

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 24, 2010

SAINT ANNE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A HOLY TIME

For those of us who live farther north, it is now the heart of winter. And for all of us, north and south, the holidays are over. We may sense the start of a long, hard stretch of blank time. These opening Sundays of "Ordinary Time" reflect this feeling of beginning.

Today's reading from the book of Nehemiah tells with great drama how the people gathered to hear, as though for the first time, a solemn reading of God's word. As they listened, they fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep" (Nehemiah 8:9).

Today's Gospel tells a similar dramatic tale. We are presented with the very beginning of Jesus' public life. The people gathered to listen, and Jesus proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet's words. To his listeners—and to us—he announced "a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:19). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves "companions," pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the "Company (compagnia) of Saint Ursula." Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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**Please remember to use our parish website at
<http://www.saintannecc.org>**

UPCOMING SABBATICAL

I shared the following information with the Parish PPC and Commission members last week, and now I share it with the entire parish.

Last Year (February 2009), I wrote a letter to Cardinal George's representative requesting a sabbatical. I asked that this sabbatical (if given) take place from April to August of this year – 2010. He approved of my request and has granted me this sabbatical.

When I told my mother about the sabbatical, her first reaction was, "Are you unhappy? Are you leaving?" I think my mother's idea of a sabbatical was one where you take some time off before leaving the priesthood, or a time to find a woman to fall in love with, and then leave the priesthood. I assured her that this was not the reason for a sabbatical. And I can assure St. Anne that this is not the purpose for taking a sabbatical. I am NOT leaving the priesthood!

There is a reason for taking a sabbatical at this time. My term here at St. Anne ends in little over a year (June 2011). As you may or may not know, I speak Spanish - and I'm pretty good at it. My first assignment as a priest was in an English and Spanish speaking parish. I have been away from it for the past 9 years. On this four-month sabbatical, the plans are that I will be traveling to Costa Rica for 6-8 weeks (or about 1/2 of the sabbatical) to attend classes at an intensive Spanish language school. This would give me an opportunity to 'brush up' on the Spanish that I already know.

Why am I doing this? When I came to St. Anne, one of the 'hats' that I was wearing with the archdiocese was to serve as Cardinal George's appointment to the Diocesan Priest Placement Board. While serving on this board, one of the most difficult tasks that was set before us was finding priests who speak Spanish to work in parishes that have this language need.

It was hard for me to sit there, Friday after Friday, knowing that I am one of those priests who can speak the Spanish language, and not using it on a more frequent basis.

My plan for the future is to put things into God's hands. I will be making myself available for a Spanish speaking assignment in 2011. One key point that I need to make clear here, is that I am NOT actively seeking to leave St. Anne. But I am actively preparing myself for the real possibility that I may be needed in a parish that has Spanish language needs.

If Cardinal George decides to move me in July 2011, when my term here is ended, then I shall be better prepared. If the Cardinal decides to let me remain here at St. Anne - then I shall continue to serve you with all that I have. Either way, my desire is to serve God, God's people and the needs of the Archdiocese.

I am currently working with Bishop Perry and the Diocesan Priest Placement Board to find an administrator for St. Anne while I am away. An administrator will be someone who will help run the day-to-day operations of the parish until I return. We do not yet have anyone in place.

The actual dates of the sabbatical are from April 12, 2010 (the Monday after Divine Mercy Sunday) until August 11, 2010. I am grateful to Cardinal George for affording me this opportunity. I am grateful to be here at St. Anne with such a wonderful people - with your vibrant spirit and your commitment to living out our faith. All I ask is that you keep me in your prayers during this time, as I promise to keep all of you in my daily prayer as well.

MASSES:

Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
Mon-Thurs: 8:30 AM
Fri: 8:30 AM Communion Service
Holy Days: 8:30 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

PARISH REGISTRATION:

New members are always welcome. Please phone or come into Rectory at your earliest convenience. Also see the registration form in the bulletin.

BAPTISMS:

Parents are expected to participate in a preparation session held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at a 12:00 PM service. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE:

Preparation is a must. Arrangements must be made at least four months in advance; preferably as soon as the engagement takes place.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Call as early as possible.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL: (708) 335-1766



IT'S TAX TIME

If you need a letter from St. Anne Church verifying your contributions for the 2009

tax year, please call the office.

In order to be good stewards of parish funds, we will not automatically send this letter out to all parishioners, but would be happy to send it to those who request it.

Haitian Relief Response Operation We Care Connection

So very many people have reached out to the people of Haiti.

It was and continues to be very gratifying to witness the American response.

As you may or may not know, **Operation We Care** sent packages to (then) Lt. Helen Lilly when she was stationed in Iraq about 2 years ago.

She is now a Captain and she and her unit from **Ft. Bragg, North Carolina** are going as a response team to offer the Army's help and expertise.

Thank God for the American spirit of generosity and service!!!

A recent email sent to all of the generous parishioners here at St. Anne who contribute to "Operation We Care".....

Hello Mrs. Bulanda,

I wanted to say Thank You so very much for the previous box that you sent to us. The guys and I were extremely grateful and thankful to you and the kind people of your church. We can get some things but what we rarely can get are the cups of noodle kind of things. We are sometimes unable to make it to the chow hall because of alerts and missions so we would greatly appreciate that and body wash. Snack stuff like slim jim's and nuts are also greatly appreciated. Thank you and your group so much.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Percy
Sgt. Deployed in Afghanistan

Please Pray for our St. Anne Servicemen, Servicewomen and Their Families:

Fr. Bob, Lt., Navy

Nick Battistoni, Air Force, Grandson of Maureen McDonald—
Deployed to Iraq

Angela Bulanda, 1Lt., Army, Daughter of Robert and Elaine Bulanda—Deployed to Afghanistan

Brian Campbell, Army, Grandson of Paul & Mary St. Aubin

Chris Churilla, Sgt., Army, Son of Bill & Theresa Churilla—
Stationed in South Korea

James S. Dyer II, MM3rd Class, Navy, Son-in-Law of Michael and Beverly Collins

Donald English, Army, Nephew of Steve & Millie Moore—
Deployed to Iraq

Kenneth Fiaoni, PFC, Army, Nephew of Karla Fiaoni—Deployed
to Iraq

Erik Fischer, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy, Son of Mike &
Marian Fischer

Mark Fischer, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy, Son of Mike &
Marian Fischer

Milton Herring, Major, Army, Brother of Norine Maney

George Logan, Jr., Army, Nephew of Marilyn Mester

Philip Logan, Col., Army, Nephew of Marilyn Mester

Amy Mackowiak, SSgt., National Guard, Daughter of Tom &
JoAnne Mackowiak

Mike McFarlin, Navy, Grandson of Richard and Margaret Shel-
drake

Ken Ohlson, Lt Col, Air Force, Son of Bill & Phyllis Ohlson

Kendra Ohlson, Major, Air Force, Daughter-in-Law of Bill &
Phyllis Ohlson

Steven L. Pachuca, Sr., Pfc., Army, Husband of Stacey Farris—
Deployed to Afghanistan

David Salgenback, Spc., Army, Godson of Rose Cameron—
Deployed to Iraq

Maria Sheldrake, Navy, Daughter-in-Law of Richard and Marga-
ret Sheldrake

Jason Spaargaren, Sgt., Army, Godson of Jim
Cameron—Deployed to Iraq

Keith Staros, Marines, Nephew of Pat & Georgia
Forde

Glen Summers, Sgt., Army, Grand-nephew of
Sandra Harper—Recuperating at Walter Reed
Hospital from injuries sustained in Iraq

Mark J. Swiderski, PFC, Army National Guard, Boyfriend of
Sharon Forde—Deployed in Iraq

Manuel L. Vasquez, Sgt., Army, Son of Manuel & Maria Vasquez

Derrick Velazquez, Cpl., Marines, Son of Martha Taylor


Shinane Velazquez, 2nd Lt., Army, Daughter of Martha Taylor

Kyle Walgenbach, Pfc., Army, Cousin of Rose Cameron—
Deployed to Iraq

Jeffrey R. Witsken, Col., Army, Nephew of Jim & Jo Austing



Please notify the Parish Office as your loved ones are released
from active duty.

 <p>Sacrificial Giving</p>	<p>TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED WEEKEND OF: January 16-17, 2010: \$3,613.30</p>
Adult Envelopes:	\$ 3,352.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 3.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 261.30
Adult Envelopes Used	107
Children Envelopes Used	3
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:	\$ 35.00
St. Paul Sharing	\$ 32.00
Building Fund	\$ 512.00
Operation We Care	\$ 470.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 91.00
Haiti Relief Collection	\$ 1,534.00
Initial Offering	\$ 25.00

AVERAGE ENVELOPE DONATION PER WEEKEND MASS

MASS	ENVELOPE TOTAL \$	NUMBER OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE / ENVELOPE
01/16/10 4:30 PM	\$779.00	23	\$33.87
01/17/10 8:30 AM	\$1,432.00	48	\$29.83
01/17/10 10:30	\$1,141.00	36	\$31.69
Totals	\$3,352.00	107	\$31.33



Please pray for our sick....

- Jo Austing (*Parishioner*)
- Robert Campa (*Nephew of Pat Centner*)
- Dorothy Fernandez (*Sister-in-law of Manny Fernandez*)
- Louise Gillon (*Parishioner*)
- Caroline Grady (*Granddaughter of Shirley Doran*)
- Mary Kolodziej (*Niece of Dorothy Lazuka*)
- Gabriel Lazuka (*Grandson of Dorothy Lazuka*)
- Richard McGathey (*Parishioner*)
- Mike Nimetz (*Cousin of Mary Van Den Handel & Elly Bzdył*)
- Judy Nitro (*Sister of Betty Lou Presnak & Donna Draves*)
- Helen Ramberg (*Parishioner*)
- Michaeline Rogge (*Daughter of Mary & Paul St. Aubin*)
- Harold Tolliver, Sr. (*Father-in-law of Sandra Tolliver*)
- Paulette Tovo (*Daughter of Paul & Mary St. Aubin*)
- Elizabeth Wakefield (*Parishioner*)
- Jessie Wakefield (*Parishioner*)
- Joe Yuknis (*Son of Jack & June Yuknis*)



Gayle Feliksik (*Cousin of Rose Cameron*)



January 25, 2010 to January 31, 2010

MONDAY – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

8:30 AM – Communion Service

TUESDAY – STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

8:30 AM – Sister Joan Klega by Kathleen Rourke

WEDNESDAY – ST. ANGELA MERICI

8:30 AM – Father Michael Sweeney & Father Edmund Schreiber

THURSDAY – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

8:30 AM – Bridget O'Leary by Theresa & Bill Churilla

FRIDAY – WEEKDAY

9:30 AM – Communion Service

SATURDAY – VIRGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 PM – People of the Parish

SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM – Helen Gini & Paul Yuknis by the Yuknis Family

10:30 AM – Diane Clumpner by Margaret Clumpner

Larry Anthony Ford by Toni Rountree



MARDI GRAS

IS COMING!!

**When: Saturday,
February 6, 2010**

Where: Sweeney Hall

Music by: Hurricane Gumbo (Bill Rosas)

TICKETS ON SALE

BEGINNING 1/16/10

Only 175 tickets will be available and all tickets must be purchased in advance.

Adults: \$25

Children (12 and under): \$15

Food & Fun for everyone!

Don't miss out on the fun!

**Buy your ticket early
Help make this fundraiser a success!**

St. Anne Church

Fundraiser

RAFFLE

Sunday, March 7, 2010

12:00 pm

Drawing will take place at Sweeney Hall
after the Buffet Breakfast
16801 Dixie Hwy. Hazel Crest, IL

Ticket Price
\$25 each or 5 for \$100

1st PRIZE - \$5,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3-4TH PRIZE - \$500.00

5-6TH PRIZE - \$250.00

7-11TH PRIZE - \$100.00

12-26TH PRIZE - \$50.00

27-60TH PRIZE - \$25.00

Be a seller and make Big Bucks!!
Call the Parish Office for information.
(708) 335-1792

To all parishioners:
Members of the Men's Prayer Group are available and willing to assist you to and from the parking lot during difficult weather conditions. If you wish assistance before or after Mass, please notify any available member of the group, and we will be glad to accommodate your request.

An Hour of Prayer for the People of Haiti

The newly formed Adult Faith Formation Ministry is sponsoring an "Hour of Prayer for the People of Haiti".

Please come and join with fellow parishioners as we pray on:

Sunday, January 24th
5:00 p.m. in the Church

Mark Your Calendars!!! An Afternoon of Reflection for Lent

Lent:
Becoming Christ
Growing as Christians
Building the Kingdom

Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter and Pentecost – our journey of faith.

Join us on Sunday, February 28th
after the 10:30 Mass

as we share the depth of this remarkable journey and focus on living the Paschal Mystery.

More information will be coming.....

What Are Some Good Resources for Lent?

There are many excellent Lenten resources available to Catholics who wish to further their spirituality during the Lenten season. We have listed a few of them for your consideration:

The Word Among Us publication – a daily resource with the daily Scripture Readings, reflection and prayer. (www.wau.org) 1-800-775-9673

The Power of the Cross – a 6 week Devotional Journey from Christian Tools of Affirmation (www.CTAinc.com) 1-800-999-1874

From Fear To Love, and Christ Our Hope – 2 Daily Lenten Reflection books by Henri J.M. Nouwen. (www.creativecommunications.com) 1-800-325-9414

A Variety of books and pamphlets are available from **Liturgry Training Publications (LTP)** (www.LTP.org) 1-800-933-1800

A Variety of books and pamphlets are available also from **Our Sunday Visitor** (www.osv.com) 1-800-348-2440

We pray that you will avail yourselves of one of these excellent resources as you begin your Lenten journey.

Small Groups

Starting with the week of February 14th,
we will begin our Small Scripture Sharing Groups.

If you are not a part of a small group,
please consider joining one this Season.



The small groups:

- gather once a week for 6 weeks at a designated location (usually a ➤➤ home or space in the Church building)
- reflect on the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday
- share on how the Scriptures apply to daily life

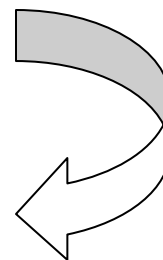
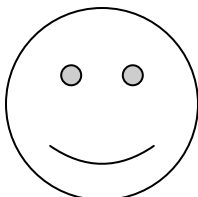
This is an excellent way for you to prepare your heart for Easter!

We make every effort possible to link you up with
an existing group at a
day and time that is convenient for you.

Hopefully,
we will need to form *many new groups* this season!!!!

Next weekend, January 31st,
we will have sign-up sheets available at all the Masses.
Please plan to sign up for a group this time –
you will be glad you did!!!!

If you have any questions,
please contact the Religious Education Office
(708) 335-2286 weekdays.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Dividends for Life! St. Joseph School in Homewood will begin the celebration of “Catholic Schools Week” with a special Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by an open house in school on **Sunday, January 31, 2010**. Open house will run until 2:00 p.m. on that day and there will be an additional Open House on **Wednesday, February 3, 9:00-11:00 a.m.** On February 3, visitors will see classes in session. Prospective parents may call the school at any time to arrange a tour. Ask for Ms. Lamoureux at (708) 798-0467. We will begin registrations for the 2010-2011 school year during the first week of March.

THOSE TO SERVE AT THE LITURGY – January 30-January 31, 2010

Subject to change	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Ethel Gaines Debbie Baker	Jack Yuknis Marge Fasano Ho Pham Mary Jo Lippe Mary VanDenHandel Mary Stojak	Tessie Imarenezor Roland Imarenezor Kim Wilk Helen Cook
LECTOR:	Fred Knoll/Millie Moore	Jim Dunlavy/Joan Easter	S. Thompson/Elizabeth Wakefield

WELCOME

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long-time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at St. Anne, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

- () New Parishioner
 () New Address
 () New Phone Number
 () Moving. Please remove from membership list.

Archdiocese of Chicago Website: www.archchicago.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Hospitality Committee

The **Hospitality Committee** is requesting the formation of 3 new sub committees:

Baking Ministry
Phone Ministry
Visitor Coordination

If you wish to help out with our various events:

Spirit Award
 Coffee and...
 Buffet Breakfast, Etc.

BUT...

You are unable to commit the time or are unable to be present...

THEN...

You may wish to consider being a part of the Baking or Phone Ministry.

The Baking Ministry:

Bake your favorite recipe of cookies, cake, etc. when called upon for a special event.

Phone Ministry:

Volunteer to make phone calls to people to remind them of events, etc.

Both of these ministries do not require you to be present at the events

if you are unable to do so...

Yet...

your help will be very appreciated!!!!

The third ministry: **The Visitor Coordination:**

Distribute the free "Buffet Breakfast" card to visitors at Mass. Send a letter of introduction to people who sign our Guest Book.

If you are interested in learning more or if you wish to volunteer,

please contact Elly Bzdyl at (708) 335-3996 or the Religious Education Office (708) 335-2286.