

**Behold,
I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.**

Matthew 11:10

3rd Sunday of
Advent

Welcome to St. Ann's

December 14, 2025

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Pastor



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Deacon



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Deacon



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Monday	8am
Tuesday	8am
Wednesday	6pm
Thursday	8am
Friday	8am
Saturday Vigil	4pm
Sunday	8am, 11am and 6pm

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday:	8:30am-4pm
Tuesday:	8:30am-4pm
Wednesday:	8:30am-4pm
Thursday:	8:30am-4pm
Closes for lunch:	12pm-1pm
Friday Hours:	8:30am-12pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

Monday	Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday/ Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is celebrated daily
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from
7:30am-7:45am.

On Wednesday from **5:30pm-5:45pm**.
Saturday from **3 to 3:45pm** in the Church's
Chapel or by a prearranged appointment
with the Priest in the Parish Office.
*Schedule may vary during Holy Days of
Obligation.*

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is a serious
obligation. **Parents must be registered,
active members of the parish for three
months prior to the Baptism.** Call the
Parish Office to make arrangements.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is celebrated annually
for the ninth grade students who have
completed a two-year preparation program.
Adults who wish to be confirmed should
call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least
**six months in advance. The Catholic party
must be a registered active member of our
parish for at least 4 months.** Weddings are
usually celebrated on Saturdays at 11am
and 1pm. Call the Parish Office before
setting any dates.

FUNERAL

Call the Parish Office (386) 668-8270.

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OCIA (becoming Catholic) - Contact Parish Office at (386) 668-8270 or email office@stannsdebary.org

St. Ann Life Teen H.S. Youth Ministry - Contact Leann Sorondo at office@stannsdebary.org





My Dear Parishioners,

Today with great joy we celebrate GAUDETE SUNDAY!

In today's first reading, Isaiah's beautiful poem proclaims the dry earth of the desert will bloom with abundant flowers, and the glory of Lebanon will be given. Throughout his writing Isaiah references Lebanon as an iconic place of beauty. Contrary to the barren hills surrounding Jerusalem, Lebanon was known for its rich cedar forests. Isaiah employs this image to foreshadow what the Christian scripture calls the "New Heaven and Earth," or the restoration of creation, including humanity, to God's original intent. This is a fitting image for Advent, as we prepare for heaven to literally come to earth.

Each of us is a work in progress. Everyday, we are being transformed as part of Christ's mission of restoration and redemption. Sometimes the growth we undergo feels painfully slow, as though we are barely progressing. Sometimes it feels that we are not growing into something beautiful but rather being overcome by thorns.

Amidst some moments we can return to the prophet Isaiah's words, "Say to those whose hearts are frightened – be strong, fear not!" This poem of joyful hope goes on to say, "here is your God, He comes with vindication." So, too, we must wait with hope, enduring on our sad backs with faithfulness and patience. In the second reading, St. James offers further encouragement when he says, "make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

In Matthew's gospel Jesus' words continue the theme of the first reading when He tells John the Baptist's disciples, "go and tell John what you hear and see." People are heard and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor, just as Isaiah predicted. Jesus assures the crowd, "that He is the one who is to come." Jesus rejoices in John's mission of preparing the way for Him, Jesus says there is no one greater than John and yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than He.

What does this mean for us?

John Baptized with water and Jesus baptized with the Holy Spirit. Jesus dies for the forgiveness of our sins and gives us His body to eat. When He promises to be with us always, we are blessed to be included in His kingdom.

So, Brothers and Sisters,

Let us rejoice on this Gaudete Sunday in what Jesus has done for us. Let us prepare our hearts not only for His coming but for His kingdom.

Please continue to pray for peace in the world, stop the violence and wars.
With my love and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Andrzej Jankowski

Fr. Andrzej



Advent
THIRD WEEK

Holy Land Gifts will be at St. Ann's this weekend December 13 and 14



The Catholics of the Holy Land ask for the support of your prayers and the purchase of these handcrafted artworks that can make unique sacramental and Christmas gifts. Proceeds from sales generate much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for 600 Catholic families in Bethlehem.

Cards, cash and Apple Pay will be accepted. Please consider these gifts for your family, friends, and yourself and be as generous as God is to you.



Don't forget to register!

Often people attend Mass at a parish for months or sometimes years, but never officially register.



Registering at St. Ann's Catholic Church is the expression of your commitment to be a part of our parish community.

Being a registered parishioner also makes the process much simpler when it's time to receive sacraments, register for religious education, sponsor an individual for sacraments, and even plan funerals.

Registration Forms can be found at the Welcome Desk or visit us online at www.stannsdebary.org

Rosary Makers make and send rosaries all over the world, and for our First Holy Communion classes each year. The Rosaries are easy to make, and we would love to teach you. We meet on **Wednesday** in the Education Building at **10am**.

All are welcome!

Parish Members, in need of simple Home Maintenance Tasks or simple Sewing Repairs?



"Honey-Do" Ministry



Mending Bee

Request forms located in the entrance of the Church or in the Parish Office. If you are interested in becoming a Honey Do-er, contact the Parish Office at (386) 668-8270.

Would you honor the Lord by being a Gift Bearer?



Gift Bearers are welcomed at each weekend Mass. Please see the Sacristan before Mass.

Coming Soon!



"Catholics Returning Home" an Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics will be offered once again beginning **February, 2026**.

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you. Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away, and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Watch the bulletin and website for upcoming details.

For details call the Parish Office at (386) 668-8270.

We are here to help you!

Respite Care



St. Ann's RESPITE Ministry is accepting requests. RESPITE is a volunteer program designed to assist the elderly or handicapped person by offering companion services for families who elect to care for them at home.

RESPITE offers families the opportunity to leave the older or disabled person with a trained volunteer for a short period of time. There would be no charge to the family for this service. For more information or to request assistance contact the Parish Office at (386) 668-8270.

Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Celebration



Wednesday, December 31
from 5pm-9pm

Buffet Style Dinner

Tickets \$25 per person

Ages 8 and under Free

Tickets available after Mass
or in Parish Office.



Food Pantry item of the month for December - boxed / bagged rice, spaghetti sauce or canned tuna.
Thank you for your loyal support of this outreach ministry.



The Giving Hearth

Please remember to return your **unwrapped** gift by the due date on the tag.

To learn more about this organization visit
<https://www.communitypartnershipforchildren.org/>



Holiday Office Hours

Monday, December 22	8:30am - 4pm
Tuesday, December 23	8:30am - 4pm
Wednesday, December 24	CLOSED
Thursday, December 25	CLOSED
Friday, December 26	CLOSED
Monday, December 29	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 30	8:30am - Noon
Wednesday, December 31	CLOSED
Thursday, January 1, 2026	CLOSED
Friday, January 2, 2026	CLOSED

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Knights of Columbus

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 13571

Join the Knights as they pray the Rosary on

Saturday, December 13 at 3:30pm

Sunday, December 14 at 7:30am

AND

Saturday, December 27 at 3:30pm

Sunday December 28 at 7:30am



Knights Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 21

from 9am until 10am

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Please note that the **Rosary Prayer Group** will **not** meet on Tuesday, December 23 and Tuesday, December 30
We will resume on **Tuesday, January 6 at 10:30am** in the Chapel. Have a blessed Christmas Season.



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Drive Thru DINNERS

GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN FOR A NIGHT!

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Rev. Con Shine	December 4, 1996
Rev. Stephen Phillips	December 4, 2008
Msgr. William Mullally	December 13, 1971
Rev. William O'Farrell	December 21, 1997
Rev. Vincent Smith	December 22, 1981
Rev. Gerry Granahan	December 22, 2010



† Mass Intentions for the Week ~ SI - Special Intention

8am- Monday, December 15 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	† John Gentilella † Thomas Spisany
8am- Tuesday, December 16 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	† Joseph Cloke † Carol Soulliere
6pm- Wednesday, December 17 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	† Cathy Mojock † Betty Cotilla
8am- Thursday, December 18 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	† Alice Reynolds † Sandra Loughran
8am- Friday, December 19 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	† Alan Striano † Kathleen Branfoot
4pm- Saturday, December 20 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	† Patrick Peuser † Beverly Kapolka
8am- Sunday, December 21 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	† June Konklin <i>Special Intention</i> for the birthday of Florence J. Charles
11am- Sunday, December 21 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	† Richard and Gloria Terino † Dennis Dembski
6pm- Sunday, December 21 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	† Kathleen Gomez † Louise Letter

Upcoming Parish Event Calendar: December 15-21

C= Church/ Chapel	8am Mass - Monday December 15 <i>Confession 7:30am - 7:45am</i> 10am Food Pantry (PH)
EB= Ed Building	8am Mass - Tuesday, December 16 <i>Confession 7:30am - 7:45am</i> 10:30am Rosary Prayer (C) 11am Stitches (PH) 7pm Formed (EB)
GS= Gath. Space	6pm Mass - Wednesday, December 17 <i>Confession 5:30pm - 5:45pm</i> 10am Rosary Makers (EB)
O= Office	8am Mass - Thursday, December 18 <i>Confession 7:30am - 7:45am</i> 9am Formed (EB) 11am Stitches (PH) 6pm BYOP (PH)
PG= Prayer Garden	8am Mass - Friday, December 19 <i>Confession 7:30am - 7:45am</i> 10am Food Pantry (PH)
PH= Parish Hall	4pm Mass - Saturday, December 20 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Confession 3pm - 3:45pm</i>
YR= Youth Room	8am, 11am and 6pm Masses - Sunday, Dec. 21 9am Faith Formation (EB) 9am Family Ministry (YR) 9am-10am Knights Pancake Breakfast (PH) 1pm OCIA (EB) <i>(new day and time)</i> No Life Teen - HS Youth Group

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil
7pm and Midnight

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day
8am and 11am Mass



Due to the holiday bulletin schedule we will
report weekly offertory at a later date.

Easy Options for Your Offertory Giving

Online Banking is offered by your bank, and you can add St. Ann's as a payee just like you do for any other bills. Schedule your giving, and let your bank send the check for you. Contact your bank for more details.

The Parish App can be downloaded on your phone and with one click takes you directly to St. Ann's online giving portal, so you know that your gift is secure.

Use of a Personal Check can be placed directly into the Offertory basket and will be posted to your giving account.

Offertory Envelopes can be mailed to your home bimonthly. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

Online Giving Option is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop, and change your Offertory at any time. It's safe and easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. You can do this through a mobile app or on the website at stannsdebary.org



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Thank you for your faithful response, we have reached
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Goal	\$137,141.43
Raised to date	\$177,781.55
Over Goal	\$ 40,640.12

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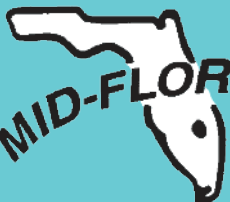
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