

St. Anne Parish

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Office Hours:

Tuesday - 9:00am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00am - 4:00 pm
Friday - 9:00am - 4:00 pm
Saturday - 10am - 12pm

PARISH SERVICES

Reconciliation: 30 Min. Before every Mass

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish office.

Baptism: Please call the Parish office.

Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Mass Intention

If you would like Holy Mass to be offered for your intentions or the intentions of your loved ones, please call the Parish Office or you can write it and drop it in the donation box in the church. Mass offering is \$10.

We acknowledge that we are in Treaty Four Territory, Traditional lands of the Nehiyawak (Cree), Anishinabe (Saulteaux), and Nakota people. Homeland to the Dakota, Lakota and Metis peoples.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 19th, 2021

VISITATION of The BLESSED VIRGIN to ST. ELIZABETH

*"Blessed are you
among women,
and blessed is the
fruit of your womb!"*



Masses for the week

Saturday – December 18th

5:30 Pm † Stan Vleryk
requested by Janet Buettner

Sunday – December 19th

9:00 Am Mass

Monday – December 20th

No Mass

Tuesday – December 21st

7:00 Pm For the Intentions of Nev
requested by Marcella Chamberlain

Wednesday – December 22nd

8:30 Am † Marilyn Moberg
requested by Larry & Louise Tessier

Thursday – December 23rd

8:30 Am † Joanne Hudec
requested by Larry & Louise Tessier

Friday – December 24th

8:30 Am † Jim Carnago
requested by Dickie Osiowy

Readings for this Sunday:

1st reading: Micah 5.2-5a
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel: Luke 1.38



Parish weekly Financial Update: December 11th & 12th:

Collection summary for last weekend as follows:

- Sunday Collections	\$ 1,195.00
- Building Funds	\$ 650.00
- Christmas Offerings	\$ 160.00
- Christmas Flowers	\$ 150.00
- World Mission Sunday	\$ 30.00

Total: **\$ 2,185.00**

Building Fund Goal 2021: - \$50,000.00

Donations Collected: - \$34,967.11

Archbishop's Appeal Target: - \$ 20,201.00

Donations collected - \$ 41,235.00

TRC Healing Response: - \$ 5,575.00

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th @ 7 Pm
(Christmas Eve)

Saturday, December 25th @ 9 Am
(Christmas Day),

Sunday, December 26th @ 9 Am
(Holy Family)

Friday, December 31st @ 7 Pm
(New Years Eve)

Saturday, January 1st @ 9 Am
(New Year)

Sunday, January 2nd @ 9 AM
(Epiphany of the Lord)

Thank You.

Notice of office closure for Christmas

The Parish office will be closed from
December 24th, 2021 in the afternoon to
January 3rd, 2022 for the Holidays.

If you have an emergency, please call the
Parish office at 306-586-0449 or you can
email us at office@stannesregina.com

N.B: The Bulletin on Friday, December
24th will be for the following two weeks.

Thank You!!



Three weeks ago we had called on you to help us reduce the burden of our Church Loan which amounted **\$330,666.28**.

By December 31st 2021, we needed to raise an amount of **\$50,000.00** for the loan.

Right now (till date), with your generous support we were able to raise **\$34,967.11** in our Building Fund (**\$18,027.30 raised + \$16,939.81 bequest received**).

Those who are planning to donate, please know that your support will be greatly appreciated.

Once again, we would like to thank you so much for your support.

Rev. Fr. Amedee Ainemon
Parish Priest



Church Donation Envelopes for 2022 are now available to collect.

Please pick your envelope box available in the Church foyer.

We will appreciate if you can also help us distribute them by picking a box for anyone close to you.

Please contact the office if you need an envelope box. Thank you!!

Prepare for Christmas as if a king were coming to your house

Our exterior preparations should match our interior preparations, eagerly waiting for the King of kings to enter our hearts.

While it is relatively easy to prepare our home with beautiful decorations for the feast of Christmas, are we matching those preparations with an equally beautiful spiritual life?

Rabanus Maurus, a holy monk of the 9th century, urges us to prepare for Christmas as if we were to welcome a king into our home for his birthday. His reflection is taken from the *Liturgical Year* and provides a profound meditation during Advent.

If at all times it behoves us to be adorned with the comeliness of good works, we should be so with an especial care on the day of our Savior's birth.

*Consider within yourselves, my brethren, **what you would do, were a king, or prince, to invite you to come to celebrate his birthday.** Your garments would be as new, as elegant, even as magnificent, as you could procure them, for you would think it an insult to him who invited you, were you to appear before him with anything upon you that was torn or poor or unclean.*

Prepare your heart for a King

Maurus explains how we should prepare our heart in a similar way, looking to adorn it with virtue.

*Show a like solicitude on the occasion of the coming feast, and **let your souls beautified with the several ornaments of virtue go forth to their King.** He loves the **pearls of simplicity** and the **flowers of chaste sobriety**, wear them therefore. Let your consciences be composed in a holy calm now that the solemn feast of Jesus Nativity is so close upon us. Assist at it lovely in your chastity, **gorgeous in your charity, beauteous by your almsdeeds, brilliant with justice and humility** and above all **radiant in the love of God.***

Sometimes we need to radically shift our interior view of Christmas in order to treat it as it is, a glorious feast to celebrate Jesus coming into our own personal lives.

Beyond the gifts and decorations, may we prepare our hearts for the King of all kings.

The Buildings and Grounds ministry is charged with having a safe, sound and pleasant place of worship and rectory for our parish. We have need for a few more helpers as noted below; currently Kelly Nelson and Bert Perrault lead the ministry, and we have an ongoing housekeeper to clean the church and rectory. The positions we need help with are:

- A third leader to round out the leadership team; no buildings and grounds experience is needed, but leadership experience or a desire to grow in this area is desirable.
- A snow removal person or team to shovel and sweep the sidewalks and keep the ice in check. All necessary equipment is provided, including a snow blower. It takes about an hour to shovel the sidewalks after each snowfall.
- A handy person or team to carry out minor building items for the church, such as but not limited to, changing furnace filters, light bulbs and tubes, fixing sink faucet leaks, etc

The leadership position is voluntary. The snow removal and handy person positions can be voluntary or paid and can be combined into one position.

Contact Kelly Nelson at (306) 536-9932 for more information. Thank you!!

Preparation for Confirmation and First Holy Communion

This Sunday, December 19th at 10:00 Am there will be Catechism Class for children preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

After this Sunday there will be a Christmas break until Sunday, January 9th 2022 at 10:00 Am when classes will resume again.



Flowers for the Christmas season

As we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season, we would like to invite you to help beautify our church with plants or flowers in honour of a loved one.

To participate, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas flowers'. Along with your donation, please include your name and the name of the person/s you wish remembered. If you have an envelope number for your family, please note this as well. You may place your donation in the collection basket in the Gathering Area. (Suggested donation is \$20.)

Before Christmas, we will share the names of your loved one(s) in our weekly newsletter to parishioners.

Thank you!

**Christmas Isn't just a temporal celebration
or the memory of a beautiful (Event);
Christmas is more...Christmas is an
encounter!**

- Pope Francis

Mission Statement: We, the Catholic Parish of St. Anne, centred in Word and Eucharist, are called to be a caring faith community; coming together to celebrate God's love and truth through the sacraments, and make Christ present to others through loving service.