ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 2, 2026

THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM - Sunday 8:30 AM
Daily: Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 AM
Holy Hour: Saturdays 7:30-8:30 AM, Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 pm
Confessions: 30 min. prior to all Masses

PRAYER REQUESTS

MAY GOD THE SON SEND HIS HEALING AMONG US.

- Tim Pingel
- Rosemary Cloud
- Kaylee Nichole Ross
- Jackie Ballard
- Martha Gerling
- Donna Manuel
- Catherine Barragan
- Judy Horstman

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Aug 1	8:30am	Dan & Mary Brunetti Family
Sat	Aug 1	6:00 pm	Carl Dirkes +
Sun	Aug 2	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Ann
Mon	Aug 3	8:30 am	NO MASS
Tues	Aug 4	8:30 am	Rick Schwab +
Wed	Aug 5	8:30 am	Aluis Helgenberger +
Thurs	Aug 6	8:30 am	Aiden Santos
Fri	Aug 7	8:30 am	Richard Lavin +
Sat	Aug 8	8:30 am	All babies baptized by Fr. Drew
Sat	Aug 8	4:00 pm	Michael Dirkes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. ANN FEAST DAY PARTY

Thank you to the Legion of Mary and the Martha and Mary's for putting together the fabulous party in honor of St Ann after the beautiful Mass in her honor last Sunday. The Donnici sandwiches were phenomenal, the Bloody Mary's were not too spicy, and the cake from Three Olives was incredibly delicious. Also thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets for the Donnici Italian fare basket. C*ongratulations to Tom & Joanie Zemencik for winning!* A grand total of $470 was raised for the Good Samaritan Center. May God reward you all for your generosity.

PSR

St. Ann's Parish School of Religion (PSR) begins August 30. We will be offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, levels 1 & 2 and a two-year Confirmation preparation. Registration will be held inthe church basement on **August 16 & 23** immediately after Mass. If your child will be receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, please bring a COPY of your child's baptismal certificate to registration. The cost is $50 per family - scholarships are available!

ST. ANN'S RUMMAGE SALE AUG 7-9

Friday Aug 7, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sat Aug 8, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sun Aug 9 - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Drop off donations Tues-Thurs after daily Mass or call Tonya Kattner 816-589-8912 to make arrangements. Consider volunteering for this worthy fundraiser.

ST. ANN STATUE

Our parish is going to honor our namesake and patroness, St. Ann. The Legion of Mary is collecting donations for a large and beautiful outdoor statue to be placed in the garden on the east side of the church. The statue is of St. Ann & Mary as a young girl. Our goal is $5000. We need your help to honor our Blessed Grandmother! There are envelopes in the back of church and Legionairies will be collecting your gifts this weekend and next. Thank you!

MEN'S GROUP

The men's group will NOT be meeting August 8th Stay tuned for details on TRIVIA NIGHT!

OCIA - *INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? REACH OUT TO FR. DREW*
CLASSES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

GOSPEL ENCOUNTER GROUP
1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS - 9:15AM TO 10:15AM, FOLLOWING MORNING MASS.
Contact Ed & Maryann Barlettt terppahmeb@gmail.com with questions.

MEN'S GROUP
SATURDAYS, 7:00 AM IN THE CHURCH HALL, EXCEPT 1ST SATURDAYS
For Info: Eddie VanBuskirk eddievanbuskirk11@outlook.com

LEGION OF MARY
MEETS EVERY SATURDAY IN THE HALL AT 9:15 AM
Contact Mary Lou Greim 816-645-7370

ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. ANN'S

Thank you
Shirley Schwab
for donating to the flower fund for the Altar!

What a beautiful way to honor God!

GIVING: JULY 25 - JULY 26 ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE AT THE LINK BELOW:

OFFERTORY • $ 10,123.00
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SCAN TO DONATE

FROM FATHER DREW

MERCY

What kind of people are we? When God gives, we wish to receive, but when He begs, we refuse to give.

From a beautiful sermon by the French Bishop, Saint Caesarius of Arles (d.542 AD) ...

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. My brothers and sisters, sweet is the thought of mercy, but even more so is mercy itself. It is what all men hope for, but unfortunately, not what all men deserve. For while all men wish to receive it, only a few are willing to give it.

How can a man ask for himself what he refuses to give to another? If he expects to receive any mercy in heaven, he should give mercy on earth. Do we all desire to receive mercy? Let us make mercy our patroness now, and she will free us in the world to come. Yes, there is mercy in heaven, but the road to it is paved by our merciful acts on earth. As Scripture says: *Lord, your mercy is in heaven.*

There is, therefore, an earthly as well as heavenly mercy, that is to say, a human and a divine mercy. Human mercy has compassion on the miseries of the poor. Divine mercy grants forgiveness of sins. Whatever human mercy bestows here on earth, divine mercy will return to us in our homeland. In this life God feels cold and hunger in all who are stricken with poverty; for, remember, he once said: *What you have done to the least of my brothers you have done to me.* Yes, God who sees fit to give his mercy in heaven wishes it to be a reality here on earth.

What kind of people are we? When God gives, we wish to receive, but when he begs, we refuse to give. Remember, it was Christ who said: *I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat.* When the poor are starving, Christ too hungers. Do not neglect to improve the unhappy conditions of the poor, if you wish to ensure that your own sins be forgiven you. Christ hungers now, my brethren; it is he who deigns to hunger and thirst in the persons of the poor. And what he will return in heaven tomorrow is what he receives here on earth today.

What do you wish for, what do you pray for, my dear brothers and sisters, when you come to church? Is it mercy? How can it be anything else? Show mercy, then, while you are on earth, and mercy will be shown to you in heaven.

A poor person asks you for something; you ask God for something. He begs for a morsel of food; you beg for eternal life. Give to the beggar so that you may merit to receive from Christ. For he it is who says: *Give and it will be given to you.* It baffles me that you have the impudence to ask for what you do not want to give. Give when you come to church. Give to the poor. Give them whatever your resources will allow.

LAST PEW RESERVED FOR YOUNG FAMILIES. Friends, let's help the families with small children by leaving the last pew on the left open for them. This will help them depart to the vestibule with less distraction.

NURSERY IN THE HALL AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS ACROSS FROM THE BATHROOMS. We have a new nursery for young mothers in the hall that has rocking chairs & other nursery items. It's a wonderful, relaxing room. Plesase feel free to use it during Mass. God Bless You, Fr. Drew.

DAILY HOMILY WITH FATHER KEVIN DREW PODCAST

We just passed 300,000 all time downloads.

Just in the last month we've had downloads from Singapore, Canada, Japan, Kenya, UK, Brazil, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Philippines, Germany, Mozambique, Nigeria, Switzerland, Iraq, Venezuela, Netherlands, Romania, Australia, Bangladesh, Colombia, France, Panama, Turkey, UAE, Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Ivory Coast, Chile, Spain, Honduras, India, Cayman Islands, Latvia, Morocco, Macedonia, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Poland, "Disputed Palestinian Territory", Syria, Taiwan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and South Africa.

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MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:00 AM - FR. DREW'S HOMILIES AIR AT 3:50 PM

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