St. Ann Parish

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Pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus

Peace
I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I
give it to you. Do not let your
hearts be troubled or afraid.
– John 14:27

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Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor
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Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.
First Friday Mass: 7:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Confessions: 3:00 p.m. Saturday
Day-Long Adoration: Last Wednesdays

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00-Noon & 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Office closes at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Contact Information

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Please call the Office to request prayers for the sick.

For Ministry of Care to the homebound or hospitalized, please call the Parish Office or fill out a form in the Narthex.

Bulletin articles are due 10 days in advance of the Sunday you would like them to run. During holidays, deadlines are accelerated. To add items to the calendar or to schedule the Narthex or other meeting spaces, forms must be filled out in the Parish Office.

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St. Ann Parish Mission Statement

We are called by a loving God
to make St. Ann of Lansing a Catholic community of faith.
We are a family of diverse people with various ministries:
healing the body and spirit, teaching of God and His love,
united in sacraments and prayer, reaching out to the extended community.
With God's revelation of Himself in Scripture as our guide,
we strive to grow in His Spirit and to fulfill the promise of Christ's Kingdom.

From the Pastor's Pen

Humor: ***It's the Blind Man:*** *Mrs. Smith was stark-naked and just about to step into the shower when the doorbell rang. She hollered, "Who is it?" He shouted back, "It's the blind man." She figured it was safe, so she opened the door. He looked at her in shock and asked, "Where do you want me to hang these blinds, lady?"*

Why Did God Allow That to Happen? - John 9:1-41

Tragedy can strike so quickly and capriciously. While going about our everyday lives, in a moment, in the blink of an eye, the world can be changed. As a nation, we've been living with that awful reality since 9-11. Thousands killed for no reason by complete strangers, who assumed, somehow in their mind, they were doing some good for this world. Then there are natural disasters: tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes . . . If you have avoided tragedy at this point in your life, thank God that you have been spared, but consider yourself lucky as well. And now as a world we are dealing with the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus) and the uncertain nature it has brought to our everyday lives. Recognize it is only a matter of time.

I want to let all of you know that, in regard to this Coronavirus, we are at WAR with this virus, and each one of us is a soldier, we are in this together. We are going to try and fight this enemy together as soldiers do at the battle front. It's not only to save our lives but to save each other's lives. This can be done by practicing those hygiene measures suggested by professionals to prevent it from spreading: covering your mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing with a medical mask or with a flexed elbow; avoiding contact with those who are unwell; washing regularly with soap and water; staying home when you feel unwell.

Let's pray together regularly the "Coronavirus Prayer" we have printed on the next page in the bulletin this weekend. You can also stop by the Church office and pick it up. I will also send it electronically to your email if we have it on file. I intend to broadcast Mass for each weekend through Facebook during these times when we can't get together as a family. Feel free to call the Church office and select the emergency number if you want to talk to the priest any time of day.

Haven't we all asked this question at one time or another in one form or another: why did God allow that to happen? Most of us know that God does not CAUSE tragedy. The Bible states clearly that God does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men (Lamentations 3:33).

The greater problem for most believers is this: Why does God ALLOW such awful things to happen?

Jesus' disciples asked our Lord this thorny question 2000 years ago. They met a man one day who had been born blind. In the first century, most people believed that all suffering was the result of sin. So the disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned in this case, this blind man or his parents?"

There was even one school of thought that believed that a person could sin prior to birth, while still in the mother's womb. Imagine that! "Tell us, Jesus," they begged, "why was this man born blind?" Jesus did not respond with a neat, simple answer to the problem of human suffering. And I am not going to serve you a simplistic batch of biblical stew that will cause you to declare, "Aha, finally I have solved the mystery of evil and suffering in this world."

I am suspicious of anyone who talks too glibly about this age-old mystery. I recall a humbling episode from a British movie entitled, "Whistle in the Wind." A group of kids had experienced the death of their pet kitten. They had prayed fervently that the cat would get well, but instead it died. They couldn't understand this. So, they went in search of the local vicar or pastor.

They found him in a tea shop, taking a morning break, enjoying his tea and newspaper. They asked him, "Why did God let our cat die?" The good pastor was not delighted to be interrupted with the matter of a deceased cat.

But out of duty he laid aside his paper and launched into a long, complex, theological response to this question. The children stood and listened intently. When he finished, he wished them well and went back to his newspaper. The children walked away somewhat bewildered. One little boy, holding his older sister's hand, looked up at her and said, "He doesn't know, does he?" How perceptive children can be. Never in this world will we understand all the mystery surrounding suffering. But with God's help we can gain some helpful insights. That is my purpose this morning.

May the good Lord continue to bless the work of your hands.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

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CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord Jesus Christ healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from this virus. May they be at rest with You in Your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know Your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know Your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know Your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of anxiety, give us Your peace. Lord Jesus Christ, heal us.

AMEN

St. Ann Church will be open for private prayer during our regularly scheduled Mass times, M-F at 7:30 a.m., Saturday at 4:00 p.m., and Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Confessions will be heard behind the screen at 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays as usual. Personal devotions and small-group ministries may proceed at the discretion of their leaders (members should check in with each other), but should involve absolutely no physical contact, and attendance should be seriously considered in light of the CDC recommendations of social distancing and self-quarantine. Please continue to take every precaution to stay safe and well. We are praying for a quick resolution and return to normalcy.

Today's Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).
Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

HEALING FOR COMMUNITY

It is helpful to observe that our Gospel passage from John, the healing of the blind man, is the first part of a longer episode. When Jesus' words end Chapter 9 in today's passage, he goes on speaking in the discourse on the Good Shepherd in Chapter 10. The healing of the blind man was not only a demonstration of God's power, giving him the physical capacity of sight. It was even more than the awakening of the man's personal faith in Jesus. The image of the Good Shepherd confirms that the man was liberated from the social isolation of his blindness and became a member of Jesus' flock. All of Jesus' powerful actions of healing were intended as gifts, not only to individuals, but for the building up of the community of faith.

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart." In our first reading, Samuel draws conclusions about who God will choose as king based on his assumptions of what a proper king looks like. But God sees a deeper reality.

How easy it is to miss our own blindness. How frequently we are unaware of our own flawed assumptions about others and about ourselves. We often need a deeper humility about the limitations of our perceptions and our convictions.

Yet, as the letter to the Ephesians encourages, there are times to expose the "fruitless works of darkness", to speak out, especially when persons or groups are suffering from abuse or oppression. We are called to live within a tension that these scripture passages convey. We are to seek God's guidance in prayer with genuine openness. We are then to speak and act forcefully against wrongdoing, even as we maintain humility about how much we know, or what is the best action to take. We are called to bring God's wisdom and mercy to all.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Ps 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8–14; Jn 9:1–41 [1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38]

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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

MEET MARIA ANA

"My father works every day to support us, to provide the food that we need and to earn money to pay for school."

Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Dear Parish Community of St. Ann's:

God be with you during this unique and challenging period. Since the Archdiocese announced the system-wide school closure last week, we at St. Ann School have been working nonstop to ensure that all of our students receive the best quality online education and resources, as well as free, nutritious meals. Until school re-opens, our teachers and staff will follow a daily schedule of activities that will be hosted by four main educational computer platforms. The daily routine will help to avoid any confusion during this trying time as parents are being bombarded by companies trying to encourage them to use their school products.

The computer platforms chosen by St. Ann School will deliver the most up to date information on the status of the Archdiocesan school closing, provide quality educational instruction, utilize mechanisms for tracking student performance, and provide teacher feedback to both students and parents. The principal and all staff members will be in constant communication throughout this time and will meet every Sunday as a group to assess what is working well and where improvement can be made to ensure that no one is overwhelmed by their tasks. Rest assured, we are doing the best we can under these unique circumstances. As always, our families will receive system-wide phone messages and can visit our school Facebook page and website any time. I will also be sending a weekly schoolwide announcement every Monday.

St. Ann School will only use the following staff-approved platforms, curriculums, and supplements:

- ★ i-Ready
- ★ Google Classroom
- ★ Class Dojo (K &1)
- ★ IXL.com

Parents are welcome to use other additional websites for supplementation, but any class assignments the students will be completing for credit will be sent out through Google Classroom or Class Dojo. Students are encouraged to check their email often during the school day to see messages and announcements from their teachers.

Finally, St. Ann's will distribute boxed breakfasts and lunches from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday at door P-1 for any student who is in need of meals. We must continue to assist our church and school community spiritually, educationally, emotionally, nutritionally, and in any way the Lord enables us to do. Please stay safe, and practice the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control to avoid exposure to COVID-19. Have a blessed day!

Sincerely,

Principal Gonzalez

LOOKING FOR A JOB IN EDUCATION?

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Please visit our website for information on Career Opportunities at St. Ann School:

https://stannschoollansing.org/career-opportunities/

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Shoparoo

We have a fun, quick new way to raise extra money for St. Ann School! Fundraising with Shoparoo couldn't be easier - just take pictures of your receipts with the app, and they'll do the rest. No matter where you shop or what you buy, your receipt will earn rewards for us! Your receipts from any type of grocery store (super centers, convenience stores, dollar stores, pet supply stores, drug stores, etc.) earn Roo Points (cash donations) for St. Ann Elementary School. Your receipts from any type of restaurant, café, and non-grocery retailer (clothing stores, home improvement stores, electronic stores, etc.) earn us entries into monthly $1,000 sweepstakes and an annual sweepstakes of up to $15,000!

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Parents, It's Time to Start Thinking About the 2020/21 School Year!

Did you know we have two super scholarship offers for families who transfer in to St. Ann School?

Certificate of Scholarship

$500 Middle School Transfer Scholarship
for Incoming 5th 8th Graders
- Renewable annually until graduation

$750 Religious Ed. Transfer Scholarship
- Renewable annually for three years

Call Janice Summerrise FMI: 708.895.1661
Ask about all of our options!

Upcoming Events

(All dates pending resolution to COVID-19)

Lenten Mission: March 29 & 30

Lenten Reconciliation: March 30

Lansing Community
Way of the Cross: April 10

Basket Blessing/Easter Egg Hunt: April 11

Tiny Roughriders: April 22

1st Communion Retreat/Rehearsal: April 25

Good Neighbor Day Parade: May 2

Women's Club Spring Luncheon: May 3

Tiny Roughriders: May 6 & 20

Confirmation: May 7

First Communion: May 9

Have you received your Census form yet? It should be arriving in the mail soon. Completing the Census is easy, and it's the only way to make sure Lansing receives the resources we deserve, and that people of faith are counted. You can choose how you want to respond: online, by paper, or over the phone. Telephone assistance and an on-line questionnaire will be available in 12 languages. Hotlines for assistance:

- Census Bureau Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Line: 800-354-7271
- NALEO Education Fund's Spanish/English Hotline: 877-352-3676

Even better, the Lansing Public Library (2750 Indiana Avenue) has trained, friendly staff available to help people complete the Census this year. They are open most days from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., so feel free to stop by if you need help.

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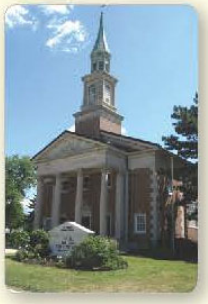

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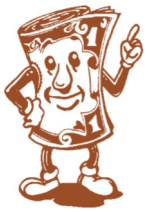
and click on the Donate Now with Give Central button to set up your account. Or go to
www.givecentral.org/location/100/event/901

Thank you for your generosity and support.
Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Look for "St. Ann Catholic Parish" and "St. Ann Catholic School, Lansing" on facebook, and "like" us to receive updates and breaking news about the parish and the school.



Money Matters

3-8-2020

Weekly Budget:	$12,000.00
Sunday Collection:	6,253.60
	$ -5,746.40
St. Ann 50-50 Club:	$ 815.00
Maintenance Fund:	$ 1,263.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

St. Ann's 50-50 Club

Our March 8 winning number was 2309.
2309 WOULD HAVE WON $833.00.
DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

To be eligible, both your 50-50 ($5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least $5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday**.

If you donate by check, you need to write two separate checks.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG . . . IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP THE GARDEN!

We have Gus Bock, Home Depot, Menard's, Walmart, Target, so many places you can shop for your spring needs while helping with projects around St. Ann's or assisting a family with school or R.E. tuition! We offer a selection of cash and carry gift cards at the Parish Office, or you can place a weekly order from a larger selection. Orders go in on Monday mornings. **You pay face value and a credit will go to Parish Maintenance, Tuition Assistance, or the School or Religious Ed. Family of your choice.** Order forms are available in the Parish Office or in the Ministry 411 Center in the Narthex. Payment by check (register in the Parish Office) or cash. The office is open M-Th 8:00-4:00, and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call ahead for availability, 895-6700.

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AMC Theaters	Home Depot	Speedway
Applebee's	iTunes	Starbuck's
Bath & Body Works	J. J. Kelley's	Stephano's
Bed, Bath & Beyond	Jewel	Strack's
Beggar's Pizza	Kohl's	Subway
Chili's	Menards	Target
Chipotle	Mobil/Exxon	Walgreen's
Dairy Queen	Olive Garden	Walmart/ Sam's Club
Dunkin' Donuts	Panera	

Parish Prayer Tree

This group of men and women led by Debbie Wright takes some time every day at their own homes to pray for the needs of St. Ann's and our parishioners. Simply email your special intentions to Debbie at debndnut@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 708-895-6700 with your prayer requests, and we will pass them on to all of our Prayer Tree participants. If you would like to join our Prayer/Phone Tree, please email Debbie. Should you need prayers for longer than 30 days, please call and reconfirm your request at the beginning of each month.

Journey through Lent with mercy, prayer, and Scripture!

Alive in Our Hearts Ministry

We invite you once a week to a special class of Scripture & reflections! Join us for one hour of your time.

Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office

FMI: 708-895-2266

https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/lenten-resources

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Special, Super Duper Early Holiday Edition Bulletin Deadlines

Due to holiday office closures at J.S. Paluch, our bulletin publisher has moved up deadlines for the Palm Sunday and Easter issues. **Therefore, items for the April 5 bulletin must be received by March 23, and April 12 information needs to be submitted by March 30.** Anything received after these dates will not be able to be included, and we apologize for any inconvenience. We resume regular 10-day advance deadlines thereafter (April 9 for the April 19 bulletin). Thank you for your understanding and attention!

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