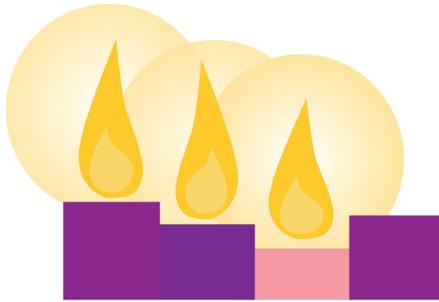


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THIRD SUNDAY

of ADVENT



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SACRAMENTS: Baptism—Call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriage—Call the Parish Office to make an appointment at least 6 months in advance.

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, contact: Fr. John Hall, 765-529-0933

MASS TIMES**INTENTIONS**

Monday,	@ St. Elizabeth, 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Adoration with Confessions
Tuesday,	@ St. Anne, 8:00 a.m.	Butch Leyes
Wednesday,	@ St. Anne, 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Adoration with Confessions Sheila Pritchett-Becker
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
Thursday,	@ St. Anne, 8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Hickman
Saturday,	@ St. Elizabeth, 5:00 p.m.	
Sunday,	@ St. Elizabeth, 8:00 a.m. @ St. Anne, 10:00 a.m.	Imelda Vores

Confessions: Before each respective weekday evening Mass, 4:30—5:15 p.m.
or by appointment (If there is No evening Mass, there are NO confessions)

The Special Intentions of Pope Francis for December

*Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God:
May they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SUNDAY	December 19 10:00 a.m.
CANTOR	Pat Cronk
SERVER	Mireya G.
LECTOR	Jaykwan G.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF	Chad Leduc, Phyllis Slavens
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS	Mike & Suzette McIntosh

Sunday Offerings

12/5

Collection.....	\$5,060.00
Loose.....	\$186.00
Direct Deposit.....	\$1,310.00
Total.....	\$6,556.00

Capital Improvements.....	\$1,475.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$55.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$35.00

Wednesday Attendance - 18
Sunday Attendance - 106

The financial support of our parishioners and visitors is deeply appreciated!

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



THE LORD IS NEAR!

It's Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of joy. We shift now in Advent from the Lord is coming, to the Lord is near, and we rejoice! That's what Gaudete means—it's Latin for rejoice. You know what that means we need around here? We need more eutrapelia!

Say what? Eutrapelia! It's a virtue and Thomas Aquinas spoke of the necessity of cultivating it. Gaudete Sunday is a good time to take a look at this virtue which is related to playfulness and the simple joy that warms our hearts. It's necessary so we don't take ourselves too seriously, and it's healthy for us to remember to stop and enjoy good things and people we love. Thomas Aquinas lists eutrapelia as one of the necessities of a good life. We need it!

There is a saying in an African catechism that says God created us because he thought we'd like it. It's definitely something to think about. How are we doing at liking what God has done? How about loving it?

Recently I came across a heartwarming definition of love from an eight year old named Rebecca. She said, "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love." Yes, it is, Rebecca. Thank you.

And one more time! The Archdiocese wants your opinion! From the November 13, Criterion, "The Church in central and southern Indiana, along with dioceses around the world, is in the midst of contributing to the planning process for a 2023 meeting of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican. The topic of that meeting will be "synodality," which is a word to describe how all the faithful are called to contribute to the guiding of the life of the Church through prayerful listening and sharing their own thoughts...How are administrative and strategic decisions made? The synod is not about doctrine or morality. It's not about the magisterium per se. It's about how decisions are made. ... This specific synod is an opportunity to continue listening and to enhance our listening skills." To gather contributions from as many people as possible, there are several ways that have been set up for people to offer their thoughts." Links to an online survey are available at the archdiocesan website.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION MEETS THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, AT 10:00! BRING YOUR BIBLE!

December 12, 2021

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. — Loyola Press



ADVENT CONFSSION TIMES

St. Anne, New Castle - Wednesdays, 4:30—5:15 pm
and Wednesday, December 15, 6—7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Richmond, Tuesday, Dec. 14
at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church

St. Mary, Rushville, Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - We are preparing for the next schedule, Jan—Mar 2022. If you request dates off, please contact the office by tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 13. Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS WANTED - If you would like to sing in the Christmas Eve choir, please contact Judy Hubbard or the parish office.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS - Help us sponsor two Henry County families this Christmas. The need is great and you will be assisting local families, one from Westminster Community Center and one parish family. Please drop your collection in anytime during December. Thank you!

WELCOME! - If you are visiting our church and would like to become a part of our parish family, please contact the parish office; 765-529-0933.

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS - This weekend, we are collecting funds to help care for the retired priests, sisters and brothers in Religious Communities. As they served the church, now we can serve them. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS - All memorials are due TODAY, Sunday, December 12. If you forgot your request today, call the Parish Office by tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS! - St. Anne congratulates Richard & Judi Minniear on 60 years of marriage. God bless you and your family!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE OR PERSONAL INFORMATION - We are currently updating our records and will soon be sending out end of the year documents. If you have a change of address, phone number or personal information, please make sure the parish office is updated.

Please call the office at 765-529-0933 or email your information to stannechurch@hotmail.com

END OF YEAR GIVING - If giving a year-end gift to St. Anne's, your donation needs to be dropped in the collection by Sunday, December 26 or mailed and postmarked by December 31, 2021. If you are writing a check, it must also be dated no later than December 31, 2021.

Through our Sunday collections you help support our liturgies and programs, religious education, Sacramental programs, insurance, utilities, snow removal, lawn care, supplies, regular maintenance, our Pastor, staff and janitor. Thank you for supporting your parish!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth
7:00 p.m. at St. Anne

Christmas Day - 8:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth
10:00 a.m. at St. Anne

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil Mass, Dec. 25 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth
December 26 - 8:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth
10:00 a.m. at St. Anne

This year Christmas falls on Saturday. Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation. Your obligation is to attend the vigil Mass (Christmas Eve) or attend the Mass on Christmas day. THIS WILL NOT FULFILL YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION! Sunday's attendance is still required. Either at the Saturday vigil Mass (5:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth - which is Christmas night), or Sunday Mass at our regular times.

REMEMBER: It's NOT possible to fulfill both obligations with only one Mass! Two Masses are needed! Jesus wants to see you twice! Plan your holiday Masses now.

For the homebound - Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. will be live streamed.



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