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CELEBRATE ST. ANNE'S DAY

At the First Shrine
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JULY 25-26, 2026

230 N. 6TH AVE – ST. ANNE, IL

These Holy Days close the 146th
Annual Novena of St. Anne with
Three Feast Day Masses,
Confessions/ Anointings,
Procession of the Relic, Food &
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Novena Masses on July 17-24

Online Masses at www.stannestanne.org

In-Church Masses at 7:00 p.m.
(Except Sunday)

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Form with Fr. Pete Jankowski at 6:00 p.m.,
followed by the Procession of the Relic

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Jim Heyd, followed by the Procession of
the Relic

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Drawn Procession) from the Camino y
Esperanza Retreat House at 11:00 a.m.,
followed by Spanish Mass with Fr.
Sebastian Genoni, MIC at 12:00 noon



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. in English
7:00 p.m. in Spanish
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. in English
Sunday Masses

10:30 a.m. in English
12:00 p.m. in Spanish
HOLY DAY MASSES
Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. or by appointment; seasonal confessions

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms
normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon. Spanish
Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame
a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos
están celebrando los tercer Sábado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The dia-
cese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las
parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su
boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiere un tiem-
po de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. /
Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. /
Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontradas en la oficina.

July 26, 2026: The St. Anne's Day Celebrations

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND THE 146TH ANNUAL ST. ANNE'S NOVENA & FEAST DAY JULY 25-26, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #976 of the Journey songs Book

Monday	July 27
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Tuesday	July 28
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Wednesday	July 29
9:15 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church
Thursday	July 23
9:15 A.M.	† Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday	July 24
9:15 A.M.	† Greg & Sandy Gelino
7:00 P.M.	† Francesco Cosenza
Saturday (St. Benedict)	July 25
2:00 P.M.	Quinceañera of Akiely Orozco
4:00 P.M.	Wedding of Russ & Debby Absher
Sunday (17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)	July 26
10:30 A.M.	The Benefactors of St. Patrick's
12:00 P.M.	† Sam & Tina Cosenza

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatrickmomence.org!!!

**PLEASE KEEP ST. PATRICK'S IN MIND FOR YOUR WILL
& ESTATE PLANNING. A \$3,000,000 FOUNDATION
WILL GO A LONG WAY TO HELP OUR PARISH!**

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

July 4-5, 2026 \$3,548.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER – WE NEED TO COLLECT
\$3,000 A WEEK TO MAINTAIN OUR BUDGET!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!**

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

July 26, 2026 B. Boicken & M.J. Boicken
August 2, 2026 B. Kovacs & S. Ekhoﬀ

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY
PHONE NUMBER** If you know of someone
who is sick and in need of the sacraments
or wishes a visit at a care facility, please
contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-
1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at
☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

To Dedicate
a Candle for a Loved One, please call the office
at ☎ (815) 472-2864.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, August 2 (Fr. Pete)	4:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	M. J. Boicken
Lector:	G. Hess
Ushers:	K. Bukowski, R. Hess D. Rademacher, S. Pansa
Altar Servers:	A. Fuhrmann
Sunday, August 2 (Fr. Pete)	10:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Meyer
Lector:	J. Rehmer
Ushers:	M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider
Altar Servers:	M. Facko
Sunday, August 2 (Fr. Pete)	12:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	C. Andrade, E. Zagal
Lector:	F. Franco, L. Ojeda
Ushers:	B. Aguirre, G. Camacho R. Camacho, G. Carreño, N. Viveros
Altar Servers:	A. Flores K. Flores, L. Flores

PEW DEDICATION PROGRAM

We invite those who wish to remember a
loved one by dedicating a church pew
(\$2,500), a classroom (\$5,000) or even have a
building named in honor of your loved one for
\$1,000,000! For more info, contact
St. Patrick's at ☎ (815) 472-2864, St.
Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email
us at pjankowski@yahoo.com.



Birthday Baseball with Fr. Pete

At the Joliet Slammers - August 13, 2026 - Game at 6:35 p.m. (Meet at St. Pat's Parking Lot at 4:30 p.m.)
 *10 tix - Severs go Free (Includes Ticket and Bus Ride)
 Bus Limited to Fifty of Our Friends

Call ☎ (815) 472-2864 to
 Reserve Your Tickets!



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list

pjankowski@yahoo.com

As we celebrate our 146th Annual St. Anne's Day and Novena this year, there are so many individuals to thank for making all of this possible, not the least of which are the parishioners of St. Anne's, a great number of whom serving behind the scenes and doing God's work "in secret," as instructed by our Lord in the fifth Chapter of Matthew. What these parishioners have done... what *you all* have done!!!!... has been nothing short of spectacular! God knows what is in your heart and may God bless them and you for all you do.

In addition to our parishioners, I would like to thank the following individuals who have come forward to assist the good folks of St. Anne's in this cause:

- The parishioners of St. Patrick's Church in Mokenca, IL (the other parish I serve), who have helped subsidize the cost of so many things St. Anne and have volunteered in so many ways to help out the parish.
- To Fr. Jim Heyd, who celebrates the 9:00 a.m. Mass for us. Fr. Heyd has been joining us for this Feast Day accompanied by busloads of faithful from our Haitian and Vietnamese communities.
- Fr. Sebastian Genoni, who travelled from Buenos Aires, Argentina to lead a parallel Novena in Spanish at St. Patrick's Church and for celebrating the 12:00 noon Mass on St. Anne's Day on our campus.
- To our special choir at the Latin Mass on Saturday night for sharing their talents with us.

- To Russell Parent & Henry Stachyra, who brought a large contingent of servers and faithful for our Latin Mass on Saturday night.
- To the Caro Family for providing a special "Cabalgada" (horse-drawn procession) to lead us in prayer after the 9:00 a.m. and before our 12:00 p.m. Mass.
- For the Andrade Family and the Taqueria El Country Mexican Food Truck for providing a variety of meals and desserts on July 25-26.
- For Ana & Eileen Rivas and the Cerrito de Camino y Esperanza Retreat House for allowing to start our festivities in Spanish at their place of worship.
- To St. Anne's Mayor David O'Connell and Police Chief Todd Navratil for helping us with the relic procession and security at this event.
- ... and certainly for anyone else not specifically remembered but certainly known by God for their Christian Charity

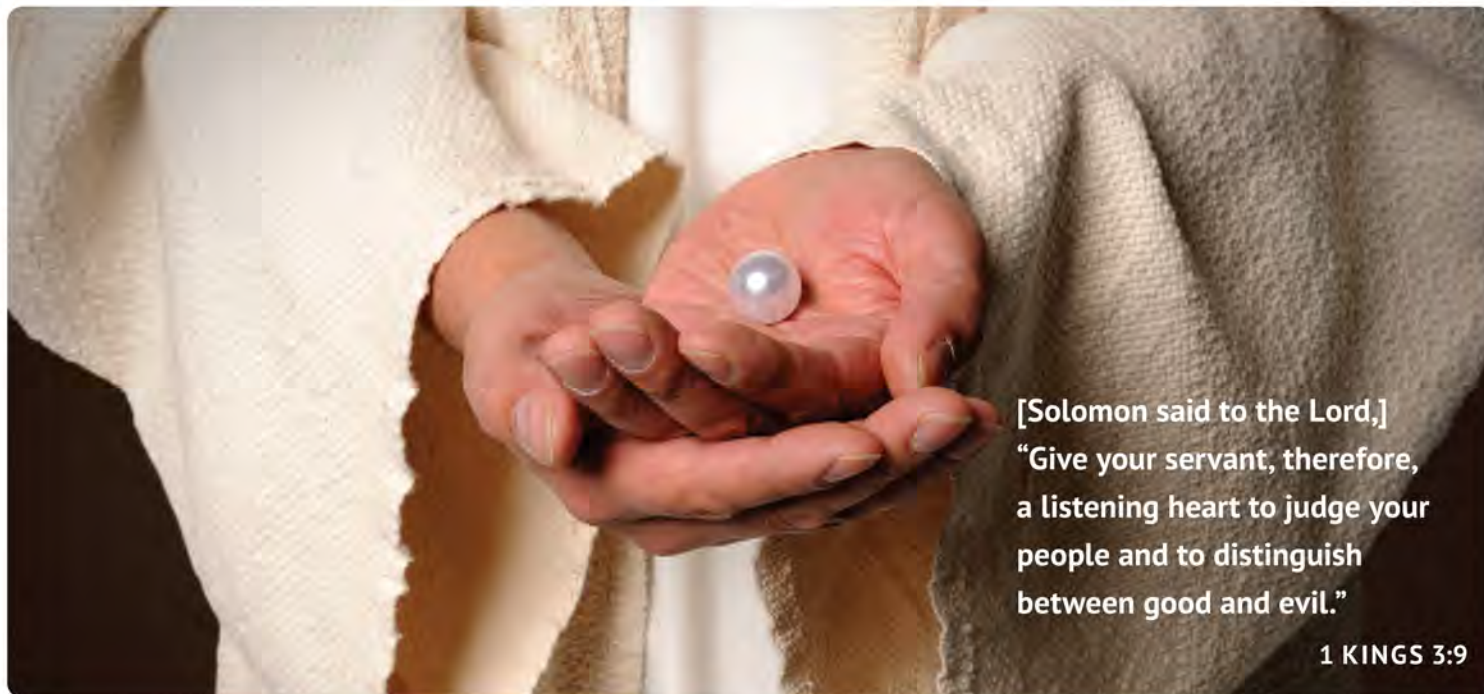
All of Our Online Masses can be found on our "Border Town Parishes" YouTube Channel and our website www.stannestanne.org. We also thank you in advance for whatever donations you can offer us on behalf of this Novena and this parish. The Novena has brought many physical healings to those who venerate the relic but, infinitely more important, the spiritual graces that will lead us to heaven! Thanks in advance for your time, your talents and your financial donations.



Parking Lot Update at St. Patrick's

We want to thank all the wonderful individuals who donated what turned out to be over \$63,000 for the back church parking lot at St. Patrick's. Because of your generosity, we were able to asphalt the crumbling walkways and the alley way connected to the lot. We are blessed for your kindness!

Kyle Volek (our caterer and contractor) also helped us work with city contractors to take the grindings from the Mokenca Road Project and use them for the foundation of a gym parking lot. That project cost us \$25,000 but many of you have helped us offset the costs for most of this; we are still a little short, if you can help. Thank you all!



[Solomon said to the Lord,]
“Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your
people and to distinguish
between good and evil.”

1 KINGS 3:9

What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

What image of God's kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?

Dear Padre,

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church.

It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, JANUARY 14,
2026

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

The History of St. Anne's Church The First Shrine of the United States



To commemorate this year's festivities, the oldest parishioner at St. Anne's (our "centenarian" Ruth Sparenburg, pictured with the youngest parishioner at St. Anne's, Adelaide Anderson) was kind enough to present to us a history of St. Anne's Church, as first published in the Lisieux Newsletter from February 1997.

**God Bless Our Wonderful Parishioners
and All Who Have Made This Celebration
Possible These Last 146 Years!!!**

**The 146th Annual St. Anne's
Novena & Feast Day
Sunday – July 26, 2026**

THE HISTORY OF ST. ANNE PARISH

The village of St. Anne owes its origin to the migration of the French-Canadian "coureur du bois". The first settlers were Ambrose and Antoine Allain in 1848. In 1850, Fr. Charles Chiniquy of Montreal was asked to help establish the band of French-Canadian immigrants. In 1851, he took six residents to a site near the Allain brothers; they built their homes on what they thought was the highest elevation, this being the spot where the Catholic Church now stands, known for a time as Beaver Mission.

The first place of worship was erected and dedicated on April 17, 1852 to St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus, from which the village and township derived their names. Fr. Chiniquy was the first pastor. He built a log church and school which were to become the factor of greatest interest in the community. In 1853, the Bourbonnais pastor, Fr. Courfaut was called away for a time and Fr. Chiniquy served both churches. After Fr. Courfaut returned, a bitter quarrel developed between the two pastors which resulted in severe church discipline. Courfaut was returned to France, Chiniquy was excommunicated but refused to acknowledge the Church action until 1856 when the official notice was nailed on the church door. When Chiniquy left the church, a number of his congregation followed him to an "Independent Christian Catholic Church" which in 1860 became the Presbyterian Church in St. Anne.

The church sent numerous missionaries to Ste. Anne from 1856 to 1859 in attempt to win back the apostate members, but with little success. Visiting priests from Beaverville's St. Marie, served the church from 1859 to 1871. On February 23, 1871, Fr. Michael Letellier was named pastor. In the spring of 1871, Fr. Letellier organized a committee to construct a new stone church. The stone quarried in Momenace was hauled in by parishioners who volunteered not only their time but also their money. Construction began in 1872 on the Allain homesite and opened for use late in 1873.

It can be said that Fr. Chiniquy founded the parish but Fr. Letellier deserves the title of Second Founder. His pastorate was marked not only by material construction but spiritual growth as well. Fr. Chiniquy organized the first Catholic School in 1855. It was very small and closed in 1856 after his suspension. Fr. Letellier started a Catholic School, later to be known as the St. Anne Academy,

staffed by the Sisters of Notre Dame of Montreal, Canada. At one time, the Academy offered twelve years of instruction and room and board for out-of-town students at the Academy. St. Anne Academy closed in 1978 and was demolished in 1988.

Fr. J.U.A. Artel succeeded Fr. Letellier 1883-1886. His main contribution was to further the establishment of the school. In 1886, Father Z.P. Berard came to the parish and began the longest pastorate in the history of the church, 1886-1932. In 1889, a rectory was built and remained there until the new one was built 1980.

The first novena to Ste. Anne occurred in 1881 but it was not until July 26, 1887, that the first pilgrims came. Fr. Bergeron, pastor of Notre Dame Church, Chicago, brought them by a special train. A new era began for the Church of Ste. Anne, for thousands of people come each year to celebrate the feast day, July 26. For the nine days preceding the feast, special devotions each morning and evening are conducted. On the feast day, July 26, the celebrating begins with Eucharist and concludes with Benediction. The relic of Ste. Anne is carried in public procession through the village. Since the pilgrimages began, Ste. Anne Church has become known throughout the country as "the Original Shrine of Ste. Anne in the United States." Thousands have testified to favors and graces received through the intercession of Ste. Anne.

In 1893, the church was struck by lightning and burned leaving only the walls. New construction began, making possible the enlargement of the church and sanctuary. In 1900, three new altars in gold and white were installed, remaining to this day with some alterations. In 1906, to meet the demands of the parish needs a parish hall was constructed across the street to the east of the church. This building remains today and is used by the parish and community for many activities.

Lightning struck again in 1911, causing considerable water damage to the organ and interior of the church. Repairs were finished in 1912. In 1920, after nearly forty years, the school needed repairs. The work was almost completed when the building caught fire and burned to the ground. The parish struggled but a new school was constructed. In July, 1932, Fr. E. J. Tailon became pastor of Ste. Anne, followed in October, 1936 by Fr. J. A. Dionne. It was during his tenure that the Sisters, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, gave up the academy they had staffed since 1922. Fr. Dionne arranged for the Dominican Sisters of Springfield to replace them;

they remained in the school until its closure. Fr. Dionne was the last diocesan priest to serve Ste. Anne Parish.

In 1942, Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, entrusted the administration of the parish to the Clerics of St. Viator with Fr. A. J. Landroche, CSV who served for six years. His was the task of guiding the parish in the days of World War II and its aftermath. Fr. Paul Hutton, CSV succeeded Fr. Landroche in June, 1948. In the fall of 1948, the diocese of Joliet was established and the decade of 1950-1960 witnessed the foundation and growth of the new diocese. In 1954, Fr. Hutton was transferred and Fr. Clarence Biladeau, CSV replaced him. The decade ended with the pastorate of Fr. James T. Sees, CSV in 1958, who succeeded Fr. Biladeau. Fr. Sees's tenure was short as he suffered a stroke in the spring of 1960 and had to be relieved of his pastorate.

In 1960, Fr. James L. Naughton came to Ste. Anne. He was responsible for the redecorating of the church in 1964. In 1969, Fr. J. F. Brown CSV came and Fr. Wm. R. Anson, CSV came shortly after to aide with the parish.

Since 1972 was the Centenary of the Parish, the exterior of the church was repaired, the windows re-lead and protective glass installed, the roof repaired and the interior redecorated. The sanctuary was remodeled, the pews returned to their original state after having been painted on the two previous decorations. To complete the decoration, the church was carpeted. In October, Bishop Blanchette came to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate the Centenary.

In 1976, Fr. Brown retired and Fr. Anson resumed the duties of the parish. He was responsible for the construction of the new rectory. He remained until 1982 when his health declined and he was unable to continue. In 1982, Fr. Donald Lund, CSV came to Ste. Anne. Fr. Lund retired in 1990 and Fr. James Monahan CSV resumed the duties of the parish. While Fr. Monahan was in Ste. Anne, a new roof on the church was constructed and the interior redecorated. Fr.

Monahan was tragically killed while riding his bicycle on October 6, 1996. Fr. Jim Curtin came to Ste. Anne as a temporary administrator while the Clerics of St. Viator selected a permanent priest. On December 8, 1996, Fr. James Fanale, CSV resumed the duties of Ste. Anne Parish. The people of Ste. Anne Parish are blessed with the Spirit of Ste. Anne.



THE 146TH ST. ANNE'S HOLY DAY MASSES

Held at the Country's First National Shrine

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

230 N. 6th Avenue

St. Anne, IL 60964

☎ (815) 427-8265

Mass in Latin - July 25th at 6:00 p.m.,
Followed by Rosary & Procession

Fr. Pete Jankowski, Celebrant

Outdoor Mass in English - July 26th
at 9:00 a.m., followed by Rosary & Procession

Fr. Jim Heyd, Celebrant

Fr. Pete Jankowski will hear confessions
and offer anointings during the Mass.

**Outdoor Procession of Relic at Camino y
Esperanza Retreat House at 11:00 a.m.**

Outdoor Mass in Spanish at 12:00 noon

Rev. Sebastian Genoni, Celebrant

With Sales of Flowers, Religious Items, Blessed Water & Oil and Brats, Hotdogs and Hamburgers (as well as drinks & desserts) sold after all the Masses. Activities for the children after the 9:00 a.m. Mass!

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at 7:00 p.m. (except Sundays) in English
at St. Anne's Church and at
St. Patrick's Church in Spanish
at 119 N. Market St. in Momence, IL)**

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Renovate Our Parking Lot! The church is air-
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FEAST OF ST. ANNE

Fiesta de Santa Ana

JULY

26

2026

Latin Holy Mass
July 25 6 pm

English Mass
9:00 am

Procession
from CyE
Retreat House
to St. Anne's
at 11:00 am
Mass in Spanish
12:00 pm

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JULIO

26

2026

Misa en Latin
25 Julio 6 pm

Misa Inglés
9:00 am

Procesión
desde la Casa
de Retiros CyE
hasta Iglesia de
Sta Ana 11 am
Misa Español
12:00 pm

FOOD, RELIGIOUS ITEMS AND VOTIVE CANDLES FOR SALE
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT 11:00 A.M. – ANOINTING OF THE SICK
AND CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE – MINIMUM FIFTEEN MINUTE
PROCESSION AFTER THE ENGLISH & LATIN MASSES – MIRACLES HAVE
TAKEN PLACE WHILE VENERATING THE RELIC!



**Misas Diarias
durante la Novena
con P. Sebastian
Genoni, MIC**

17-24 Julio (sin Domingo) a
las 7:00 p.m. en la Parroquia
de San Patricio (119 N.
Market St. - <Momence, IL
60954) Tel (815) 472-2864

Desde el 2015, Padre Sebastian ha
servido como el párroco de la
Parroquia Madre de Misericordia en la
diócesis de Avellaneda-Lanús,
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Desde el año 2020 realiza un
apostolado digital en sufragio por las
Almas del Purgatorio, la Cofradía
Mariana de las Benditas Almas.



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St. Anne Church to Celebrate the Saint's Feast Day on July 26 with Masses, a Novena and Processions

STORY BY CARLOS BRICEÑO

All seemed hopeless for Joachim and Anne, a rich and pious childless couple, in regards for their wish to have a child. They both prayed, despite the fact that Anne was elderly. They knew that nothing was impossible for God.

Their prayers were answered when an angel appeared to Anne, saying she would give birth to a child who would be a blessing to the world. Anne named the child Miriam, which means Mary. (Yes, *that* Mary, the one who answered "yes" to God.)

"Without the efforts of Joachim and Anne, we don't get Mary, and without the Blessed Mother, we don't get the Savior of the world," said Father Peter Jankowski, the administrator at St. Anne Church in St. Anne, IL, and St. Patrick's in Mokena.

His church honors St. Anne on her feast day every year, on July 26, with Masses and a procession. In years past, thousands would travel to the church, which contains a national shrine to St. Anne and also possesses a first-class relic (defined as part of a saint's body) of St. Anne. The faithful venerate the relic as part of the feast-day festivities.

The church is also known as the site of several miraculous cures, Father Jankowski said. He cited a book called *Following Father Chiniquy: Immigration, Religious Schism, and Social Change in Nineteenth-Century Illinois*, written by Caroline Brettell, which chronicles St. Anne Church's early history.

The book also includes the miraculous healing of a 22-year-old named Matilda Cunnea, who traveled from Calumet City to the church in 1904 to venerate the relic. Cunnea's legs had been paralyzed for two years. But, after assisting in the daily prayers at the beginning of the novena to St. Anne, two days before the feast day, she told a nun that she thought she had been cured.

She asked the nun for help to get up out of her wheelchair. She then rose and began to walk. Cunnea's wheelchair is kept in a side chapel at St. Anne Church as a reminder of that miracle.

Food Trucks will be available for lunch and children's activities will begin at 11:00 a.m. We also thank Bethlehem Gifts from visiting us with their olive wood gifts for purchase. St. Anne's will provide the annual purchase of votive lamps, St. Anne Water and Oil as well as other devotional gifts for sale. St. Anne's is located on 230 N. 6th Ave. in St. Anne, IL. Contact (815) 427-



Here is the overall official schedule:

+ Daily novena Masses online, starting on July 18, along with nightly Masses outside at 7 p.m. To find out more, go to <https://www.stpatrickmomence.org/76>

July 25:

- ♦ 6:00 p.m. Mass in Latin (Extraordinary Form) with Fr. Pete Jankowski, followed by procession of the relic.

July 26:

- ♦ 9:00 a.m. Outdoor in Mass in English with veneration and procession of relic (Fr. James Heyd, Presider)
- ♦ 11:00 a.m. Cabalgada (Horse Procession) from Camino y Esperanza to St. Anne's Church
- ♦ 12:00 noon Spanish Mass with Fr. Sebastian Genoni, MIC

Beyond attendance at Mass, it's also important for the Catholic faithful to acknowledge and participate in processions and veneration of relics, Father Jankowski said. He eloquently talked about this during a homily earlier this year:

"For those of us invested in the faith," he said, "we must keep embracing the signs, the symbols, the rituals, the traditions, the stories of the saints and of these holy people who have gone before us to remind ourselves of why we are here. The problem is, as always, that we forget; we get caught up with the way of the secular and the way of the negative sometimes instead of the way of the faith and that which is positive and holy in life. Through the life of faith and the example of those saints who have gone before us, we are able to encounter the presence of the divine within them and us, the path that directs us to heaven."

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UNA NOTA DE PADRE PEDRO

Al celebrar este año nuestra 146.^a festividad anual y la novena en honor a Santa Ana, hay muchas personas a quienes agradecer por hacer todo esto posible; entre ellas, y de manera muy especial, los feligreses de Santa Ana. Un gran número de ellos ha trabajado entre bastidores, realizando la obra de Dios "en secreto", tal como nos instruyó nuestro Señor en el quinto capítulo del Evangelio de Mateo. ¡Lo que estos feligreses han hecho... lo que todos ustedes han hecho!!!... ¡ha sido sencillamente espectacular! Dios conoce lo que hay en sus corazones; que Él los bendiga a ellos y a ustedes por todo lo que hacen.

Además de nuestros feligreses, quisiera agradecer a las siguientes personas que se ofrecieron a ayudar a la buena gente de Santa Ana en esta causa:

- A los feligreses de la iglesia de San Patricio en Momence, Illinois (la otra parroquia a la que sirvo), quienes han ayudado a sufragar los gastos de tantas cosas para Santa Ana y se han ofrecido como voluntarios de muchas maneras para apoyar a la parroquia.
- Al P. Jim Heyd, quien celebra la Misa de las 9:00 a. m. para nosotros. El P. Heyd nos acompaña en esta festividad trayendo consigo a numerosos fieles de nuestras comunidades haitiana y vietnamita.



LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

7:00 p.m. los Viernes

ROSARIO & CATECISMO

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m.

- Al P. Sebastian Genoni, quien viajó desde Buenos Aires, Argentina, para dirigir una novena paralela en español en la iglesia de San Patricio y para celebrar la Misa del mediodía (12:00 p. m.) en honor a Santa Ana en nuestras instalaciones.
- A nuestro coro especial de la Misa en latín del sábado por la noche, por compartir sus talentos con nosotros.
- A Russell Parent y Henry Stachyra, quienes trajeron un numeroso grupo de monaguillos y fieles para nuestra Misa en latín del sábado por la noche.
- A la familia Caro, por organizar una "Cabalgata" especial (procesión a caballo) para guiarnos en oración después de la Misa de las 9:00 a. m. y antes de la Misa de las 12:00 p. m.
- A la familia Andrade y al camión de comida mexicana "Taquería El Country", por ofrecer una variedad de platos y postres los días 25 y 26 de julio.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Dame a mí, tu servidor, la capacidad de juzgar bien (1 Reyes 3: 5, 7-12).

Salmo - Amo, Señor, tus mandamientos (Salmo 119 [118]).

Segunda Lectura - Estamos predestinados a ser conformados a la imagen del Hijo de Dios (Romanos 8: 28-30).

Evangelio - Cuando encontramos la perla de gran valor, tenemos que ofrecer por ella todo lo que poseemos (Mateo 13: 44-52 [44-46]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Jer 13: 1-11; Dt 32: 18-21; Mt 13: 31-35
Martes:	Jer 14: 17-22; Sal 79; Mt 13: 36-43
Miércoles:	Jer 15: 10, 16-21; Sal 59; Mt 13: 44-46
Jueves:	Jer 18: 1-6; Sal 146 (145); lb-6ab; Mt 13: 47-53
Viernes:	Jer 26: 1-9; Sal 69 (68): 5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13: 54-58
Sábado:	Jer 26: 11-16, 24; Sal 69 (68): 15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14: 1-12
Domingo:	Is 55: 1-3; Sal 145: 8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14: 13-21



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