



St. Ann Parish

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THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,
"THE FEAST IS READY,
BUT THOSE WHO WERE INVITED
WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS
AND INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND."

MATTHEW 22:8-9

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 11, 2020



October 11, 2020

Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor
Reverend Bart Winters, Associate Pastor
www.saintanncatholicparish.com

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

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Please call the Office
to request prayers
for the sick.

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.



TWENTH-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
THE KING'S RECEPTION/THE WEDDING FEAST:
Matthew 22:1-14

God is continually calling us, as individuals and a community, to a deeper and more authentic life. But, alas, this precious invitation is like the seed that fell among the thorns. It gets choked. Excuses, excuses, excuses! We have excuses for not doing what we know we should do. And we have excuses for doing what we know we shouldn't do. Some of these excuses are reasonable, some shabby. But all are effective.

Invitations are sent to many to come to church but so few people respond. It's frustrating. Many of you have reached out to neighbors or friends and asked them to come to church, and you know all too well the disappointment, how few respond. Maybe that is why we find this morning's parable so familiar.

The central message of this parable is that everyone is invited to the king's reception. But, we are to be aware that not everyone will respond to the king's invitation. We've all made excuses why we cannot attend an event. I like how the Gospel of Luke records the excuses to this story. In that story, it's not a king's reception but a local banquet. But they all began to make excuses. "I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me." Another said, "I have just bought five yokes of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me." The last one said, "I just got married, so I can't come."

What was it that kept these men from the feast? Well, not any antagonistic feeling toward the host. Apparently, it had nothing to do with him. He had their best wishes and they hoped that others would come and take their places. They were sorry, but they were busy. "I have bought a field and I must go see it." "I have bought five yokes of oxen and I must go examine them." "I have just gotten married and therefore I cannot come."

These men in the Matthew story and the Luke story were kept away by business and family ties, and who could fault them for that. What is wrong with purchasing land? What is wrong with checking out a business investment? What, indeed, is wrong with getting married? You see, our Lord's use of the relationship of business and marriage reveals His penetrating insight. These are explanations which most people would readily have accepted. No one would blame a person for staying away for either of these two counts. Whereas, if Jesus had used some superficial pleasure or trivial pastime, the force of the story would have been lost. Everybody recognizes that business and family ties are important, and when anyone puts forth either of these reasons, debate seems out of order.

The point that our Lord is making in this parable is that even good things can and often are the enemy of the best. Even things that are right and wholesome and necessary can stand between a man's soul and the Kingdom of God.

One does not have to do wrong things or even shallow things to miss the Kingdom. He need only be preoccupied with good things—things like business and family. When these good and necessary things keep a man's mind off the Kingdom, they become a stumbling block and a snare. This is why Jesus so often warned men against material possessions and family ties. He saw how absorbing they could be. He saw how completely they could use up one's thoughts and affections, so that nothing was left over for the higher things in life.

And it is a mistaken notion to think that one must renounce business and family to follow God. Vows of poverty and celibacy for everyone is nowhere enjoined by Christ. All that is required is that we keep the claims of His Kingdom first in our lives. **What is needed here is a right sense of value and a wise discernment.** It was excessive preoccupation with business and family ties that kept these men out of the Kingdom. It was not the performance of necessary duties.

Let's look at their responses. One man said, "I have bought property and I must go see it." But hadn't he already seen it? Surely, he was not so naïve as to purchase acreage without having even seen it. The second man said, "I have just purchased five yoke of oxen and I must go examine them." But hadn't he already examined them? And now that the deal had been consummated, what possible bearing could one more inspection have upon the transaction? The third man's excuse was equally as ridiculous. He said, "I have just gotten married and therefore I cannot come." But that was no excuse, for, believe you me, in that day and time, a Palestinian bride would not have dared object if her husband had wanted to attend an important banquet without her.

The fact of the matter was that these three men did not want to attend the banquet. They had no real desire to go. They were indifferent and they were looking for excuses. If they had wanted to go badly enough, they could have managed. It is really amazing to me how quickly people can clear their calendars to do the things that they want to do. But these three men had no real desire to go, so they let other things keep them away.

Well, this parable is being reenacted every day in the lives of people and in the life of the Church. The great enemy of faith and salvation even to this day is preoccupation. God is simply crowded out. We do not disbelieve in Him. Nor do we despise Him. Not really. We simply have no time for Him. We are not irreligious. We're just busy. And we are tired. Other matters are pressing, and heaven can always wait.

So first all are invited, and secondly few will respond, but here is Jesus' sobering word: "In the end, the king chooses who can stay." That's our Lord's third and final point. If the Pharisees and Sadducees had taken a moment to understand what Jesus said at the end, I believe their reaction would have been less antagonistic. We are told they went from there and laid plans to trap Him in His words. But if they had listened to the story closely, they would have heard the part about the guy who came to the reception





Mass Intentions

Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 13

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 14 (St. Callistus)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Karla Gomez, 3rd Anniversary
(Yolanda Surath)

Thursday, October 15 (St. Teresa of Jesus)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Friday, October 16

(St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Saturday, October 17

(St. Ignatius of Antioch)

4:00 p.m. Mass

† John & Alice Tiltges (Junt Tiltges)

Sunday, October 18

(Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Karla Gomez (Yolanda Surath)

† Stephen Toth (Ann, Nicky, Jean)

10:30 a.m. Mass

† Dolores Grabarek

The 2020 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule Mass intentions.

Today's Readings

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;
Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b;
Mt 22:15-21



Miss Me—But Let Me Go

In Loving Memory of

*Agnes Porter
Joyce Marks*

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without the proper attire and was consequently thrown out. The doors are open to all, but the king reserves the right to choose who can stay. I believe Jesus was warning us that we must be properly prepared.

You see this story was not unfamiliar to Jesus' listeners. There was a story during Jesus' day that was told by Rabbis and it went like this: There was a king who invited his guests to a feast, without telling them the exact date and time; but he did tell them that they must wash, and anoint, and clothe themselves that they might be ready when the summons came. The wise prepared themselves at once, and took their places waiting at the palace door, for they believed that, in a palace, a feast could be prepared so quickly that there would be no long warning. The foolish believed that it would take a long time to make the necessary preparations and that they would have plenty of time. So they went, the mason to his lime, the potter to his clay, the smith to his furnace, the fuller to his bleaching-ground,

and continued on with their work. Then suddenly, the summons to the feast came without any warning. The wise were ready to sit down, and the king rejoiced over his guests, and they ate and drank. But those who had not arrayed themselves in their wedding garments had to stand outside, sad and hungry. They could only look on at the joy they had lost.

This Rabbinic parable, like Jesus', tells of the duty of preparedness for the summons of God, and the garments stand for the preparation that must be made. Let me ask, what will you be wearing to the king's reception? The invitation has gone out. The time has come. **Let me suggest, in the words of the Apostle Paul, that you clothe yourself with Christ. Upon the King's greeting, you will be let in.** Amen.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

Money Matters

9-27-2020

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$ 12,000.00
 DROP OFF/MAIL IN: 3,757.00
 ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL: 1,191.00
\$ -7,052.00
 ST. ANN 50-50 CLUB: \$ 460.00



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 Figures include all mailed-in, dropped-off,
 and online contributions.*

St. Ann's 50-50 Club

Our September 27 winning number was 2132.
 2132 WON \$1,845.00. CONGRATULATIONS!

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.**

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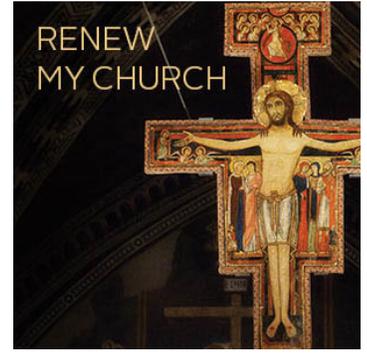


Football games (thought we might not have those!), falling leaves, cooler temps, campfires, —these are the things that make Fall special, and they're right around the corner. Don't be caught without supplies! We have

Stracks, Jewel, and Sam's, not to mention Target and Walgreen's and Walmart. And Gus Bock, Home Depot, Lowes, and Menards should have everything you need for fall clean-up. We offer a variety of cash and carry gift cards at the Parish Office, or you can place an 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 school website. Payment by check (register in the Parish Office) or cash, or **order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.**

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Dunkin' Donuts	Panera	Sam's Club

Our four Town Hall Meetings last week were very productive, and we received lots of helpful feedback from our parishioners that we brought to our next grouping session. If you would like to watch a video of the virtual Town Hall, you may find it here: <https://youtu.be/OECzF8H6FRQ>



Our sincere thanks to everyone for your patience as we navigate COVID-19 restrictions and determine how to proceed with our annual fundraisers. The postponed Pot of Gold drawing took place via Facebook Live on May 31, but it now appears we will be unable to host the Casino Night at the Palace this year due to continuing state-mandated restrictions on large gatherings. As an annually budgeted event, the loss of revenue from the gala is a significant financial loss to the parish. Fundraising is an important component to our parish budget in a "normal" year, but given our current circumstances during COVID, fundraising revenue is even more essential.

We will convert the gifts made by donors to sponsorships of our soon-to-launch weekly Queen of Hearts raffle, thereby providing these generous friends with the publicity they would have received at the event. We appeal to those who bought tickets for the evening to consider converting your ticket purchase into a donation to the parish as we, like so many, continue to struggle financially due to the loss in weekly contribution revenue during this pandemic. If you are unable to convert your tickets to a donation, please contact the parish office no later than November 6, 2020. Tickets that are not redeemed will be gratefully accepted as your gift to St. Ann Parish & School. Thank you for your continued support as we weather these uncertain times together.

Lansing Food Pantry



Thank You for Your Kind Generosity

The next time you're grocery shopping, would you mind adding a few extra items to your cart for the Lansing Food Pantry? We are always in need of donations. Any grocery items are welcome, and we can also make use of the shopping bags you planned to recycle. You can place your items in the Narthex, and we'll gladly collect them from there.



Dear St. Ann Parish, Parents, and Students,

As the time for more of our annual events passes us by, we are trying very hard to make it up to our students and families the best we can.

- We replaced Special Person's Day with Special Pet's Day and held a parking lot blessing for our cherished animals (alive and imaginary) before enjoying an early dismissal.
- Our friends at the Village of Lansing are sponsoring Promenade at the Pointe (see the ad to the right), which will take some of the sting out of not having our Trunk of Treat or the annual Halloween Pancake Breakfast with the Copper Muggers. We will also have a fun Supper Club fundraiser at Gayety's on October 29, so plan to bring the family and meet up with friends there for some spooky treats.
- High School Recruitment Day will happen virtually for our Junior High students. Ordinarily, representatives from the local Catholic high schools spend the morning with our 7th and 8th graders telling them about the wonderful offerings at their respective schools and sharing fun swag. This year, students will spend a morning watching special videos the admissions departments created for them, and the swag was shipped to us, so yes, everyone will come home with a new supply of promotional pens!

One thing that hasn't changed is School Picture Day, which will take place on October 15. Order forms were sent home this past week, and all students should dress in Sunday best on Thursday. Masks will be worn right up until the camera snaps and must be put back on immediately. Please have your child practice if he or she still has difficulty in putting on a mask.

Our first official dress down day will be October 16 in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness: **Pink Out Day**. This year, dress down days will be earned by our students for complying with daily dress code.

Know someone unhappy with the current arrangement at their child's school? We do have space for additional virtual learners at every grade level, and have limited in-person spots left in several grades. We will be happy to set up a Google Meet or even an in-person tour. Don't forget that current families can earn a \$500 Referral Incentive for every new family that registers because of you!

Have a safe and happy week,
Principal Gonzalez



Although a week later than usual this year, we will hold our annual Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi immediately following ALL Masses this weekend. All creatures great & small are invited.



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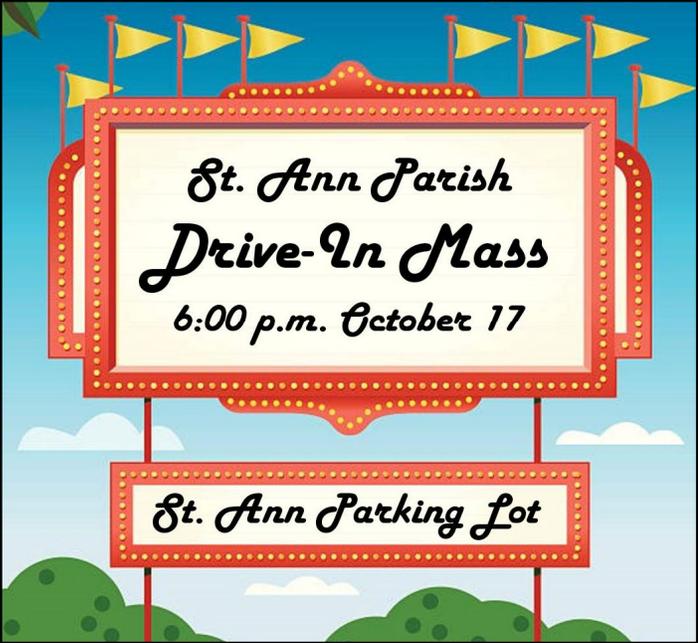
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Upcoming Events

- Pet Blessings: October 10 & 11
- School Photos: October 15
- Pink-Out Day: October 16
- Drive-In Mass: October 17
- Flag Raising: October 20
- School Board Meeting: October 21
- Supper Club at Gayety's: October 29
- Discover Catholic Schools Week: November 8-14
- December 5: Catholic High Schools Entrance Exam



All are welcome to join us for an outdoor Mass where we will celebrate the Eucharist together! Cars may enter through the 181st Street entrance (near the back of church) beginning at 5:30 p.m. and park facing south as directed by our greeters. **Please wear a mask and remain in your vehicle.** Tune your radio to 89.9 FM for the broadcast. Hand sanitizer and Communion will be brought to you in your car. Please reserve your spot beginning October 11 by calling the Parish Office at 895-6700 or by registering at <https://bit.ly/StAnnMassReservation>

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of additional Usher/Greeters during weekend masses and Cleaning Crew immediately following. If you are already attending, would you please consider lending a hand? Many of our current volunteers are called upon for more than one mass each week since we don't have enough help. Usher/Greeters are responsible for checking in attendees, showing them to their seats, hand-sanitizing, and releasing people to receive Communion. Cleaning Crew simply sprays down areas where people touched or sat immediately after the end of mass. (it does not take much time, and the disinfectant does not even have to be wiped off). If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office at 708.895.6700. Thank you!

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October is the Month of the Rosary

This year we will say the Rosary every morning during the week, immediately following the 7:30 a.m. morning Mass. Join us as we pray to the Blessed Mother and meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary.



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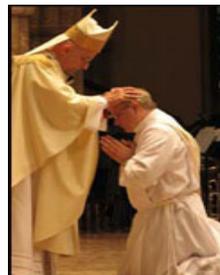


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Paul told his Christian brothers and sisters to think about good things (Philippians 4:8). The words below describe the kind of thoughts we should have. Look up, down, and across to find and circle them.

true honorable just
pure lovely gracious

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus told a parable about people in a vineyard who threw out the son of the owner and killed him. Then Jesus quoted Psalm 118, saying, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (Matthew 21:42). The son in the story and the stone represent the same person, the one who has become our Savior. Unscramble the letters under the sawhorse to spell the two-word answer in the stone above.

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