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**From the  
 Pastor's Desk  
 1 /2012**



Dear Friends;  
 Seems like we haven't finished putting away the Christmas decorations—and what do you know-IT'S MARDI GRAS TIME, again. Another fun event at St. Ann's to meet and mix with your fellow parishioners.

We have the now famous SIR JAMES cooking authentic Louisiana food-toned down for us! There will be fun, games and of course a Hurricane or two will be served! Please come and help us as we usher in another Lent.

Many thanks to Bernie Roy and her committee for the Pro-Life work this past year. Thanks to all who joined us for the Roe-Wade observance at the Cathedral. God Bless all of you and what you do to save lives.

Please don't forget Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) and have a blessed Lent.

Blessings,  
 Fr. Glenn

St. Blaise  
 By: Donna McGrath  
 February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. Many Catholics might remember St. Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. St. Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when St. Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about St. Blaise. We believe he was a Bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred in the early fourth century. The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tells us the he was born in a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a Bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor. Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

*We will celebrate St. Blasé's Feast Day the weekend of February 4th & 5th, with the "Blessing of the Throats". We encourage everyone to receive this blessing.*

Notes from the  
 Financial Corner  
 By: Jack Hohman



**The 2nd quarter financial report is due out on February 7th. At that time we will have a better understanding of where we are financially.**

**There is one area of concern and that is that some weeks the Sunday collections are close to the weekly \$5,000 that is needed to meet expenses, and some are way short. We are currently using the balance in the Building Fund to pay the monthly principal and interest payments on our loan. Currently, the monthly Building Fund envelope is the only source of income for this fund. When this fund is exhausted we will need to use funds from the Sunday collection and our fund raisers, which is used for our operating expenses, to make our loan and interest payments. Currently we are in stable condition, however the next Fiscal Year will be a real challenge.**

**We have our annual Mardi Gras on February 18th. This is our second biggest fund raiser next to the Festival. A good turnout for this event will go a long way toward helping St. Ann financially.**

Have a good month!  
 Crunchin' Numbers



## Parish Notes & News

**Festival News:** Mark your calendars for the dates of: Thursday, August 23rd to Saturday, August 25th for Festival Time. We'll most likely start having meetings in March and everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Need any info before that?; contact Rhonda or Tom Gerding.

**The Crafty Ladies of St. Ann:** Will meet on February 21, 2012 at 6:30pm. We will continue exchanging ideas and working on our items for the festival. Please join us; and, if you like, bring something to work on. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 317-821-2247.

### Ladies Guild:

By: Charlotte Hudson

The Ladies Guild did not meet in January and will not meet again in February due to the uncertain weather conditions at this time of year. Although we did not meet, our ladies are still actively at work in the church. Our ladies have called and prepared for funeral dinners and the church and kitchen cleaning still continues.

Many of our members are actively participating in other ministries of the church and The Crafty Ladies of St. Ann's are planning projects for the festival. We are proud to serve St. Ann's Church. We will resume our regular meetings in March. We have a lot on the agenda in the months ahead.

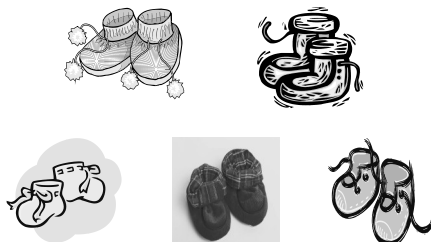
Why not consider joining us? All ladies, eighteen years and older, are invited to join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be March 13th, at 7:00pm in the Social Hall.

## Right to Life / Pro-Life Report

The spring campaign for "40 Days for Life"-Indy will begin on Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 and run through Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012 from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday and Noon -6pm on Sundays. If you like to play a leadership role in this peaceful, prayerful campaign, please contact the local leader, Timothy O'Donnell at 372-0040.

"Sanctity of Life Dinner" is on Thursday, March 8th from 6pm to 9pm. The Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry will host it's dinner at the Riverwalk Banquet Center & Lodge, 6729 Westfield Blvd. in Indianapolis. For reservations call: Pro-Life Office at 236-1569 or 800-382-9836 ext 1569 or email: [parthur@archindy.org](mailto:parthur@archindy.org) The keynote speaker will be Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, Pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM!



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS THAT GOD IS WITH THEM AND THEY RETURN SAFELY TO THEIR FAMILIES...  
GIVE THANKS FOR THEIR SERVICE.



**1st Lt. Andy Betz, Air Force,** (son of Ken & Ginger Betz & brother of Alex Betz); **CW2 Gregory Kilpatrick, Army,** (son of Janet Schlien); **StfSgt. Jim Henckel, Army,** (Grandson-in-law of Jim and Lee Wenzlick); **StfSgt. Robert F. Hall, Army;** **SrMSgt. Jennifer Wilson, Air Force;** **LCpl. Matthew Wilson, Marines,** (Friends of Jane & Dave Shireman); **Pfc. Rob Wolfla, Marine,** (Grandson of Joe Wolfla); **Spc. Mary Blankenship, Army,** (friend of Anna Brown & G.Granddaughter of Ruth Joyner); **Sr. Airman Jordan Purdue, Air Force,** (Grandson of Art & Connie Purdue); **LCpl. Joseph E. Lohman, Marines,** (nephew of Madonna Petty); **2nd Lt. Howard Avery, Army Chaplain,** (son-in-law of Nancy Giordano); **Rev. Uzoma Uwakwe, Army Chaplain,** (sent to Iraq & Afghanistan), **1st Lt. Greg Oliver, Marines,** (Friend of Joe Lux); **Pvt. Charles Shepherd, Army,** (Son of Lesa Shepherd & Grandson of Lillian Spurgeon); **Lt. Aaron DeWeese, Army,** (Nephew of Carolyn Gornish & Norma Harreld); **Spc. Steven Caldwell, Army,** (Son-in-law of Jane & Duke Bilyeu); **Spc. Nathan Purdue, Army,** (Grandson of Virgil & Lois Purdue); **MSgt. Angel C. Cruz & StfSgt. Roger Cruz, Air Force,** (Daughter & Son-in-law of Christine Ridener); **Sgt. Jimmy Perryman, Pfc. Charles Perryman, Pfc. Danny Perryman, Army,** (Friends of Christine Ridener); **Sgt. James Schultz, Army,** (Grandson Marvin Mattingly); **Afc. Cornelius E. Anderson III, Air Force,** (Grandson of Shirley Anderson); **Kenneth Stowe, Navy,** (Grandson-in-law of Shirley Anderson);

May those who have gone before us rest in Christ's peace. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

To add names to the list, give: name, rank & service branch to Jane Shireman at 243-6534.



## Parish Council

Meeting of November 22, 2011 was called to order at 7pm by President Jim White.

Opening Remarks: Jim White complimented the Council on communicating with each other.

## Commission Reports

### Family Life & Social Concerns

**Commission:** Carolyn Gornick.

**Ladies Guild:** met November 8, 2011 and 15 ladies were present.

The group decided that its prayer partners will no longer buy gifts for each other. Cards and prayers are permitted and encouraged. New prayer partners will be chosen at the June meeting. The Ladies Guild will hold no meetings in January or February, 2012. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 13, 2012.

Funeral Dinner Committee: only one dinner was served since the last meeting.

**Altar Circle:** It was reported the Church and Social Hall were cleaned as scheduled.

**Pro-Life/Right to Life:** The committee is still looking for someone to travel to Washington, D.C. for the Pro Life "March for Life" in January, 2012.

**Crafty Ladies of St. Ann:** met Nov. 25, 2011. 12 members were present. The group is currently working on making hats and scarves for the St. Ann Christmas Giving Tree. Carolyn Gornick met with the Festival Committee and with its approval, it was reported that the group will be making projects to sell at the St. Ann Festival. Any money earned from this project will be for the Festival profit.

**Young At Heart Club:** no report.

### Spiritual Life Commission:

Rose Slocum.

**Liturgy Committee:** met November 3, 2011. Eucharist Minister Training will be January 21, 2012 from 1 to 3pm; also, Greeter and Usher training on the same day at 11am.

Lector training is January 4, 2012.

First Communion will be April 14, 2012 at 2pm. Faith Formation has asked for help in the planning of the Liturgy and they will try to have the Children's Choir for Mass. Next Liturgy meeting is January 5, 2012 at 6:30pm.

**A & E:** no report.

### Faith Formation Commission:

Michele Carter.

**Seasons of Hope:** Season One ended October 27, 2011. The team group leader from St. Joseph's and St. Ann's held a wrap-up meeting November 21, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church. Season two will be offered as an evening program at St. Ann's Church beginning Tuesday, March 27, 2012 thru Tuesday, May 2, 2012 from 7pm to 8:30pm. The sessions will be one & one half hours instead of two hours with social time following the meeting instead of in the middle of the meeting. Father Glenn indicated Father George would be interested in being a representative when Father Glenn is not available.

The team group leader meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church.

**Advent activities:** There will be reflections for each week to tie into the Gospel of that particular week. Nov. 20th will be the children's Mass.

**Advent Service Project:** Will ask parishioners for new or "like new" children's books & donations of fleece. The children of the parish will make blankets during religious education. Plan to shoot for a January 7th delivery date.

### Administrative Commission:

Jack Hohman.

**Finance Report:** The next meeting for the Finance Committee is November 29, 2011. Jack Hohman gave a report on the financial status for the first quarter of the fiscal year.

The "Chili Cook-off" was a success. Mike McKay has accepted the church position as St. Ann's full time bookkeeper.

### Stewardship Commission:

Ken Betz.

**Stewardship Committee:** met on November 7, 2011.

The **Fall Campaign** debriefing: the accountability report was well received. The Social Hall was a good location for the Ministry Fair. Sign-up sheets will be compiled and distributed to the committee leaders who will be asked to acknowledge everyone who signed up to work on their committee.

**Campaign Status:** as of Nov. 7, 2011: Goal: \$12,032, with 49 Pledges: Archdiocesan \$5,255 and Parish \$53,691. This status will be reported weekly in the church bulletin.

**Planned Giving:** Committee members are to study the manual provided by the Archdiocese and bring their ideas for what this program might look like to the next meeting on January 9, 2012.

## Old Business

Kelly O'Brien is coordinating with the Archdiocese on how the Strategic Plan should be designed.

## New Business

None.

## Adjournment

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall, Section 1.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

*Let's get behind our parish & help it to succeed. PLEASE!!!*



## St. Ann's Music Ministry Dept.

By Mike McKay

By the numbers: St. Ann Music Ministry is continuing to grow. For the Advent and Christmas Seasons, we had 25+ members in the children's choir, 19 members in the adult choir, 11 cantors, and 4 musicians (guitar, harp, flute, piano and organ) - all making beautiful music to lead and support the prayer of the parish. We're getting bigger and better all of the time, but **WE NEED YOU!**

Come join us as we prepare for the Lent and Easter Seasons with rehearsals resuming on February 27. If you enjoy playing or singing God's praises, we want you. Please join us to exercise your faith through music. **All are welcome!**

Contact Mike McKay, Music Coordinator, at the Parish Office (821-2909) or email - [mmckay@netpenny.net](mailto:mmckay@netpenny.net)

## Stewardship Update

By Ken Betz

Thanks to everyone for your support of the "Christ Our Hope" Campaign this past fall. We've surpassed our Archdiocesan financial goal for the third year! More importantly, many of you have signed up to help with the many ministries we have to serve God, our Parish and our greater community. Truly Stewardship in action. You should be hearing from the leader of the ministry you've signed up for, but if you do not, please contact any member of the Stewardship committee.

Be on the look out for information on a Life Planning Seminar the Stewardship and Pro-Life Committee's is sponsoring. The seminar will provide an overview by experts in three important areas: Ethics for Health Decisions (such as Living Wills, Do Not Resuscitate orders, etc.); Funeral Planning (as in programs that help you to Pre-plan your funeral & services); and, Estate Planning (things that should/shouldn't or could/couldn't be included in your wills.) All things that each of us must decide on some day.

Details on the date and time for the seminar will follow.

## Dear Saint Ann Parishioner's

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for making Saint Ann's better during the past year. Our annual Mardi Gras and Festival were spectacular. The weekly coffee and donuts has grown to the point where it is a staple of the 9:30 Mass. Our youth religious education programs continue to grow and improve. This past year we initiated a Vacation Bible School for the children of the parish. It was a huge success. It will be back again this year. The parish choir continues to excel and add to the beauty of our Masses. The acquisition and refurbishing of the sacred vessels is another example of your devotion. Our efforts to engage parishioners in the many ministries has generated interest and increased participation. Your works to clean and decorate along with those who cut the grass and shovel the snow are examples of your commitment. This year's Christmas season was superb. The church decorations were beautiful. The children's program reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas. Your willingness to support the Giving Tree made Christmas brighter for others. Each of you is to be commended for your participation in making Saint Ann's a vibrant Catholic community. You are the heart and soul of the parish.  
**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of the Parish Council,

Jim White,  
President

**RECIPE CORNER**  
**Bread-Machine Cinnamon Raisin Bread**

- 1/2 c pecan halves
- 2/3 c warm water
- 1/2 c warm fat-free milk
- 1 lg egg
- 3 Tbs honey
- 1 Tbs unsalted butter
- 1 tsp salt
- 2-3/4 c bread flour
- 1-1/2 c raisins
- 1-1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1-1/2 tsp active dry yeast

In a small skillet over medium heat, heat the nuts, shaking occasionally, until lightly toasted, 5-7 minutes. Transfer to a bowl & cool. Pour the water, milk, egg, honey, butter & salt into the machine's bread pan. Top with bread flour & cinnamon. Make a small well in center of the dry ingredients, but not deep enough to reach the liquid, and pour in the yeast. Place the bread pan into position inside the bread machine. Close the lid and set the machine for a 1-1/2 pound loaf. Follow manufacturer's directions for adding the nuts & raisins and baking.

TIP: Use leftover cinnamon raisin bread to make French toast.

Looking for something to make for The Mardi Gras? Check these out!

**Peach Crumb Pie**

- Filling
- 7 c sliced peaches—fresh
  - 3/4 c packed light brown sugar
  - 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
  - 1/4 tsp ground ginger
  - 1-1/2 Tbs cornstarch
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Topping
- 2/3 c rolled oats
  - 1/4 c packed light brown sugar
  - 1/4 tsp salt
  - 2 Tbs unsalted butter, melted
  - 1 Tbs lemon juice
  - 1 tsp water

On a floured surface, roll out the dough to a 12-13 inch circle. Fit the dough into a 9 inch pie pan, pressing to fit and crimping the edges to form a rim. Freeze 20 minutes. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. To prepare the filling, in a medium bowl, combine the peaches, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger, cornstarch & vanilla extract; toss well. Transfer to the pie shell. To prepare the topping, in a medium bowl, combine the oats, flour, brown sugar and salt. Add the butter, lemon juice, and water; stir to combine. Press the topping mixture together to form clumps, then break them into smaller pieces over the filling. Bake 40 minutes, then tent loosely with aluminum foil to keep topping from over browning. Bake until the filling is thick and bubbly, 40-45 minutes longer.

TIP: May use frozen peach slices in place of the fresh peaches...approx. 3 sixteen ounce bags.

**Brownies**

- 3/4 c all-purpose flour
- 1/2 c unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 2 lg eggs
- 1 lg egg white
- 1 c sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 oz semisweet chocolate chips
- 4 Tbs unsalted butter

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8 inch square baking pan with nonstick spray. In a large bowl, combine the flour, cocoa, baking powder, cinnamon & salt; mix well. In a medium bowl, combine the eggs, egg white, sugar & vanilla; beat well to dissolve the sugar. In the top of a double boiler over medium heat, combine the chocolate chips and butter. Melt, stirring frequently, about 3 minutes. Cool 1 minute, then stir into the egg mixture; beat well to combine. Stir the chocolate mixture into the flour mixture until just combined. Scoop the batter into the prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out almost clean, 20-22 minutes. Cool on a wire rack before cutting into 16 brownies.



**ART?**

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question; “Boys and girls, what do we know about God?” A hand shot up in the air and the teacher called on the kindergarten boy named, Jimmy. “He is an artist!”, said Jimmy. “Really? How do you know this, Jimmy?” the teacher asked. “You know—Our Father, who does art in Heaven....”

When you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache...When you open it, he collapses...When he sees you reading it, he faints...When he sees that you are living what you read, he flees...When you go forth with God's message, he will try and discourage you. Go forth singing God's praises all along the way.