

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

Sat: 5:00 PM Kevin Arokiaraj 10th Birthday Intention
Sun: 8:30 AM Nolan Merkel
10:30 AM Families of St. Anne
12:30 PM Miembros vivos y difuntos de Sta. Ana
Mon: 9:00 AM Elsje & Kathryn Copley Intention
Tue: 9:00 AM Hazel Silva
Wed: 9:00 AM Youth of St. Anne
Thurs: 4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of St. Anne
Fri: Midnight Living and Deceased Members of St. Anne
9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of S. Anne
11:30 AM Miembros vivos y difuntos de Sta. Ana
Sat: 5:00 PM Elders of St. Anne
Sun: 8:30 AM Youth of St. Anne
10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Anne
12:30 PM Miembros vivos y difuntos de Sta. Ana

**THIS WEEK AT ST ANNE/
ESTA SEMANA A ST. ANA 12/19/09- 12/27/09**

Sat: Vigil – 4th Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM Baptism - Connor Bilodeau
Tamales Sale
Sun: 4th Sunday of Advent
11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting/Fireside
Tamales Sale
Hospitality Sunday
Mon: 9:00 AM Hospital Communion/Sutter Delta
Hospital
9:45AM Rosary & Prayers for Peace/Garden
6:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group/Chapel
Tues: 7:00 PM Garden Ministry/Room 2
Thurs: 4:00PM Christmas Eve Family Mass/Hall
11:30 PM Songs & Carols/Hall
Fri: 12:00AM Midnight Mass/Hall
9:30 AM Christmas Morning Mass/Hall
11:30 AM Christmas Morning Spanish/Hall
Sat: Vigil – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sun: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

**There is no Morning Mass on
Thursday, December 24th.**

**Church Office will be closed
December 28th – January 1st**

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

"Weekly church collection results will no longer be posted in the bulletin. Instead, summary results for the previous month will be reported to the parish the first Sunday of each month."

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 12/21/09 – 12/27/09**

Mon: Advent Weekday; Peter Canisius, priest, doctor
Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-21 Lk 1:39-45
Tue: Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28 1 SM 2:1-8 Lk 1:46-56
Wed: Advent Weekday; John of Kanty, priest
Mal 3:1-24 Ps 25:4-14 Lk 1:57-66
Thurs: Vigil of Christmas
Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-29 Acts 13:16-25 Mt 1:1-25
Fri: The Nativity of the Lord - Midnight
Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
The Nativity of the Lord – Day
Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-28
Sat: STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR
Acts 6:8-59 Ps 31:3cd-17 Mt 10:17-22
Sun: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
Sir 3:2-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52

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

Nolan Merkel, Dolores Onofra, Michelle Gaspi, Elsje & Kathryn Copley, 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, 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

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**

FAITH FORMATION

First Communion Students: You have only one month before your First Reconciliation. Your attendance at every class, as well as your attendance at weekly Sunday/Saturday evening mass is essential. **All students** in Mr. Steve's, Ms. Becky's and Ms. Fran's **Sunday First Communion classes** are expected to come to the **RETREAT DAY, January 9th, Saturday, from 9am-12noon.**

First Communion Families save Tuesday, January 12th, to celebrate your child's First Reconciliation. It will take place in the Community Life Center at 6:30pm. The whole family is invited to share this special moment.

Faith Formation Classes resume: Sunday, January 3rd 9:30am; Monday, January 4th at 6:30pm; Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00pm.

Thank you to all parents who brought refreshments for Monday, Dec 14th celebration. Thanks, also, to the teens and Jr. High participants who assisted with refreshments and the Los Posadas pageant. You were marvelous.

Your prayerful leadership for the Reconciliation service is deeply appreciated. **Thank you teens and Jr. High participants:** Brianna Cuthbertson, Karla Rodriguez, Karina Bernal, Joseph Evans, Anne Marie Evans, Carmen Leon, & Kevin Johnson.

Catechists meeting will take place on Sunday, January 10th at 11:45am in Room 2. This is for all Pre-K through 8th grade catechists and aides. Thank you for saving the date.

Adult Faith Formation Class will be on Christmas break beginning Monday, December 21st resuming Monday, January 4th at 6:30PM

Catholic Action Principles

Divide and Conquer

A common denominator among the successful is that they are focused on the immediate accomplishment of specific objectives. Separate the important from the urgent and allow time for both. Break down any large task into a series of small tasks and start taking action. In the beginning, don't be too concerned with how you will achieve your goals. With commitment, research and patience, the means will come. Answers materialize when the facts have been collected. Your goals will evolve into a set of action-oriented objectives, which will become a series of to-dos.

Now prioritize. If you don't prioritize your day's activities, everything is of equal importance. Whether one thing gets done or not doesn't matter. You want your activities to be important, to have had a clearly defined purpose. Write your to-do list every day. Prioritize it. Make at least one of your daily objectives a challenge. At the end of each day, you'll be able to relax and bask in that wonderful feeling of accomplishment.

-Bill FitzPatrick

TEEN MINISTRY:

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

We hope everyone is enjoying the Season of Advent.

This week: We had a fund raiser at Timber Point CYO where 10 teens showed up. We raised \$154. On Wednesday, we had a communal Reconciliation

Next week: We will be on Christmas break resuming class Wednesday, January 13th.

Youth Day: Registration forms need to be turned in by December 29! We have **20 TEENS interested in attending this year!!!!**

Thank you for everyone's support in purchasing Holiday items, the car wash, and fall festival. We will continue selling snacks at CYO basketball on Saturday, December 19th at Timber Point Elementary school in DB.

Special THANKS: Mat and Amy Wisz for help on the parade of lights float. We won Best Church for the 2nd year in a row. Rebecca Day for providing the music for the night, Dennis Lopez and his neighbor Steve for providing the trailer and all the Teens/Jr. High kids for making the night a success!

Volunteers needed: if you would like to volunteer for Teen Ministry, please Contact Michelle Castinado at 925-240-1832 or 925-437-0015. Contact Michelle Castinado at 925-240-1832 or 925-437-0015.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Is it still okay to say 'Have a Merry Christmas' this year?"

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: *"I wish we could just sit down and talk!"* Have you ever said that to your spouse? Do you wish you could take your "talk" to a deeper level of listening and understanding? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you to do just that. Join us for our next weekend being held in Pleasanton **February 19 - 21**. For more information call Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to <http://www.rekindleyourmarriage.org>.

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

Nurses Notes

Winter Safety Tips for seniors

Hypothermia – Part 2

Frostbite is a dangerous condition which occurs when body tissue is actually frozen from exposure to the cold. The AGS describes symptoms as a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in areas such as fingers, toes, ear lobes or the tip of the nose. You should seek medical help immediately if you or someone else has been exposed to severe cold and these symptoms occur. While waiting for help, slowly care for the affected areas and warm the body before the arms or legs. Warming the extremities first might send cold blood to the heart and damage it.

If you are inside, there are dangers as well and are typically associated with unsafe space heating units. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that about 300 people die each year in fires started by space heaters. There are standards for purchasing newer heaters listed on the Internet. In general, both old and new heaters should be inspected annually. Be sure your smoke detector is equipped with fresh batteries. Guard the flame, keep doors open in other areas of the house to prevent build-up of carbon monoxide fumes (a carbon monoxide detector is a good idea if you are using a fuel-burning heater). Turn off a space heater if you leave the room.

Other Good Ideas to Keep in Mind

1. Keep things clean and take care of your health, wash your hands to help prevent catching a cold. If you are sick, stay home. Take recommended immunizations for flu and pneumonia.
2. Stay active. Warm up slowly and cool down when exercising. This helps your heart keep up with circulatory demands.
3. Wear layers of clothing when you go outside. Layers allow you to add or take off winter wear as needed.
4. Plan when and learn how to safely shovel snow. Check with your doctor about such strenuous exercise. Persons with cardiac conditions or asthma and who regularly exercise in warmer months may not be able to tolerate the same amount of exercise in cold weather.

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

Covenant Corner

Thank you to all who gave their time, talent and treasure for the Giving Wreath this year. Due to your generosity we were able to help 50 families.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

12/27 & 12/28

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

Greeters: Evo & Darlene Coelho
Lector 1: Marlene Layden
Lector 2: Marie Hall
Euch. Min: **Cup** – Connie & Henry Sukovaty
Altar Servers: Team 8

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

Greeters: Judy Baker, Dennis & Catherine Kutsuris
Lector 1: Stephanie Moore
Lector 2: Lucy Peterson
Euch. Min: **Bread** – John Jolly, Lynn Tiemeyer & Cathy Sanocki
Cup – Bob Sanocki, Mathilda Rizkalla, Danette Jolly & Pat Weber
Altar Servers: Team 6

Hospitality:

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

Greeters: Jane Perry, Don & Carolyn Flohr
Lector 1: Lisa Promani
Lector 2: Linda Knapp
Euch. Min: **Bread** – Toni Schulte, Ray Neubauer & Mary Anne Outlaw
Cup Will Schulte, Ken Landoline, Ron Kapphahn & Corinne Neubauer
Altar Servers: Team 1

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Hospitality:

SUNDAY 12:30 PM

Recividores: Chico & Estela Lopez
Lector 1: Isidro Flores
Lector 2: Guadalupe Flores
Ofrendas: Juan & Rocio Cuevas
Ministros de Eucaristía: Gustavo & Fabiola Rodriguez
Monogillo: Team D

PLEASE NOTE: Ministry Schedules for Oct - Dec are on the website under Ministries

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 weather permitting. For more information, please contact Fran Hodge at 925-513-8606.

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

INPUT

People strong in the Input theme have a craving to know more. Often they like to collect and archive all kinds of information

St. Anne Leaders with this Theme

Cathy Sanocki, Will Schulte, Marlene Layden, Mathilda Rizkalla, Ray Neubauer, Bernadette Van Slambrook, Shari Pica, Bob Van Slambrook, Lisa Promani, Kirsten Koehler, Maureen Murray, Michelle Castinado, Father Ron, Angella VenJohn.

Quote

“Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.”

(John 21:25)

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 Only” Crab Feed

❖ Friday, January, 29th

Doors open at 6 PM; Dinner starts at 7PM

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.

Walk for Life – West Coast 2010

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23, 2010. Join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifer's for the 6th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. For more information visit our website at www.walkforlifewc.com. To volunteer or to arrange buses contact us to (415) 586-1576 or email questions to info@walkforlifewc.com.

Upcoming Events at St. Anne

Monday, December 21st

Rosary & Prays for Peace/Garden Area after AM Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th

Family Mass - 4:00 PM

Mass of the Shepherds - 11:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate our Lord's birth in song and carols of the season

Mass begins at Midnight

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

9:30 AM

Misa en Espanol

11:30 AM

Monday, December 28th

Rosary & Prays for Peace/Garden Area after AM Mass

Friday, January 1, 2010

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

Saturday, January 2, 2010

CANCELLED - 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

Friday, January 29, 2010

Women's Fellowship Crab Feed/Hall. See below for more info.

Saturday, February 6, 2010

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

Weekend of March, 5-7, 2010

Lenten Labyrinth Days Retreat – Watch bulletin for more information

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Knight's of Columbus “St. Patrick Day Dinner/Dance”. Watch bulletin for more information

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Piano Fundraiser Recital. Watch bulletin for more information.

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