



Saint Anne

Catholic Church

551 Boulder Hill Pass · P. O. Box 670 · Oswego, IL 60543

www.stanneparish.org

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

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| Saturday Evening | 5:00 PM |
| Sunday | 7:30, 9:15 & 11:00 AM |
| Holy Days | Consult Bulletin Sunday prior |
| Weekdays | Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 AM Communion Service Saturday 8:00 AM Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 AM Wednesday 7:00 PM |
| Reconciliation | Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM |

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PARISH OFFICE

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Oswego, IL 60543
630-554-3331
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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-8:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM-Noon
CLOSED Saturday/Sunday

FAX NUMBER

630-554-0530

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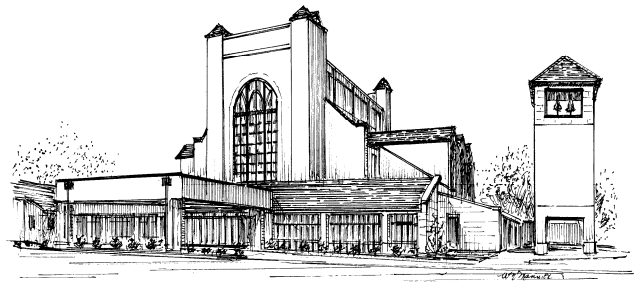
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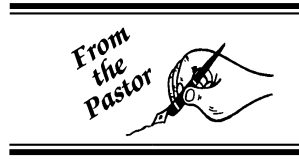
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday: 10:00 AM-7:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM-Noon





THE LAST DAYS OF ADVENT

Most of us have these days of December filled with all kinds of activity, and maybe some of us are already worn out. I have even heard a few people say over the years, “I can’t wait until Christmas is over, and we can get back to normal.” In a way, that is a sad commentary on how secular celebrations of Christmas (including the shopping, card writing, etc.) can really zap our energy and make us feel empty and frustrated. The last days of Advent may be busier than ever for many of us, therefore, making it more difficult to finalize preparations for our spiritual side to welcome Jesus into our world and lives.

As my own life has become busier over the years with more responsibilities, I have found one consoling thought to be of great help. If everything is not done by Christmas Day, I do not get upset. Our society may say that Christmas is pretty much over by December 26th. Our Church, however, says our Christmas celebration ends on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is on January 9th of next year. It is still very acceptable to send or receive a Christmas greeting anytime in that period. In fact, many people appreciate some Christmas celebration after the day itself, since they have a little more time to appreciate all that this season is about. It is still acceptable to give a gift to someone we care about, even if it is after Christmas Day. The spirit of Christmas knows no time limitations. The spirit that brings us to loving others is one that is to last every day of the year.

Father David

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Christmas is fast approaching and we are all busy preparing and shopping for gifts. Please take a moment to reflect on the gift you can return to your church this Christmas. As you have seen, there is only one envelope in the packets for Christmas - the Christmas envelope. There is not a second envelope for Sunday, December 25th.

The parish relies on the generous support of our parishioners. Please keep in mind that we budget \$26,000 per Sunday and \$54,000 for our Christmas collection in order to meet our expenses and provide the many ministries and services that we have here.

Please prayerfully consider what gift you can make to the parish this Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and continued support for the parish and may God bless you for all you do.

Father David



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Monday, December 19th

8:00 AM-Spitz Family req. Family

Tuesday, December 20th

7:00 AM-Shaun Pavy req. Jim and Linda Barton

Wednesday, December 21st

8:00 AM-Walter and Florence Keating req. Keating Family

7:00 PM-Lillian McGuire req. Dave Schnitz

Thursday, December 22nd

7:00 AM-Stefani Family req. George Stefani

Friday, December 23rd

8:00 AM-Frank Faulhaber req. Bob and Martha Hettinger

Saturday, December 24th**NO** 8:00 AM Communion Service

3:00 PM Church-Raymond Travaglini req. children and Grandchildren

3:00 PM Joachim Center-Harriet Taylor req. Family

5:00 PM-Joseph Limano req. Tony, Debra and Nathan Monico

7:30 PM-Marian Placek req. Cathy and Bob Spencer

10:30 PM-Hilger & Schindlbeck Families req. Jean Hilger

Sunday, December 25th

7:30 AM-VanParys and Colwell Families req. Jim and Barb Colwell

9:15 AM-Marian Bertrang req. Bertrang Family

11:00 AM-For the Parishioners

**MONDAY**

7:00 PM-Blue Army meets for Rosary and Holy Hour. All are invited.

7:30 PM-RCIA.

TUESDAY

7:00 PM-Celebration Ringers.

7:30 PM-Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM-Rosary.

9:30 AM-AFF: Transfigured Scripture Study.

4:00-6:00 PM-Angels and Youth Choir and Joyful Ringers.

7:00 PM-Ladies Auxiliary of the KC's-Brier Hall.

7:30 PM-Contemporary Adult Choir.

**HOLIDAY
PARISH OFFICE/FACILITY HOURS****Closed****Monday, December 26th, 2011****Tuesday, December 27th, 2011
through****Thursday, December 29, 2011****8:30 AM to 5:00 PM****No Evening Parish Activities****NO 7:00 PM Wednesday Mass
December 28, 2011****Friday, December 30th, 2011
8:30 AM-Noon****Closed****Monday, January 1st, 2012****READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: **Vigil**: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Midnight**: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14**Dawn**: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7;**Day**: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

GOD'S SHARE



All of us are recipients of many blessings from God. In return, He expects that we praise Him for His goodness and thank Him for His generous gifts. Thanking, however, is not done in word only, but in deed, also.

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> |
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| Parish Offering, | | |
| Sunday Offering | \$25,650.95 | \$26,000.00 |
| E-Giving | \$ 1,149.50 | 40 Transactions |
| Children's Offering | \$ 77.45 | |
| Money not in envelope but in above figure | \$ 1,297.86 | |
| Religious Retirement Collection | \$ 7,681.17 | |
| Immaculate Conception Collection | \$ 3,095.02 | |
| Parishioners registered for envelopes as of November 30, 2011 | 3,883 | |
| Average Regular Envelope Users | 633 | 16% Participation |
| Number of envelopes used last Sunday | 632 | 16% Participation |
| Number of Children's envelopes used | 79 | 05% Participation |

✠ Contributions may be made directly to the Church Construction Fund. Please contact the parish office, 554-3331, for information.

E-Giving: If you would like to participate in E-Giving, please log on to the Saint Anne website: www.stanneparish.org and click on the E-Giving link. Please follow link for instructions.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY

Today's Gospel relates the story of the Annunciation: the angel Gabriel proclaiming to Mary that she will be the Mother of Jesus. Mary is the ideal model of stewardship, giving of herself to God and others in need.

PARISH MAILING ADDRESS

Reminder: anything **mailed** to parish offices must be addressed to:

P. O. Box 670
Oswego, IL 60543-0670

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin articles are due into the parish office by 10:00 AM Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday you wish the article to appear. You may drop off, fax (554-0530) or e-mail (stanne@stanneparish.org) your articles.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DIFIBRILLATOR AED
Located Across from Parish Offices

ST. ANNE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

When a friend or relative is grieving,
Please remember.
“Grief is not a mountain to be climbed,
with the strong reaching the summit
long before the weak.
Grief is not an athletic event,
with stop watches timing our progress.
Grief is a walk through loss and pain,
with no competition and no time trials.”

“ASK AND SEEK. . .

*. . . and your heart will grow big enough
to receive Him and keep Him as your
own.” (Mother Teresa)*

Prayer brings us into deeper
relationship with God and enables us to
help each other in a very meaningful
way.

If you would like to join in our
ministry of prayer or would like to
request prayer for a special intention,
call Jackie Johnson, 554-1591.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of someone unable to attend Mass
regularly due to age or illness and wishes to receive
Communion at home, please have them contact the
parish office, 630-554-3331, so that arrangements
can be made to have a Pastoral Care Minister bring
the Eucharist to their home.

PLEASE PRAY.....

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| Kirsten Bohr | Mary Lou Clark |
| Daisy Delgado | Lucille Eberhardt |
| Kerry Anne Engdahl | Elizabeth Gebe |
| Vicky Gibson | Charlotte Messing |
| Renee Olsen | Donald Schiesser |
| Alberta Toma | Elijah Valero |
| Genevieve Wozek | Joseph Zacher |
| Janet Zakosek | |

And all who are experiencing illness and are not
listed by name.

PRAYER LIST

Recently, people have come up to the priests, the
deacons, ushers and cantors and have asked to have
the name of a person put on our prayer list. Often the
person making this request is a family member.
Sometimes it is a friend or acquaintance of the one
needing prayer. Due to privacy laws now in place, we
must be very careful who is put on the list, especially
when a name is publicly announced. Even though the
intention we have concerning the making a request for
prayers for someone is a good one, we must consider
that the person may wish his or her privacy to be
respected.

The person or immediate family member should
communicate to us the request to be put on the sick list
or an immediate family member for the deceased list.
Please keep this in mind in making the request for
adding names to our prayer lists. The list is typed on
Friday morning. All are asked that if you have a
person in your immediate family (spouse, parent, next
of kin) to be put on our prayer list for the weekend that
you call the parish office first. We are aware that
sometimes illness occurs suddenly and may occur over
the weekend. Please do not put the name on the list
yourself or ask cantors or ushers. Rather, please ask
Father David, Deacon David, Deacon Duane, or Sr.
Margaret Anne to do this.

Saint Anne Parish continues to be committed to
pray for those who are sick and suffering, even if we
are unable to list everyone by name.

THE RITE OF DISMISSAL WITHIN THE MASS

WHY?

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent and continuing thru the Lenten Season, there will be a “dismissal” after the Liturgy of the Word of our Catechumens and Candidates.

The dismissal of catechumens and candidates, in and of itself, **is** a most powerful sign to the assembly of the baptized. It instantly raises questions about why the baptized Catholics are allowed to stay, about the gift that the Eucharist is to them and about their appreciation of their own baptisms.

We are reminded in the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation: “The Church has always venerated the divine scriptures as it has venerated the Body of the Lord, in that it never ceases, above all in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ. (Verbum Dei, 21)”

From this point of view, the dismissal of catechumens and candidates after the liturgy of the word performs a ministry in the worshiping community. It points to Christ’s real presence in the word and helps the assembly appreciate the gift of the word.

Aidan Kavanaugh, OSB goes even further: “Catechumens occupy an overt place in church structure and discharge a real ministry to the church by witnessing in their own lives to the never-ending need of conversion in Christ that is requisite for the whole church, universal as well as local.

When catechumens (and candidates) are dismissed, they do not simply leave an assembly that is going to do something they are not allowed to do. They are performing a ministry to the baptized, the ministry of witnessing to the centrality of the word as a means of transformation. This witness is at the heart of the weekly dismissal.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a spiritual journey in faith to discover what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian and the joy and freedom that can result from journeying with Christ. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through R.C.I.A.. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior. *Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take My yoke upon your shoulders and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for My yoke is easy and My burden light.* Matthew 11:28-30

If you or anyone you know have any questions and are high school age or older,

please contact Deacon David Brockman

at 630-554-3331.



USING MEDIA TO EVANGELIZE

Evangelization has always been the mission of the Catholic Church. The call to evangelize first given to us by Christ requires that we proclaim the word of God using every means of communication. In the Church today using the media has become indispensable in bringing the Gospel message into the world through the internet, radio and television.

Beginning December 16 and running through January 8 there will be a national campaign reaching every U.S. diocese using advertisements that invite Catholics to come home. Here at Saint Anne Parish, all parishioners are encouraged to take part in this evangelization effort in three simple ways:

- † When you see someone new or unfamiliar at Mass, introduce yourself and welcome them to our parish.
- † The ads on TV may result in unexpected conversations about the Catholic faith. When someone talks about the ads listen carefully to their interests in the Catholic faith. You might invite them to join you for Mass if they don't have a home parish.
- † If you know someone who is Catholic and no longer attends Mass, invite them to come home for the holidays.

In these three simple ways you continue the mission that Jesus gave to all his followers, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

If you have any questions, please contact:

Deacon David Brockman; 630-554-3331 Ext. 31;

rcia@stanneparish.org

or

Sister Margaret Anne Spagnola, OSM; 630-554-3331 Ext. 36

pstast@stanneparish.org

OPLATKI

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available in the Saint Anne Religious Article store which is open after all Masses Saturday evening and Sunday morning, or in the parish office.

There is no offering for these wafers. We are able to make them available through your Sunday Stewardship. We are happy to provide them to families who wish to continue this tradition with their families.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE—2011

Vigil of Christmas - Saturday, December 24th

3:00--5:00--7:30--10:30 PM

*Additional parking is available at
Thompson Junior High School
(across the street from Saint Anne Church)*

NO 8:00 AM Communion Service

NO Confessions

There is NO Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25th

7:30--9:15--11:00 AM

Monday, December 26th

NO 8:00 AM Mass

Mary, Mother of God --- Sunday, January 1st

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Vigil Mass - Saturday, December 31st

7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 AM

Monday, January 2nd

8:00 AM Mass-Chapel



*We wish everyone a very blessed and Holy
Christmas Season!*

**SAINT ANNE PARISH
3RD ANNUAL SKATE PARTY
Saturday, January 14, 2012
4:30-7:00 PM
The Aurora Skate Center
34 W. 113 Montgomery Road, Aurora**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE
JANUARY 10, 2012**

Email: socialstanne@att.net
Call Jerry or Pat Galligar, 630-554-1454
Include name, number attending and phone number.

- ◆ All children must have one parent present to attend the party.
 - ◆ There will be a special guest organist.
 - ◆ You can skate or just watch the fun.
- ◆ Admission, skate rental and food are free to the parishioners of Saint Anne Parish.

**WELCOMING YOUR CHILD
Saint Anne Parish
Baptism Preparation Program**

Baptism Preparation classes are usually held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Joachim Center. You will need to attend both sessions before scheduling a Baptism. We encourage you to sign up for Baptism Preparation before the birth of your child. Baptisms are scheduled after the birth of your child and after you have attended both sessions.

To register for Baptism Preparation, please contact Sr. Margaret Anne Spagnola, 630-554-3331. We ask that you be a registered member of the parish in order to have a Baptism at Saint Anne Parish.

Please do not choose Godparents until you receive the established Church guidelines for Godparents.

MOMS GROUP

The mission of the Saint Anne Moms Group is to nurture our growth and formation as women, wives and mothers by providing support for each other through fellowship, discussion and prayer. Through this ministry we hope to create a place where supportive friendships are formed and women are uplifted. Most importantly we strive to integrate our families and ourselves more completely into the richness of the Roman Catholic faith.

Wednesday meetings are located in the Joachim Center from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM (unless otherwise noted). The Nursery opens at 9:15 AM. There is also weekly Rosary on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Chapel; children are welcome to attend with their mother! For more information about Moms' Group, contact Susie Guglielmi, 630-264-2617 or Gretchen Heiar, 630-636-6044

December

21 WED NO MEETING - Christmas Vacation - meetings resume January 4, 2012

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January

4 WED **Get to know your Moms Group friends.** Come and hang out with your friends, chat, relax and get to know each other better.

11 WED **CRAFT DAY** Come help make centerpieces for the brunch following the Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick in April. Supplies and directions provided.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are we willing to have the faith of Mary in believing the angel? Do we have faith in God that all things are possible in our marriage? Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on February 17-19, 2012.

Contact Tim and Pat Doyle, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at: wwmejoliet.org.

SAINT ANNE RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching. The store is currently stocking Thanksgiving items, Advent calendars, Advent wreaths and candles, Nativity sets and Christmas gifts. We have the new Roman Missals in stock and will have children's Mass books in stock now!

Come browse through our stock of Baptism and baby gifts, children's books, rosaries, crucifixes, prayerbooks, Bibles, holy cards, rosary bracelets, holy water fonts, statues, pet medals, First Holy Communion and Confirmation items, and more. We have something for everyone.

The Store is located across from Anniversary Hall and is open before and after all the weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:45-6:30 PM Sunday 7:15 AM thru 12:30 PM

CLOSED CHRISTMAS WEEKEND - December 24th/25th
CLOSED NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND - December 31st/January 1st

If you have questions, please contact Jane Getty 630-554-0989 or Margaret Spitz, 630-896-2748.

ADULT ONGOING FAITH JOURNEY

These are some web sites that you can go to for Scripture, spirituality and prayer.

For Scripture: www.wau.org
 www.scriptureschool.org
 www.usccb/nab (Lectionary readings for the day)

For spirituality: www.loyolapress.com
 www.prayasyougo.org
 www.sacredspace.ie

For info/retreat: www.franciscanradio.org
 www.emmausjourney.org
 www.cptryon.org/prayer
 www.americancatholic.org

These are a few of so many sites that help you know more about your faith as you journey with your God.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pre-K thru GRADE 8

4th Sunday of Advent

This Saturday, December 17, marks the beginning of the "O Antiphons" - the antiphons sung at Vespers (evening prayer) before and after the recitation of the Magnificat in the week preceding the Christmas vigil. They are also echoed in the daily lectionary as the verse for the gospel acclamation during this week. They add a mood of eager expectation to the liturgy that builds throughout these seven days and reaches its height at Christmas.

The antiphons are a collage of Old Testament types of Christ. Their main theme is messianic, meaning they focus on the hope of the Savior's coming. Jesus is called by various titles, mostly taken from the prophet Isaiah.

The seven titles attributed to Jesus in the antiphons are Wisdom (*Sapientia* in Latin), Ruler of the House of Israel (*Adonai*), Root of Jesse (*Radix*), Key of David (*Clavis*), Rising Dawn (*Oriens*), King of the Gentiles (*Rex*), and Emmanuel.

Today the O Antiphons are most familiar to us in the hymn "O come, O come Emmanuel." Each verse of the hymn parallels one of the antiphons. An Advent prayer service can be built around the singing or recitation of the antiphons, together with the related Scripture readings and prayers.

Religious Education Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 18 through Monday, January 2: Christmas Break

No Wee Worship or K-8 Grade RE Classes

Tuesday, January 3: Sunday, January 8

Classes resume Next Class from 7th and 8th Grades at usual time

Religious Education Office Winter Break Hours

Monday, December 19: 8:30 to 5:00

Monday, December 26: Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 20: 8:30 to 5:00

Tuesday, December 27: 8:30 to 5:00

Wednesday, December 21: 10:00 to 7:30

Wednesday, December 28: 8:30 to 5:00

Thursday, December 22: 8:30 to 5:00

Thursday, December 29: 8:30 to 5:00

Friday, December 23: 8:30 to Noon

Friday, December 30: 8:30 to Noon

Monday, January 2: Offices Closed

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Have you ever wondered what all those children do when they leave the 9:15 Mass each week?

Have you ever wished you could help our young people understand the Word of God better?

Can you give an hour of your time each month?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then Children's Liturgy of the Word
is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets on Sunday mornings during the 9:15 AM Mass year-round. Adult volunteers work together in teams to share the Liturgy of the Word with our young people in child-friendly language in the chapel during the first part of Mass. Materials are provided to help you plan your time with the children, and each team is scheduled only once every four weeks.

We need your help as the new calendar year begins. Children's Liturgy is a vital ministry for our children here at St. Anne Parish, but many of our teams need new members in order to continue to serve. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talent with Children's Liturgy. Contact Cathy Gillooly at 630-554-1425 or reo@stanneparish.org for more details or to volunteer.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS**

If you are a high school student and want to take personal responsibility of your faith, then it's time to say **YES** to God.

Any high school student who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to take the journey into adult Christianity.

Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin January 14, 2012. To sign up or for more information, please call Deacon Duane Wozek, 630-554-1425 Ext. 16.

RECYCLING FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

In order to help offset the cost of the trip we invite you to participate in a **RECYCLING PROGRAM** for used computer ink cartridges and cell phones. We will receive a percentage of each item collected.

Donations may be brought to Deacon Duane in the Religious Education Office during regular Religious Ed office hours. For more information call Deacon Duane, 630-554-1425. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

AURORA CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1255 North Edgelawn Drive, Aurora - www.auroracentral.com

Placement exam-Scholarship Qualifying
Saturday, January 7, 2012 8:00 AM - Exam Fee: \$30.00

For more information please call Brian Casey, 630-907-0095 Ext. 109
or email: bcasey@auroracentral.com

MEN SEEKING HOLINESS RETREAT

With Father Burke Masters, Father Steven Borello and Seminarians from the Diocese of Joliet

**A TWO DAY RETREAT ON THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF ST. THERESE
SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET**

5:00 PM Tuesday, December 27th until
12:00 Noon Thursday, December 29th

Where: St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center
101 Airport Road, Romeoville, IL 60446

For men - married and single between the ages of 18 and 35

Cost: \$30.00 which includes 5 meals, shared rooms and materials.
Please pay with a check made payable to the Diocese of Joliet.

For question or to register please contact: Nora Labanauskas at dojnora@aol.com or 815-834-4004.

LISTENING TO GOD'S CALL
Gatherings for Young Adult Women and Men
Considering Their vocation

† Are you a young adult interested in serving God?

† Would you like to discern your call with other young men and women?

The Joliet Area Vocation Association will offer a discernment series for adults ages 18-40 meeting monthly on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 at Loretto Center in Wheaton.

Discussion will cover discernment, exploring your vocation, and various elements of religious life. You may attend any or all sessions in which you are interested and the cost is free.

Upcoming dates and topics:

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| January 8th | <i>Religious Life</i> | February 12th | <i>Vows - Chastity/Celibacy</i> |
| March 11th | <i>Vows - Poverty</i> | April 15th | <i>Vows - Obedience</i> |
| May 20th | <i>Bumps in the Road</i> | June 10th | <i>Explore Religious Orders</i> |

For more information and registration information please contact Sr. Claire Vandborg, 630-868-2904 or clvand@aol.com. A brochure with dates, topics and registration information can be found in the literature rack in the church or Joachim Center or visit the Joliet Vocations website www.vocations.com.

SEMINARY TRIPS

Major Seminary Visits - Men who are seniors in college or who already are college graduates are invited to visit one of the major seminaries that the Diocese of Joliet uses for theology: Mundelein Seminary and St. Meinrad Seminary. There is no cost for these trips.

College Seminary Visits - The Vocation Office sponsors trips for men who are juniors in high school and older to Conception Seminary College. There is no cost for this weekend visit.

During seminary visits participants have the opportunity to meet current seminarians and see seminary life first hand.

If interested in a major seminary or college seminary visit, please contact Vocation Director Father Burke Masters, 815-834-4004 or vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDARS/CARDS

Reminder. . . Brochures listing our Diocesan priests, religious life and diaconate for September through December 2011 are available in the literature racks of the church and parish center. Our prayers are appreciated for all. Prayer cards of the seminaries that were distributed on Vocation Awareness Sunday are still available in the literature racks as well.

COME, EAT AND PRAY - Single Catholic Women
 Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, 717 N. Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL

Come to a dinner and pray with the Sisters and *See What our Life is all About!* Monday: December 26th from 5:00-8:00 PM. For more information please call Sr. Marie Mason, sscm, Vocation Minister, 815-370-7228.

FAMILY VOCATION NIGHT

Friday, January 6, 2012

5:30 PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Conlon
followed by light refreshments

The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office, Bishop Conlon and St. Joseph Parish invite you to an evening entitled “The Family: Seedbed of Vocations” at **St. Joseph Parish (4801 Main Street, Downers Grove)**. *All people of all ages are invited to this wonderful event. Bring your entire family for an engaging evening to talk about God’s call in our lives.*

After Mass there will be a panel discussion with seminarians, seminarian parents, and priests, followed by a talk by Fr. Burke Masters on the Holy Priesthood – Spiritual Fatherhood.

- There is no cost for the event, but a free will offering can be made to support the seminarian formation programs.
- We will discuss the following questions, among others:
 - ⇒ Why would I want my son or daughter to be a priest, brother or sister?
 - ⇒ What is it like for a parent to have a son in the seminary?
 - ⇒ How do we hear God’s voice in this noisy world?

Please RSVP to Antonia Summers at 630-964-0216 or antoniasummers@gmail.com so that we have enough refreshments

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENT FOR ALL YOUNG ADULTS (18 TO 39)**Advent Candlelight Vespers***with Bishop Daniel Conlon, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet***Monday, December 19, 2011**

7:00 p.m. Prayer Service, 8:00 PM

Dessert Potluck

*Please bring a dessert dish to share with others.***St. Procopius Abbey - Lisle**

5601 College Road • Lisle, Illinois 60532

This event is open to all young adults: men and women who are in college and those who are in their 20s & 30s, single and married, and their families.

For more details, contact Paul Jarzembowski at the Diocese of Joliet by calling 815-834-4047 or emailing pjarzembowski@dioceseofjoliet.org, or go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam/AdventVespers2011.asp.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet Young Adult Ministry Office

BOOK GROUP

St Anne Book Group will be reading the following books for discussion:

January 2012 - 9:30 AM - THE ULTIMATE GIFT by Jim Stovall

A wealthy man realizes that he has made life too easy for his family and feels that his great nephew will not really benefit from the inheritance but from the "ultimate gift". Take the journey with this young man and see if you, too, will be touched by the ultimate gift.

Read these delightful books, come to our discussions and get to hear what others think and feel about these subjects. Contact Judy Benjamin, 630-551-1176

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY***As Iron Sharpens Iron, So Man Sharpens His Fellow Man***

Come, contemplate and discuss the week's Readings and the Gospel. Hear and share spiritual experiences and challenges that the men of our parish are facing and relate your own personal stories as you feel comfortable doing so.

When/Where: Every other Sunday in the Joachim Center at 8:00 AM

Watch the Bulletin for dates of the meetings.

For more information, please call Smokey White, 630-639-0992.

No Commitments - No Homework - No Additional Burdens

Come Rest in the Lord and Hear the Word of God



Oswego Council #7247 Knights of Columbus

For Information and Hall Rentals: Contact: Jim Boban, 630-554-9813 or

E-mail: kc7247il@yahoo.com

Web Page: www.oswegokc.org

Become a Knight: Contact Leo, 630-554-3755

ROSARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

The Knights and their friends join together every 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM to pray the Rosary at the Planned Parenthood Center in Aurora. The next event is on Christmas Eve Day, December 24th. Call Matt Walker for information, 630-809-4448.

MARK THE DATES

January 2012 - date to be announced - Annual PJ Party - Brier Hall

March 25, 2012 Ladies Auxiliary Annual Card Party - Brier Hall

May 19, 2012 Matt Draper Annual Golf Outing - Fox Bend Golf Course

FOURTH DEGREE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Marquette Assembly #0188 annual "White Elephant" Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 PM. All fourth degree Sir Knights and wives are invited to this annual fun Christmas Hors d'oeuvre party. All you need as a wrapped "White Elephant" gift and \$10.00 each. For more information and directions to the hall in Batavia contact Leo, 630-554-3755.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE COUNCIL'S WEB PAGE FOR ALL KC EVENTS

www.oswegokc.org



SAINT ANNE SENIORS —S.A.S.

January 12th, 2012 - SAS meeting 1:30 PM. Meeting and BINGO. Sign up for February Pot Luck Lunch.

Saint Anne Seniors group meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:30 PM in the Joachim Center. Please join us for fun and companionship. All registered parishioners 55 and older are invited to join the Saint Anne Seniors (SAS) group.

Send payment to Doris Wright, treasurer, 630-264-3023.

MARMION ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE FARM**For your Marmion Grown Christmas Tree**

Start or continue a family tradition at Marmion Abbey! Hunt out, choose and cut your perfect tree this year from over 120 acres of Marmion grown Christmas Trees. Your purchase helps to support the Monks of Marmion Abbey.

Choose from Scotch Pine, Austrian Pine, Blue and Norway Spruce, White Pine and a Variety of Fir Christmas trees all ranging from 6-9' tall in fields and 12' in pre-cuts! U-cut-\$40. Pre-cut \$6-\$10/foot.

Open through December 23rd

9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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**DIOCESE OF JOLIET
CATHOLIC CONSTRUCTION CORP
Mission to the Navajo Reservation**

Ever wanted to go on a mission?

Then, please join us at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville at 7:00 PM on either Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 or Thursday, January 26th, 2012 for an information session on the eleventh annual mission to the Navajo Reservation. The trip is planned for June 9-22, 2012. We repair homes for the poor of the Navajo Reservation around Chinle, Arizona as well as other meaningful work that is identified by the people on the reservation.

Although it is helpful to have carpentry, plumbing, painting, electrical and/or general construction skills or experience it is not necessary. Anyone who is willing to learn and assist in a variety of construction tasks should apply. There will be opportunities to meet the people and to learn the local culture during this mission.

For more information Sr. Mary Carr, Missions Coordinator at 815-834-4072 or contact (evenings) either Deacon Tom Goebel (630-782-9577) or Deacon Larry Lissak (630-629-9234).

MISSION STATEMENT

God has called us to be Christian witnesses by the precious gift of our Catholic faith through Baptism. Just as Saint Anne had a role in God's plan so do each of us. We are called to faithfully teach and live the message of Jesus. We listen to God's word, grow in our understanding of it and respond to it through outreach and service in our own parish as well as the wider community. We exercise our responsibility to develop and see the gifts God has given us for the common good and to insure that our Eucharistic celebrations are truly joyful and meaningful.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Expectant parents are to call the Parish Office, six months before the birth of their child for preparation information. **Please do not choose Godparents until you receive the established Church guidelines for Godparents.**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage should call the parish office six months before the marriage date. A Marriage date cannot be given until the couple has talked with the parish priest.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or age, please call the parish office at anytime to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Those interested in becoming Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith meet weekly. Call the parish office or e-mail rcia@stanneparish.org for more information.

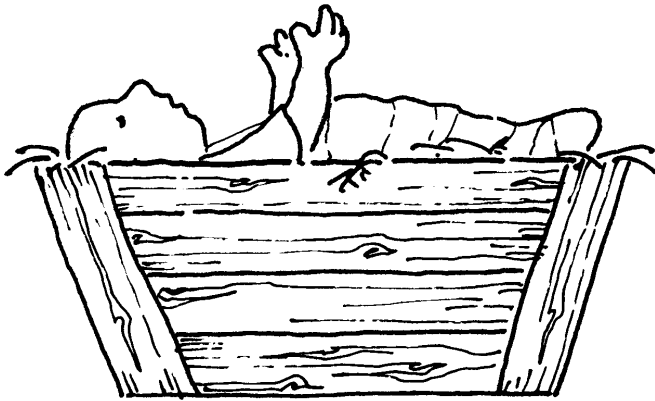
STEWARDSHIP PARISH

We are a stewardship parish. This means that every parishioner with an income is asked to use a Sunday envelope, since we expect to meet our needs from the one collection at the Presentation of the Gifts.

NEW PARISHIONERS

All new families are warmly welcomed to Saint Anne Parish and we ask that you register your family by calling the parish office during office hours.

Parish Office — 630-554-3331; stanne@stanneparish.org



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2011**

*The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.*

--Luke 1:35