



ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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- Look for opportunities to reach out to the community at St. Anne and at large
- To commit to contribute to my financial fair share for the operation of the parish—full share is \$48 per week.
I commit to a
___ full share
___ half share
___ quarter share
___ other share \$ ___

Stewardship—makes the covenant come alive!

I commit to be an active partner of St. Anne community: to worship, connect grow and serve. I do this to deepen my faith in Jesus and enrich my life.

Signed: _____

November 16, 2008

What you give to St. Anne

Many people do not realize it but each one of us is incredibly gifted. St. Paul tells us in the Letter to the Ephesians “We are God’s creation, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Eph 2:10.

Our Covenant

As an active member of St. Anne Church I pledge to be partner in our mission to know Christ better and to make him better known I will:

Worship—to connect with Christ and God

- Attend weekly Sunday Mass to connect with God in the Body of Christ and frequently receive the sacraments
- Attend holy days
- Go to reconciliation at least once a year
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Our mission

We the members of St Anne community are called to:

- *Grow in the image of Christ through the Holy Spirit*
- *Be formed by the Word and our worship*
- *Use our gifts to welcome those who come and reach out to those who do not*
- *Take Jesus to the world of our daily lives*

Our Invitation to You

We invite you to join us as partners in the mission. Let us together get “to know Christ better and to make him better known. Partnership is the meaning of “covenant” God forms a covenant with us; and we with God. God equips us with gifts and strengths. Then invites us to use them collaborating with his loving plan. Won’t you join us by entering into partnership/covenant with us?

Our Four Covenant Commitments

As partners in mission we commit together to use our gifts and strengths in four ways:

- **Worship**—to deepen our relationship with Christ and his Church, through prayer, mass and the sacraments.
- **Connect**—deepen our relationship with Christ’s body, one another, by getting to know each other better
- **Grow**—to deepen our spiritual life, our faith and knowledge of Christ through learning and spiritual growth opportunities.
- **Serve**—to deepen the image of Jesus in us by imitating him who came “not to be served but to serve.” To practice “acts of love.”

What you get from St Anne

What we first and foremost **have to offer you is the God revealed to us in Jesus** and as he comes to us through his body, the Church. We pledge to offer him to you **through opportunities, open to all, to worship, connect, grow and serve.**

- **Worship**—each week we offer Sunday Eucharist, the center of our life together, to encounter Christ in each other in the word and all the sacraments. We offer Daily Eucharist, monthly Eucharistic Adoration and evening prayer; we celebrate quinceañeras, Taize Prayer and other opportunities for ecumenical prayer. We offer an annual celebration of the Passover Seder. We commit to making Holy Week the three days (Holy Thursday-Easter Sunday) of the Lord’s passing from death to new life the center of our whole year. We commit to being people of personal prayer as well as people who pray together.

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- **Connect**—each year we offer many different opportunities for us to gather as a community and family. Some events are fundraisers, others are purely social so we can deepen in our love and care for each other. These are also good times for us to connect with the larger community beyond members of our parish. We pledge to reach out to each other especially those who are new to the community.
- **Grow**—there are many ways to deepen our faith and love of Christ at St. Anne. We offer the process for becoming Catholic--Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA); Monday Family Faith Formation (K-adults), Preschool, Children’s liturgy of the Word 10:30 Mass on Sundays (K-5th grade) teen ministry. Special lecture series, parish renewal (mission) and Small Christian Communities (faith sharing). We also offer the opportunity to discover your personal gifts through the “Strength Finder” instrument.
- **Serve**—There are many different opportunities to serve in the various ministries of St. Anne Church. These are listed in the ministry booklet or online. We pledge to continue to offer these opportunities and we affirm any service which you render outside of the parish community.

Stewardship—the energy that makes it all work

Stewardship is the recognition that all that I am and have is from God. It is a grateful acknowledgment of those gifts. It is the conscious decision to make a return in thanks

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