

April 20, 2008

Hi All,

I am not putting in a huge article this week, just wanted to let you know what was going on with me. As you may remember, when I announced that I was going to be leaving St. Anne's I could not let you know where I was going, as the parish I would be going to had not yet learned of this. Well that is all changing, this weekend the people of the parish are being told of the change, in fact it will be coming out in the Michigan Catholic this week. So I wanted you all to hear the information from me before that happened. The parish I will be going to is St. Dunstan's located in Garden City, as you can see that is a bit of a distance from here.

As I said to you before, I am saddened to be leaving but that is a part of being a priest, move is common; it is something that it is difficult on the people of the parish but also the priest as well. Leaving here is a difficult thing for me; I have grown to love you all and will miss you from the bottom of my heart. Just a note to you, even though my last full weekend here will be Memorial Day Weekend, which is also our graduation mass, we are going to have my farewell mass and celebration (assuming you all would like that, I mean it is me after all) the weekend before that so that would be the weekend of May 17/18.

Peace

Fr Ron



St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive Next Weekend

It is finally warming up and that means it's time to get out your warm weather clothing. Clean out your drawers and closets of all the clean, gently used clothing that you are no longer wearing and bag it up to put on the St. Vincent DePaul truck that will be in our parking lot next weekend. Your donations of clothing will help struggling families in the Flint area. Thank you for your donations!

Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council

We invite you to submit the name (s) of those you wish to nominate to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. Council members serve a term of three years. To be eligible, a person must be 18 years old, registered as a parishioner, and able to attend monthly council meetings. Eight names will be drawn by lot at the 10:30 Mass on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, May 11. Nominations must be in the office by Tuesday, May 6.

Name _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Tear off this boxed article, and place it in the collection basket at Mass or mail to the parish offices.

Does God Care About Your Marriage? You Bet!

Find out how much on a Worldwide Marriage encounter weekend. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones-and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

The upcoming weekends are May 16-18 and June 6-8, 2008 at The Retreat Center at St. John's in Plymouth. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged. For information or to register, contact Bill & Carol Higgins at 248-528-2512 or birdhaus@wideopenwest.com or Dan & Debbie Waring at 586-286-5524 or dwarling@att.net.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23-27

9 a.m.-12 noon

REGISTRATION

after all masses

MAY 3 & 4

or just go online to

[www.vacationbibleschool.com/
churchofstanne](http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/churchofstanne)

or stop in the

Religious Ed Office anytime

IT'S ALL ABOUT SERVICE!

God's Big Backyard is full of fun, games, music, excitement, cool crafts, and kid-friendly activities.

Think of VBS as going to morning camp with Jesus!

New Beginning Divorce Recovery

A divorce recovery workshop for men and women of all ages, and all faiths, offers healing and support in dealing with the painful issues of divorce, while promoting recovery and healing.

Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**St. Anne Church
Conference Room**

For more details contact
Marge Sisson, Facilitator at
(248) 627-8662 or email me at
msisson944@yahoo.com.

Religious Ed

End of the Year
Family Mass
Monday, April 28
7 p.m.

followed by
an old fashion
Ice Cream Social



Catechists Needed

By sharing your faith you are helping our parish members grow in their faith and understanding of God, the Church, and Scripture. You are helping others to grow and seek a closer relationship with God through prayer and participation in our liturgy - that's what a Catechist does whether they work with children, teens or adults.

Have you ever thought that maybe, just maybe, God was calling you to serve in this way?

How about taking a couple workshops to see if this is something you could do next fall?

Thursday, April 24 6-7:30p.m.
What is Prayer?

Thursday, May 15 6-7:30 p.m.
What is Sacrament?

These workshops are being offered right here at St. Anne's. Just call the Religious Ed Office to let us know you will be attending.

(248) 627-3965 ex.130

BUECHE'S RECEIPTS



You still have time to bring in those **Bueche's receipts** and put them in the collection box on your way into church. Bueche's will donate **1%** of your receipt total to our program to help underwrite the cost of our service projects.

Free Money!
How easy is that?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

GROWING IN FAITH

Join us this spring as we take a fresh look at the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Come join an adult discussion about the "mysteries" by which divine life is dispensed to us through the work of the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAYS @ 1:30 p.m.

Solanus Classroom

Sacraments of Healing

APRIL 23 RECONCILIATION

APRIL 30 ANOINTING of SICK

Sacraments of Service

MAY 7 MARRIAGE &
ORDINATION

Facilitated by Adele Ferguson and Brenda Todd using materials by Bill Huebsch from Twenty-Third Publications and sponsored by

St. Anne's Adult Faith Formation

FAMILY CONNECTION



Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter."

As you read today's Gospel, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual.

What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did.

This means that the more we get to know Jesus the more we will be able to do the work he has asked us to do . . . such as "make disciples of all nations" . . . and "feed my sheep"!

Worship



Jesus died, rose, and is exalted at the right hand of the Father in glory. This is the heart of the gospel message. This has already happened, it's a fact. During the Easter season we have the opportunity to delve into the depths of this mystery and to appreciate the insights we discover.

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We see the unity of the Father and Son in this discourse. We are pressed to consider the mystery of Jesus' identity even more when Thomas and Philip both fail to understand what Jesus is telling them. In response, Jesus makes two intriguing statements: "If you know me, then you will also know my Father" and "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" To know Jesus is to know the Father.

We too are called to have faith in Jesus. If we do, we will know that the risen Christ is present, and be empowered to carry on his work, and in doing this, be united with the Father.

Weekend of April 26th & 27th

Lectors

5:00—Judy Henley, Margaret Lee

8:30—Noah DeVoe, Kathleen Russell

10:30—Pat Montgomery, Gary Putt

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00—John Wilson, Mary Palmer,
Charlene Carlson, Matt, Jon, Angie &
Ken Sheperd(MS)

8:30—Karyn Milligan, Linda Mizejewski, Denise Nowakowski, Kim Rossman, Lloyd & Judy Schmaltz, *Gary Schafer (MS)*

10:30—Royann Hassinger, Colleen Kollar, Marge Sisson, Doris McCarville, Scott & Alayna Johanning, *Joe Claya (MS)*

Altar Servers

5:00—Brooklyn, Madison & Molly Dearing

8:30—Alexandra Arnoldy, Joseph Schmid, Charlie Swett

10:30—Kyle DeWitt, Olivia Wood, Natalie Halligan

Altar Linen Schedule

04-20-08—Margaret Kengerski

04-27-08—Debbie Davis

Altar Care Schedule

04-25-08—Margaret Kengerski

05-02-08—Jerry & Jedine Bellefeuille

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Each session requires 2 adults per Archdiocesan guidelines. 2 family members count as 1.

April 20th

8:30—Frank Genovese

10:30—Carolyn Stickney

April 27th

8:30—Frank Genovese

10:30—Scott & Mikayla Johanning

Readings for April 27, 2008

Acts 6:1-7

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12



DETROIT TIGER'S BALLGAME

To those who have reserved tickets for the August 29th game, I need you to send your money within the next 2 weeks. We have to send our payment to the Tigers to ensure our seats. You can bring it in to the office, mail it to me, or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Tiger game."



The following children were welcomed with joy into the parish family of St. Anne through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Emily Louise Peters, daughter of Aaron & Jennifer and **Shelby Marie Stabile**, daughter of Lisa & Dennis.

These parents have taken the first step in raising their children in faith. Please support them with your prayers and encouragement.

For the next few weeks I will be offering, from Celebration, a comprehensive worship source, excerpts from J. Michael McMahon on-

WHY WE SING-Part Two

2. The Scriptures provide numerous examples of the importance of singing for offering praise and expressing faith.

God's people have sung to the Lord from the earliest times. STL cites several examples from the Old Testament, including the song of Israel emerging from the Red Sea, freed from slavery in Egypt; and the song of David accompanied by many instruments. In the Gospels we read of Jesus singing with his apostles on the night before he died.

The Apostle Paul exhorted the early community to join in "singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in their hearts to God" (Col 3:16). The church has continued to follow this admonition whenever the community gathers to worship.

Have a great week!

Julie

Young Women's Empowerment Group

Catholic Social Services is now offering *Being a Girl...and Beyond* A group for young women's empowerment. This program is to help young women gain effective social skills in preparation for dealing with life's outside pressures, as well as, learning techniques to plan for the future. This is a 10-week program on Saturday's 1-2 pm and is open to young women ages 14-19. For more information please call 248-548-4044 or visit our website at www.cssoc.org.

Christian Service

On Tuesday, April 22, we will celebrate Earth Day. Not too long ago most people thought Earth Day was for 'tree huggers'. However, caring for God's creation is one of the principles of Catholic Social Teachings. As Catholics, we are required to be good stewards of the Creation that God has entrusted to our care. The gifts that creation holds for us are to be cherished and used judiciously. We are caretakers of this earth for future generations. How we live on the earth, how we use the earth's resources and how we protect the earth and all that live on the earth speaks of our love and gratitude to God for this generous gift. Will our grandchildren thank us for the loving way we have protected the environment or will they wonder why we were not able to see that God's gift of this earth was meant for more than ourselves?

We must deal with our consumption of natural resources by beginning with our own homes and selves. How do we use less of the earth's natural resources? How important is it to have our lawns green and weed-free by using chemicals and fertilizers that run off into creeks and wetland areas? Are items of convenience in our society sacrificing the health of our environment? What are the environmental consequences of war? What are the lasting effects of the materials used to make explosives?

In the Vatican II document, "Constitution on the Church in the Modern World", we find, "Little by little the worldwide human family is realizing that it is indeed just that, a family united by common concerns".

How we treat God's creation affects not only us, but also our sisters and brothers throughout the world and generations to come.

We must make ourselves learn more about the proper care of our environment so we are able to make good choices for the future. In a summary of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching distributed by the Archdiocese, writing about caring for God's creation, we find, "We show our respect for our Creator by our care and stewardship of all creation. The goods of the earth are gifts from God and are intended by God for the benefit of everyone, in every generation. We have a responsibility to care for these goods as stewards and trustees, not as mere

consumers and users. The whole earth proclaims the glory of God!"

How do we begin? Start by recycling your paper products. In our area it is as simple as taking all of your newspapers, magazines, junk mail and any other paper items to the recycling bins located at the Harvey-Swanson Elementary School or Brandon Fletcher Intermediate School.

Turn off the water when brushing your teeth. Green lawns are pretty to look at but how much water do you use to keep that lawn green even in the hottest summer?

Check your township for places to dispose of toxic household items, like paint, car oil and batteries. Dial down the thermostat in the winter and dial up in the summer. Turn off lights in rooms you are not using. Change your light bulbs as they burn out over to the CFL bulbs. They will save you money and energy. When each household makes an effort to enact some changes collectively we can make a positive difference for our environment.

The Christian Service Coordinators of the Lakes Vicariate have made our environment the central focus of our meetings and study for the next year.

I will keep you informed about our discussions and new information.

So, Earth Day is for Catholics! Easter season is an appropriate time to celebrate God's creation and our commitment to it.

Take time this week for a walk and thank God for this precious gift of creation!

Peace,
Judy

Book Club News

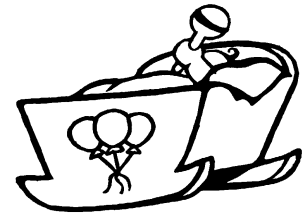
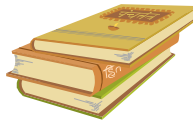
Don't miss the Book Club again!

You missed an interesting and delightful group who gathered to discuss the book, The Lottery.

We will meet again on Monday, April 28th to discuss the book, Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross.

Our final meeting before the summer months will be on May 19th. On that night we ask everyone to bring their favorite book and be ready to discuss it. We will also select books to read for August through November.

We hope you will join us on Monday, April 28th!



Mother's Day Collection

On the weekend of May 10-11 the Christian Service commission is sponsoring a collection of new baby items and diapers, up to and including size 3, for the Problem Pregnancy Center located in Oxford. What better way to celebrate life than by helping new Mothers who are struggling financially with clothing, diapers and other needed items for their new babies. Your donations will directly help a family.



"Internet Safety @nd Your Family"

You are invited to hear special guests Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and Father Lorenzo Gomez, LC, discuss "Internet Safety @nd Your Family" on **Wednesday, April 30, 2008**, from 7-9 pm. This event is for high school and adults only and will cover (1) how to ensure the safety of children on the internet and (2) the influence of pornography on human dignity. The workshop will take place St. Thomas More Academy, 6456 E. Bristol Rd, Burton, Michigan, 48519. Babysitting provided. A \$5 donation to defray printing costs would be appreciated. Please call school secretary Donna at 810-742-2411 by **Wednesday, April 23, 2008**, to enroll.

Did You Pick Up Your Pictorial Directory?

If you had your family or individual photo taken last summer, and did not get a free copy of the Pictorial Directory, please stop by the parish office or call Mary Ann 248-627-3965 ex. 100 to make arrangements to get your copy.



Ortonville Woman's Club

Presents

"The 2008 Spring Fashion Plate" Luncheon and Fashion Show

Thursday, April 24, 2008

12 Noon-3:30 p.m.

St. Anne Church, Hardy Hall

Fashions by Creative Fashions, Holly
Admission \$8.00

Proceeds go to the Woman's Club
Scholarship Fund

Tickets available in Parish Office

Your Most Important Work May Begin After You Retire!

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC Detroit) is looking for new members to work with the poor in these challenging economic times. Volunteers, age 50 years of age or older, commit to working two days per week from September-June serving the homeless, children in youth programs, families in crisis, and immigrants for one year. IVC Volunteers are currently working in service agencies in Detroit, Pontiac and Ann Arbor. Volunteers are supported in their ministry and faith through participation in a monthly Ignatian Spiritual Reflection Program.

Informational meetings will be held on May 4 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Manresa Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road, in Bloomfield Hills, or on May 18 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the Gesu Parish Center 17180 Oak Drive, Detroit. For information about IVC or to sign up for the information sessions, contact Terri Nelson at tnelson@ivcusa.org or 313-862-9206

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

We ask children to trust us because "we know the way." What we ask of our children, Jesus asks of us in today's Gospel, "I am the way" so "don't be troubled." It is a matter of trust.

Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday, April 19, 2008

5:00 p.m. Drex Beucler (1st Anniv.) req. by the Noble Family; Anthony J. Kalinin req. by Frank & Patricia Kowalczyk; Harry & Dorothy Berent req. by Glenn & Louise Gielniak; Peter Smigielski req. by Family

Sunday, April 20, 2008

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Bleau & Klinkhamer Families req. by Geny Klinkhamer; Nicolo Genovese (Birthday Rembr.) req. by Family; Eugenia Hutchings req. by Family; Teresa Luckowski (Healing) req. by Rose Ann Foster; Margaret Kay (Healing) req. by Rose Ann Foster

10:30 a.m. Helen Gagnon (1st Anniv.) req. by the Genslak Family; Rosendo Lopez, Sr. (10th Anniv.) req. by Family; Glennis Deisinger (Birthday Rembr.) req. by Pete & Chris Maniaci; Art Grabowski, Jr. req. by Pete & Chris Maniaci

Monday, April 21, 2008

7:30 p.m. Carl Rzeszut req. by John & Sandy Czubinski

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

9:30 a.m. Betty Homant (Healing) req. by George & Antoinette Baumgart

Thursday, April 24, 2008

9:30 a.m. World Peace

Friday, April 25, 2008

9:30 a.m. Louis Tapper req. by Friends

Saturday, April 26, 2008

5:00 p.m. Mel Wojtalewicz req. by Dennis & Theresa Wojtalewicz; Leo Fetzer, Sr. (30th Anniv.) req. by Tom & Ruth Rogan; Don Hund req. by the Noble Family

Sunday, April 27, 2008

8:30 a.m. Frances Rimi (2nd Anniv.) req. by Family
10:30 a.m. Wieslaw Kucab (52nd Anniv.) req. by Family; Marian Pelinski (22nd Anniv.) req. by Family; Vivian Kruchko req. by Irene Kruchko; Robert Haarz and Richard Haarz req. by St. Anne Parish Community

Please Pray For The Intentions Of

Patrick Lamb...Dr. Thomas Petinga, Jr...Sandy Savel...Betty Homant...Anselme Monique Clanog ...Carol Maxim...Michael Jaruzel...Nona Mikkola...Gary Nassar...Curt Abshier...Baby Max Payeur & Parents...Geny Klinkhamer...Joan Ball...Jean Rousseau...Tom Bleau...Deloris Cusick...Nassir

Preschool Open House At Everest Academy

Everest Academy offers both half-day and full-day programs for three year-olds and four year-olds in a nurturing, safe and academically challenging environment. Everest also announces the addition of a Junior Kindergarten to its preschool through high school campus. Aftercare is available until 6 p.m. to help busy parents. To learn more, please attend a Preschool Information Session at Everest Academy on Monday, May 5, 2008, at either 8:30 a.m. (class in session) or at 7 p.m. to meet our teachers and overview our program. For more information, please contact Mrs. Maura Plante at 248-241-9012 or visit us at www.everestacademy.org.

Silent Auction

Our Lady of the Lakes 4th Annual Silent Auction is being held Saturday April 26th onsite at St. Joseph Hall in Waterford. There will be lots of great Silent Auction items and some very exciting Live Auction items. For tickets or donation information, please call Karen Bagley at 248-867-5550.

Bethany North Oakland

Bethany is a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced or separated Christians through peer-to-peer ministry.

General Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at St. Daniel Catholic Church located at 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28. Meetings are held in the Cushing Center and begin at 7:30 p.m. Members of all denominations are welcome.



Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of

Sister Marianna Rivera, who died and was buried from Mt. Thabor Monastery on April 14, 2008

Glennis Deisinger, friend of Pete & Chris Maniaci

Val Kessler, former parishioner of St. Anne Church

May their souls rest in the peace of Jesus.

Youth Ministry News:

MISSION TRIP IS JUNE 22-27 TO KENTUCKY

Please call if you have a contact for a bus and bus driver who would be willing to volunteer their time and we'll pay their expenses.

Volunteer to help out at Special Olympics:

This is a Great Family Weekend-May 30th-June 1st! Permission Slips Due April 30th. 8th - Adults Welcome.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS & SINGERS

If you are in High School and would be willing to share your talent with the parish on Mother's Day, May 11th, please contact Kim @ Ext. 132. Let's Praise Our Mom's!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

If you have received your driving permit and/or driver's license in the last year, you will receive a "Special Blessing" at the 10:30 Mass on April 20th.

8th-12th Graders Welcome to come to "High School Youth Group"

April 23rd-Vocation/Time Management

April 30th-Year End Party!

All Gatherings are 7-9 p.m. and include snacks/drinks.

ADULTS AND YOUTH INVITED APRIL 23rd.

Please join us for the second part of the Vocations talk. This time it will be on "Marriage" and "Single Life". Did you know we all have a Vocation? This will be in Hardy Hall from 7-8 p.m.

CEDAR POINT THURS. JUNE 19th

\$55 includes Bus, Admission & Snacks/Drinks on the Bus if paid by May 10th. There are 50 seats available and it is a first come, first serve basis. If seats are still available after May 10th the price will be \$60. First 5 adult chaperones pay \$25!!



AWESOME SENIORS WILL BE MISSED

We have a lot of Seniors leaving this year, but we especially want to thank our "Fantastic Five" who have been on our Youth Ministry Leadership Team and dedicated so much time and energy to making Youth Group Such a Success. They volunteer for everything, help plan meetings and bring all their friends!

ERIN CONNELL, LOGAN DEAN, ELIZABETH-GENSLAK, ASHLYN SKORNICKA AND LEAH WEST. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done. You will truly be missed and we know you will succeed in all you do.

Stewardship Corner

Parish Support

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2007/June 30, 2008

Weekly Budget

Sunday contribution.....\$8,622.00 (100%)

April

1st Sunday, Received.....\$9,007.26 (104%)

2nd Sunday, Received.....\$9,906.16 (114%)

3rd Sunday, Received.....

4th Sunday, Received.....

Weekend of April 12/13, 2008

Amount in envelopes.....\$6,457.00

Electronic Offertory.....\$2,845.00

Loose monies.....\$604.16

Weekly over budget.....\$1,284.16

Yearly under budget.....\$11,710.45

Automated Electronic Offertory

We currently have 28 families enrolled in Automated Electronic Offertory. If you have taken advantage of this type of payment system for your mortgage or utilities, you know the convenience and security an electronic payment can provide. Automated Electronic Offertory is an ideal way for parishioners to serve Christ through their treasures. To sign up, simply stop by the parish office for an enrollment form or contact our bookkeeper, Sheryl Van Fleteren at (248) 627-3965, ext. 106 to have a form mailed to your home.

REBUILDING TOGETHER FORMS AVAILABLE

This is a great community service opportunity to help those in need in our own town! On Sat. April 26th we will help our Senior Citizens and handicapped neighbors with yard work, cleaning windows, and light home projects. More importantly, we will be giving the gift of time and showing that we care about them. All forms due April 19th to participate. Adults needed as usual.

SOFTBALL SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER!

If you are in 8th-12th grade and would like to be on the St. Anne Youth Group Softball Team, call to sign up. We have a few practices in May and 6-7 games in June & July on Sun. afternoons. It is not a big commitment, but a ton of Fun! We play the other churches in our area.

Thank you to Ken Shepherd & George Graveldinger for coaching once again!! We Love Our Coaches!

God Bless, Kim