will be 4 priest present to hear your confession at St. Ann's. All are welcome to attend.

### Bulletin Deadline for Christmas

The deadline for the December 18 bulletin is due by Friday, December 9. We will use a combined bulletin for the weekends of Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1. The deadline for that bulletin is due by Thursday, December 15.

### Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

The purpose of the CEW weekend is to strengthen and enrich your relationship with God. The weekend provides a special time and place away from the busy routine of daily living, where a true Christian community can develop in a variety of ways. The women's weekend will be held January 20-22 and the men's will be held February 10-12. If you have any questions, please call Judy Shipman, (women's director) at 285-5391 or Paul Hayungs (men's director) at 260-4136. Brochures are available on the kiosk display in the commons area.

### Café on Vine

St. Ann's is serving a meal at Café on Vine on Sunday, December 4. Please share your gratefulness with others by signing up to bring a food item on the kiosk. If you have any questions, please call Maggie Miller at 285-5681. *God loves a cheerful giver.*

## The Adult Corner

### First Sunday of Advent - God's Faithfulness

**Reading I:** Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7 (prayer for the return of God's favor)

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (thanksgiving)

**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37 (need for watchfulness)

**Key Passage:** God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

**Adult:** How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

**Child:** What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

### Gateways to God: Celebrating the Sacraments

Theologian Fr. Robert Hater explores the manifold ways sacraments work as gateways that lead us to encounters with God. All creation is sacramental because it is a gateway that reveals God's presence in the universe. Jesus described Himself as the gate to salvation and eternal life. And the Church is the gateway to the kingdom of God and the sacraments, the seven gateways to life-giving grace.

*Gateways to God* especially explores the nature and meaning of sacraments. Using Scripture, history, and pastoral practice, it shows us how to approach the seven sacraments of the Church as gateways to divine life, how to receive them with expectant faith, and how to let them strengthen us for daily Christian living.



### Kings and Queens of the Bible

There were many kings and queens mentioned in the Bible, some good and some bad. All the kings and queens mentioned in this book played a large part in the history of the Jewish people. In this book you will read about the Pharaoh and Moses, King David, King Solomon, the Queen of Sheba, Queen Jezebel, King Belshazzar and Queen Esther. Each story is only a few pages long. In the back of this book there is an additional brief paragraph, or sentence with some additional information and where in the Bible their stories can be found.



### Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Craft of Catechesis Joseph and the Sabbath Fish

This is a wonderful parable of how Joseph was repaid a thousandfold for his generosity on the Sabbath. Any child who hears or reads this tale can be certain that stingy Judah is going to be right and Joseph will lose his fortune. However, the story gives us the sense that somehow Joseph will be saved from his plight and will continue to welcome people, including stingy Judah, into his home regardless of his financial situation. There is a sense of excitement and tension when Judah flees Galilee for Africa and a mystery sets in. This is an excellent tale to read to young children to emphasize the importance of the Sabbath (Shabbat). Since this is a Jewish tale, you will need to make the connection to our celebration of the Eucharist (Mass).



## YOUTH MINISTRY

[St. Ann's Youth Ministry](#) is on facebook! Add [Stan Longgrove](#) as your friend to be updated on all the latest Youth Ministry news!

### Cut-off for Yearly Contributions

To comply with IRS regulations, the cut-off date for contributions for 2011 will be December 31, 2011. All contributions must be received in 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 2011. Anything that is received after December 31, 2011 will be credited to 2012. 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 2012. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Centering Prayer Advent Retreat

The Centering Prayer Advent Retreat will be held on Saturday, December 3 at St. Andrew Church, Blue Grass from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 (includes lunch). To register, contact Sr. Jacki Walsh at 309-283-2108 or by email to [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org).

### Advent Retreat at The Canticle

Clinton Franciscan Sisters Mary Smith, Paschal Hocum and Hilary Mullany will lead a retreat on the second weekend of Advent, December 2-4 at The Canticle, home of the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton. The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, continuing until 9:00 p.m.; resuming at 9:00 a.m. Saturday through 9:00 p.m. and Sunday's final session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and close with the Eucharistic Liturgy that begins at 11:00 a.m. Details are available by calling 242-7611 or visiting [www.clintonfranciscans.com](http://www.clintonfranciscans.com).

### North Scott Food Drive and Holiday Fair

There will be a holiday fair at the Quality Inn & Suites in Eldridge on Saturday, December 10 from 9 to 1:00 p.m. This is a free event but would like you to bring a non-perishable food donation for the North Scott Food Pantry. The food pantry is in need of soup plus canned meals such as spaghetti, ravioli, etc. There will be free painting for kids.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation, Grades Pre-K - 6

#### First Reconciliation will be held Sunday, December 4.

Children receiving the sacrament for the first time should attend class as normal. Families are invited to attend the 10:30 Mass followed by a soup luncheon and then the 1:00 p.m. Reconciliation service. Please RSVP for the luncheon so we can prepare enough soup.

**Check your linen closet for any old comforters** that we can use at dismissal time on Sunday Mornings.

#### Retirement Fund for Religious

By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future (envelope in the December packet).

#### Blest Art – Holy Land Handicrafts

A representative from Blest Art will be here the weekend of December 10 & 11 to sell a variety of statues that are hand-crafted out of olive wood. All proceeds will go towards Christian families in the Holy Land. Please consider purchasing a rosary, cross, angel or a nativity set.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_