



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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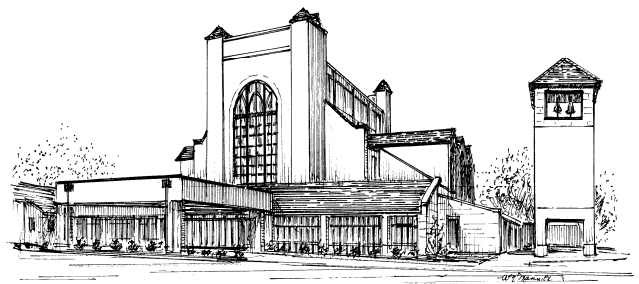
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OFFICE HOURS

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





THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” is a popular song most of us heard many times before. Traditionally, the feast of Epiphany was the twelfth day of Christmas, or January 6th, and for many people it marked the end of the Christmas season and celebrations. On that day, many people would take down their decorations. Christmas vacation would end for school children. People would prepare to enter the bleakness of the long winter season. However, the celebration of Epiphany should really perk us up and remind us of what we celebrated just two weeks ago.

The word “epiphany” means showing and in the religious sense, it refers to the appearance of Jesus as the Messiah. Today we celebrate the event in which Jesus was shown to the non-Jewish world for the first time. The three wise men represent the Gentile world. A baby was born into the world and the three astrologers went to visit this baby who was both human and divine. This baby entered the world *for* the whole world. Each gift given by the wise men is symbolic and tells us something about this newborn infant.

The gold symbolized the royalty of Jesus. It tells us that He will have a kingdom, a kingdom not built of armies and palaces, but one built on love and peace. The frankincense symbolizes adoration and prayer, as does incense today. When we pray to the Father, we ask Jesus to bring to Him our petitions. Our prayers rise like incense to the Lord. The myrrh symbolizes the death and burial that one day will be a part of Jesus’ earthly experience.

For today’s feast, blessed chalk is available in the narthex of the church. You are invited to take a piece home with you and follow the instructions on the card accompanying the chalk. Blessing your doorway is a reminder to all that anyone who enters will be treated as if our Lord Himself entered.

Father David

Monday, January 9th

8:00 AM-Deceased Members of the Briggs Family req. Margaret Spitz

Tuesday, January 10th

7:00 AM-Tom Svienty req. Virginia Jankowski

Wednesday, January 11th

8:00 AM-Jim Worley req. Pat Worley

7:00 PM-Laura O'Neil req. The Schultz Family

Thursday, January 12th

7:00 AM-Marcelo Nato req. Family

Friday, January 13th

8:00 AM-Earl Reeves req. Family

Saturday, January 14th

8:00 AM-Communion Service
5:00 PM-Victor "Ed" Meyer req. Eleanor Salisbury

Sunday, January 15th

7:30 AM-David Klima req. Family
9:15 AM-Larry Moore req. Friends
11:00 AM-For the Parishioners



MONDAY

1:00 PM-AFF: ACTS group.

4:30 & 6:00 PM-RE K-6



classes.

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

7:30 PM-Administration Commission meeting.

7:30 PM-Worship Commission meeting.

7:30 PM-RCIA.

TUESDAY

9:30 AM-AFF: Women's Scripture Study.

4:30 & 6:00 PM-RE K-6 classes.

5:00 PM-Angels Choir.

7:30 PM-Chancel Choir.

7:30 PM-Charismatic Prayer Group meets. All are invited to attend.

7:30 PM-AFF: Team meeting.

7:30 PM-High School Godparent planning meeting.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM-Rosary.

9:30 AM-Moms Group meets.

9:30 AM-AFF: Transfigured Scripture Study.

4:15 PM-Youth Choir.

4:30 & 6:00 PM-RE K-6 classes.

5:00 PM-Joyful Ringers.

7:30 PM-Contemporary Choir.

7:30 PM-Service Commission meeting.

THURSDAY

1:30 PM-Saint Anne Seniors meeting.

4:30 & 6:00 PM-RE K-6 classes.

7:30 PM-AFF: Faith-Filled Catholic Women's Bible Study.

7:30 PM-Cantor meeting.

SATURDAY

7:30 AM-Men's Cursillo.

7:30 AM-Women's Cursillo.

9:00 & 11:00 AM-First Reconciliation.

10:00 AM-HS Confirmation class.

4:30 PM-Skating Party-Aurora Skate Center.

4:30-6:30 PM-Religious Article Sales.

SUNDAY

7:15 AM-12:30 PM-Religious Article Sales.

8:00 AM-KC Pro Life Breakfast.

9:15 AM-Nursery.

9:15 AM-Wee Worship.

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

9:15 AM-RCIA Rite of Dismissal and Breaking Open the Word.

10:30 AM-SpiritSong.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



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>
Parish Offering, December 25th (Christmas)		
Sunday/Christmas Offering	\$77,161.79	\$54,000.00 Christmas/ \$26,000/Sunday
E-Giving	\$ 2,449.50	46 Transactions
Children's Offering	\$ 161.73	
Money not in envelope but in above figure	\$ 7,008.83	
Parishioners registered for envelopes as of November 30, 2011	3,883	
Average Regular Envelope Users	633	16% Participation
Number of envelopes used last Sunday	1,120	29% Participation
Number of Children's envelopes used	78	05% Participation
Parish Offering, January 1st, 2012		
Sunday Offering	\$22,281.10	\$26,000.00
E-Giving	\$ 1,679.50	45 Transactions
Children's Offering	\$ 47.20	
Money not in envelope but in above figure	\$ 1,349.40	
Parishioners registered for envelopes as of November 30, 2011	3,883	
Average Regular Envelope Users	633	16% Participation
Number of envelopes used last Sunday	761	20% Participation
Number of Children's envelopes used	39	03% 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

"...the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate the fact that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. Because God has given us different gifts we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. If one of us does not play his or her role, the whole body suffers. How will you play your role this year?

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DIFIBRILLATOR AED
Located Across from Parish Offices

**BEREAVEMENT AND BUTTERFLIES
MINISTRY**

*Grief is difficult.
Working through the grief
will help to heal.
Grief over our loss is
the deepest wound one may have.
Grieving may be God's way of
healing a broken heart.*

PLEASE PRAY.....

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

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

IS THIS MINISTRY FOR YOU?

Who: You Where: Anywhere
When: Anytime Why: Why not
What: St. Anne Prayer Tree

No meetings, no committees—in fact, you don't even have to leave home. You will be called and asked to pray for special needs of our community as requests are made of us.

You pray whenever and wherever you decide. What is needed is your commitment to prayer.

If you would like to join this ministry, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Epiphany

Christ Revealed to the Whole World

When Jesus, son of Mary, son of God, was born in a Bethlehem stable, he was at once Good News to the Jewish people. Proclaimed by angels to shepherds in a field, he was the long-awaited Messiah. Those humble shepherds were not expecting anything out of the ordinary that night, but they were the first to hear that God's promise to the Chosen People had been fulfilled. The story could have ended right there.

But God had another more glorious plan. The Magi were seekers, not fully knowing what they were looking for. A sign in the heavens, a bright star, pointed the way, they believed, to the birth of a new king. Certainly, the births of kings were major events. But in their seeking, the Magi were to find even more than they expected: the Savior, not only of the Jews, but of the Gentiles as well.

Jesus today, early in the freshness of a new year, is just as much the Savior of the world as he was when the travelers from the East reached their destination. We pray homage as they did, remembering that he came to free us from sin and death and give us a share of his very life.

One way to acknowledge our Savior is to make a simple mark on our doorways to bless our homes for the new year. With numerals of the new year and the initials CMB, we mark the entrance to our homes with a piece of chalk. The letters C, M and B stand for the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. CMB also stands for the Latin words *Christu Mansionem Benedicat*, or "Christ bless this house." with this simple blessing we open our homes to the salvation Jesus offers and proclaim him once again as the Savior of the world.

BLESSING FOR THE HOME ON EPIPHANY

Packets with the home blessing and chalk will once again be available this weekend, January 7th and 8th.

On the Feast of Epiphany, please take a moment and use these packets to bless your homes.

OUR DILIGENT SEARCH EVENING PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD TODAY - 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 tonight Sunday, January 8. All are invited to gather for prayer as we near the end of the Christmas Season.

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Please join us for a 3-part Series
presented by
Dr. Mary Amore
of Mayslake Ministries

9:30-11:00 AM

History and Development of the Eucharist Celebration

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

A CUP.....TO GO

A Cup of Soup

Guest Speaker: Gail Fonseca

Tuesday, January 24, 2012
9:30-11:00 AM

Soup will be served at 11:00 AM

RSVP to
Nancy Gonzales, 630-264-0009;
nfgonzo@aol.com
or
Maureen Tudder, 630-554-9733;
maureen@tudder.net

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

Saturday, January 21, 2012

6:00-7:00 PM

(after the 5:00 PM Mass)

Joachim Center

- ◆ Do you know what happens 40days after Christmas?
- ◆ Have you ever heard of Candlemas day?
- ◆ Do you know of elders named Simeon and Anna?

Come and join us for an hour of learning, craft and family fun!

For more information contact: Gail Fonseca, 630-554-8848.

**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 30th, 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

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

January

- 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. Yeary** - 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.

February

- 1 WED New Roman Missal** - Dr. Mary Amore will discuss the Liturgy of the World.
- 8 WED New Roman Missal** - Dr. Mary Amore will discuss the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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

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

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

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The *World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army)* is answering our Blessed Lady's request at Fatima to spread the devotion of praying the Rosary daily. Also, to make reparation and sacrifice for the souls of many to acquire peace, love and freedom for all the world.

Remember our beautiful Statue of our Lady of Fatima that resided in the Chapel? Come and visit her every Monday evening at 7:00 PM as we pray the Rosary. The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is traveling from family to family throughout our parish community.

Schedule a time when "*Our Lady*" can visit in your home. Call Joanne, 630-554-2065, to make your reservation. You will be glad you did.

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**Still Celebrating?**

If you stop by the Religious Education Office today, you will notice that we still have all of our Christmas decorations up – not because we are lazy or forgetful but because we are still celebrating the coming of Christ! Christmas is not just one day but a whole season, full of wonderful feasts and celebrations. December 26 we remembered St. Stephen (the first martyr); December 30 we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph); January 1 we honored Mary, the Mother of God; January 3 we venerated the Most Holy Name of Jesus; and today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord (Three Wise Men/Magi). But it is not until tomorrow - Monday, January 9 - that the Christmas season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

First Reconciliation

Next Saturday, January 14, over 230 students will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time here at St. Anne Parish. For the last three months, they have been working hard - learning about sin, contrition, penance, forgiveness, and God's loving mercy. I know they would appreciate the prayers of the whole parish community as they enter the last few days of preparation for this very special event.

Religious Education Calendar of EventsSunday, January 8:

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

January 9-12:

Safe Environment Training for Kindergarteners during regular class time

Saturday, January 14:

First Reconciliation Services at 9 and 11 AM

Monday, January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No K-6 RE Classes; Offices Closed

Saturday, January 21:

Family Faith Night – ALL are welcome to join us in the Joachim Center following the 5 PM Mass for a fun, family-friendly activity to help us learn about and prepare for Candlemas! You won't want to miss the fun, food, fellowship, formation, crafts, give-aways, and raffle prizes!

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.

**HURRY!!! ALL NIGHT BOWL LOCK-IN
DON'T MISS IT**

January 15th at Parkside Lanes 11:30 PM-6:00 AM

Cost: \$25.00 - sign up now!

Bring a high school friend/s!!!

Ask your Godparents for forms or pick them up in the RE office. Pre-registration is **MANDATORY** with form and money together. There will be **NO** forms or money taken at the event. **The first 250 that have everything in will bowl.**

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'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

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 January through April 2012 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.



Ryan Adorjan

Sophomore – St. John Vianney College Seminary

Parish: St. Anne, Oswego

Birthday: May 19, 1992

Oh, hello there! My name is Ryan Adorjan and I am 19 years old and I was born at Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights, Illinois. When I was two, my family and I moved from Crestwood, Illinois to our new house in Oswego. I attend St. Anne Parish in Oswego with my family. I have two awesome parents, Mike and Kim, and a brother, Matt, who is 21. We also have a cat named Data. Her black and white markings make her look like a nun, so she is a sure-fit for our family. I attended Oswego schools since kindergarten and graduated from Oswego High

School in 2010.

As I grew up, my Catholic faith and my church life have always been very important. When we moved, my Mom joined the Art and Environment committee setting up for various events and liturgical holidays and celebrations. This is how I really got acquainted with the physical church. By the time I was 8, I had learned where everything was kept in the church and loved spending time in there. At this point, of course, I had no idea why I felt such an attraction to this sacred place. All I knew is that the church was awesome and the priests there were the coolest guys in the world.

God, always encouraging us never to get too comfortable, and our community watched as our church suffered a devastating fire in January of 2000. The church was beyond repair and had to be torn down. By 2003, our new church was built and was dedicated with the motto “From disaster comes a blessing.” This was a major point of conversion for me because it was then that I truly understood what it meant to be a Catholic and be a part of a community of faith. Although our church is beautiful, Fr. Dan, then pastor, dubbed it the “Cathedral of Kendall County,” this experience taught me a basic lesson: I was shown that the church is not the building but the people that populate it. This allowed me to understand that I could make a difference within my church by becoming more than just a member.

In fifth grade, I became an altar server and served with both Bishops Imesch and Sartain. Altar serving truly got me interested in ministry and the Mass. My junior year of high school, I became a lector and the Word of God and my ability to relay it to others became very inspiring.

I have wanted to be a priest since I was seven years old. I would play church at home with family and friends, using Oreos as the Eucharist. While it was fun, subconsciously this always felt like it was more than just a game. The call died down for a few years until my junior year of high school when it came back and I felt the Lord asking and calling me to follow Him. Being the cool high schooler I had become, that was simply not going to happen so I decided to attend North Central College in Naperville to pursue my (other) dream of being a high school English teacher. While at NCC, I started attending Ss. Peter and Paul in Naperville and served the 8pm mass each week. This was God’s way of getting His call through to me once more. I knew it was time to act when, while serving Midnight Mass at Christmas, I distinctly heard someone softly say, “Ryan!” in a tone that was like “Hey you! Wake up!” Mass continued and then I heard it again, this time beckoning me. “Ryan...” This experience pushed me over the edge and, with the support of my family, I contacted Fr. Burke and began attending the discernment meetings. These meetings were very powerful and been invaluable to me and my journey. In March, I visited Conception Seminary College in Missouri and felt very at home in the seminary atmosphere.

WANTED

The *Upper Room* support and crisis hotline needs fifteen dedicated volunteers to handle the phone calls from priests, deacons, and men religious who call the line for support or referrals.

Do you have 4/6 hours a week to return to them all the help they've given you and your family through the years? If so, please sign up for the training class to begin February 7th at the University of St. Francis. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:30 in Room C207, with graduation, during which you will receive a Certificate of Completion, on March 29th.

Please register for the class by calling 815-727-4367 or 815-341-9124.

SAINT PEREGRINE MINISTRY

Saint Peregrine is the universal patron saint of those afflicted with cancer and chronic and incurable illnesses. The Mantellate Sisters Servants of Mary of Plainfield are the hostesses to monthly gatherings held on the second Saturday of the month at 4:00 PM. All gather to pray for healing from God through the intercession of Saint Peregrine. We will celebrate the liturgy together, proclaiming the Sunday scriptures. All gatherings will include a blessing with a **first class relic of Saint Peregrine** and a reception.

Saturday, January 14th, 2012 4:00 PM.

Presider: Rev. R. McGrath, OSA - President of Providence Catholic High School

Come, join us at Marian Lake Retreat Center, 16949 S. Drauden Road, Plainfield, where we:

- † gather with persons desiring a healing of their bodies and spirits to worship together and to share their experiences and faith journey.
- † promote the devotion to Saint Peregrine, asking for healing of the body and spirit.
- † honor and bless those who are sick and those who give care to the sick.
- † pray for health care professionals and researchers, that they may find a cure for cancer and chronic diseases.

For more information, please contact Sr. Gesuina, 815-436-3737.

BLESSED CANDLES

Blessed Candles are available in the parish office for use in your home for prayer and in times of illness.

If you would like candles, please stop in the parish office during regular office hours.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETERAT

Retreat for Post Abortive Men and Women

Confidentiality and privacy
will be strictly observed.

Next Weekend March 30th-April 1st
St. Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville

For more information and retreat locations call

866-994-GIVE (866-994-4483)

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Tollfree hotline: 877-HOPE-4ME



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PRO LIFE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 15th - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Joachim Center

Freewill offering

Please come and support Pro-Life. All funds raised at this breakfast provide funding for: Birthright of Joliet, Pregnancy Information Center and Catholic Charities.

ROSARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

The Knights and their friends gather the 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM to pray the Rosary at the Planned Parenthood Center in Aurora. The next date we gather is Saturday, January 28th, 2012.

For more information please call Matt Walker, 630-809-4448.



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.

SAINT ANNE SPECIAL TRUST FUND

Our trust fund was established to assist parishioners in time of financial need. During these difficult financial times, we have had a great demand on the fund. Through the generosity of our donors, we were able to help fellow parishioners through their time of need. In the most recent months we have assisted many parish families with utilities, mortgages and taxes. These families would be facing foreclosure or sale of property if it were not for your generosity.

Let us all continue to pray for those who are struggling financially and with employment.

If you wish to donate to the fund, you may do so by depositing your donation directly at any Old Second National Bank to the attention of the Saint Anne Trust Fund. You may also send your donations through the parish office. Thank you for caring about your fellow parishioners.

RETROUVAILLE**You don't have to become a statistic!**

- ◆ Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
- ◆ Do you argue?
- ◆ Or have you just stopped talking to each other?

If talking about it only makes the situation worse, *Retrouvaille* can help you rebuild your marriage.

Do not lose hope! Awakening is only a phone call away. For more information call 708-802-1830 or 800-470-2230. Your call will remain anonymous and will not be subject to third party discussion. Call for dates and weekend locations or visit our website www.retrouvaille.org.

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 Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2012**

*All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.*

--Psalm 72:11