

SAINT ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1131 NE 10th St., Grants Pass, OR 97526

“We are Saint Anne Catholic Church. A welcoming community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we seek to proclaim Christ’s loving mission.”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2022



St. Anne Liturgy Schedule

Daily morning Masses & Saturday 5 PM Mass
live-streamed on [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
(search St. Anne Catholic Church Grants Pass)

Saturday Vigil:	5:00 PM	
	7:00 PM	Misa en Español
Sunday:	8:00 AM, 11:00 AM	
Weekday Masses & 1st Saturday of the Month:	8:30 AM Monday thru Friday & 1st Saturday of the Month	
Reconciliation:	3:30 PM-4:30 PM—Saturdays	

Our Lady of the River

3625 N. River Road;
Gold Hill, OR 97525
PO Box 1596
Rogue River, OR 97537
Phone: 541-582-1373

Sunday: Mass 8:30 AM

St. Patrick of the Forest

407 W. River Street;
PO Box 357
Cave Junction, OR 97523
Phone: 541-592-3658

Sunday: Mass 11:00 AM

St. Anne Parish Office

Monday-Friday
9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Email:
office@stannegp.com

Website:
www.stannegp.com

Are You New to St. Anne Catholic Church?



Please call the Parish Office at
541-476-2240,
or stop by the office for a
“Welcome Packet”.

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.”*

MATTHEW 1:23

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun Dec 18 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass – Church Mass – Church
Mon Dec 19	8:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	School Closed Mass – Church Women's Bible Study in Spanish— KYC Relationship Recovery Grp.— PC
Tues Dec 20	6:30 AM 8:30 AM 7:00 PM	School Closed Men's Bible Study Grp— PC Rm 2 Mass – Church Grupo Misionero Guadalupano Mtg.— PC Rm 2
Wed Dec 21 <i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 3:00 PM	School Closed Mass – Church Rosary Making Group Mtg.— PC Rm 1 Pastoral Staff Meeting—PC Fireside Rm
Thur Dec 22	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	School Closed Mass – Church RCIC Session—PC Rm 2
Fri Dec 23 <i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>	8:30 AM	School Closed Mass – Church
Sat Dec 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	3:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Reconciliation—Church Mass – Church Misa en Español -Church
Sun Dec 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Mass – Church Mass – Church Mass – Church



Office Holiday Closures

The St. Anne Parish office will be closed for Christmas

December 26th through December 30th



WE NEED YOU!

We have a tree in the Narthex with paper Angels for children in need. Name, ages and wishes (anything is appreciated) on the Angel.

Please feel free to take the names of one or two of the children and provide a gift. **Bring the wrapped gifts back to the office, by December 19th**, with the child's number on them.

Any questions, please call the office. 541-476-2240.

Families in Christ

This time of year reminds us that anxiety and grief do not take a vacation. The heaviness associated with expectations, busy schedules and loss all seem to permeate every special occasion, especially at Christmas.

Daily prayer is so important, especially during Christmas because it allows us to keep our minds centered on Jesus. It also gives us an opportunity to express the gratitude we have for all the things God provides, while also allowing us to share all aspects of our lives with Him.

In declaring Himself to be the Light of the World, Jesus was claiming that He is the exclusive source of spiritual light.

We are blessed daily with his presence through the smallest efforts, caring and love of another. Our Priests, Parish Congregation, School and Office Staff have given our parish their love, talents and continue to share their faith in Christ. God's Blessings and love be with you all.

Carol Scherf



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Dec 18	8:00 am	Dave & Terri Currie
		11:00 am	All Parishioners
	RR	8:30 am	✠ Judy Kendall
	CJ	11:00 am	Cave Junction Community
Mon	Dec 19	8:30 am	✠ Teofilo Tallar Sr. Irene Lopez Linda Lundahl
Tues	Dec 20	8:30 am	✠ Irma Peterson & ✠ Ray Peterson ✠ Scott Pieper ✠ Teresa Citres
Wed	Dec 21	8:30 am	✠ Jill Guadabene ✠ Geri Wall
Thurs	Dec 22	8:30 am	✠ Carol Lester ✠ Maryann Cotner ✠ Sheila Allensworth
Fri	Dec 23	8:30 am	Roman Family ✠ Dave Plunkett
Sat	Dec 24	5:00 pm	✠ Chris Chapman ✠ Dave Plunkett
		7:00 pm	Hispanic Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 18, 2022 - December 25, 2022

Sunday Dec. 18th:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday Dec. 19th

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday Dec. 20th:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Dec. 21st:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday Dec. 22nd:

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday Dec. 23rd:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday 24th:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday Dec. 25th:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]



At this special time of year to help those in need with warmth and shelter,

our **December** request items are:

Sleeping bags and tents

Thank you for your generous giving this past year.

We wish you a blessed and holy Christmas.

Please drop off your donations at our

Thrift Store at 132 SE "H" Street,

Tuesday—Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm

NO COLLECTION BINS ARE LOCATED AT

St. Anne Catholic Church or Office

FAMILY & YOUTH

Families of Faith

This program is for **families with children in Kindergarten through 8th grade** and is required for those seeking Sacraments this year (**First Communion or 7th/8th grade Confirmation**). The goal of this program is to inspire and equip parents to teach and practice the Catholic faith at home with their children.

All meetings are from **9:30 am to 10:45 am** in the **Parish Center**.

Families of Faith Dates for January

Sunday January 8, 2023: Prep Meeting - Parents and K-8 class groups; introduction to January's home catechesis topics.

Sunday January 22: Sacramental Preparation only - At least one parent must attend with their child.

Sunday January 29: Community Meeting - Whole-family activities to extend January's home catechesis.

A complete calendar for the year can be found on our parish website at:

www.stannegp.com/faith-formation

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Las Posadas (December 16–24)

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the "O Antiphons" of the official liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of *Las Posadas* has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?

GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.



Dear Friends in Christ,


St. Anne Catholic Church Homebound ministry is a very important ministry. This serves the people who can't come to Mass. We have blessed people who

take time to share their time and gift to these people, through bringing communion to them.

The homebound are members of our parish who are affected by age, psychological, and emotional problems. A parish shows its truest colors when they see the hurting ask for Mercy, the lonely beg not to be forgotten, and the sick who seek compassion. The Archdiocese of Portland knows that the caring and feeding our homebound is essential, and a form of healing that is filled with grace. We are looking for & need volunteers to visit the homebound.

Let's pray, Lord Jesus, Please come to me in Spiritual Communion. Send your body and blood gushing through my veins. Send your love into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Lift me up to your bosom and infuse me with your divine love.

God Bless


Fr. Joseph

"In prayer, we increase our sensitivity to the stupidity of what we're doing to people"

Richard Rohr (from the book *Everything Belongs*)"

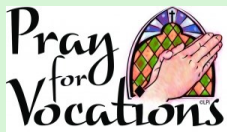
RELATIONSHIP RECOVERY



Relationship Recovery is all about using the broken places in our lives for spiritual growth.

Monday nights at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Everyone is welcome!



VOCATION MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

**"That the faithful response, 'Behold,
I come to do your will, O Lord,'
will be voiced by every person
discerning a call to the
Religious Life,"**

We pray to the Lord

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

**"What do you want me to do for you?"
Lk 18: 41**

CELEBRATING OUR SAINTS



ST JOHN OF KANTY (1390 - 1473), born in Poland, was ordained and became a professor of theology at the University of Krakow. Unjustly removed from his position, he served for a time as a parish Priest, then returned to Krakow after he was exonerated and taught Scripture for the rest of his life. Known for his humility and generosity, he slept little and ate sparingly. He gave everything to the poor, keeping only the money and the clothes he needed for himself. Patron Saint of Poland and Lithuania,

His Feast Day is December 23

If Christ may be calling you to serve Him as a Priest, Religious or Permanent Deacon, call the Parish office at 541-476-2240 to make an appointment with Fr. Wolf or Fr. Joseph. You can also find vocation resources on the Archdiocese website at archdpdxvocations.org.



"His Mercy Radio" - Catholic Radio in Grants Pass

Pick up a free magnet at the Lighthouse Kiosk in the narthex and help us spread the word! We invite you to support this powerful ministry. You can make a donation on our website through PayPal at

www.hismercyradio.com



LIFE, JUSTICE, AND PEACE Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

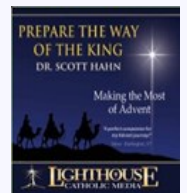
Feed the Hungry
Give Drink to the Thirsty

SHELTER THE HOMELESS/WELCOME THE STRANGER

Clothe the Naked
Visit the Sick
Visit the Imprisoned
Bury the Dead

SHELTER THE HOMELESS/WELCOME THE STRANGER - Many circumstances can lead to being homeless. Christ encourages us to reach out to the homeless, affirming their worth and helping them resolve their challenges. Some suggestions:

- Support and/or volunteer at a homeless shelter
- Advocate for public policies and legislation that provide shelter for the homeless and low-income housing
- Support agencies that help the homeless and provide disaster relief
- Support agencies like Catholic Charities that help refugees
- Support and/or volunteer at St Vincent de Paul, which provides tents, sleeping bags, and other essentials for the homeless. [archdpdx.org; uscgb.org; slmedia.org]



Be sure to check out the Lighthouse Kiosk located in the Church narthex. The payment slot is on the lower right side of the Kiosk.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING —CD

Dr. Scott Hahn - one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today- reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind - Jesus Christ.

\$3.00 for CDs, \$3.00 for booklets, \$5.00 for books

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS 2023

Attention Graduating High School Seniors:

The **Knights of Columbus** have two scholarships available for you:

489. A. P. Valtakis Memorial Scholarships – Student must attend a college or university in Oregon. These scholarships are awarded on the following:
Participation in Catholic Church programs; Academic ability (GPA of 2.50 or better); need; and character. Must be a member of: St. Anne (Grants Pass); St. Patrick (Cave Junction); or Our Lady of the River (Rogue River).

488. Doran & Irene Taylor Memorial Scholarships Student **must** attend a Catholic college in any state. These scholarships are awarded on the following:

Participation in Catholic Church programs; Academic ability (GPA of 2.50 or better); need; and character. Must be a member of: St. Anne (Grants Pass); St. Patrick (Cave Junction); or Our Lady of the River (Rogue River).

Applications should go through **Redwood Foundation for Education**. Go to web page at: <http://redwoodforeducation.org/>. Click on "Local Scholarship Application." After reading this information, click on "Review List of Available Scholarships." Fill out an application, and work with your high school counselor, and when the process is completed, your counselor will forward the appropriate forms to Redwood Foundation for Education and the **Knights of Columbus**.



ST. ANNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
541-479-1582
website: stanneschoolgp.com



"St. Anne Catholic School is committed to faith formation, scholarship, leadership, and service according to our Catholic values."



We had a wonderful Christmas program this past Thursday. Thank you to all our staff and students for their hard work in putting this program together. It has been so great being able to have in-person programs again this year!

As we head into the Christmas season, please pray for our staff and families as we will be praying for our parish as well, that we have a joy-filled, peaceful Christmas season and break. Please also pray for health as we have been hit hard with many viruses.

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to our Reverse Advent Calendar "Season of Giving" with food donations to give to families in need. While we are on Christmas break, we will be keeping all of you in our prayers.

In honor of Stu and Sharon Watson for all they do to support the parish school and church, the school has been given a generous donation for our Endowment Fund. Thank you to the donor and to the Watsons for your support!



Save the date for our Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo, to kick off Catholic Schools Week!

Saturday, January 28, 2023



Donuts and Coffee will not be served on Sunday December 25, 2022

The Donut and coffee teams are going to enjoy the holiday with their families but will return the following week. We wish everyone a holy and Merry Christmas.

St. Anne Parish Information

Parish Office: 541-476-2240 (Fax: 541-476-2194)

Pastor	Fr. Robert Wolf
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Joseph Mujaeropro
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Robert Chapin

Parish Manager	Carol Scherf
Parish Bookkeeper	Veronica Lee
Accounts Payable	Faith Voehl
P/T Administrative Assistant	Susan Finley
P/T Administrative Assistant	Carole Robertson

Parish Center Office: 541-479-4848

Pastoral Associate for	
Liturgy & Catechesis	Emily Suda
Coordinator of Music Ministry	Nick Kucharik
Faith Formation Coordinator	Carri Pirosko

Kelly Youth Center Office: 541-476-5802

Pastoral Associate for	
Evangelization, Family & Youth	Brian Suda

Parish School Office: 541-479-1582

School Principal	Colleen Kotrba
Teaching and Learning Coach	Cathleen Price
School Office Manager	Shawna Prestianni
School Secretary	Juliet Fisher

SACRAMENTS

Contact the Parish Office at 541-476-2240 for:

- **Baptism** Arrangements should be 3 months in advance for infants and children under 7. Older children and adults, inquire about RCIA.
- **Marriage:** Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance.
- **Anointing** of the Sick or Communion to the Homebound

ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITY LIFE

Knights of Columbus—
Adam Busch, G.K.
Phil Lothrop, F.N.

St. Rita Retreat Center- Fr. Stephen Fister 541-855-1333
PO Box 310, Gold Hill, OR 97525

St. Vincent de Paul Store- Gary Quinn, Mgr. 541-476-5137
132 SE "H" Street, Grants Pass
Tues-Fri 10:00 AM —4:00 PM
(No longer open on Saturday)
Now accepting Credit Cards—\$10 MINIMUM purchase required

COMMUNITY HELP IN CRISIS

St. Vincent de Paul Social Services 541-479-0926
132 SE "H" St., Grants Pass
Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen
757 SE 7th Street 541-472-8579

Mobile Kitchen Locations:
12:00pm-1:00pm (updated 2/28/2022)

Monday	Redwood Country Church-1640 Redwood Ave
Tuesday	Church of Latter Day Saints-1969 Williams Hwy
Wednesday	Church of Latter Day Saints-1969 Williams Hwy
Thursday	Redwood Country Church-1640 Redwood Ave

PARISH MINISTRIES

Admin. Council Chair	Phil Busch
Adoration Chapel	Julie Scott
Altar Servers	Jennifer Green
Altar Society	Tina Garncarz
Bazaar Guild	Susan Finley
Coffee & Donuts	Julie Scott
Contemplative Prayer Grp	Paul Wilson
Eucharistic Ministers	Emily Suda
Funeral Coordinator	Carole Kay
Greeters	Gail Travers
Jo Co Jail-Adult Ministry	Terri Currie
Kitchen Coordinator	Tina Garncarz
Lectors	Emily Suda
OYA-Youth Prison	Rick Nelson
Pastoral Council Chair	Scott Polen
Prayer Line	Dave Currie 541
Prayer Line Email	prayerministry@stannegp.com
Relationship Recovery	David Barbian & Linda Hughes
Safety Committee	Don Fasching
Sound Coordinator	Phil Busch
Usher Coordinator	Paul O'Brien
Vocation Ministry	Paul Wilson

Food Collection Barrel



The Knights of Columbus will have a food collection barrel in the vestibule for non perishable items for the food bank.

We ask that you make sure all items are not expired and are in their original packaging. The barrel will be in the vestibule every weekend.

**Thank you in advance
for your donations.**



Adoration Chapel



The Adoration Chapel is available to parishioners 7 days a week, 24 hours per day. If you have not visited the Chapel before please call the office for the code. Exposition of the Holy Eucharist hours are 9:30 am until noon, Monday through Friday when the Parish Office is open.