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Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

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Sacrifice of the Mass:
Saturday.....St. Ann Parish....4:30 p.m.
Sunday..... OLPH Parish....8:30 a.m.
St. Ann Parish....10:30 a.m.

Eucharist Etiquette Reminders:
Silence Electronic Devices, Appropriate
Attire, and Remain through Final Hymn.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Nashville):
Saturday.....3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Sunday.....10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

*** First Communion (Nashville) is Sunday, April 26, 2020.**
*** Pre-Cana Day is Sunday, September 8, 2019.**



Another Banner Waves

St. Ann Parish and School Communities are once again flying the Freedom Flag.
 As we have done since 2009, so now in 2019 we will hoist it high on September 11.

It will wave thru December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day).

As you look at the Freedom Flag, ponder the meanings behind its design: *The Blue Background* (all Americans united together for freedom); *The White Star* (all who lived and died for freedom); *The Five White Bars* (the Pentagon and the organized protection of our freedom); *The Bottom Red Stripe* (the bloodshed of the crew and passengers who perished on United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania); *The Three White Stripes* (the rescue workers, firefighters, police officers, Port Authority employees, and others who worked tirelessly during and after the terrorists' attacks); *The Two Broad Red Stripes* (the Twin Towers and the bloodshed of the people who perished at the World Trade Center and on American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175); and *The Top Red Stripe* (the bloodshed of those who perished at the Pentagon and the crew and passengers on American Airlines Flight 77).

FRESH FROM THE MIND OF FR. ANDY

Hidden beneath this weekend’s celebration of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8). Even though we are not acknowledging it separately this year, here is a little reflection in remembrance of this Feast: “We can make some quite important observations about Mary in the context of celebrating her birthday. The Church mostly celebrates saints’ feasts on the day of their death, that is, their birth into eternal life. In three cases birthdays are celebrated: we honor the birth of Jesus, of Mary, and of John the Baptist for we know that their whole lives were significant in the working out of God’s designs. Since Mary’s role in salvation history emerges in part as we celebrate each of her feasts, we might do well to reflect on her humanity in this feast of her birth. There is a danger that as we think of her Immaculate Conception, her unique holiness, we can so concentrate on her uniqueness that we overlook her humanness. Just as we delight to share birthdays with our relatives and friends, so as we celebrate Mary’s birth we are being invited to know Mary better and to develop more deeply a bond of friendship and affection for her. To think of Mary as a small baby, as a young mother, as a widow who has lost her only Son, can help people to meet in Mary not a distant remote figure of surpassing holiness, but one who like her Son was ‘put to the test in exactly the same way as ourselves, as apart from sin’ (see Hebrews 4:15). A further help in this line of reflection is the short verse in Matthew’s gospel belonging to the account of Jesus’ visit to Nazareth. The people of His own town do not want to accept Him and His teaching, so they reply, ‘Is not Mary His mother?’ (Matthew 13:55). These few words can lead us right to the heart of the mystery of the Incarnation, a mystery of weakness and poverty. The Son of God so emptied Himself (see Philippians 2:7) that no one suspected His divine origins. Mary, too, despite her sinlessness and her divine election to be Mother of God, seemed so ordinary that her neighbors could use as an argument against accepting Jesus the fact that they knew so well Mary, His mother. The life in Nazareth was totally veiled, and to outsiders utterly normal...Far from being remote, therefore, Mary shared fully in our human condition, especially in walking by faith. She grew up as a girl until eventually she was promised in marriage to Joseph” (*At Worship With Mary* by Christopher O’Donnell, pages 165-167).

Keep the faith and a smile on your face.
Peace and Joy,
Father Andy

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, September 14	4:30 p.m.	OFFERTORY: Volunteers
LECTOR: Patricia Liszewski		BLOOD OF CHRIST: Kelly Lilienkamp & Volunteer
MINISTERS OF THE: BODY OF CHRIST: Ann Greten		
SERVERS: Andrew & Cali Jo Lamczyk		
Sunday, September 15	8:30 a.m.	OFFERTORY: Matt Niedbalski Family
LECTOR: Kim Gill	Posen	BLOOD OF CHRIST: Karla Lamke & Art Matecki
MINISTERS OF THE: BODY OF CHRIST: Mimi Polczynski		
SERVERS: Sawyer Matecki, Cruze Przygoda, & Jace Przygoda		
USHERS (for September): Craig Endres & Clinton Bauza		
Sunday, September 15	10:30 a.m.	OFFERTORY: Family Members
LECTOR: Ron Brown		BLOOD OF CHRIST: Gail Borowiak & Volunteer
MINISTERS OF THE: BODY OF CHRIST: Midge Harre		
SERVERS: Roman & Evie Reams		

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Parish School of Religion (PSR) NEWS

- **St. Ann Parish, Nashville, PSR** classes will begin soon. Check here later for an exact starting date and time.
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Posen, PSR** registration forms are available in the lobby of church. Classes will begin Monday, September 23.

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The Annual Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention is Wednesday, October 9, at St. Anthony Parish in Beckemeyer, IL. Early registration is encouraged. Registration forms are in the lobby of church.

School News

St. Ann School's Noodle Making Day will be Saturday, September 21! If anyone would like to volunteer to help us in preparing, cutting, or baking noodles either show up that morning at 6:00 a.m. or call a committee member (Mindy Lamczyk at 618-267-4662 or Sarah Ryterski at 618-558-2675). We would love to see you come and be a part of the 50+ year-old tradition of the "Chili Supper" (now called "Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Day") at St. Ann School. Thank you in advance!

Upcoming Events (Keep Looking Here for Further Information)

St. Ann School's Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Day on Friday, October 11.

St. Ann Ladies' Sodality Quilt & Cash Bingo on Sunday, November 3.

St. Ann School's Dinner Auction on Saturday, November 9.

Vocations Corner

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). What a challenge Jesus has issued to us to follow our call. Our discipleship is based on our acting in accord with His will for our lives. Do we ever take a moment and reflect on our "call" in life and how we are fulfilling that call? Our crosses come in varied shapes and sizes. Some of us are to fulfill ourselves in Marriage; some in the single life; some in the religious life. Encourage and support each other in succeeding in carrying our individual crosses.

Baby Bottles

The Knights of Columbus Nashville Council #4384 will again be collecting for the Washington County Right-to-Life Organization through its "**Baby Bottle**" campaign. The Bottles will be in the lobby of St. Ann Church and in the lobby of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church starting this weekend. Please pick one up, deposit your change (and/or bills) in the bottle throughout the months of September and October, and then return the bottle to the lobby. Thank you, donors. Your contributions go toward protecting persons from womb to tomb.

Local Events

- **St. Christopher Knights of Columbus Council #3943, Christopher, Fall Fish Fry** is Friday, **September 13**. All-You-Can-Eat Dinner (Fish, Fries, Beans, Slaw, Bread, Coffee/Tea) will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00. Carry-outs will be available. Proceeds fund the Knights of Columbus Scholarship.
 - **St. Felicitas Parish Chicken Dinner, Beaver Prairie**, is Sunday, **September 15**. Dinner (Fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, slaw, applesauce, home-made bread, and dessert) will be served cafeteria-style from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost: Adults \$11.00; Children (6-12) \$5.00. Carry-outs will be available.
 - **St. Cecilia Ladies' Sodality, Fall Quilt Bingo, Bartelso**, is Thursday, **September 19**, at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Beautiful Quilts, Cash Awards for Ties, Attendance Prize, and Refreshments. Paper Cards Only.
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- **St. Ann School Board Meeting** is Wednesday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab.
 - **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ladies' Meeting** is Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
 - **Our Lady of Perpetual Help August Quilt Drawing Winner** was Anna Bauza! (Quilt was donated by Joyce Bauza, Sara Bauza, Rosemary Gogolek, Betty Kujawa, Cheryl Ruggles & Sophia Wisnewski.)