



St. Ann Parish

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Jesus said,
"Where two or three
are gathered together
in my name,
there am I
in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6
2020



September 6, 2020

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 www.saintanncatholicparish.com

Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.
 First Friday Mass: 7:30 a.m.
 Saturday: 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
 Confessions: 3:00 p.m. Saturday
 Day-Long Adoration: Last Wednesdays

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00-Noon & 1:00-4:00 p.m.
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Please call the Office
 to request prayers
 for the sick.

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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.

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time: Sept. 6
RESOLVING CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH:
Matthew 18:15-20

Although this passage in today's Gospel of Matthew might certainly not be a word for word report of what Jesus said, it is equally certain that it goes back to something He did say. Can we press behind it and come to the actual commandment of Jesus? At its widest, what Jesus was saying was, "*If anyone sins against you, spare no effort to make that person admit his/her fault, and to get things right again between you and him/her.*"

Basically, it means that **we must never tolerate any situation in which there is a breach of personal relationships between us and another member of the Christian community.**

Suppose something does go wrong, as it certainly will happen because we are human, what are we to do to put it right? This passage presents us with a whole scheme of action for the mending of broken relationships within the Christian fellowship.

{I} If we feel that someone has wronged us, we should immediately put our complaint into words. The worst thing that we can do about a wrong is to brood about it. That is fatal. It can poison the whole mind and life, until we can think of nothing else but our sense of injury. Our own personal hurts become the whole center of our life. A lot of times, just voicing such a hurt can help, and Jesus knew that. He said, ". . . go and tell him . . ." Many times, just putting our disgruntlement into words will help us put it into its proper perspective. It may even seem trivial and a lot less important when we do this. There are so many times when we just must not suffer our hurt in a sort of brooding silence. That is the worst thing we can do. The first rule that Jesus gives us to resolve conflict is tell it, speak it, get it out into the open.

{II} If we feel that someone has wronged us, we should go to see him personally. More trouble has been caused by the writing of letters than by almost anything else. A letter may be misread and misunderstood; it may quite unconsciously convey a tone it was never meant to convey. **If we have a difference with someone, there is only one way to settle it—and that is face to face.** The spoken word can often settle a difference which the written word would only have exacerbated. Humans who are in Christ can deal with each other differently. Being aware of our own shortcomings and still having God's forgiveness, we can deal with each other in a compassionate way, allowing forgiveness. Knowing we also make mistakes, we can allow others the same privilege.

Emery Parks tells: "When the books of a certain Scotch doctor were examined after his death, it was found that a number of accounts were crossed out with a note: 'Forgiven - too poor to pay.' But the physician's wife decided that these accounts must be paid and proceeded to sue for the money. The judge asked one question: 'Is this your husband's handwriting?' When she replied that it was, he said: 'Then there is no tribunal in the land that can obtain this money when he has written the word Forgiven.'"

Jesus says to go personally, and He adds this, "***If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.***" That's a beautiful picture! We make the effort take the first step—go in Christian love and there is a bonus in it for us! We have a brother or sister! Those with whom we have struggled and resolved conflict become the most precious of all to us. **The first step Jesus advised is to tell them. The second is to go personally.**

{III} If a private and personal meeting fails, then Jesus suggests a third option. He suggests that we should take some wise person or persons (witnesses) with us. Deuteronomy 19:15 says, "A single witness shall not prevail against a man for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offence that he has committed; only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses, shall a charge be sustained."

That is the saying which Matthew has in mind. But in this case, the talking of the witnesses is not meant to be a way of proving to a man that he has committed an offence. **It is meant to help the process of reconciliation.** A man often hates those whom he has injured most of all; and it may well be that nothing we can say can win him back. But to talk matters over with some wise and kindly and gracious people present is to create a new atmosphere in which there is at least a chance that we should see ourselves "as others see us." The Rabbis had a wise saying: "Judge not alone, for none may judge alone save One (that is God)." The third step is to ask for help.

{IV} If that third option still fails, we must take our personal troubles to the Christian fellowship. Why? Because troubles are never settled by going to law, or by Christ-less argument. Legalism merely produces further trouble. What Jesus means here is this: It is in an atmosphere of Christian prayer, Christian love, and Christian fellowship that personal relationships may be righted. It is clear that Jesus makes a big assumption here that our fellowship is Christian, and that because of that, we judge everyone not on legalism, but in the light of love. He puts it, "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church." So that's the fourth step, **tell it to the church.** The fifth follows right afterward: ". . . if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector" (Matthew 18:17).





Mass Intentions

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 8

(The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 9 (St. Peter Claver)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Thursday, September 10

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Friday, September 11

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Saturday, September 12

(The Most Holy Name of Mary: BVM)

4:00 p.m. Mass

† Patricia Ann Komorowski

(Norm Komorowski)

Sunday, September 13

(Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Elsie, Joseph, Richard & Larry Necastro

(Maryann & Tom Golden)

10:30 a.m. Mass

† Jimmy Ojeda (Carmen Ojeda)

† Juanita Troncozo (Prayer Group)

The 2020 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule Mass intentions.

{V} The advice to treat him as a Gentile and a tax collector seems like very tough advice from Jesus. The first impression here is to give up and treat the person as hopeless and abandon him or her as irreclaimable. However, Jesus never set limits to human forgiveness. Remember what he told Peter? We must forgive seventy times seven.

William Barclay reminds us in his commentary that when Jesus spoke of Gentiles and tax collectors, he always did so with sympathy and gentleness with an appreciation of their good qualities. "It may be that Jesus was saying something like this: 'When you have done all this, when you have given the sinner every chance, and when he remains stubborn, you may think he is no better than a tax collector and Gentile. Well, you may be right. But I have not found tax collectors and Gentiles hopeless. My experience of them is that they, too, have a heart that can be touched, and there are many of them like Matthew and Zacchaeus, who have become my best friends. Even if the person is like a tax collector and Gentile you can still win him, as I have done.'"

Today's Readings

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 6, 2020

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

— Matthew 18:19

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So this Scripture does not say to give up. In fact, it challenges us to win the heart—the hardest heart! It tells us that Jesus finds no person hopeless—and neither must we. This, in fact, is not an injunction to abandon the person; it is a challenge to win him/her with the love which can touch even the hardest heart. It is not a statement that some men are hopeless; it is a statement that Jesus Christ has found no person hopeless—neither must we. To sum up that fifth option is to tell us: "Double your effort."

Sure, we'll have conflicts within the discipleship, our congregation, the church. Sure, it'll be tough resolving them. But our Savior tells us ways we can do it; we should do it; we must do it—if ours is a Christian fellowship and we are Christian.

I. Put your complaint into words. **II.** See him or her in person. **III.** Counsel with other wise Christians. **IV.** Make use of the Christian fellowship. **V.** Never give up trying on anyone.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

Money Matters

8-23-2020

WEEKLY BUDGET:	\$ 12,000.00
DROP OFF/MAIL IN:	2,353.00
ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL:	1,141.00
	\$ -8,506.00
ST. ANN 50-50 CLUB:	\$ 440.00



*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 August 23 winning number was 1036.
1036 WOULD HAVE WON \$637.50.

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.**

★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★

You may make your 50-50 donation at Give Central, along with your weekly and other contributions!

If you donate by check, you need to write two separate checks.

Look for the winners in each bulletin, on our Facebook page, or on the parish website.

ST. ANN PARISH NEEDS YOU!

With many parishioners still not back in church yet, our collections are way down. 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).

RENEW MY CHURCH

Praying before the San Damiano cross, St. Francis of Assisi heard Jesus call to him: "Go repair my Church, which, as you see, is falling completely into ruin."



Similar to the call of St. Francis, we, the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago, are called by Jesus Christ to renew His Church. All of us. Not just our bishops. Not just the pastors and priests. Every one of us – "he who has ears, let him hear." As a family in faith, we must respond to His call as a family.

At first, St. Francis initially took this to mean he was to repair the church buildings of San Damiano. However, he eventually discerned that Jesus was calling him to rebuild the spiritual life and vitality of the entire earthly Church. Likewise, we must see that the future of the Catholic Church is bigger than any of our parish buildings.

This icon of Jesus helps us remain focused on three very important realities as we renew our faith lives, parishes and Archdiocese:

1. It portrays Jesus speaking to us even though he is dying, which serves as a reminder that we need not be afraid to take up this work even if it costs us something, for Jesus is with us always.
2. Jesus is surrounded by others, highlighting the fact that, as we take up the challenge of renewal, our unity should not be diminished but strengthened.
3. Jesus is also featured as the Risen One at the top of the cross – a sign of hope to us that in this renewal, which will require us to die to ourselves and familiar patterns, Jesus is offering us new life and vitality for the future.

Allow the image of St. Francis hearing Christ call to him from the San Damiano cross to guide your own prayers as we take up the work of renewal together.



Miss Me—But Let Me Go

*In Loving Memory of
Ayde Marisol Hurtado*



Dear St. Ann Parish, Parents, and Students,

It was so wonderful to see so many people at our Drive-In Mass last Saturday! The weather was perfect, the committee did a wonderful job, and I think it went off without a hitch. I especially loved when all of the car horns started honking during the sign of peace! Mark your calendars for the next one, Saturday, September 26, and plan to bring the whole family. We certainly understand people's reluctance to come back to church in the time of COVID, so this is a nice, safer alternative.

This past Tuesday evening we met virtually with the parents of our e-learning students as we launched a new program to bring e-learning and in-class instruction more in line. We are very excited to make these adaptations so quickly at the beginning of the school year so ALL of our students receive the best possible attention and instruction as soon as possible. Now we can really get down to business.

Our Student Council executive board candidates made their speeches on Wednesday, with elections taking place the next day. Since we "go to press" earlier in the week, we will announce the new board to you on Facebook and in next week's bulletin. Please pray for our young leaders of the school.

We are very happy that Strack & VanTil has decided to participate in the Apples for the Students program again this year, so we will again be collecting receipts dated between September 1, 2020 and March 1, 2021. Last spring with your help, we earned enough points to order cameras and equipment for the school newspaper and other media programs. Please give your receipts to any school family, or turn them in to the school or parish offices. We are so grateful for your help!

Our faculty, staff and students are enjoying a four-day Labor Day weekend, much deserved after working so hard these past weeks. We will be refreshed and ready to get back to work on Tuesday!

Right now, we are still able to accommodate additional virtual learners at every level from PreK through 8th grades, and have limited in-person spaces left in a few grades. Is anyone you know not happy with the current arrangement at their school? Suggest that they give us a call! We will be happy to set up a Google Meet or even an in-person tour. Don't forget that current families can earn a \$500 Referral Incentive for every new family that registers because of you! Referral forms may be printed from our school website.

Have a safe and happy week,
Principal Gonzalez

Apples for the Students is beginning again! Won't you please save your September - March Strack & Van Til receipts for us like you did in the spring? With your help, we were able to use our credits to purchase cameras and equipment for our Media Program! You may give your receipts to any St. Ann student, or drop them off at the Parish Office in person or through the slot in the door that faces the school building. Thank you so much!



A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.

Amen.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest."

Matthew 11:28-30



Look for "St. Ann Catholic Parish" on facebook, and "like" us for updates and breaking news about the parish and the school.

SUPPER CLUB

ST. ANN



WEDS. SEPTEMBER 23

St. Ann Supper Club is a monthly fundraiser in which local establishments return to us a percentage of all food purchases made by St. Ann community members and friends.

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL

8201 Calumet Avenue, Munster, 219-836-2426

It's so much fun to be out and about again, however cautiously. Take a break from cooking, and come for dinner between 4:00 & 8:00 p.m., **turn in the St. Ann voucher or show it on your phone**, and our friends at the Munster Chipotle will donate back **33%** of all St. Ann supporters' dine in and carry-out purchases! Look for vouchers in an upcoming bulletin, on Facebook, and the school website. Please invite your friends! There is a Facebook event invitation for easy sharing.



Does your at-home e-learner need a desk and chair for his or her "school away from school?" We have extras to lend to St. Ann School and Religious Ed. students. Please fill out a request form here: <https://forms.gle/qQRKXVLG5yZorhMx6>

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Upcoming Events

Religious Education Parent Kickoff: September 11

Religious Education Begins: September 13-14

School Board Meeting: September 16

Confirmation: September 18

Supper Club at Chipotle: September 23

Drive-In Mass: September 26

Now More Than Ever Our Students Need Us!

During these unprecedented days of COVID-19, St. Ann School students have relied on us more than ever for stability, spirituality, and a solid education, and we have been here for them! Our outstanding staff was ready and capable, and distance learning began immediately following the stay-at-home order. We did not miss even one day of learning, and are have formulated a flexible plan for 2020/21 that will allow for any contingencies that may arise.

Now More Than Ever We Need You!

Many of our families are experiencing financial hardship due to the current pandemic. The decrease in incoming tuition and the postponement of budgeted fundraisers have put us in a much more difficult financial situation than usual. As an alumnus, parishioner, or close friend of the school, you have a unique understanding of what St. Ann and Catholic education means to our students, staff, families, and community. We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a donation to the St. Ann Sustenance Fund to help see us through these tough times. No gift is too small, and sharing this plea with your friends and family will also help us greatly. Contributions may be made at the links below or mailed in (marked St. Ann Sustenance Fund or SASFund). Thank you for your support and generosity!

Thank you for considering a gift to help sustain St. Ann School and Catholic education in the Lansing area during the current health crisis.

Donate securely online at www.givecentral.org/location/100/event/25410 or by texting sasfund to 847-201-4236



Dear Parents,

I hope you are doing well! This is a reminder that Religious Education will start up again on **Sunday, September 13th (8:45 a.m.) and Monday September 14th (4:00 p.m.)**, with a Parent Gathering and materials distribution to take place on **Friday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church.

As was announced, **our program will be handled remotely through December 31, 2020.** We may extend our remote program past that date depending on the circumstances. This framework will be reassessed ahead of January 2021 in light of the evolving public health situation.

More will be explained at the first parent meeting on September 11th. After the meeting, we will have your packet ready to pick up at the church entrance. Our packets this year will have additional materials that will improve our at-home learning.

Registrations are still ongoing! If you have friends and neighbors who are looking for Religious Education for children, please have them call: 708-895-6700 Ext:135. As a reminder, you can find the schedule for the year at the following link on our website: http://www.saintannacatholicparish.com/faith_religioused.php

Thank you for being a part of our program and continuing to foster the faith of your child! Our program is designed to be flexible and adaptable. During these times, children need the guidance and assurance that comes from faith. We are here to support you, and them, in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly in case you need any further assistance with the program.

We will see you soon! God bless!

Sandra Bustamante, Pastoral Associate & Director of Religious Education

708-895-6700 Ext:135

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul wrote of "the one who . . . has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8).
Do you know who it is?
To find out, cross out each letter that appears in the grid five times.
Write the answer at the bottom.

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e	c	j	w	h	m
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k	n	k	o	t	c
h	m	e	r	j	♥

Jesus tells us that
wherever two or three of us gather to pray,
he is there with us (Matthew 18:20).
So we should pray together often.

Follow the directions to make yourself a hanging mobile reminder.

Color the praying hands with colors of different skin tones. Color the words orange and the cross green.
Cut along the thick outer line.
Poke a hole through the small circle above the cross.
Hang your mobile from string or thread.

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