

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK/
 INTENCIONES SEMANALES**

Sat: 5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Anne
Sun: 8:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul – St. Anne Council
 10:30 AM Elders of St. Anne
 12:30 PM Miembros vivos y difuntos de Sta. Ana
Mon: 9:00 AM Margherita Inglese
Tue: 9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Anne
Wed: 9:00 AM Youth of St. Anne
Thurs: 9:00 AM Elders of St. Anne
Sat: 5:00 PM Families of St. Anne
Sun: 8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Anne
 10:30 AM Youth of St. Anne
 12:30 PM Miembros vivos y difuntos de Sta. Ana

**THIS WEEK AT ST ANNE/
 ESTA SEMANA A ST. ANA 12/05/09– 12/13/09**

Sat: Vigil – 2nd Sunday of Advent
 10:00 AM Labyrinth Walk/Hall
 5:00 PM Baptism – Hunter Busse
 2nd Collection – Diocesan Commitment

Sun: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 9:30 AM 1st Communion Prep/Room 1&2
 10:30 AM Baptism -Caleb & Chloe Elmore
 2nd Collection – Diocesan Commitment
 3:00 PM Giving Wreath Distribution

Mon: 9:00 AM Hospital Communion/Sutter Delta Hospital
 5:00 PM Children’s Choir/Hall
 5:30 PM Children’s Guitar/Fireside
 6:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group/Chapel
 6:30 PM Family Faith Formation/CLC

Tues: 9:00 AM Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass/Chapel
 7:00 PM Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass/Chapel

Wed: 12:00 PM Craft Club/Room 2
 7:00 PM Faith Formation Junior High/Fireside
 7:00 PM Teen Ministry/Room 1 & Hall
 7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study/Chapel
 7:00 PM Pastoral Council/Offsite

Thurs: 6:00 PM Boys Ranch/Offsite
 7:00 PM Choir Practice/Hall
 7:00 PM Fall Festival Planning Mtg./Room 2
 7:30 PM Spanish Choir Practice/Chapel

Fri: 6:00 PM Christmas Recital Piano Fundraiser/Hall

Sat: Vigil – 2nd Sunday of Advent
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 See bulletin for list of events
 2nd Collection – Religious Retirement

Sun: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 9:30 AM 1st Communion Prep/Room 1&2
 11:45 AM Catechist’s Meeting/Room2
 2nd Collection – Religious Retirement

**LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERING/
 OFRENDAS DE LA SEMANA PASADA**

Total Plate Collection

November: \$27,066

Fair Share Budget

November: \$54,000

St. Anne is a “Fair Share Parish.” As a Fair Share Parish we ask those who are able to give a weekly fair share offering of **\$48.00**. We also ask those who are able to prayerfully consider giving extra share for those who are unable to give. For your convenience, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) forms are available. This is an easy way to give your fair share each week. Forms are available in the foyer and office.

Your generosity is your return to the Lord for his goodness to you. Make an investment in the reign of God today!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS/
 LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA 12/07/09 – 12/13/09**

Mon: Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church
 Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tue: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 Gn 3:9-20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-12 Lk 1:26-38

Wed: Advent Weekday; Juan Diego Cuauhlatoatzin
 Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-10 Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Advent Weekday
 Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1-13ab Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Advent Weekday; Damasus I, pope
 Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-6 Mt 11:16-19

Sat: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 Zec 2:14-17 Jdt 13:18bcde-19 Lk 1:26-38

Sun: 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

**PLEASE PRAY FOR/POR FAVOR
 REZAN POR:**

Bill Sears, Claudia Mac Donald, Tanya, Art & Helen, Jeanette Michaelis, Rudy Silva, Jonathan Price, Donna Stone, Teresa, Eugene Machado, Christie Gouveia, Lidia Samoian, Jeanne Keyes, June Ramos, Dorothy Diaz, Patrick Buckles, Linda, Norma Macias, Pete DuBois, Donna Koehler, Luisa Fong, Stan Nelson, Dominic Fruciano, Jeanette Schmid, Rick Peacock, Douglas Carr, Corinne, Maureen, Gary Blackwell, Joan Wisniewski, Craig Standridge, Cynthia Morga, Narcisa Estrelles, Quincy Hernandez, Steve, Barbara Stoiber, Marge Landoline, Amada Delgado, Susan Cooper, Markie Chadwich, Mamie Lusk, Manny Jardin, Katrina, Tamara Kuehl, Sandra Lizette Arteaga, Randy Fair, Mary Kirch, Bertha Cruz, Kathryn Thomas, Dana Wilson, Carmen Galbraith, Nicholas Gordon, Lillian Flynn, Katie Kuduk, Elva Petersen, Cheryl Turner, Salvadore D’onofio, Bev Rossi, Allan Jones.

Occasionally names are taken off the prayer list. If we have taken off the name of a person still in need of prayer, please call the office and we will gladly put them back on the list.

**PLEASE KEEP OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND
 FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYER**

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist. “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

Catholic Action Principles *Converse With Your Friend*

Give me persons of prayer and they will be capable of anything.
- St. Vincent de Paul

God is your friend and your prayers are your conversation with your friend. Like any good friend, God wants to hear about your hopes and dreams and troubles and concerns. Like any good friend, God comforts and strengthens you. He shares his wisdom, grace and love with you. His Holy Spirit fills you with hope and enthusiasm.

Don't get overly concerned with the mechanics or rituals of prayer. As Pope John Paul II teaches, "*Pray any way you like, so long as you do pray.*" Use a prayer book or rosary beads or just open your heart to a friend. Speak with devotion and humility and confidence. Every time you see a sunset or hear a child's laugh or receive a wish and you thank God, you are praying. Every time you work hard or help another and you offer your efforts in God's name, you are praying. As Jesus Christ has promised us, "*Ask and it shall be given to you,*" Wow, what a friend!

-Bill FitzPatrick,

Monday Night, December 14, our Pre-K through 8th graders will close our pre-Christmas Faith Formation evening with a simple, prayerful Los Posadas pageant. It will be the last 20 minutes of our evening together, beginning at 7:20pm. Parents please join us.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to all parishioners. All families with children who have previously received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) are encouraged to come this evening as a family, in preparation for the beautiful Christmas season. Reconciliation will be offered bilingually. It will begin at 7:00pm in the Community Life Center.

Adult Faith Formation resumes Monday, December 7th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

TEEN MINISTRY:

Teen Ministry mission is to help Teens become closer to Christ through the Eucharist.

We need "at least" 3-4 more Adult (anyone over the age of 19) volunteers. There are 60 active teens involved and 35 that are attending on a regular basis this year. Please contact Michelle Castinado at 925-240-1832 if you love Jesus and teenagers for more information. Time commitment is 2-3 hours a week on Wednesday nights.

We hope and pray everyone had a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving Holiday as we were on break last week.

This week, we discussed stress what causes stress in our lives and to help the Teens cope or eliminate stress in their lives through a deeper relationship with Christ. **Next week, we will be discussing our "Mother, Mary" and saying the Rosary. Please have Teens bring their Rosary (if they have one).** We will be on break over the Christmas Holiday, but we need to know exactly which Teens will be going to Youth Day in March 2010. We've raised approximately \$750 towards the trip. THANKS for your SUPPORT!

Thank everyone who is supporting Teen Ministry. Special thanks to Rosa and Jerry Day, Danette Jolly, Karen Randle, Maru Zulueta and our new helpers, Amy and Matt Wisz! This couldn't be possible without all of you!!!!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit while Mary and Joseph went caroling."

from *The Joyful Noisemaker*
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Blessed are the Sorrowing

Sutter Delta Medical Center is offering an eight-week Widow and Widower support group at no charge, starting on Thursday, Jan 14th, 2010 at 2:30 PM in the Edna Fallman Educational Center. The loss of a spouse is probably the hardest thing you will ever experience. It begins a long hard journey. Come and share your experience with others who are going through the same loss. You will be provided with input on the various aspects of grief and you will have the opportunity to talk about your own loss and listen to others. Going to a support group is not a sign of weakness, but rather a desire to work through your grief. If you have any questions, please call Al Fleischer at 513-0978.

St. Anne's gets credits through script for Ace Hardware and Safeway. Sign up.

Nurses Notes

Winter Safety Tips for seniors

Winter can be a beautiful time of year; however, a winter wonderland can be a hazardous for seniors. For those who will be travelling especially in the east coast for the holidays, be very careful. Knowing the precautions to take and the symptoms of trouble can help you enjoy the coming season.

When is Winter Dangerous?

The National Weather Service categorizes winter storms in many ways. Each area of the country has different lingo to describe winter weather. Keep tuned to your local weather station to evaluate whether or not temperatures and weather pose a danger to you. If you have recently moved to an area where cold weather is a new challenge, get familiar with these general terms from the National Weather Service:

1. A winter advisory means weather is expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. Plan ahead and fill your gas tank to help prevent an ice-clogged line.
2. A frost/freeze warning means to expect below freezing temperatures that may damage unprotected plants. If you must go out to cover the plants or pipes, wear a hat and cover your mouth in addition to your normal winter gear.
3. A winter storm watch means heavy ice and snow are expected in one to two days. See tips below to avoid injury while walking on ice or shoveling snow.
4. A winter storm warning means severe weather is about to begin and you should stay indoors.
5. A blizzard warning means that outdoor conditions could well be life threatening. Time to hunker down and enjoy a good book! Winds above 40 mph are dangerous.

Next Week: Walking on Snow and Ice

PLEASE- Remember to use the phone in the office or at the AV area in the hall and not a cell phone to call 911. Your cell phone will reach Sacramento CHP and precious time will be wasted.

Your Faith Community Nurses

Rosary for Peace

Please join our Prayer Ministry in saying the Rosary and prays for peace. They meet Monday Mornings after the morning mass in the garden. For more information, please contact Fran Hodge at 925-513-8606.

Covenant Corner

The **Covenant Corner** is an opportunity for us to recognize those who use their gifts in service for others. We want to give regular thanks to those who do so much for all of us. So we invite you when you see someone doing something worth noting to let us know, by mail or email office@stannechurchbyron.com. Please keep the note 4-5 short sentences (maximum). Then we can get it in the bulletin.

Children's Stewardship News

Shannon Lamaestra - Generosity & "Helped Grandma make cookies"

Thank you for being good stewards of God's Gifts

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

12/12 & 12/13

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

Greeters: Evo & Darlene Coelho
Lector 1: Marlene Layden
Lector 2: Tony Hicks
Euch. Min: Cup – Cal & Colleen Buckles
Altar Servers: Team 8

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

Greeters: Judy Baker, Russ Mueller, & Barbara Stoiber
Lector 1: Kurt Luke
Lector 2: Ron Puccinelli
Euch. Min: Bread – Mathilda Rizkalla, Cathy & Bob Sanocki
Cup – Kirsten Koehler, Lynn Tiemeyer, Glenda & Pete DuBois
Altar Servers: Team 7

A/V Minister:

Hospitality:

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

Greeters: Ro Sweet, Catrina Mygrant & Lisa Plasch
Lector 1: Jean Ann Bauer
Lector 2: Lisa Promani
Euch. Min: Bread – Linda Knapp, Suzanne Gillick & Al Castinado
Cup – Karen Randle, Michelle Castinado, Margaret Zuccato & Marian Landoline
Altar Servers: Team 9

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Buzz Pedrotti

A/V Minister:

Hospitality:

SUNDAY 12:30 PM

Recividores: German & Ruth Romero
Lector 1: Vicente Vásquez
Lector 2: Karla Rodríguez
Ofrendas: Jesús & Mariana Perez
Ministros de Eucaristía: Chris & Amada Delgado
Monogillo: Team B

PLEASE NOTE: Ministry Schedules for Oct - Dec

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8th

Morning mass will be at 9:00 AM and Evening Bi-lingual mass will be at 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

Toys for Tots

Our Family Faith Formation and Teen Ministry Children are sponsoring the annual Toys for Tots drive at St. Anne. New unwrapped toys may be dropped off during Mass and Faith Formation Classes between Monday December 7th and Sunday December 20th in the barrels located in the foyer. Please consider donating a toy/item appropriate for a teenager as there is a great need for this age group. All toys collected benefit the CCC U.S. Marines Corps. Toy for Tots Drive. For more information contact Michelle Lee at 925-240-5314.

Engagement & Stewardship Corner

A Focus on Talent Themes

INCLUDER

People strong in the Includer theme are accepting of others. They show awareness of those who feel left out, and make an effort to include them.

St. Anne Leaders with this Theme

Debbie Strauss, Ron Kapphahn, Jim Mattison, Shari Pica,
Bob Van Slambrook, Anna Piazza & Maureen Murray

Quote

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

(Galatians 3:28)

To learn more about your *unique Talents and Strengths* please come by the office and purchase your very own copy of *“Living Your Strengths”* (comes with the StrengthsFinder Assessment) and meet with one of our very own Strengths Performance Coaches.



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship Happenings:

Friends & Fellowship Crafting:

❖ Wednesdays at Noon in Rm. 2

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15th 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside room. All women are welcome. For more information please call Carol Ruiz 925-634-1179 or email

toppines@inreach.com

Women's Fellowship meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in Rm2

For membership information contact Anne Doran at adoran712@comcast.net or Peggy Ann Valley at peggy@peggyvalley.com

Women's Fellowship of St. Anne Catholic Church welcomes and strives to serve the needs of all women, offering opportunities to share gifts and talents and encourage and strengthen faith and friendships within our community.

Christmas Recital – Piano Fundraiser

Please join us for Christmas carols, holiday favorite songs and music from “Nutcracker” on **FRIDAY**, December 11, 2009 6:00 PM in the Life Center Hall. Donations: \$10 per family. St. Anne choir will be selling opportunity drawing tickets for a homemade Christmas Afghan. Tickets are \$2.00/each or 3 for \$5.00. Drawing will be held at the recital. Winner need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the St. Anne Piano fund.

Upcoming Events at St. Anne

Monday, December 7th and Every Monday
Rosary & Prays for Peace/Garden Area

Tuesday, December 8th

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 11th

Piano Recital Fundraiser in the Life Center Hall. See information in the bulletin.

Saturday, December 12th

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

5:00 AM Rosary Prayer

6:00 AM Mariachis

7:00 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Danza (Folk)

4:00 PM – Procession(Start) To Meet At The Chapel Will Process To Life Center For The Mass

5:00 PM Bilingual Mass followed by Social

Monday, December 14th

Rosary & Prays for Peace/Garden Area after AM Mass

Wednesday, December 16th

7:00 PM Bi-Lingual Communal Reconciliation/Hall

Friday, January 1, 2010

New Year's Day Morning Mass at 9AM in the Chapel

Saturday, January 2, 2010

Monthly Labyrinth Walk 10:00AM – Noon in the Life Center Hall

Saturday, January 9, 2010

First Communion Reconciliation Retreat

Friday, January 29, 2010

King Tut Bus Trip

If your Ministry has an event coming up that is not listed, please contact the office.

Women's Ladies Only



Fellowship Crab Feed

Friday, January 29, 2010

St. Anne Community Life Center Hall, Tickets: \$40.00

Cocktails: 6:00 PM; Dinner: 7:00 PM

Door Prizes, Raffles and lot's of fun

Tickets on sale after masses, in the church office or call Karen Barsanti at 858-9303

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) On Tuesday December 15th 10:00 AM– 2:00 PM Viky Lizarraga from Catholic Charities will be at St. Anne to prescreen those who are in need of supplemental food assistance (food stamps). If food runs short in your home please come by to see if you are eligible. For more information you can contact Viky at 925-825-3099 ex 307. Se habla Espanol.