

Welcome-Worship-Witness

A Stewardship Message

"Take heed that you faithfully perform the business you have to do in the world, from a regard to the commands of God; and not from an ambitious desire of being esteemed better than others."

David Brainerd



Is Saint Anne a Vibrant Parish?

Members are recognized as gifted and called forth to use their gifts. Parishes that routinely use their stewardship process to identify and invite skills and talents to be developed in parish structures reap multiple rewards. Some parishioners would likely indicate they have never heard from anyone after completing a survey offering time or talent. Following up and directly inviting persons to engage in parish ministry based on what they offered in stewardship efforts creates true ownership and sense of belonging. Parishes that identify what they need for a ministry and specifically tell someone what they can offer a program, event or practice help members gain confidence and motivation. Parishioners' sense of collaboration and initiative grows. Parishes that work at this do not have the "same old people" doing all the work.

by Denise Simeone

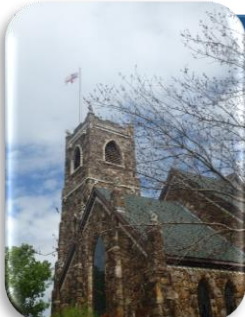
Stewardship Through Music

God has given us music to glorify Him and to serve one another. Our best music begins as we offer ourselves to God first with all that we are and have. Music becomes a means of praise, prayer and the teaching of Scriptural truth as we lift our hearts, voices and instruments to Him. Our heavenly Father gladly receives our songs given in obedience to His command, and He returns to us the gift of joy that flows through us to reflect His glory to one another and to the world waiting to know Him. Whether our gifting is smaller or greater, we can come with our five loaves and two fish and see how God reveals His glory. Songs that help draw our hearts to God are a wise investment of time and energy, for in this way we lay up "...a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:33-34)

Caught in the Act!!

This week, Mary Perkins, our new Children's Ministry Coordinator, and Deacon Adriana Elliott were caught in the act of planning activities for the approaching summer months. Thank you, Mary and Adriana for ALL THAT YOU DO on behalf of Saint Anne!!





Saint Anne, a Good Steward in All Seasons!

Memorial Day and Labor Day, the front and back doors of summer for mainline religious traditions.

Every year, mainline churches seem to go on a break of-sorts during the summer months. I say seem to, because in reality this could not be further from the truth. What in fact happens is that attendance ebbs and flows due to families taking much needed vacations as they try to recover from the busy-ness of what seems like day and night activities during the "school year." From sporting activities to school assemblies, to home work to field trips, to you name it, the nine-month school year schedule is exhausting. BUT,,,,,, make no mistake, the church does not go on break, but rather, she shifts gears with the hope of helping her families become renewed and refreshed. Saint Anne for instance will continue with her Children's ministry on Sundays through the summer months, giving the parents an opportunity to worship while their children are learning in an age-appropriate environment. On the second Sunday of each month Saint Anne will continue to present a children's friendly sermon (and more, so stay tuned!). This summer we will have not just a Saint Anne Sunday, but a Saint Anne WEEKEND the last weekend in July featuring a Children's Vacation Fun Day! Saint Anne will have pancakes every other Sunday thanks to the ministry of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew. Our Women's Bible Study group under the leadership of Lisa Seppanen, will launch another exciting bible study. The rector's "Time in Between" will begin anew and take place after the 8:00 a.m. worship service on those Sundays that the Brotherhood is not providing pancakes; the topic of the day will vary from week to week. And the list goes on and on and on. So, summer is not down time for the church, but a different time for the church, offering a diverse schedule of activities and programs. STAY TUNED as Saint Anne continues to be a Good Steward of her and your time during the summer season, just as she is in the fall, winter and spring.

Fr. Jim

Meet the Steward

Patty Kotanchek



I was born in northeastern Ohio. I was raised on a small farm in Middlefield, Ohio which is in the heart of a large Amish community.

I met my husband, Jim while we were both working at General Motors. I have two stepdaughters and three grandchildren who still live in Ohio. Jim and I moved to Texas in 1982. I worked for 7-Eleven, Inc. as a real estate accounting supervisor for over thirty-two years until my retirement in 2017.

I have been attending Saint Anne since 2011. I am a member of the Daughters of the King. I am also active in the pastoral care committee, LEV, and bereavement reception committees. For the past four or five years, I have been creating and sending out personalized greeting cards on behalf of Saint Anne and in conjunction with the pastoral committee. Cards are generally sent out to those in our parish family who are ill, those who are grieving the loss of a family member or those who might benefit from a simple message of encouragement during a difficult time in their lives. I am so blessed to have the opportunity to do what I love while possibly making someone's day a little brighter when they receive a message of hope and encouragement from their friends at Saint Anne.