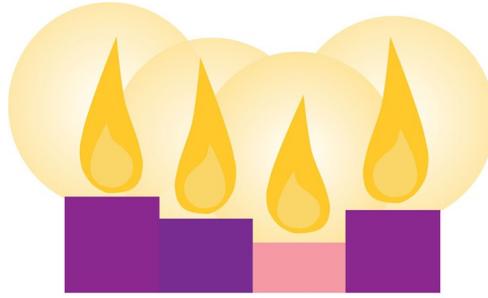


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102 N. 19th Street ~ New Castle
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St. Anne Prayer line - call the Office at 765-529-0933

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. Adoration with Confessions
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, @ St. Anne, 8:00 a.m. For the Sick

Wednesday, @ St. Anne, 4:30 p.m. Adoration with Confessions
5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Hickman

Thursday, @ St. Anne, 8:00 a.m. For Peace

Friday, Christmas Eve @ St. Elizabeth, 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass during the Night @ St. Anne, 7:00 p.m. St. Anne & St. Elizabeth Churches

Saturday, Christmas Day @ St. Elizabeth, 8:00 a.m. Mass at Dawn
Mass during the Day @ St. Anne, 10:00 a.m. Imelda Vores

Saturday, Vigil Mass @ St. Elizabeth, 5:00 p.m. This Mass fulfills your obligation for
either Christmas or Sunday, NOT BOTH.

Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family @ St. Elizabeth, 8:00 a.m.
@ St. Anne, 10:00 a.m. St. Anne & St. Elizabeth Churches

**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 26 10:00 a.m.

CANTOR Patti Keesling

SERVER Garrett A.

LECTOR Doris Brooks

EXTRAORDINARY Twilla Deaton,
MINISTERS OF Bill Huber

HOSPITALITY Lammers family,
MINISTERS Mary Miller

Sunday Offerings

12/12 Collection.....\$1,280.00
Loose.....\$108.00
Direct Deposit.....\$1,722.00
Total.....\$3,110.00

Capital Improvements.....\$85.00
Charitable Needs.....\$40.00
Immaculate Conception.....\$228.00
Religious Retirement.....\$533.00

Wednesday Attendance - 72
Sunday Attendance - 115

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

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



2021-2022 THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY & OUR FAMILIES SHARE

Covid has changed a lot of things. Some changes will likely stay and some will go as we continue to work things out. One of the changes has been the restructuring of religious education with a much greater emphasis on supporting families as the primary catechists for their children. Pope Francis has called this year, June, 2021 to June, 2022, The Year of the Family and initiated a campaign to “highlight family love as a vocation and as a way of holiness, so as to understand and share the profound and salvific meaning of family relationships in daily life.” The saving power of family!

The campaign intends “to help focus pastoral attention on the formation and education of the little ones in the family, to help parents not to give up in the face of so many problems that are now widespread in the pre-adolescent age, often also caused by the lack of dialogue with their children and a deep sense of loneliness of children, in which today can lurk dramatic experiences, such as, for example, cyberbullying.” Life can be hard. We need to set aside some holy time.

Our families meet together once a month for a mini-retreat. We have a meal, story, crafts and a service project, and take away lessons from *Growing up Catholic* to discuss at home. This year the emphasis is on who God is and how he calls his people to action. He is all-powerful but a very personal God with many names who is always reaching out to us. He calls *us* by name. He knows us. He loves us. We learn to hear him and respond.

These guided faith dialogues between family members are so simple, but extremely powerful. Sharing stories together, discussing thoughts, remembering events – good and bad – opens doors and grows faith! It doesn’t seem like it should be that simple, but it is. Think how Jesus did it! He ate with people, he talked *with* people, not just at them. He asked questions and he listened to answers. He said bring the children! He was present, not distracted.

Last week was our December St. Nicholas Retreat. One of the things each child did was choose ways they could share Jesus through acts of kindness. Here are some of *their* choices that we could *each* imitate; Be respectful. Listen. Bring food to God’s Grain Bin. Share. Serve at church. Share my time. Be kind. Help the sick. Give a hug. Amen!

December 19, 2021

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation. — Loyola Press

ENVELOPES - Those that use weekly envelopes, your 2022 boxes are in the narthex to pick up. If you'd like to sign up for direct deposit and eliminate writing out checks and remembering your envelope, sign up instructions are listed below.

HELP US GROW - Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! *You* can elect when to schedule your contributions.

Please contact the parish office or visit our website, <http://saintannenc.us> for an enrollment form. Return it to the parish office or you may put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

THANK YOU - To Hinsey-Brown Funeral Home for providing our yearly calendars. Monies raised from the calendars help missions in the United States. Please pick one up on the table in the narthex.

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! 

MASS FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - This feast is not an obligation this year. Mass for the Feast will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 31 at St. Anne.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - You may still donate to our flower fund. Please use an envelope in the pews. 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.*



OFFICES CLOSED - The parish offices will close on Wednesday, December 22 at noon and reopen on Tuesday, January 4 at 8:30 a.m.

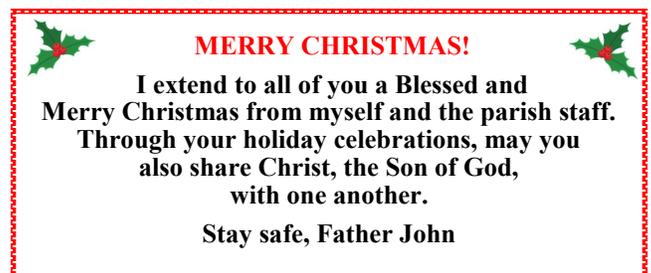
FATHER JOHN AVAILABLE - During the Christmas holidays, Fr. John will be available. To reach him, call St. Anne at 765-529-0933. If he is unable to answer the phone, please leave a message.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD - We welcome Briana Harter into the family of God and St. Anne Parish. Briana was baptized last Friday.

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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