ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM - Sunday 8:30 AM
Daily: Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM
Holy Hour: Saturdays 7:30-8:30 AM, Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 pm
Confessions: 30 min. prior to all Masses

PRAYER REQUESTS

MAY GOD THE SON SEND HIS HEALING AMONG US.

- Tim Pingel
- Rosemary Cloud
- Kaylee Nichole Ross
- Jackie Ballard
- Martha Gerling
- Donna Manuel
- Catherine Barragan
- Judy Horstman

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Sept 19	8:30am	Kathy Gorski
Sat	Sept 19	4:00 pm	Susan Gorski
Sun	Sept 20	8:30 am	Pro Populo
Mon	Sept 21	8:30 am	Jeanine Shall +
Tues	Sept 22	8:30 am	Vernonica Mecurio
Wed	Sept 23	8:30 am	Lois Park +
Thurs	Sept 24	8:30 am	John & Jennifer Bauer
Fri	Sept 25	8:30 am	Cindy Archer +
Sat	Sept 26	8:30 am	Ellen Daniels
Sat	Sept 26	4:00 pm	Steve Adkison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PICNIC

Join us this Sunday afternoon, September 20th at 2:00 pm for our Parish Picnic hosted by the Martha & Mary's group and the Knights of Columbus. Food and games will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself and your family!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Mark your calendar for the evening of Saturday, October 10 for St. Ann Trivia Night following the 4:00 pm Mass. Stay tuned for more details!

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Please join us for THE PERFECT PRAYER, a video series on the Mass by Chris Carstens on Wednesday evenings, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, & 11/18 from 6:00-6:50 pm OR Thursday mornings, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, & 11/19 from 9:15-10:15 am. RSVP to Ed & Maryann Barlett terppahmeb@gmail.com

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY BIRTHDAY THANK YOU

Thank you to the Legion of Mary for hosting a fantastic event on Tuesday September 8th. The Grotto was decorated beautifully, the bag pipes were inspiring, and the food and drink did not disappoint. Looking forward to the Virgin's birthday next year!

OCIA CLASSES STARTING OCTOBER 4TH

Whether you are considering becoming Catholic or are already Catholic and would like to revisit and deepen your understanding of the faith, please join us downstairs on Sunday mornings after Mass.

Frassati Academy Rosary Raffle 2026

Gold & Sapphire Rosary valued at $2800+
Tickets:$100/each
Drawing: October 3rd at Festa Frassati Gala
Do not need to be present to win!
More Info & to Purchase Tickets:
https://frassatiacademykc.org/rosary-raffle

OCIA - *INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? REACH OUT TO FR. DREW*
BEGINNING 1ST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER AFTER MASS, 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM

GOSPEL ENCOUNTER GROUP
1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS - 9:15AM TO 10:15AM, FOLLOWING MORNING MASS.
Contact Ed & Maryann Barlettt terppahmeb@gmail.com with questions.

MEN'S GROUP
SATURDAYS, 7:00 AM IN THE CHURCH HALL, *EXCEPT 1ST SATURDAYS*
For Info: Eddie VanBuskirk eddievanbuskirk11@outlook.com

LEGION OF MARY
MEETS EVERY SATURDAY IN THE HALL AT 9:15 AM
Contact Mary Lou Greim 816-645-7370

ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. ANN'S

Thank you
Judy Horstman
for donating to the flower fund for the Altar!

What a beautiful way to honor God!

GIVING: SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

- **OFFERTORY** • $ 7,484.00
- **ONLINE** • $ 2,000.00

GIVING: SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

- **OFFERTORY** • $ 6,930.00
- **ONLINE** • $ 1,920.00

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE AT THE LINK BELOW:

HTTPS://GIVING.PARISHSOFT.COM/APP/GIVING/STANNEXCELSPRINGS

SCAN TO DONATE

FROM FATHER DREW

AUGUSTINE WELCOMING SERMON

Welcome or unwelcome, insist on the message …

A LGBTQ "All Are Welcome" Mass took place in July of 2024 in San Diego. It was led by a bishop appointed by Pope Francis in 2020. Below is a sermon from St Augustine (d.430 AD) on Pastors. His theme was "Welcome or unwelcome, insist on the message" …

The straying sheep you have not recalled; the lost sheep you have not sought. In one way or another, we go on living between the hands of robbers and the teeth of raging wolves, and in light of these present dangers we ask your prayers. The sheep moreover are insolent. The shepherd seeks out the straying sheep, but because they have wandered away and are lost, they say that they are not ours.

"Why do you want us? Why do you seek us?" they ask, as if their straying and being lost were not the very reason for our wanting them and seeking them out. "If I am straying," he says, "if I am lost, why do you want me?" You are straying, that is why I wish to recall you. You have been lost; I wish to find you. "But I wish to stray," he says: "I wish to be lost."

So, you wish to stray and be lost? How much better that I do not also wish this. Certainly, I dare say, I am unwelcome. But I listen to the Apostle who says: *Preach the word; insist upon it, welcome and unwelcome*. Welcome to whom? Unwelcome to whom? By all means welcome to those who desire it; unwelcome to those who do not. However unwelcome, I dare to say: "You wish to stray, you wish to be lost; but I do not want this." For the one whom I fear does not wish this. And should I wish it, consider his words of reproach: *The straying sheep you have not recalled; the lost sheep you have not sought*. Shall I fear you rather than him? *Remember, we must all present ourselves before the judgment seat of Christ*.

I shall recall the straying; I shall seek the lost. Whether they wish it or not, I shall do it. And should the brambles of the forests tear at me when I seek them, I shall force myself through all straits; I shall put down all hedges. So far as the God whom I fear grants me the strength, I shall search everywhere.

I shall recall the straying; I shall seek after those on the verge of being lost. If you do not want me to suffer, do not stray, do not become lost. It is enough that I lament your straying and loss. No, I fear that in neglecting you, I shall also kill what is strong. Consider the passage that follows: *And what was strong you have destroyed*. Should I neglect the straying and lost, the strong one will also take delight in straying and in being lost.

LISTEN TO ST. ANN'S DAILY MASS ON CATHOLIC RADIO - 1090 AM
MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:00 AM - FR. DREW'S HOMILIES AIR AT 3:50 PM

Tune into Catholic Radio at 1090 AM or go catholicradio.com and click on "Listen Live". You can also listen to Father Drew's homilies via the website or download a "Podcast" app on your phone. In your podcast app, search "Daily Homily with Father Kevin Drew". Touch that screen and listen to current and past episodes.

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