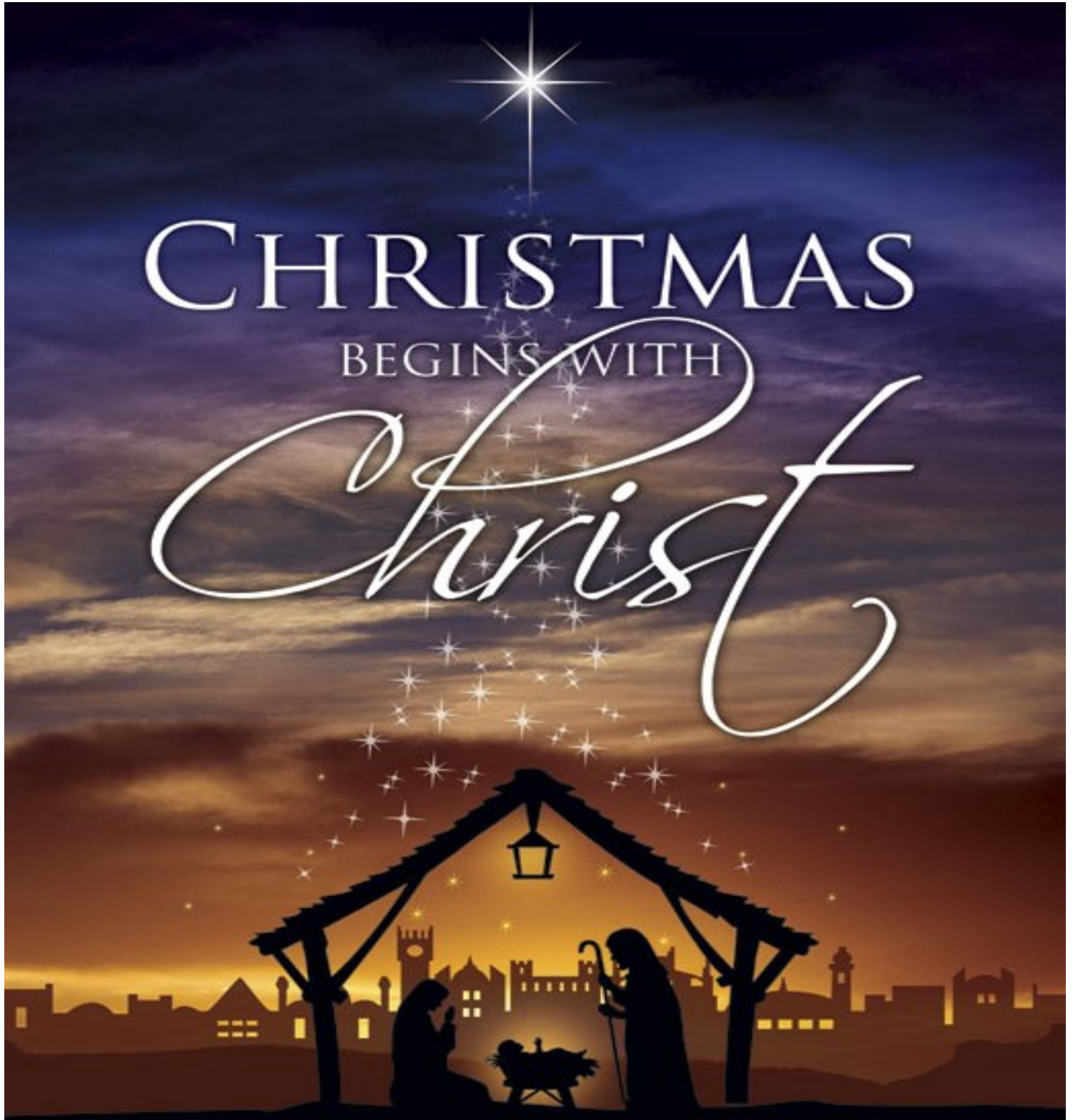


SAINT ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.”

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021



**THE PARISH OFFICE is OPEN Monday-Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**E-mail: 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"**



St. Anne Liturgy Schedule

**Daily morning Masses live-streamed on YouTube
Saturday 5pm Mass live-streamed on YouTube**

Saturday:	5:00pm Vigil Mass
	7:00pm Misa en Español
Sunday:	8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am
Weekday Mass:	8:30am Monday thru Friday
Reconciliation:	Saturdays – 3:30pm-4:30pm Extended time for the following dates: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 2:30pm-4:30pm

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

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

Pastor: Fr. William Holtzinger
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Stephen Kenyon
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Robert Chapin

Parish Manager: Vacant
Parish Bookkeeper: Carol Scherf
Administrative Assistant: Debbie Todor

Parish Center Office: 541-479-4848

Coordinator of:
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Coordinator of Music Ministry: Nick Kucharik
Faith Formation Coordinator: Carri Piroso

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Coordinator Youth Ministry: Vacant

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School Secretary: Juliet Fisher
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Campaign Secretary: Carole Kay



FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. We honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021 MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ANNE

Christmas Eve (Friday, 12/24)
5:00pm, 7:00pm, Midnight

Christmas Day (Saturday, 12/25)
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am (Bilingual)

** Regular Masses on 12/25 at 5:00pm & 7:00pm
have been cancelled*

Mary Mother of God
(Friday, 12/31) **7:00pm** (Bilingual)
(Saturday, 1/1) **9:00am**

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST

Christmas Eve (Friday, 12/24) **5:00pm**

OUR LADY OF THE RIVER

Christmas Eve (Friday, 12/24) **4:00pm**

Good News Letter from Fr. William Holtzinger

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Every year, we publish a multiple-week bulletin during the holidays. As such, I have encouraged our staff to write a reflection about the good news that happened to them and the ministries this year. One might assume that the pandemic obscured our vision and abilities to minister to the community, but I am proud to say that just the opposite was true. Of course, there were roadblocks and obstacles but that just meant we had to let go of old paradigms, our need to control, and just let Jesus take care of everything (cf. Surrender Novena). So, I hope that you will find this bulletin a source of encouragement and joy.

As for myself, I look back and have the fondest memories of spending Wednesday's giving away boxes of food for whomever drove up into our parking lot. All said and done, we gave away 36,820 boxes of food and 2,400 gallons of milk to those in need. It was such a bright spot in a dark time of our year. When we finally ended, it had been over a year since we gave out our initial food boxes. I am so grateful for meeting new people, working together as a team, praying with people who either asked or seemed to need it, reassuring those who came to us in tears that God would provide, and the laughter and joy that came with just giving oneself away in service. The parish staff also stepped up to support this event with a clear sense of mission.

I am also grateful for the teachers and staff of our school. The hurdles that were set before us, unexpectedly, required us to pivot several times, and they did! Our school population is the largest since I arrived (see Colleen's reflection therein). Through adversity, we have found a focus and dependence on Jesus.

I am grateful for the presence of Anthony Hoangphan, our pastoral year seminarian. Having another person in the house can create issues. Yet, Anthony was flexible and charitable the whole time. I didn't know if we would have enough things for him to do given the COVID shutdowns. But, alas, there was no shortage of things for him to do in ministry. In addition, we learned new skills in woodworking, and even built a children's shelf/seat for the school auction.

Finally and possibly most potently, the Surrender Novena was a huge gift. My mother, Helene, passed in September of 2020. A year or more prior to her passing, she began praying this relatively unknown novena over and over, possibly completing it over 30 times. My brother-in-law stumbled upon it in a Catholic bookstore in Denver. He showed it to my sister, Carolyn, and they then gave it to my mother. She shared it with the rest of my siblings, and I preached about it at her funeral. Archbishop Sample was present at her funeral and, long story short, he began to pray it. From there, it was reproduced and given to all the priests of the Archdiocese. Since then, it has gone out to countless people who have found profound solace and hope praying the novena. At last tally, we have ordered over 3,000 cards and I expect to run out of those in several months. I was recently told that the archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship had given out almost 20,000 of these novena cards! Praise God! I have mourned my mother's passing, but it is most certainly pierced by the light of this legacy of prayer which she championed in her last year of life, and I believe continues to do so from heaven.

So, as we say farewell to 2021, I want to leave you with the prayer refrain from the Surrender Novena. I believe it to be a key to our true joy in Christ now and into our future:

"Oh my Jesus, I surrender myself to you! Take care of everything."

Blessings,

Fr. William Holtzinger
Pastor

PARISH MINISTRIES

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

ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITY LIFE

Knights of Columbus— Phil Lothrop, 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 No mask required if you
Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00 AM-2:00 PM are fully vaccinated.

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

Mobile Kitchen Locations: 12:00pm-1:00pm (updated 10/11/21)

Tuesday Church of Latter Day Saints-Harbeck Rd/Wms Hwy
Wednesday Church of Latter Day Saints-Harbeck Rd/Wms Hwy
Thursday Redwood Country Church-1640 Redwood Ave

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

- **Baptism and Sacramental Preparation**
- **Marriage:** Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance.
- **Anointing** of the Sick or Communion to the Homebound

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 19, 2021 - January 2, 2022**

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: 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]
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021**

O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.—
Psalms 80:15-16

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 26, 2021**

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been
revealed.— *1 John 3:2a*



*World Day
of Prayer
for Peace*

Every year on January 1st, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace.

Good News Letter from Fr. Stephen Kenyon

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in God's grace!

It is amazing to me that we have already reached the end of the year. These last few months since moving here have been blessed for me. I have loved so much returning to this community and getting to know you all at St. Anne, St. Patrick, and Our Lady of the River. Three years ago when I first came here as a deacon I did not imagine that I would get a chance to return as a priest, but I am so glad I did. You are part of the good news that I am thankful for this Christmas season. I am thankful for each one of you that I have gotten to know these past few months.

I am thankful for the good news of so many volunteers that make this community work. From sacristans to choir members, from funeral coordinators to catechists, and everyone in between, these three churches run on volunteers. Walk in the front door and you are greeted with the warm smiling face of a greeter saying to you: you belong here. Stop by any parish ministry and you see the wonderful way volunteers are working together to make the ministry work.

I am thankful for the good news of our wonderful RCIA program, both the volunteers that help make it possible and the people in the program seeking to be received into the Church. RCIA is a sign of hope for our parish. It is a sign that people are seeking after God and the truth. It is a sign of the new life that comes through Jesus Christ. I love the conversations we have on Wednesday nights as we seek to understand what the Catholic Church teaches and how that teaching changes our lives.

I am thankful for the good news of our Faith Formation program. I have loved getting to see families come together and dive into the faith. Whether it was kids learning about the Rosary in October as they creatively strung beads together to make their own, or learning about the season of Advent in December as they made their own family Advent Wreaths, faith and fun came together in an awesome way this fall. It was a blast to be able to stop by on Sunday mornings between the Masses and see what the families were up to this time.

I am thankful for the good news of our Adoration Chapel. I know that so many people have dedicated so much time to maintaining our beautiful 24/7 Adoration Chapel, keeping open a refuge of prayer available anytime any day. And I see how many people come and spend time with the Lord there. It is a joy to walk into the Chapel and see people setting aside time to seek the face of God, setting aside for even just a few minutes the busyness of the world around, and quietly turning towards their Savior.

And I could go on for a long time. There is so much good news in this community. But of course, the thing I am the most grateful for is the good news of the Incarnation: God sending His Son as one of us, born so that He might die for us. It is His coming two thousand years ago that is the very reason for our existence as a community here today. May He come more fully into your heart in this new year!

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen Kenyon

PRAYER OF THE WEEK Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun	Dec 19	8:00 am	✠ Jack Kost
		9:00 am	Fran Todor
		11:00 am	All Parishioners
	RR	8:30 am	✠ Gary Price
	CJ	11:00 am	Cave Junction Community
Mon	Dec 20	8:30 am	✠ Timothy Crowley
Tues	Dec 21	8:30 am	Irene Lopez
Wed	Dec 22	8:30 am	✠ Margaret Garman ✠ Fred Higginbotham
Thurs	Dec 23	8:30 am	Glen & Mary Graves
Fri	Dec 24	8:30 am	✠ Lois Weskirchen
		5:00 pm	✠ Chris Chapman Beth Feller ✠ Jim Finley
		7:00 pm	Cindy Bowell
		Midnight	✠ George & Marie Todor
	RR	4:00 pm	Rogue River Community
	CJ	5:00 pm	Cave Junction Community
Sat	Dec 25	8:00 am	✠ Tom Graham Doris Graham
		9:30 am	✠ Catherine Troller
		11:00 am	Victoria Gemma

Sun	Dec 26	8:00 am	All Parishioners
		9:00 am	The Kost Family
		11:00 am	Nancy Tambourine Deanna Smole & Family
	RR	8:30 am	Rogue River Community
	CJ	11:00 am	Cave Junction Community
Mon	Dec 27	8:30 am	✠ O'Dell & Lorraine Allison Fr. William Holtzinger
Tues	Dec 28	8:30 am	✠ Mary Smith Julie Scott
Wed	Dec 29	8:30 am	Marlene Kelley ✠ Kyle Kinsen
Thurs	Dec 30	8:30 am	Tim Todor ✠ Rita Larson
Fri	Dec 31	8:30 am	Maryanne Halseth Fr. Stephen Kenyon
		7:00 pm	✠ John Sims
Sat	Jan 1	9:00am	Felipe & Elena Lobon Betty Van Ert & Family
		5:00 pm	✠ Bill Blakely
		7:00 pm	Hispanic Community

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December 19, 2021

WATCH

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY
Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

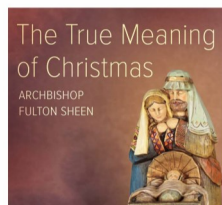


THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN
This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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December 26, 2021

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FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



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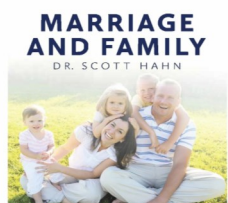
FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

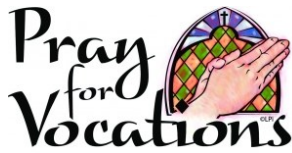
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

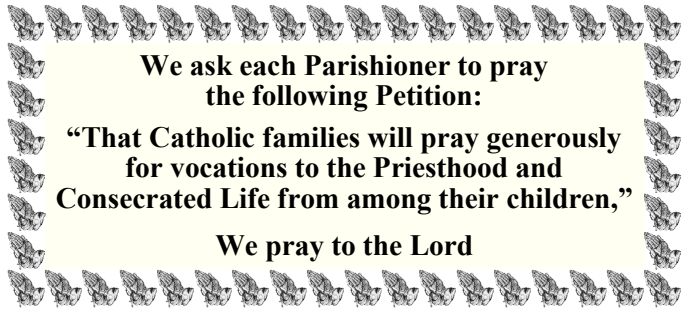
The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.





VOCATION MINISTRY

Contact: Paul Wilson



We ask each Parishioner to pray
the following Petition:

“That Catholic families will pray generously
for vocations to the Priesthood and
Consecrated Life from among their children,”

We pray to the Lord

Something to Think About This Week:

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a
son, and you shall name him Jesus.” Luke 1: 31

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 Bill at
wholtzinger@stannegp.com or Fr Stephen Kenyon at
skenyon@stannegp.com. You can find information about
the priesthood on our Parish website, stannegp.com - go to
Vocations under the Resources & News tab. You can also
find vocation resources on the Archdiocese website at
archdpdxvocations.org.

DECEMBER 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US.” John 1:14

NATIVITY PRAYER

Let the just rejoice, for their Justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their Savior is born.

Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born.
Let the slaves rejoice, for their Master is born.

Let all free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born.
Let all Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born.

St Augustine of Hippo

NATURE RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature.
—St. Peter Chrysologus

RELATIONSHIP RECOVERY

Zoom Meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

If you are currently in the program and would
like more information about our Zoom meetings
please call Linda Hughes

The program is all about using the broken places
in our lives for spiritual growth.

LIFE, JUSTICE, AND PEACE
Civilize it: A Better Kind of Politics

We exist in a culture of incivility and inaction,
but as followers of Christ we must work to
transform that culture.

- We can be models of loving and respectful civil discourse, and challenge others to do the same.
- We can build community through our willingness to engage in dialogue across differences.
- We can choose not to be passive participants in difficult conversations.
- We can choose to be strong in our convictions while also open to learning more from others' experiences.

A Prayer for Civility

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love.
Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite
others to do the same.

Show me how to build bridges and not walls,
and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge.
Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood.

Give me a listening heart filled with
empathy and compassion.

May I be clear in sharing my own position,
and respectful and civil in describing those of others.

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.
May I invite all to charity and love.
Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.

Make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.
(USCCB: civilizeit.org)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
DONATION PROGRAM

Our donation program helps to serve the poor and
marginalized within the Grants Pass community. We have a
different donated item each month. The donated items do
not need to be new, just clean and useable.



DECEMBER'S donation item is:

SWEATSHIRTS &
SWEATPANTS, any size

Please drop off your donations at our
Thrift Store at 132 SE “H” Street,
Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm
There are NO collection bins in the
Church, Parish Hall, or Parish Office.

Thank you for helping us help others. God Bless You!

Week at a Glance

Sun	Dec 19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Mass – Church Mass – Church Faith Formation Classes-PC Mass —Church Evangelization Team Mtg– PC Rm 1
Mon	Dec 20		No School– Christmas Break Mass —Church
Tue	Dec 21 <i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	No School– Christmas Break Mass —Church RCIC Grupo Misionero Guadalupano Mtg—PC Rm 2
Wed	Dec 22	8:30 AM 9:30 AM	No School– Christmas Break Mass – Church Reconciliation – Church
Thu	Dec 23 <i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	No School– Christmas Break Mass – Church Parish Leadership Team Mtg– Sacristy Women's Bible Study in Spanish– PC Rm 2 Admin Council Mtg by Zoom
Fri	Dec 24	8:30 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM Midnight	No School– Christmas Break Parish & School Offices Closed Mass – Church Mass – Church Mass – Church Mass at Midnight – Church
Sat	Dec 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> Christmas	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Mass – Church Mass – Church Mass (Bilingual)— Church

Sun	Dec 26 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass – Church Mass – Church Mass —Church
Mon	Dec 27 <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	8:30 AM	No School– Christmas Break Parish & School Offices Closed Mass — Church
Tue	Dec 28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	8:30 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	No School– Christmas Break Parish & School Offices Closed Mass —Church RCIC– PC Rm 2 Grupo Misionero Guadalupano Mtg—PC Rm 2
Wed	Dec 29 <i>St. Thomas Beckett, Bishop & Martyr</i>	8:30 AM	No School– Christmas Break Mass —Church
Thu	Dec 30	8:30 AM 9:30 AM	No School– Christmas Break Parish Closed at 1:00pm Mass – Church Parish Leadership Team Mtg– Sacristy
Fri	Dec 31 <i>St. Sylvester I, Pope</i>	8:30 AM 7:00 PM	No School– Christmas Break Parish & School Offices Closed Mass —Church Mass (Bilingual)— Church
Sat	Jan 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	9:00 AM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mass —Church Reconciliation – Church Mass —Church Misa en Español —Church
Sun	Jan 2 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass – Church Mass – Church Mass —Church

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

- Friday, 12/24
- Monday, 12/27
- Tuesday, 12/28
- Thursday, 12/30 at 1pm
- Friday, 12/31



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Connie Murphy
at 541-476-4600



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THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS



In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given – the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children.

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

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC
541-479-1582
website:



SCHOOL

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

Good News Letter from Colleen Kotrba
St. Anne School Principal

Dear St. Anne Catholic Church,

The past year and a half has been challenging for schools to say the least. Each year brings something different, and we have worked hard to adapt and adjust to the changing landscape amidst COVID-19. This year, we began with fewer restrictions than last year, but also due to COVID cases, had to start a week late. Last year we had very few colds and other viruses going through classrooms. This year, while not as bad as pre-COVID years, we have had more absences due to illnesses. Last year, watching the metrics was a daily event. This year, it is attending many virtual meetings with the Department of Catholic Schools, Oregon Department of Education, and Oregon Health Authority in order to keep up with the changes. And through it all, the students are happy, learning, and growing and the faculty and staff are becoming a strong and supportive team.

There is a lot of good news this year for St. Anne Catholic School. We have 111 students from 85 families. We have a growing PTO with new parents and are able to have volunteers again on campus, although in a limited capacity. We have five new and amazing teachers, a new part time learning specialist and full time Title One teacher, a new instructional aide for kindergarten, and two new student supervisors who also fill in with office and classroom help. We truly have been blessed with our staff this year. The students are surrounded by faith-filled adults who provide a nurturing environment in which to learn and grow.

St. Anne has been incredibly blessed in the grants we have received this year. In the area of campus security, we will be enclosing the school campus with fencing and gates, a new phone and intercom system has been installed that includes loudspeakers for outside, and we will be updating our camera system and entrances. In the classrooms, we have new desks, tables and chairs, new Promethean boards and iPads for every classroom, and new math curriculum. For outdoors, we will be expanding the early childhood outdoor learning space, putting a track and field in the back of the campus, adding shades over playground areas, and creating more outdoor learning space for all grades.

And still the most important thing is the privilege we have in ministering to our students, bringing them up in the way they should go so that God's word will never depart from them. Bringing the Gospel to our students every day, teaching them how to live out their faith in all areas of life, growing and learning with our students, this is the greatest news. We thank God for every student he has sent our way, and we pray to be vessels that shine the light and love of Christ our Savior to each one of them.

May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas,
 Mrs. Colleen Kotrba



The staff, students and families of St. Anne Catholic School
wish you a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

May this season of Advent, Christmas and the beginning of a new year be filled with joy, love, and laughter with family and friends. May the coming of our Savior give you peace and comfort and sustain you in life.

Father, we are filled with the new light by the coming of your Word among us. May the light of faith shine in our words and actions. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Please pray for our staff, students and families that all will have a restful and rejuvenating Christmas break. We pray that the joy and peace of the season brings comfort to all who are hurting, missing loved ones, struggling with finances, and/or dealing with health issues.



Loving Jesus, In your name we mark this season:
 As we bring forth light to defy the claims of darkness,
 As we bring forth joy and song to defy the claims of sadness,
 As we bring forth a spirit of generosity to defy the claims of want,
 As we bring forth peace to defy the claims of war,

Let us be this light to others. Let us be the fruit of the branch of Jesse's tree.

Let us be the bearers of the indescribable gift that is your grace. And so, may you be born anew, into every season, into every age, into every land and every human heart. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

Youth Activities



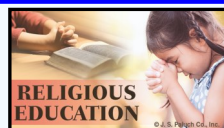
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RECYCLING

Your donations make a difference!
Thank you!

- Please check your cans and bottles to make sure they are redeemable in Oregon. Please note that wine bottles are NOT redeemable.
- Please do not crush plastic bottles or cans.
- Please do not remove the labels from your bottles—in order to redeem the bottles, they must have the labels with the bar codes.

FAITH FORMATION



For more information or
questions email Carrie Pirosko at
cpirosko@stannegp.com

- Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
- Do you have a friend or loved one who is thinking about joining the Church?
- Are you Catholic and missing a sacrament (confirmation, Eucharist)?



Please contact Sandra Lopez with any
questions or to become part of the RCIA program at
[541-479-4848](tel:541-479-4848) or email at slopez@stannegp.com

Good News Letter from Sandra Lopez Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

As I reflect on the past year, I would like to share the joy of deliverance. I recall as I waited for COVID to be over, I was not very patient. I had hope that within a few months the parish would be back to normal. There came a point that we were deep in fear of not knowing what was going to happen, all we could do was put our trust in the Lord and wait for deliverance.

As I stood this past Sunday in the Narthex, I took a moment to look into the church, and realized how God had delivered. My heart filled with joy, as I saw parishioners had learned to express peace, love and smile through their eyes. It was beautiful to see parishioners had come together (not 6 feet apart) in prayer. God has delivered so much in our hearts and I am able to see it through your eyes. God has helped us grow and maintain our faith amidst having so much loss this year and has allowed us to remain in joy. God has given us courage, and the strength to go on. As you sit here today reading our good news letters, I ask that you take a moment to reflect on how God has delivered in your life, and thank him for all that he has delivered. Ask God to reveal his power in your life and use that to draw many other people to love Him, no matter the circumstance.

This year, I was blessed to be invited to join the Parish Leadership Team which has helped me grow in prayer. God had drawn me closer to him so that I can better serve you. I feel honored to be allowed to pray with and for you. I pray that this ministry helps you to get closer to God as well. Lastly, I thank you for your patience in the past year and thank all the volunteers who continue to serve. I appreciate your help, time and sacrifice. May this coming Christmas bring you much joy and happiness.

In Christ,

Sandra Lopez

Good News Letter from Carrie Pirosko Faith Formation Coordinator

Thanks be to God, our faith formation enrollment (K-5th grade) is booming (finding space in classrooms is a beautiful problem to have) with a record number of children slated to receive their Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion. Families are returning and wanting their children catechized after so many months of quarantine and COVID restrictions. It is pure joy to see so many parish families participating in our special Sunday Family Faith Formation events.

A new curriculum was brought to St. Anne by our Kinder/1st grade catechist who through selfless dedication attended a special two week-training this summer to become certified in a wonderful Catholic Curriculum called *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. It was a bit of a leap of faith (change can be hard) to try a new curriculum. The lessons are very hands-on and self-directed after children are introduced to new teachings each week (think Montessori). When I visit and observe this classroom the best description is a feeling of peace. As to our older children, their eagerness to learn never ceases to amaze me; they are hungry to learn about God, Jesus, the Saints, and all that our Catholic faith has to offer.

What a gift it is to teach each week, it keeps us adult volunteer Catechists on our toes! Without a doubt, the Holy Spirit guides our team of volunteers each week, myself included, as we catechize. Teaching Faith Formation at St. Anne truly is a highlight of my week. It is an absolute privilege to accompany our children, along-side their parents, on their Sacramental journey.

**Good News Letter from Carol Scherf
Parish Office Bookkeeper**

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Families,

Year 2021 has given me an awareness of the needs of others which are enduring hardships in our church and community. This year has brought me into a closer and deeper relationship with our Lord. Praying has become such an interpersonal relationship and a more meaningful part of my daily life and our office focus.

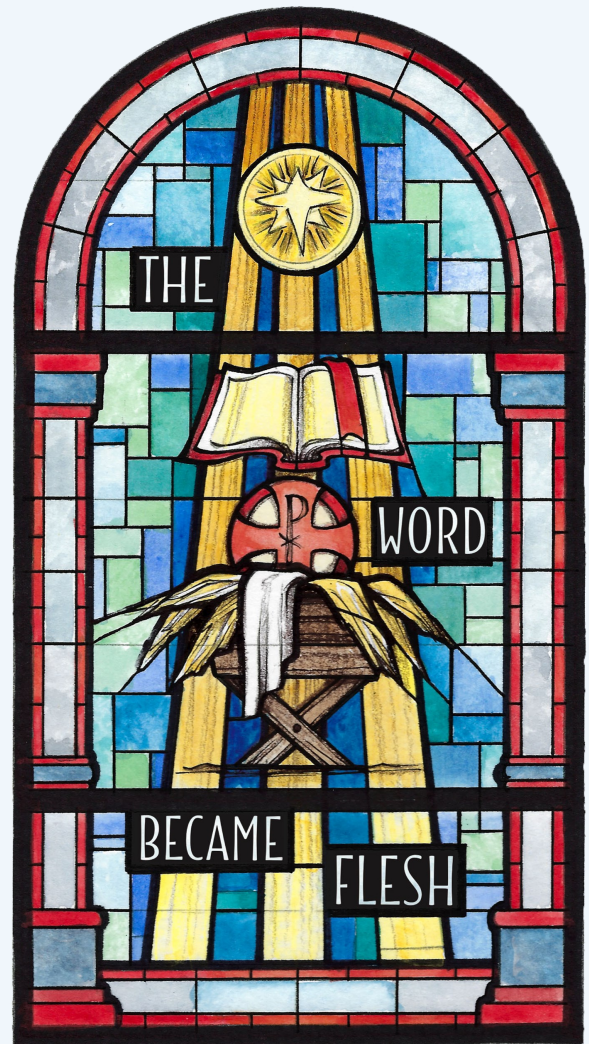
In our office I have been given the opportunity daily to listen and share with people who may be in turmoil or just need another human being to talk to. It has been such a blessing and gift from God. Rekindling old and new relationships has shown me the kindness, joy and love these beautiful human beings bring to my life.

Helping others and giving of what I can, I believe is a part of the path God has me on.

Life is not always easy nor a straight path. With God by my side, and acceptance of his word I can move forward with grace.

Working with people who have a faith that is visual and sharing daily is such a blessing to me. Thank you all for your gifts, joy, love, and most of all sharing of your faith. My co-workers are beautiful and wonderful human beings, whom I respect and have been blessed with in my life.

Blessing and Prayers,
Carol Scherf



**Good News Letter from Debbie Todor
Parish Office Administrative Assistant**

Dear Friends and Parish Family-

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. I continue to be grateful for my incredible family. They are the core and happiness of my life.

Every day that I come to work, I am reminded of how blessed I am to work here. There is never a dull moment. I'm blessed with the amazing people I get to work with and call my "work family".

The office has been especially busy and I'm so grateful for our office volunteers. The time they spend in the office is so valuable and greatly appreciated. They arrive with a smile on their face, ready to do whatever we need. They answer phones, help people at the counter, stuff envelopes, and many other tasks that helps to free us so we can take care of the many projects we have with deadlines. Thank you so much! It always warms my heart to see all of the volunteers around our church. It is their hard work and giving of their time and talents that help make all of the many things happen at our church.

I get a blessing everyday by being able to serve our wonderful church family. I am so inspired by each of you and warmed by your smiles and your loving hearts. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and for all of the support and prayers that you give me and my family. I hope that I always make you feel welcomed and that I always show God's love in all of the things that I do.

God Bless and Merry Christmas!

Debbie ♥