

CLASSES AT ST. ANN

ST. ANN PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - PSR

- Confession for PSR students will be held after Mass on Dec 22nd at 11:30 AM. We encourage all parents to bring their children to confession during the Advent season.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES

If you are interested in the Catholic Faith, joining the Catholic Church or learning more about your Faith, please join us on Wednesday nights after the 6 pm Mass.

No Class Wednesday, December 25th:

- Merry Christmas!

The class is open to all persons. *Registration is not required.*
Questions - please contact Terry Miller at millert832@gmail.com.

Faith Comes by Hearing

ROMANS 10:17

TRANSLATIONS FOR MASS

Introit - Is. 45:8, Ps. 18

Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Saviour. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

Communion - Is 7:14 V. Ps 18: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel. 1. The heavens show forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of his hands. 2. Day to day uttereth speech, and night to night showeth knowledge. 3. There are no speeches nor languages, where their voices are not heard. 4. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth: and their words unto the ends of the world. 5. He hath set his tabernacle in the sun: and he, as a bridegroom coming out of his bride chamber, hath rejoiced as a giant to run the way. 6. His going out is from the end of heaven, and his circuit even to the end thereof: and there is no one that can hide himself from his heat.

HANDMADE GOAT MILK SOAP



106 E Broadway St
Plattsburg, MO
Hours:
Tues - Fri 10-5
Sat 9-12

If you have reasonable cause to suspect sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, you must call: The Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738, if the victim is under the age of 18. The Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1.800.392.0210, if the victim is a vulnerable adult. Local law enforcement or 911 if you believe the person is in immediate danger. If the suspected abuser is an employee, volunteer, priest or deacon in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, please report to the Independent Ombudsman at (816) 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org.



Prayers for Our Parish Family

We pray for our elderly, infirm, and home-bound:

O God, your Son accepted sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Vicki Anseume, Allen Bence, Kenneth Carey, Etta Mae Carlson, Carrol & Pat Clingan, Edward Cook, Paul Daily, Lori Echols, Janice Fristoe, Cindy Gaines-Walter, Martha Gerling, Jean Harris, Tom Kutz, Sylvia McColleston, Gloria Price, Lee & Barbara Schwery, Amy Spriesterbach, Bob Swope, Steve VanHorn, Marie VanHorn, Tonia Vigilante, William Wolford Jr, Meryle Young, Claudia Ziegler

To add or change a name please email - stannplattsburg@gmail.com.

Holiday Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th

- 4:00 PM

- Midnight (Carols to begin at 11:30 PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th

- 10:30 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 31st

- 5:00 PM

Holy Day Mass, Wednesday, January 1st

- 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US

ROSARY & A POTLUCK HOSTED BY MATT & CARA GREEN
EVERY 1ST SATURDAY AT THEIR HOME @ 6 PM
CALL OR TXT CARA FOR MORE INFO :
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St. Ann Church

816.539.2634

December 22, 2024

700 W. Maple St. Plattsburg, MO 64477

4th Sunday of Advent

Pastor

Rev. Kevin Drew

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Amie Friedl

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Madelaine Adams - Director

Teresa Koch

Terry Miller - Adult Catechism

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Eric Niemann

Cody O'Connor

Knights of Columbus

Vince Benedetto, Grand Knight

Frank Watton, Deputy

Eric Niemann, Recruitment Chair

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Tom Kutz, President

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Carleen Miller, Treasurer

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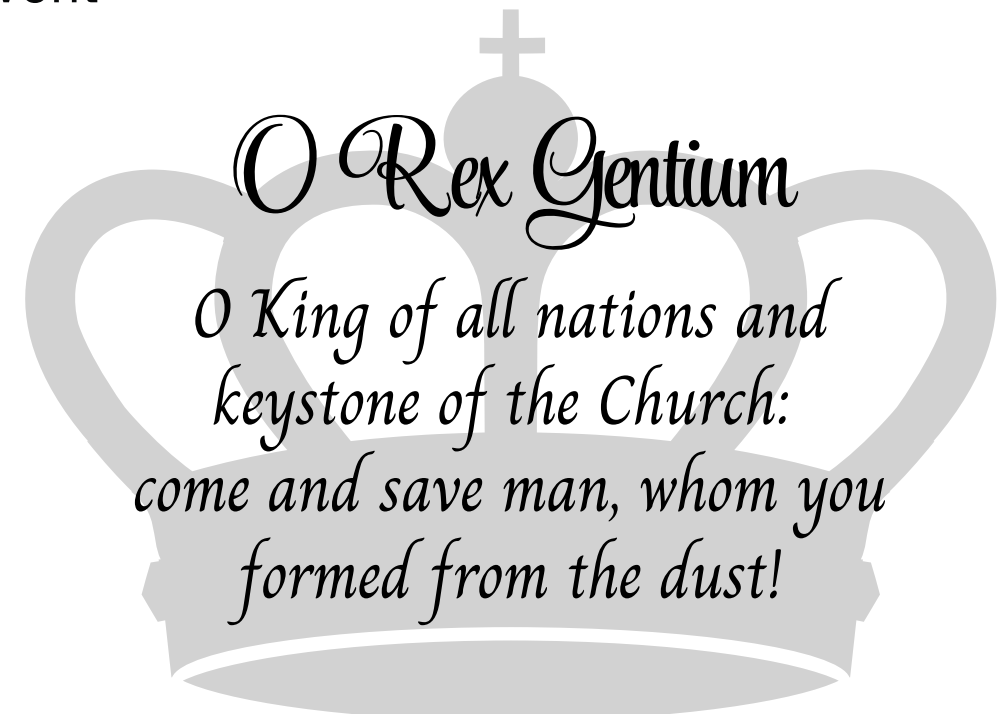
Visitation Sodality

Shannon Hansen, President

Gina Watton, Vice President

Mary Hale, Treasurer

Sam Finley, Secretary



*O Rex Gentium
O King of all nations and
keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you
formed from the dust!*

From the O Antiphons

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

This is my body which is given for you. -- Luke 22:19

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4 PM

SUNDAY - 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

THERE WILL BE NO
WEEKDAY MASSES
THIS WEEK DUE TO
THE CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

TUES, 12/24 - 4 PM

MIDNIGHT MASS

WED, 12/25 - 10:30 AM

TUES, 12/31 - 5 PM

WED, 01/01 - 10:30 AM

1ST SATURDAY MASS

JANUARY 4TH - 9 AM

CONFESSION

*Repent, therefore and be converted,
that your sins may be wiped away.
Acts 3:19*

Wednesday 5:30 PM

Saturday 3:00 PM

Contact Fr. Drew for Appointments

ADORATION

*The greatest love story of all time is
contained in a tiny white host.
- Sheen*

Please sign up in the back of the church.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Pastor

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office
816-539-2634 follow
instructions.

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Pastor
6-9 months before the
proposed date.



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ALTAR SERVERS MASS INTENTIONS

SUN, DEC 22ND - 10:30 AM
 MC - Philip Richey
 T - Jonathan Friedl
 A - Henry Richey
 A - Pierre Moraille
 Reader - David Woody
 Sacristan - Tyler Walock

TUES, DEC 24TH - 4 PM
 MC - Beau Metcalf
 T - Levi Metcalf
 A - Brogan Noll
 A - Pierre Moraille
 Reader - Dino Durando

SUN, DEC 22ND - 10:30 AM
 Lindsay Plathe
 By: Anne Friedl

TUES, DEC 24TH - 4 PM
 Pro Populo

TUES, DEC 24TH - MIDNIGHT
 Fr. Schneider
 By: The Schola of St. Ann

WED, DEC 25TH - 10:30 AM
 Georgia O'Connor †
 By: Dan O'Connor

SAT, DEC 28TH - 4 PM
 Raphael & Frances Leibold †
 By: Keith & Shannon Hansen

SUN, DEC 29TH - 10:30 AM
 Randy Hansen †
 By: Keith & Shannon Hansen

TUES, DEC 31ST - 5 PM
 Dane Reiter
 By: The Plathe Family

WED, JAN 1ST - 10:30 AM
 Virginia DiGiovanni †
 By: Patrick O'Brien

TUES, DEC 24TH - MIDNIGHT
 MC - Grant Schuster
 T - Philip Richey
 A - Jonathon Friedl
 A - Samuel Richey
 Reader - David Woody
 Sacristan - Andy Friedl

WED, DEC 25TH - 10:30 AM
 MC - Mark Durando
 T - Jonathon Friedl
 A - Ambrose Green
 Reader - Terry Miller
 Sacristan - David Woody

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

If you have a Mass intention, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex. Place your Mass intention envelope with your \$10 stipend in the basket. If you add your phone number or email address, we will confirm the date your Mass is scheduled. Thank you!



PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR DURING ADVENT.

THE FLOWER DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING ADVENT WILL BE PUT TOWARDS THE POINSETTIAS AND TREES FOR CHRISTMAS. THE INTENTIONS WILL BE POSTED IN THE BULLETIN DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUBMIT YOUR DONATIONS TO THE VISITATION SODALITY IN THE ENVELOPES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU!



Weekend Collection

December 4, 2024		December 8, 2024	
Offertory:	\$ 4,636.00	Offertory:	\$ 2,856.00
Online:	\$ 1,119.48	Online:	\$ 724.48
Holy Day:	\$	Holy Day:	\$
Mass Stipend:	\$ 10.00	Mass Stipend:	\$
Maintenance:	\$	Maintenance:	\$
Cap. Campaign:	\$ 1,620.67	Cap. Campaign:	\$ 613.67
Total :	\$ 3,694.00	Total :	\$ 4,194.15

LOAN DUE AT DIOCESE : \$ 177,000.00

\$3718.56 needed weekly to meet our budget. The monthly operating budget is distinct from the capital campaign. Thank you for your generosity!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR FR. DREW

This lion is also a lamb...



Genesis 49:2, 8-10

Assemble and listen sons of Jacob, listen to Israel, your father. Jacob assembled his twelve sons, the twelve tribes of Israel to inform them which one would take charge.

Jacob himself was a 2nd born son, just like his own father, Isaac. However, Isaac put him in charge. Then Jacob gathered his sons together and told them not just the 2nd born, but the 4th born son, Judah would rule. Why? Why the fourth instead of the first or second? This passage from Genesis skips verses 3-7. Those verses tell us why. They tell us Reuben was the oldest. But he slept with his father's girlfriend. So he was out. The next in line, Levi and Simeon were too wild and full of violence.

You, Judah, shall your brothers praise...the sons of your father shall bow down to you. The scepter will never depart Judah, never leave the king's hand.

That is what the first book of the Old Testament says. What then does the first book of the New Testament say? Matthew's principal audience was the Jews in Palestine (Israel), who were very interested in their bloodline. Oral tradition and memorizing all of one's forefathers was nothing for a Jew. People knew how to remember back then.

Matthew the tax collector was an accountant, a numbers man. And so, he neatly arranged and organized Christ's family tree to remind the Jews that yes, they were called first, as God's chosen people. But, Matthew reminded them, it is not always about being first. Isaac, Jacob, and Judah were *not* first. And salvation is not just for those who are first – a chosen few, a chosen race.

Matthew's genealogy also mentions women, which most likely was an odd thing to do at the time. And four of the five women – Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba and Ruth, were foreigners! They weren't even Jews! The fifth woman of course was the Virgin Mary, most surely of the tribe of Judah, as of course was her husband, Joseph.

So, St Matthew, very astutely had the Jews (and by extension us) look back to our own Sacred Scriptures. Judah will be the tribe, the lion that *all* peoples, Jew and non-Jew alike will pay homage. The lion will have a sketchy bloodline, filled with foreigners and sinners. But the scepter, the staff of this royal lion will never leave Judah.

This lion is also a lamb; a lamb that will save His people by laying down His life for them. That is the hard part the world cannot seem to accept. How does one live and reign forever by dying? It is the ultimate paradox. But that is how it works. We live and reign forever by dying to this passing-away world, by laying down our lives in imitation of Christ. In doing so, the scepter will never leave *our* hands as we are co-heirs to the kingdom.

Jesus Christ is the lion (and the lamb) of Judah. His forefather Jacob spoke about Him in the very first book of the Bible. Do you see how God neatly arranged and organized our salvation for us?
Assemble and listen sons of Jacob, listen to Israel, your father.

CATHOLIC MONTH OF DECEMBER

DECEMBER DEVOTION

The Immaculate Conception

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us. Amen



VIRTUE: UNION

ECCE EGO VOBISCUM SUM—BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU.—MATT. 28:20

THE OBJECT OF ALL VIRTUES IS TO BRING US INTO UNION WITH GOD, IN WHICH ALONE IS LAID UP ALL THE HAPPINESS THAT CAN BE ENJOYED IN THIS WORLD.

—ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

ADVENT

Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The wreath is then sprinkled with holy water by the father if possible).

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

O Lord, we beseech Thee, stir up Thy power and come; and with great might deliver us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (All 4 candles are lit)

Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.

Rejoice, rejoice! O Israel, to thee shall come Emmanuel.

COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER THE 4TH COMMANDMENT "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER."



WEEK 4

A major facet of the 4th Commandment, "Honor your father and mother", is that it instructs us to honor our parents by caring for them in their old age. No one has perfect parents, and too many have parents who clearly fell short of providing an ideal childhood. Regardless, we are all called by God to set aside our differences and, as our parents when they become physically and mentally unable to care for themselves, to honor them by attending to their needs.

When the responsibility of caring for aging parents is embraced with an attitude of love, forgiveness and sacrifice, attending to them can be one of life's most beautiful seasons of life. The time spent with them provides sacred moments. Times to laugh and cry together, as you relive past memories. Times for heart-to-heart conversations that lead to forgiveness and peace, before it is too late.

Also, included in the 4th Commandment God provided a plan for all generations to be cared for in our old age. As children observe their parents lovingly care for Grandma and Grandpa, the children begin to develop an understanding of their calling to do the same when we need their help. Then, as they care for us, our grandchildren will, in turn, learn and do the same for our children. What love and wisdom from our Creator!



REV. DENIS KEILY COUNCIL #9401

A fraternal organization that seeks to serve our parish, assist the pastor in his ministry, and serve our wider community in a spirit of dedication to our Catholic Faith and to its mission.

For more info please contact :
 Eric Niemann, Recruiter, at eniemann@1791.com

VISITATION SODALITY

The Visitation Sodality is an organization made up of all age ladies, dedicated to serving the parish and our Priest. We strive to support the liturgy and the altar, social functions and funerals. Please consider joining us in our mission to serve our parish family.

Come check out our store located in the Parish Hall. We have sacramentals, gifts, books, veils, Advent wreaths and candles! All proceeds go to serving our Church and our Parish Family.

Contact Shannon Hansen for more info :
 hansenfamily1999@gmail.com



PLATTSBURG NURSING HOME APOSTOLATE
 Members of our parish are currently visiting residents at Oakridge and Nick's Healthcare Center here in Plattsburg. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Terry and Carleen Miller at (816) 930-2976

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a world wide lay apostolic association of Catholics dedicated to praying and working for Mary for the salvation of souls. The parish needs people willing to give a little of their time to Mary.

There's not a better person to pray and work for but Mary, and not a better reason to pray and work than for the salvation of souls.

Meetings are Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Rectory.

Questions: call Sherry Kutz (217) 260-7338



Congratulations to Collene Cole who has become the newest active Legion of Mary member! We now have 5 active members and 15 auxiliary members. We look forward to having others join Mary's army praying and working for souls. Please join us Sundays at 9AM in the Rectory.