



Saint Anne

Catholic Church

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 SUMMER HOURS

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

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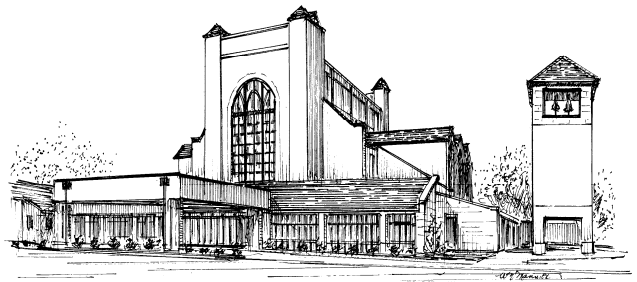
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OFFICE HOURS

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





A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The angel's first words to the shepherds are: "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people." (Luke 2:10) They are the same words used by the angel Gabriel when Mary is startled by his greeting. Jesus uses them time and again during His public life, sometimes to reassure an individual, sometimes to support and challenge His disciples. At the heart of the Gospel message is an understanding of this strong element of our human condition: fear of nature, fear of the dark, fear of the sea or stormy weather, fear of what our fellow human being can and want to do to harm us.

The first response offered by the Gospel to this fear is to place a little child in our midst. It is the birth of a child and His presence among us that is seen as the sign that our fears are groundless and to be cast aside. With His birth the light pushes back darkness and His peace replaces violence, injustice and war. No one is excluded from His invitation. The joy He brings is for all people, no matter how sinful we may feel ourselves to be, no matter how full of anxiety and doubt. At Christmas we are asked to let the darkness in our lives disperse, let go of our fears and rejoice in the birth of the child Jesus Who brings salvation and peace to all.

On behalf of the parish staff, I extend to you this Christmas greeting: May all of you be full of love and peace as you celebrate the entrance of God's Son into our world. May we all strive to make this world a better place in which to live by being people of love and peace!

Father David

Mass Intentions



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Monday, December 26th
NO 8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 27th
7:00 AM-Larry Neff and Michael Mosher req.
Family

Wednesday, December 28th
8:00 AM-John G. Neill req. Family
NO 7:00 PM Mass

Thursday, December 29th
7:00 AM-Edwin and Arlene Klein req. Shirley
and Elvis Breedlove

Friday, December 30th
8:00 AM-Intentions of Renee French req. Laura
French

Saturday, December 31st
8:00 AM-Communion Service
5:00 PM-Pat Mellone req. Garofalo Family

Sunday, January 1st
7:30 AM-Spagnola Family
9:15 AM-Intentions of Danielle French req.
Laura French
11:00 AM-For the Parishioners



WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM-Rosary.

SUNDAY

9:15 AM-Children's Liturgy of the Word.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



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.

Due to the Christmas holiday and printing schedule, the collection for December 18th will be reported in the January 1st, 2012 Bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

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

The Bereavement Ministry reaches out to the family of a deceased parishioner on behalf of the community. The team members meet with the family and guide them through selection of the readings, the Prayers of the Faithful and music for the Liturgy.

This is done with sensitivity to the needs of the family and respect for the sacredness of the Mass of Christian Burial. Please refer to the brochure in the literature racks entitled Directives for Funerals at Saint Anne Parish.

Pre-Planning your funeral liturgy is also available. It is a wonderful way to help your family know what your intentions and wishes are. Call Carolyn Gray, 630-553-7780 to pre-plan...your family will thank you when they are dealing with the loss of their loved one.

“ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE”
“Knock and the door will be opened.”

If you are experiencing serious illness or problems, the members of **Saint Anne Prayer Tree** are committed to help you with the *“asking and the knocking.”*

To request special prayers or to join the group as a member, 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.....

Kirsten Bohr	Mary Lou Clark
Daisy Delgado	Lucille Eberhardt
Kerry Anne Engdahl	Elizabeth Gebe
Vicky Gibson	Charlotte Messing
Renee Olsen	Donald Schiesser
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 worshipping 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

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE—2011

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 and Joyous New Year!*

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

OUR DILIGENT SEARCH EVENING PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 - 6:00 PM Chapel

The Magi came “from the east”. They bring gifts. They follow a star. Their diligence indicates their belief in the value of the One for whom they search. They are searching for “the newborn king.” The Magi’s story is our story. Those who “search diligently” for Christ will find him if they follow the signs given by God. But the truth is that we find God not because we search, but because God reveals. God gives us all the signs and wonders we need to search for, find, and offer the gift of ourselves to this King who is ever newborn into our hearts.

A holy hour with Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition and Adoration, closing with Benediction, will be celebrated at 6:00 PM in the chapel on Sunday, January 8. All are invited to gather for prayer as we near the end of the Christmas Season.



WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We want to warmly welcome and congratulate the following children who were Baptized last Sunday by Deacon David Brockman:

LILA SUZANNE ABEL

Daughter of Eric and Martha

RILEY GRACE FLEAGLE

Daughter of Richard and Kelly

ADDISON JACALYN SYMMONDS

Daughter of Jacob and Kimberly

SOPHIA MARIE WALK

Daughter of Douglas and Melanie

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

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

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.
- 18 WED Book Discussion/Scripture Study: Pilgrim People by Clifford M. Yearly** - Join us as we start a new book/scripture study. We will discuss Chapter 1, "*The Call of Abraham and Sarah.*"
- 24 TUES A Cup of Soup** - Gail Fonseca presents from 9:00-11:00 AM. RSVP Nancy Gonzales, 630-264-0009.
- 25 WED New Roman Missal** - Dr. Mary Amore speaks on the History and Development of the Eucharistic Celebration.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a *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

Merry Christmas

Christmas peace and blessings to you and yours from the St. Anne Religious Education Office!

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,

that we may share in the song of the angels,

the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Grant us the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love;

the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;

the belief in Christmas, which is truth; and the all of Christmas, which is Christ. Amen.

Adapted from prayers by Robert Louis Stevenson and Wilda English

Religious Education Calendar of Events

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

No Wee Worship or K-8 Grade RE Classes

Tuesday, January 3:

Classes resume

Sunday, January 8:

Next Class for 7th and 8th Grades at usual time

Religious Education Office Winter Break Hours

Monday, December 26: Offices Closed

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

Friday, December 30: 8:30 to Noon

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

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

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.

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 Labauskas 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:

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.

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

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 antonia summers@gmail.com so that we have enough refreshments

**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.

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

**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 January 28th, 2012. 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

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.

**JOLIET AREA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS
Semi-formal New Year's Eve Dance**

A Party for Young Adults in their 20's and 30's

**Saturday, December 31st
8:00 PM**

**Saint Isaac Jogues Parish
306 W. 4th Street, Hinsdale, IL**

Tickets: \$25 online; \$30 at the door

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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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**The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2011**

*The light shines in the darkness, A
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

-- John 1:5