



St. Ann Parish

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Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.

MATTHEW 25:21

**THIRTY
THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

NOVEMBER 15, 2020



November 15, 2020

Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor
Reverend Bart Winters, Associate Pastor
www.saintanncatholicparish.com

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

Parish Office Hours

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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For Ministry of Care to the homebound or hospitalized, please call the Parish Office or fill out a form in the Narthex.

Please call the Office
to request prayers
for the sick.

Bulletin articles are due 10 days in advance of the Sunday you would like them to run. During holidays, deadlines are accelerated. To add items to the calendar or to schedule the Narthex or other meeting spaces, forms must be filled out in the Parish Office.

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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.

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TALENT:
MATTHEW 25: 14-30**

Our Gospel begins by telling us of a man going on a journey — Jesus could have been easily talking about Himself. In the chronology of St. Luke, it would just be a matter of days until Jesus would be arrested, tortured, and put to death. Jesus leaves with His disciples some of His possessions so they could continue His work. In the parable, what the traveler left was talents.

I think immediately of His giving them talents to preach, to heal, to forgive sins, to cast out demons, to prophesize, but Jesus doesn't want us to think of His story in those terms yet. What Jesus wants us to focus on is what these three servants do with what has been given to them. That is so important, in fact, that the man sizes up his servants and hands out his possessions to each according to his ability. **He knows what each is capable of and what to expect when he returns.**

It is interesting to note that in the 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel (the chapter from which we are reading our Gospel today), there are three parables told in a row: the Parable of the Bridesmaid, we just heard it this last Sunday, the Parable of the Sheep and Goats, and the Parable of the Talents. Essentially the same phrase is used in each: **"after a long time."** The bridegroom comes after a long time. The landowner returns after a long time. The judgment comes after a long time. Perhaps this is Matthew's way of saying to us: Our Master may be delayed in His return, but, in the meanwhile, what are you doing with the talent that has been entrusted to you? Let us be clear on one issue. God expects a return. We had better not simply bury that which has been given us and return it when He comes. We do not just "keep the faith" we spread it!

Well, it is obvious that the star in today's Gospel, or we might say the villain of the story, is the one talent man. The salient question is, "why did he choose to do nothing with the one talent that had been given to him?" We are not really given the answer. We are left to speculate. And that is precisely what I would like to do today, to speculate about his inaction.

First, he perhaps did nothing with his one talent because he feared failure. How did he word it? "I was afraid" and I hid my talent. Fearful of doing the wrong thing, he chose to do nothing at all. This was perhaps a man who did well under supervision, but now he is left on his own and he is terrified. We view this man with contempt because he hid his talent in the ground. But our contempt is misguided. This was considered the traditional way of saving money in that day in time. He was being a good conservative businessman. He was not going to risk someone else's money by buying into some speculative venture.

It seems like the older we get, the more conservative we get. Someone once said, if you are not liberal when you are young you do not have a heart. If you are not conservative when you are old, you do not have a head. Perhaps this was an older gentleman. The tendency is to want to play it safe and not go out on a limb. He wanted to play it safe, and what is wrong with that? Simply this, you cannot love if you are not willing to risk. What is the risk of love? That it will not be reciprocated. That people will not return our love. **But as the people of God, we are called upon to be the people of daring.** If Jesus had played it safe, we would not be here today! I want to be faithful to this text. So, I would say to you: **Go, and take risks. Takes risks and don't fear failure.**

Perhaps a second reason why this one-talent man did nothing with his talent is that he played the game "if only." If only I had been given the talent of these other two men, then I could have accomplished something. We like to play that game too. I would love to teach a Sunday school class, if only I had her ability. If only I had his voice, I would sing in the choir. I would support the church if only I had a little more money. We would fully support the mission and ministry of the church if only we had a little more money in the budget. "If only" is a dangerous game because it too easily gets us off the hook.

Well, maybe God is saying something like that to us too. Maybe when we complain that we wish that we had more, if only we were like someone other than ourselves, if only... He says to us, **"Use the gifts I have given you. Stop crying about what you do not have and start concentrating on what you do have."** We all should know that it is better to try than not to try. I don't know that if a teacher makes an effort to reach out to a troubled student that it is going to make any difference in the long run, but I do know that it is better to try than not to try.

When a person teaches a church school class or goes to the trouble of singing in the choir and having to show up for rehearsal, they have no guarantee whatsoever that their efforts will help make God more real to an individual. But I do know that it is better to try than not to try.

We are so used to looking at gigantic issues, such as racism and poverty and world hunger. We are stupefied by the enormity of such issues and say, **"What's the use? Anything that I could do would be so little that it would have the effect of an eyedropper compared to the ocean. Therefore, since I cannot resolve the whole issue, I will do nothing at all."**

May I remind you that when the Good Samaritan stopped to help a beaten victim on the Jericho Road that day, he did not resolve all of the social, political, and economic ills of first century Israel. But he did what he could. And that is the issue for us. Are you doing what you can, where you are, with what you have?

Both of our readings from Proverbs and Paul's letter to the Thessalonians are good reminders of our duties. Proverbs describes a woman with generous behavior who works hard and reaches out to help others. The example is a woman,





Mass Intentions

Monday, November 16

(St. Margaret of Scotland)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 17

(St. Elizabeth of Hungary)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 18

(The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints

Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Thursday, November 19 (St. Josaphat)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Friday, November 20

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Michael Gaylor (Sophie Gaylor)

Saturday, November 21

(The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

4:00 p.m. Mass

† John & Alice Tiltges (June Tiltges)

Sunday, November 22

(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Elsie, Joseph & Richard, and Larry Necstro
(Mary Ann & Tom Golden)

10:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

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



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Today's Readings

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



Free Newspaper for Seniors

Did you know Catholic Charities has a free newspaper just for senior citizens? Keenager News is published 10 times a year and is delivered to your door or your in-box. This publication contains news, opinion, human interest, how-to, and travel articles, along with humor, puzzles, and recipes. Popular topics include technology, public benefits, healthy living, and local services. Our "Readers' Corner" provides a forum for readers' own reminiscences and poems.

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but her example is for all of us. Paul praises the Thessalonians, reminding them that they are children of light and children of the day. Then he cautions them not to fall asleep but to stay awake and be sober, so they are not taken by surprise when the day of the Lord comes.

In our world today it is obvious who has been given much, and we can see as well those who have little. What we must realize is that we are not talking about money and prestige. We are talking about God's gifts to us and God's expectations. When Jesus Christ, Son of God, came into

this world, He came to teach God's people and prepare them to carry on His work in this world. They were responsible for proclaiming the Gospel, for teaching others how to live as God's people. And it did not stop there or then. **It is our responsibility today to proclaim the Gospel, to reach out to others, to accept others as our brothers and sisters today, here and now. Amen.**

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

Money Matters

11-1-2020

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$ 12,000.00
 DROP OFF/MAIL IN: 3,053.00
 ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL: 1,035.00
\$ -7,912.00

ST. ANN 50-50 CLUB: \$ 420.00



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

St. Ann's 50-50 Club

Our November 1 winning number was 5012.
5012 WOULD HAVE WON \$210.00.

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

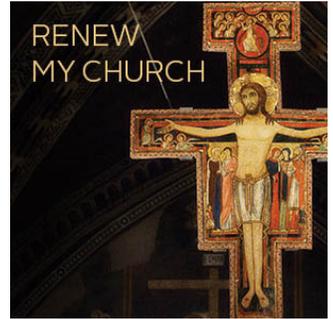


It certainly won't be a typical Thanksgiving this year, but we still have plenty to be thankful for! As you're planning your modified feast, Black Friday shopping, and gift-giving, please consider stocking up on TRIP and helping out the parish/

school. We have Stracks, Jewel, CVS, and Sam's, not to mention Target and Walgreen's and Walmart. And Gus Bock, Home Depot, Lowes, and Menards should have everything you need for fall. We offer a variety of cash and carry gift cards at the Parish Office, or you can place an order from a larger selection. Orders go in on Monday mornings. **You pay face value and a credit will go to Parish Maintenance, Tuition Assistance, or the School or Religious Ed. Family of your choice.** Order forms are available in the Parish Office or school website. Payment by check (register in the Parish Office) or cash, or **order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.**

amazon.com	Gus Bock Hardware	Red Lobster
AMC Theaters	Home Depot	Speedway
Applebee's	iTunes	Starbuck's
Bath & Body Works	J. J. Kelley's	Stephano's
Bed, Bath & Beyond	Jewel	Strack's
Beggar's Pizza	Kohl's	Subway
Chili's	Menards	Target
Chipotle	Mobil/Exxon	Walgreen's
Dairy Queen	Olive Garden	Walmart/
Dunkin' Donuts	Panera	Sam's Club

After much discussion and exploration, the writing team has completed summarizing the past months' discussions and will present the Southeast Suburban Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team's recommendations to the Executive Committee on December 17. This summary report includes an examination of the six original 3-parish scenarios given us by the Archdiocese and four alternate 2-parish scenarios that arose from your feedback and subsequent team discussion. We will be notified of the final decision of the new parish structures in late January.



Per the guidelines issued by the Archdiocese of Chicago, we will not have a reconciliation service during the Advent Season. **INSTEAD** we will have Advent Reconciliation each of the four Saturdays of Advent from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in Church. Fr. Mark and Fr. Bart will be there to hear your confessions. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in great need of additional Usher/Greeters during weekend masses and Cleaning Crew immediately following. If you are already attending, would you please consider lending a hand? Many of our current volunteers are called upon for more than one mass each week since we don't have enough help. Usher/Greeters are responsible for checking in attendees, showing them to their seats, hand-sanitizing, and releasing people to receive Communion. Cleaning Crew simply sprays down areas where people touched or sat immediately after the end of mass. (it does not take much time, and the disinfectant does not even have to be wiped off). If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office at 708.895.6700. Thank you!

#inthistogetherstann



Dear St. Ann Parish, Parents, and Students,

Only two weeks remain in our first trimester back at school at St. Ann, and that means it's almost time for Parent/Teacher Conferences. As is our tradition, all parents are required to schedule a conference for this first term, and subsequent meetings are optional/as needed. This year our conferences will take place virtually for everyone's safety. The students will be dismissed early on Friday, November 20, and then the teachers will spend the afternoon talking to parents via Google Meet. We have learned to do so many things differently this year!

This past Wednesday was Veterans Day, and we engaged in a school-wide service project making cards and letters for the residents of the Manteno Veterans Home.



Teachers recently selected four of our students to receive Chromebooks donated by Resolve Foundation, an organization that empowers youth with life skills necessary for a successful, informed, and engaged adulthood. We are very proud and excited for 2nd graders Sydney Espino and Chukwueku Dagholor, 3rd grader Liliana Roa, and 4th grader Mikayla Hurtado. Thank you Resolve!



Prayer intentions this week include all of our veterans--we are thankful for their service to our country! Please also continue to pray for our Angel Program donors. Thank you to all who have contributed already! After three weeks, we are up to \$35,000 in pledges, and pray that the momentum continues for the sake of our school and parish. And speaking of the parish, let's also pray for our Renew My Church team. I understand they have completed evaluating the scenarios and are nearly ready to present their proposal to the Archdiocese in December. This was not an easy job, and we are grateful to them for undertaking it.

Word of mouth is our best recruiting tool. Remember, current families can earn a \$500 Referral Incentive for every new family that registers because of you! We do have space for additional virtual learners at every grade level, and have limited in-person spots left in several grades. Please tell a friend about the Virtual Q & A!

Have a safe and happy week,

Principal Gonzalez

THANK YOU for being a **St. Ann** *Angel*

We have been notified by the Office of Catholic Schools that if we do not make a serious effort to pay down the massive deficit St. Ann carries, the future of our school is in jeopardy. In response, our School Board has launched the St. Ann Angel Program and is seeking pledges of financial support. We ask that you pray over how you may help, whether it's a personal donation, gathering other supportive friends to combine resources, asking your employer to match your gift, etc. The hope is that we can raise \$50,000 very quickly to show how strong and invested the people of St. Ann are. These efforts will also put us in a more favorable light as regards the Renew My Church process.



How to Make a Pledge or Donate

- *A pledge form found on our website (these were mailed to parishioners)*
- *Texting ANGEL to 847-201-4236*
- *Through PayPal to sasangel@stannschoollansing.org*
- *Online at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/100>*

SHOP, SAVE and SUPPORT!



Our school receives
FREE educational
awards simply by
saving Strack & Van Til
register receipts.



Receipts dated Sep. 1 thru Mar. 1 are valid.

Won't you please save your September - March Strack & Van Til receipts for us like you did in the spring? 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!

SUPPER CLUB

WEDS. NOVEMBER 18

ST. ANN



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.

LYNNIE QUES AIRPORT BAR & GRILL
3249 Airport Road/Glenwood Lansing Road
708-474-7837

Our next Supper Club event will be carry-out only! Come in to Lynnie Ques anytime from open to close (11a-7p), turn in the St. Ann Voucher, and our friends there will donate back 20% of all St. Ann supporters' carry-out purchases. Look for vouchers in this bulletin, on Facebook, and the school website. Please invite your friends! There is also a Facebook event invitation for easy sharing.

You may have noticed some industry taking place in the yard between the school and Fr. Mark's house the past two weeks. It was none other than the latest Troop 276 Eagle project that will benefit St. Ann's. The potential Eagle Scout is Seamus Polanski (he will be the 4th Polanski brother whose Eagle project has taken place at St. Ann). In this case, the light on our flag pole and respect life monument has not been functioning, so Seamus and his crew of fellow scouts and family members trenched and ran new electricity to a new light, and also built new benches to be installed on the site. We will soon have another lovely spot on the St. Ann grounds to sit and reflect. Thank you, Seamus and company!



Boy Scouts Christmas Wreath Sale

Your purchase supports the Troop 276 Philmont Crew--many of these scouts are the same ones whose Eagle projects have benefitted St. Ann over the years. Next summer they will be going to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for an experience of a lifetime. They are raising funds to pay their own way.

Online orders shipped directly to you may still be made up until December 15. Visit <https://giftitforward.com/> and enter code TR276IL001 and the name Chris (Troop leader).



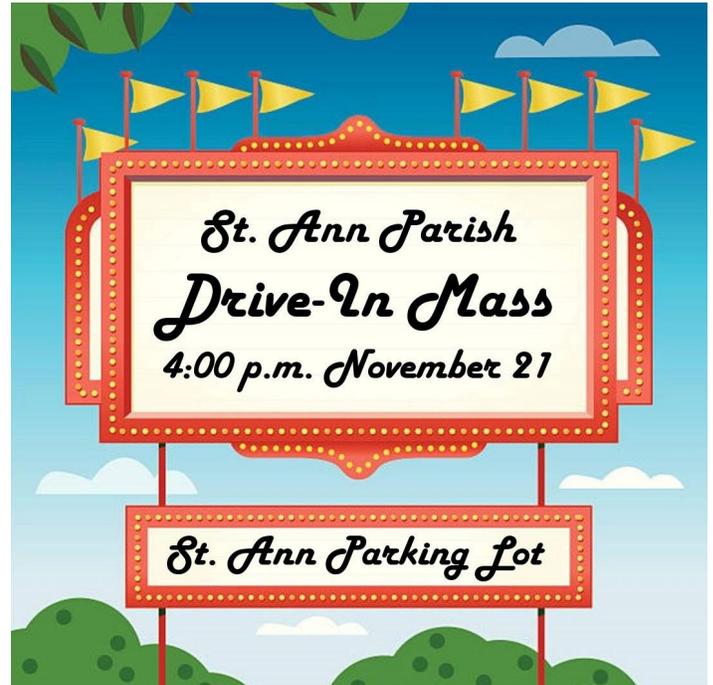
Upcoming Events

Take-Out Supper Club at Lynnie Ques: November 18

Indoor/Outdoor Mass: November 21

Thanksgiving: November 25

First Sunday of Advent: November 29



Our summer Drive-In Masses were so popular, we want to continue them! But since it now gets dark so much earlier, we have decided to merge the Drive-In Mass with our regular 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Fr. Mark will celebrate in church, so you may come inside if you like, or sit in your car and listen to the broadcast. Enter as usual through the 181st Street entrance (near the back of church) and park as directed by the greeters. If you choose to stay outside, simply remain in your vehicle, tune your radio to 89.9 FM, and hand sanitizer and Communion will be brought to you in your car. Please reserve your spot by calling the Parish Office or registering at bit.ly/StAnnMassReservation



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Special, Super Duper Early Holiday Edition Bulletin Deadlines

Due to holiday office closures at J.S. Paluch, our bulletin publisher has moved up deadlines for the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year issues. **Therefore, items for the Nov. 29 bulletin must be received by November 16, for December 20 by December 7, for December 27 by December 14, and information for January 3 needs to be submitted by December 18.** Anything received after these dates will not be able to be included, and we apologize for any inconvenience. We resume regular 10-day advance deadlines thereafter (Dec. 31 for the Jan. 10 bulletin). Thank you for your understanding and attention!

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul would like to thank the parishioners of St. Ann for their ongoing support. Through your donations to the Poor Box and the monthly envelope collection, we have been able to help those in our parish or community who find themselves in temporary need. Know that we deeply appreciate your willingness to give to the poor. Should you (or someone you know) find yourself facing tough times, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann is here to assist you. Please call 708-745-4760; all information is kept confidential. Please do not wait until matters become insurmountable.



Seeking: In-House Caterer

The Columbian Club of Lansing (aka Kacey's Banquet Hall, Restaurant and Lounge) is looking for our next business partner. Are you passionate about food, love working with people, and energized about creating an appealing and tasteful menu? Then working with The Columbian Club is perfect for you. You could be our next in-house caterer to cook for our contracted clients wishing to hold their events at our facility. An additional opportunity would be to operate the restaurant. Our full commercial kitchen includes all appliances necessary for food preparation.



Interested parties should contact the Columbian Club at 708-895-7720 and visit www.lansingkc.com to check out the facility.

God has given us talents and abilities.
Jesus said that if we use what we have, we'll be given more!
Draw and color a picture of yourself using your talent to serve others.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Paul called those who are ready for Jesus' return "children of light" (1 Thessalonians 5:5).
Write the word "light" in the row of squares next to the sun.
Then use the picture clues to fill in the rest of the puzzle.

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