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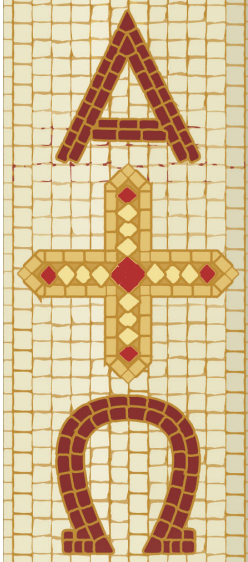

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
Easter

Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."
JOHN 20:19

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Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor
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Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.
First Friday Mass: 7:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Confessions: 3:00 p.m. Saturday
Day-Long Adoration: Last Wednesdays

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Monday-Friday: 8:00-Noon & 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Office closes at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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St. Ann Parish Mission Statement

We are called by a loving God
to make St. Ann of Lansing a Catholic community of faith.
We are a family of diverse people with various ministries:
healing the body and spirit, teaching of God and His love,
united in sacraments and prayer, reaching out to the extended community.
With God's revelation of Himself in Scripture as our guide,
we strive to grow in His Spirit and to fulfill the promise of Christ's Kingdom.

From the Pastor's Pen

WHEN OUR FAITH IS CHALLENGED

I understand this is a true story from Texas. Drummond's Bar in Mt. Vernon, Texas, decided to expand their facilities. The local church, which disapproves of drinking alcohol, started a prayer campaign to prevent the bar from expanding. Construction on the bar progressed up until the week before the grand opening when lightning struck and burned the entire bar to the ground. After the bar burned, the church folks started bragging about "the power of prayer." So the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church "was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect action or means." In response to the accusation, the church denied all responsibility for the burning of the building. The judge read through the bar owner's charges and the church's response and commented, "I don't know how I'm going to rule on this, but it appears that we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that now does not." (*Internet Source*)

This Second Sunday of Easter is dealing with the REAL ISSUE that we all are facing right now under the stress of the coronavirus. These readings for today are dealing with the same issues we deal with when we are grieving the loss of a loved one, or even a loss of a job, or at any time we hit an unexpected wall or a sudden turn in our lives!

Some people think that if you have enough faith, life will be plain sailing for you. But this is not so. The fact that we can swim doesn't prevent us from being knocked about by the waves. In the same way, faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life or death. What, then, does faith do? It gives us bearings and thus enables us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair.

Just as swimmers trust that, if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them, so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than themselves, a power greater than us all. This power is the power of God, who brought His Son, Jesus, back from the dead.

Today's readings describe trials of faith which, if successfully negotiated, will lead to a recognition of the presence of God. St. Peter tells us in the second reading that faith needs to be tested to be proven. Through trial, our faith becomes stronger. We are better prepared for the future which we do not know by the trials of faith we receive. Peter says that a trial of faith is to believe without seeing. It is our faith, drawn from Jesus' resurrection, that grows stronger by trial, leading us to our ultimate goal, salvation.

In the Gospel, we hear the famous story of Thomas. It is a story of faith. Can Thomas believe without seeing? When the apostles tell him that they have seen the Lord, Thomas must make a decision; his faith is tested. While he certainly had faith as a follower of Jesus, nevertheless when this specific trial of faith arises, he is not up to the test. Thomas can only believe what he sees. Thomas' faith is limited; he is not willing to venture out. Jesus admonishes Thomas, "Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe! You became a believer because you saw Me. Blest are they who have not seen Me and have believed." (John 20:27b, 29)

It seems that after Good Friday, Thomas had cut himself off from the other apostles and walked alone. This was a big mistake. But we must remember that he was in deep grief. People who are grieving have a tendency to isolate themselves. While this action is understandable, it is not helpful. In cutting himself off from the other apostles, Thomas made things more difficult for himself.

However, it seems that he hadn't cut himself off completely. Whenever he met them, he noticed a difference in them. Their fear was largely gone and had been replaced by joy and peace. It was clear that someone had breathed new life into them. They claimed that they had seen Jesus. But Thomas refused to take their word for it. He had to be sure. We can sympathize with Thomas. ***He was merely echoing the human cry for certainty.*** However, here on earth there is no such thing as absolute certainty about spiritual things. If there was, faith would not be necessary.

All of us experience trials of faith, especially during difficult times like the ones we are going through now. How do we fare? If our faith is tried through sickness or death, do we continually ask why a person we care about is sick or why God would choose to claim a person close to us? Or do we seek ways from which we can draw renewed and strengthened faith from the trial we must endure. What if faith is tried through the pain of unemployment? If we lose our job or cannot find work, do we allow it to destroy our faith? Do we become angry? Do we cry out, "Where is God?" Or does such a trial of faith allow us greater communion and better understanding of those who are chronically unemployed, those who cannot work because of a mental or physical handicap? What if our faith is tested through troubled or broken relationships? Does the separation of friends, the pain of divorce, or rejection in love make us throw in the towel?

It was only when this doubting apostle, Thomas, rejoined the community that he encountered the risen Jesus, and so found faith again. To be a believer, or just a spiritual person, in today's world can be a lonely business. We need support. Here is where the community comes in. It is only with the help of the community that we can resolve our doubts and sustain our faith. We live as members of a community of believers whose common faith strengthens the faith of each of us.

We see the kind of community the first Christians enjoyed. They supported one another by praying and worshipping together, and by a loving service to one another. Our ministry to one another consists not so much in doing things for one another, as in travelling together, listening to and learning from one another. We have all had trials of faith. Let us triumph over the trials of our life. Let us be strengthened by our faith. May we always believe that the trials of faith we weather can bring us closer to God and to eternal life.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 20
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Tuesday, April 21 (St. Anselm)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Wednesday, April 22
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Thursday, April 23 (St. George; St. Adalbert)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Friday, April 24 (St. Fideles of Sigmaringen)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Saturday, April 25 (St. Mark)
4:00 p.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Sunday, April 26 (Third Sunday of Easter)
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Stan Wohadlo (Judy Wohadlo)
10:30 a.m. Mass
† Janet Marie Uhrinchak

There is no need to reschedule Mass intentions already on the calendar. They have been and are being celebrated privately by the pastor every day. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule additional Mass intentions.

Get Real!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a "realistic" view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, "Get real!" when we hear Luke's account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in "exultation," and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn't be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke's intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation's original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, "Get real!" but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God's joy and beauty.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).
Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord Jesus Christ healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from this virus. May they be at rest with You in Your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know Your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know Your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know Your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of anxiety, give us Your peace. Lord Jesus Christ, heal us. AMEN

Money Matters

4-5-2020

Weekly Budget:	$ 12,000.00
Sunday Collection:	5,551.00
	$ -6,449.00
St. Ann 50-50 Club:	$ 100.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Ann. Figures include all mailed-in, dropped-off, and online contributions.

St. Ann's 50-50 Club

Our April 5 winning number was 5006.
5006 WOULD HAVE WON $1,075.50.

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

To be eligible, both your 50-50 ($5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least $5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday**.

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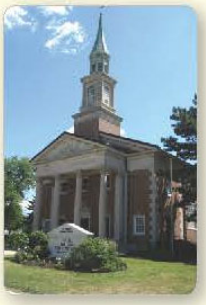

St. Ann accepts online contributions through Give Central. You can use this website to make paperless donations by credit card, debit card, and electronic checking payments, set up for either one-time or recurring donations. We understand that more and more transactions today are done electronically and want to provide you with that convenient option at St. Ann's!

DONATE NOW with give central

Visit our parish website,
www.saintanncatholicparish.com
and click on the Donate Now with Give Central button to set up your account. Or go to
www.givecentral.org/location/100/event/901

Thank you for your generosity and support.
Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

NOW MORE THAN EVER, ST. ANN PARISH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

With the absence of formal gatherings, we have no way to take up a physical weekly collection. Luckily, we already have secure electronic giving established through Give Central, where our faithful can make offertory donations without coming in contact with anyone. Absent the weekly collection, we will find it difficult to keep going: ministry, maintenance, staff, and other expenses rely on our parishioners' weekly generosity. If you've not previously signed up, please visit our Give Central link below.

https://www.givecentral.org/location/100

Should you need assistance navigating the website or setting up your account, Brian Kozlowski is happy to help! Call the Parish Office at 708.895.6700; leave a message and he will call you back. Or email Brian at brianmkozlowski@gmail.com

You may also mail in your envelopes, or drop them through the mail slot in the Parish Office door facing the school building (go inside the little screened porch, and you will find the slot on the inside door).

The best way to keep up to date with us is to look for "St. Ann Catholic Parish" and "St. Ann Catholic School, Lansing" on facebook, and "like" us. Both pages are updated several times daily with breaking news and helpful resources.

St. Ann Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday livestreams are all available for viewing on the St. Ann Catholic Parish Facebook page. The Easter Sunday Mass may also be seen on our choir's YouTube channel. Go to YouTube.com and search for StAnn Choir (you do not need an account for YouTube).

Parish Prayer Tree

This group of men and women led by Debbie Wright takes some time every day at their own homes to pray for the needs of St. Ann's and our parishioners. Simply email your special intentions to Debbie at debndnut@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 708-895-6700 with your prayer requests, and we will pass them on to all of our Prayer Tree participants. If you would like to join our Prayer/Phone Tree, please email Debbie. Should you need prayers for longer than 30 days, please call and reconfirm your request at the beginning of each month.

Dear St. Ann Parish, Parents, and Students,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and a joyful Easter. Christ has risen and brings us back to what is really important in life. Remember, Jesus stated in Mathew 18:20, "For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them."

As we begin our fourth week of online learning at St. Ann School, we have developed a framework for learning that ebbs and flows with a cadence that takes into account the extraordinary circumstances under which students, parents, and teachers find themselves working. The first week of the pandemic, St. Ann rolled out our online learning ahead of most schools in our area. Along with Fr. Mark, we also volunteered to serve lunches to every student in our community so no child would go hungry. The second week, St. Ann surveyed parents to assess their academic and emotional needs and ensure every family at St. Ann School is equipped with the best resources to help their students learn at home. The third week, St. Ann took real time data and tweaked the online program to best work with our families. Going forward, St. Ann will continue to update our academic programs and serve our families by being ready and prepared for whatever comes next. Consequently, steps are being taken to ensure all students receive an academic review either before school starts or during the first three weeks of the new school year.

As the pandemic drags on, we know our families are facing struggles day by day. St. Ann is reaching out to provide a way to assist families if they are in need of financial resources to pay their school tuition. Please contact Mrs. Summerrise at jsummerrise@stannschoollansing.org or call her at 708.704.9845. I miss our families, and I am still praying for everyone until we are able to meet again.

God bless you and your families,

Principal Gonzalez

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Our Sunday bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you. Producing it every week could be very costly, but through our arrangement with the J. S. Paluch Company, we do not pay for the printing, saving thousands of dollars each year. The Paluch Company arranges for the bulletin to be supported through the generosity of the businesses that you see advertised on the back cover. Most of these advertisers are members of our local community, and many belong to our parish. Especially now, during these uncertain economic times, I urge you to support these advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owners that you appreciate their support of St. Ann through their advertisements in the bulletin. This is one small way that we can work within our own community to weather the challenges that we currently face. A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community, and a thriving business community is good for everyone!

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St. Ann School

Nourishing Mind, Soul, & Body

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- **Online learning for full credit during the current health crisis, including virtual tutoring**
- Available before & after-school care; breakfast, lunch, & after-school snacks
- Tuition assistance available for those who qualify
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A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Help!! I'm a Parent, Not a Teacher!!!

As schools all over the country have closed their doors due to the coronavirus pandemic and children are engaging in remote learning for the foreseeable future, this panicked cry can be heard rising up from homes everywhere. Parents suddenly find themselves as the primary encouragers of learning and, when necessary, the actual teacher. Many feel ill-equipped to take on this new role, lamenting, "I didn't go to school for this" and "There's a reason I didn't become a teacher." And let's remember the sentiment that it's hard to teach your own children. I remember many tumultuous homework sessions with my own children that often ended with yelling, tears and slammed doors. And I'm a teacher!!! Unfortunately, I don't have all the answers...I wish I did... but I do have some ideas borne from years as a mother, a grandmother and a teacher that might help navigate this very challenging time we're all experiencing.

This is scary for all of us, especially children.

One thing we know from brain research is that it is difficult to focus and learn when we are scared and our lives are in disarray. One of the most important things you can do for your children is to help them feel safe. They probably have many questions. Answer those questions, in an age appropriate manner, but don't over inform. Sometimes less is more. The CDC has a good resource for parents with guidance about talking to your children about COVID-19 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html). In the end, they need to know that they will be taken care of, no matter what. That assurance will help them be more available to learn in this unconventional instructional environment.

Create a routine with realistic goals but allow for flexibility.

You can't recreate your child's school day at home. It's just not possible. But you can establish a "school-like" routine for these long days at home together. Routine provides predictability and, therefore, an element of calm for everyone. Even with an established routine, though, it's important to remember that remote learning of any kind requires self-regulation, a skill that most children have not fully developed. That's where your oversight and support will be essential. This doesn't mean cracking the whip, i.e., requiring your children to sit for long hours working. It means setting realistic goals based on what your child can accomplish and, frankly, based on the needs of your family. Many parents are working from home, sharing devices with their children, and sharing work spaces. You will have to establish a routine that accommodates everyone's work demands. That might mean creating an unconventional school day where direct instruction, or at least completion of work that might require more parental support, is happening later in the day after mom and/or dad have completed their work day. In those cases, plan school work and activities the children can accomplish independently while parents are working. Things like educational games, crafts, and exploring personal interests are all things children can handle on their own. And don't forget to schedule breaks. Children need time to disengage from their work to regenerate (actually, all of us do). Play matters, especially now. You may even need to allow a little more screen time than usual...it's okay!!! Remember, flexibility is the name of the game!

Ask for help.

If your child is struggling with the assigned work demands; if you have one device to share among three children and everything they are being asked to do is online; if your child simply isn't responding to you – reach out to your child's teacher for advice. Teachers can't know if things aren't working at home if parents don't let them know.

Let's remember that this is new for everyone. It's going to be messy. We need to give ourselves and each other permission to not have all of the answers. My last bit of advice is to pray with your children. Let them experience through your example that despite all of the uncertainty we can be sure that God is always there for us. He WILL see us through!!

Contributed by: Maggie Hubbard, Ed.D., is an instructional coach with more than 30 years of experience in Catholic schools

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