

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT



102 N. 19th Street ~ New Castle
Sunday Mass at 10 a.m.

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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

Monday, @ St. Elizabeth, 4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, @ St. Anne, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Holy Day of Obligation
@ St. Elizabeth, 10:00 a.m.
@ St. Anne, 5:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, @ St. Elizabeth, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, @ St. Elizabeth, 8:00 a.m.
@ St. Anne, 10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Adoration with Confessions

Confessions

For Vocations

Amy Sczesny

Irene Marshall

St. Anne & St. Elizabeth Churches

**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 12** **10:00 a.m.**

CANTOR Cassie Bowers

SERVER Carter L.

LECTOR Patti Keesling

EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF Patty Hughes,
Mike McIntosh

HOSPITALITY
MINISTERS Twilla Deaton,
Jaci & Bob Hadsell

Sunday Offerings

11/28 Collection.....\$1,470.00
Loose.....\$59.00
Direct Deposit.....\$780.00
Total.....\$2,309.00

Capital Improvements.....\$10.00
Human Development.....\$20.00

Wednesday Attendance - 17
Sunday Attendance - 112

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

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



**KEEP US ALERT, WE PRAY, O LORD OUR GOD,
AS WE AWAIT THE ADVENT OF CHRIST YOUR SON.**

Our **DECEMBER FAMILY SRE RETREAT** is next weekend. The St. Nicholas Retreat is Saturday, December 11 at St. Elizabeth after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and Sunday at St. Anne after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We'll have a simple meal followed by our program, crafts and a service project. Families, bring your materials to turn in and pick up your new ones!

THE **ADULT STUDY GROUP** will meet THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 10:00 a.m. at ST. ANNE. You are welcome to join at any time, each session stands alone and is not in a series. Bring your Bibles and coffee! There might be doughnuts...

Last week I squeezed in a notice about the Notre Dame McGrath Institute offering their **World Crèche Pilgrimage** again this year. From Advent through January 9 a daily email with crèches from around the world reminds us that God has come and stays with us. They share the image, short explanation and prayer connected to the different crèche scenes. It's much better viewed on a computer because you can blow up the picture to see details you would miss on a phone screen. This is so lovely. Sitting with and contemplating the different creations feels holy. I hope you'll join in. Google McGrath+Creche+2021 to signup.

If you have time on your hands and love to fill out surveys, here is one for you, and it's important! In 2023, there will be a worldwide **SYNOD OF BISHOPS** meeting. From the handbook in preparation: "The purpose of this synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission." All the faithful are invited to share thoughts and feelings about a variety of Church issues. It is not multiple choice, you have a chance to tell your thoughts and ideas about ten areas of Church concerns! A link to our survey is on the homepage of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Pope Francis has urged Church leaders to *listen*, and those sessions have already begun with priests in every diocese. This is *your* chance, an unusual one, to prayerfully make a difference.

December 5, 2021

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

— Loyola Press



ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

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

St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, Mondays, 4:30—5:15 p.m.
and **Monday, December 6**, 6—7 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.



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!

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



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

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 - Next weekend, we will be collecting funds to help care for retired priests, sisters and brothers in Religious Communities. As they served the church, now we can serve them. There is an envelope attached to today's bulletin for your use.

Thank you!



REST IN PEACE - We pray for all who have died, may they have eternal rest, and all who mourn be comforted. We remember from St. Anne, **Madonna Fletcher**, mother of Sandy Boles.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS - If you would like to remember someone, (living or deceased) this Christmas in our Memorials, please place your donation in an envelope, mark who the memorial(s) is for and who it is from. Place your envelope in the collection or mail it to the parish office.

All memorials must be received by **next Sunday, Dec. 12**. Memorial funds will go toward Christmas flowers and occasions throughout the year. Memorials will be in the bulletin December 26.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - Blood pressures will be taken today after Mass in St. Joachim Chapel.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE OR PERSONAL INFORMATION - If you have a change of address, phone number or personal information, please make sure the parish office is updated.

We are currently updating our records and will soon be sending out end of the year documents. Please call the office at 765-529-0933 or email your information to stannechurch@hotmail.com

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL - If you have not returned or mailed in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. If you need another pledge card, there are some on the table in the narthex.

If you are unable to commit, please respond with a Ø. Follow up letters will be sent to those not responding.

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

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.

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