

As a seminarian, I don't know if my hopes for the priesthood were precisely normal.

I don't exactly know what the average ideal is for a seminarian – whether to one day become a pastor at a large parish, or a school, or a chaplain of the military, a martyr (hopefully!), a Holy confessor, etc.

Personally, I always dreamt of being entrusted one day with some small parish, insignificant in the eyes of the world, but precious and beloved by those who called her home. It did not have great numbers of faithful – on some long winter nights, attendance might consist of just one little old Church lady.

And I dreamt of having so much love for the priesthood and for Jesus Christ, that with His grace and presence, we could ignite the hearts of those few and faithful parishioners, and with their co-operation and assistance, go on to work wonders for love of Christ in that region, and convert many souls from sin to salvation.

St. Ann's in Plattsburg feels like a dream come true to this first-time pastor. It is a small parish – enchanting for her simplicity, gracious and whole in her art and architecture, home to generations of good, humble, hard-working, Midwesterners.

There is no worldly spectacle in town to give us false pretences of grandeur or mystique. This is Plattsburg, Missouri! And that is what we love about it!

But what about the people of this parish? Back in seminary, I dreamt of little old church ladies praying the rosary. What good can they do to evangelize the world? What place do they have in the greater plan of God?

We must never underestimate the love that goes into those rosaries, or the value of the faithful few in the eyes of God. Maybe then, we could learn ourselves to pray when we have worries, to use up all our time and energies for God, to lean on Him in our troubles and worries.

And then, on the long winter nights, the numbers dwindle. And sometimes we're left with just one little old lady. Let's talk about her.

St. Ann, our patron, the faithful mother, and grandmother, par excellence, will always remain in this parish, and love it as her own.

The mother of the mother of our savior, though she may never have taken rosary beads in her hands, since they did not exist in her time, she did watch and pray in humble silence, as the mystery of the life of Christ evolved before her very eyes.

And what did St. Ann accomplish? Much more than we could dream of.

She is a quiet figure in the background, yet without her the Blessed Virgin Mary could never have learnt to observe the law of Moses, or to pray, or to give of herself in domestic tasks and sacrifices.

St. Ann made it all happen – and yet receives so little attention. She receives little attention, because she wants little attention.

That right there is our goal in life: to work and grow in silence. A small, quiet, unassuming town. A good number of humble parishioners, each of whom has made a radical choice to love God more than anything this world has to offer.

And from humility – that we are slowly learning and applying to our lives - we begin to set the stage so that those we love can flourish, just as St. Ann did for our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our sons, daughters, friends, family, neighbors need us to reach a deeper level of conversion and humility, so that they may find God and embrace Him in their own lives.

I often say that in a crazy, unhinged world, the greatest act of rebellion we can make is normality. And is America not a rebel nation? Then let us win grace for our fellow men by embracing the ordinary duties of a daily life, with extraordinary love, as St. Therese would put it. That way we will be truly sons and daughters of Saint Ann, brothers and sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



St. Ann Catholic Church

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SOLEMNITY OF ST. ANN

A plenary indulgence is granted on a parish church's patronal (titular) feast day to the faithful who devoutly visit the church and recite the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

The Holy Family with Saint Anne

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Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism

Holy Matrimony

Please contact Father Fenlon at least 6-9 months prior to desired date

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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

SATURDAY 4:00 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 7:30 AM

Confession

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

TUESDAY 6:00 - 8:00 PM

SATURDAY 3:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Could you not watch one hour with me? - Matthew 26:40

TUESDAY 6:00 - 9:00 PM

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org 816-213-6024. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Altar Servers & Lectors

Mass Intentions

OCIA & PSR

Announcements

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 9:00 AM

S Tyler Walock
R -----
MC -----
T -----
A1 Ambrose Green
A2 Gabriel Green

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2:00 PM

S Andy Friedl
R -----
MC Angelo Moraille
T Mark Durando
A1 Jon Friedl
A2 Pierre Moraille

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 9:00 AM

S David Woody
R Terry Miller
MC Mark Durando
T Jon Friedl
A1 Ambrose Green
A2 Luke Hansen

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 4:00 PM

Jim Dunseath † by Matt & Jami James

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 9:00 AM

Pro populo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 4:00 PM

Eric Ewing by Keily & Cody O'Connor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 9:00 AM

Pro populo

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Mass intention envelopes are in the narthex. Place your Mass intention envelope with your \$10 stipend in the basket. Please include a phone number to be notified when your Mass is scheduled. Sunday Masses will be reserved “for the people” Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Visitation Sodality in honor of St. Ann

You can sponsor flowers for \$40 a week in honor or memorial of a loved one. Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin. Please make your checks payable to the Visitation Sodality and in the memo write "flowers." You may sign up for a specific date in the back of the church, or we will assign you the next available date.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vicki Anseume, Allen Bence, Kenneth Carey, Etta Mae Carlson, Pat Clingan, Edward Cook, Nancy Conley, Paul Daily, Janice Fristoe, Cindy Gaines-Walker, Martha Gerling, Cara Green, Jean Harris, Tom Kutz, Sylvia McColleston, Lindsay Plathe, Don Price, Lee & Barbara Schwery, Amy Spriesterbach, Bob Swope, Steve VanHorn, Marie VanHorn, Tonia Vigilante, William Wolford Jr, Meryle Young, Claudia Ziegler

Please update the parish via email of any changes.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

What greater love can we give than our precious Catholic Faith that enables Salvation? Start praying NOW to till the ground and start planting seeds (approaching others) that will germinate by the time OCIA classes begin this fall!

Contact Terry Miller (816) 217-9712

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Registration for new PSR families will be July 19-August 2!

Contact Madeleine Adams at (314) 480-2750

Prayer to St. Ann

Good St. Ann, you were especially favored by God to be the mother of the most Holy Virgin Mary and the grandmother of our Lord Jesus Christ. By your power with your most pure daughter and her Divine Son, kindly obtain for us the grace of the favor we now seek. Please also secure for us the forgiveness of our past sins, the help our family needs to persevere in the love of Jesus and Mary, and for us all someday to be with them and you and all the saints. Amen

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Come check out our store located in the Parish Hall. We have sacramentals, gifts, books, veils, and more! All proceeds go to serving our Church and our Parish Family.
For more info contact:
Shannon Hansen at hansenfamily1999@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

- District Golf Tournament - September 12th
- Business meetings - 2nd Saturday of each month - 9AM

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

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.

If you have questions call:
Sherry Kutz (217) 260-7338

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The pictorial directories are done! If your family was photographed last fall, pick up your complimentary copy on the table in the back of the church. They are labeled with your family name. There are a few extras in the back of the box for anyone else interested in a copy.

HOME VISITS WITH FATHER FENLON

Father would love to get to know you and your family on a more personal level than just a few minutes after Mass. There is a sign-up in the back of church to invite Father to your home either on a Thursday or Saturday evening. Feeding him is optional :) Please include your city so we can schedule two visits per evening, and he isn't driving from Holt to Smithville on the same day.

BACK TO SCHOOL HAIRCUTS

Cody O'Connor is offering Back-to-School haircuts on Saturday, August 8th and Monday, August 10th. Please sign up. A free-will donation will go to the Visitation Sodality for the many works they do for the parish.

TEEN BOARD GAME NIGHT

Join other teens from the parish for the final summer board game night on Wednesday, August 5, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm in the parish hall.

Bring a game & snack to share!

Invite your friends!

Parents, please sign up to help chaperone.

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

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR JULY 18-19

Offertory: \$2,767.00
Online: \$605.00

Total: \$3372.00

\$3718.56 needed weekly to meet our budget.
Thank you for your generosity!

Please scan the QR code for online giving.

