

St. Ann Catholic Mission

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February 5, 2012 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February fuels frenetic pace as Lent looms at St. Ann's

It's truly difficult to fathom that the season of Lent is almost upon us - and that Easter Sunday is a little more than two months off. Nevertheless, the second annual Mardi Gras Gala & Silent Auction - our last chance to have a party before Ash Wednesday - is set for Sunday, February 19. Last year's big event was a huge success and approximately \$1,500 was raised for the benefit of St. Ann Mission. The Mardi Gras menu features a potluck dinner with a Cajun theme. Drinks and breads will be provided for those in attendance. Festivities will get underway at 5:30 p.m. Bethel Davis, event coordinator, said the Mardi Gras committee is hoping to stock the Silent Auction with a variety of quality items as well as various worthy antiques. "This will ensure that there's a wide selection for bidders to choose from," she said. Anyone wanting to donate an auction item - or items - should call Bethel at 464-1305, or Judy Cole at 464-7341. Ash Wednesday will be observed three days later, on February 22. Fr. Jim Plough will celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m. and ashes will be distributed at that time. Other happenings during February include: Kick-off for the 2012 Diocesan Ministry Fund Campaign (all month); Bible Study group on February 14 and 28 at 12 noon in the Fireside Room; Men's Club (February 16); baptism ceremony for Margaret Rose Piper (February 19); Parish Council and Finance Committee (February 21). Another St. Ann's tradition - the "Soup and Stations of the Cross" - will return on Friday, February 24, beginning with a soup supper at 6 o'clock. The Stations of the Cross get started at 7 p.m. "Soup & Stations" continues on every Friday during the month of March. Make your prayerful plans to attend.

Mass Schedule & Statement of Mission

- Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. - Rosary: 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday Word and Communion Service: 10:30 a.m.
- Holy Days: 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
(at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
located at 26½ & H Roads in Grand Junction)

*We of St. Ann Parish,
being of the family of Christ,
commit our lives to Gospel
values in the community in
which we live and worship.
Through the Eucharist,
Spiritual Development,
Evangelization and Ministry
we show that we love and serve
all persons as brothers and
sisters in Christ.*

Parish Staff: Fr. John Farley, Pastor - 970-210-3412 (emergency only); Deacon Leo Truscott; Joe Warner, Pastoral Assistant - joe_warner@q.com (Home Phone: 248-0824), Janine Schuster, Business Manager - (Tues., Wed., Thurs. - 9 a.m. - 12 noon; 1 to 4 p.m.) **Parish Council:** Tori Hellmann, President; Linda Hall, Finance Committee Chair; Judy Cole, President-Elect; Joyce Valentine, Vice President; Council Members: Bethel Davis, Jim Selcke and Joy Selcke.

Welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us this Sunday at St. Ann Mission. If you are a newcomer to the parish, please stop by the Hospitality Room and pick up a bright red registration form. We'd love to worship with you as a member of our parish family. **Parishioners...** complete the bright red "Change Form" in the parish office if you have made a change in your demographic information - i.e. phone numbers, address, e-mail address, family composition, etc.

PARISH HAPPENINGS
at St. Ann Mission: 2-5-12

DMF Kick-off: Darius Shurden, drive chairman, got the 2012 Diocesan Ministry Fund Campaign off to a successful start last Sunday. In his brief remarks, Darius reminded us of the importance of the Diocese's main fund raiser and asked everyone to give "prayerful thought" to their donation. He urged that pledge cards be turned in as soon as possible (either in the offertory basket or at the parish office) so that the drive can be completed swiftly and smoothly. Darius also noted this year's DMF theme is: "*the generosity of God gives us our daily bread... not to keep but to share.*"

Fun Time For All: With a crowd of approximately 60, participants were treated to warm friendship and hot soup at last Sunday's Soup Supper. Diners were treated to their choice of five different delicious soups, plus a variety of very pleasing salads and desserts. Thanks to all who attended and the members of the Activities Committee for coordinating another successful social gathering for all our St. Ann's parishioners.

Yard Sale Cometh: Well, not until June. But the Activities Calendar at St. Ann's shows June 13-16 as the dates for this year's annual fund raiser. DeAnn Smallwood is this year's chairperson and she and her committee already are planning for this year's event. Be watching the bulletin for more announcements - and exciting details!

Operation Rice Bowl: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) launched Operation Rice Bowl (ORB) in 1975 in the Diocese of Allentown, PA, as a response to the drought in the African Sahel. For 37 years now, ORB has offered Catholics in the U.S. a way to connect with our brothers and sisters in need around the world. Each Lent, 13,000 faith communities across our nation - including St. Ann Mission - participate to demonstrate solidarity with the poor around the world. Approximately 75% of ORB donations come to CRS to help fund development programs designed to increase food security around the world. About 25% of the donations go to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in dioceses within our nation. Please place your Lenten contributions to work as soon as possible! You'll find the rice bowls in the narthex.

Holy Land Trip: Fr. John Farley, our pastor, will be the Chaplain and Spiritual Advisor on a trip to the Holy Land (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition, Nativity Church and Capernaum) on September 3 through September 13, 2012. Cost is \$3,999 airfare and all-included. Deposit of \$500 is required to reserve a spot as soon as possible. For further information, contact Proximo Travel at their toll free telephone number - 1-855-842-8001 FAX (508) 854-8003 or email: Anthony@Proximotravel.com.

Rosary Makers Meet: Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet February 13 at 1 p.m. at St Mary's Hospital in the Volunteer's Conference Room. For more information, please call Linda at 242-3673 or Carol at 245-1952.

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St. Ann Mission, Palisade – Calendar of this month's meetings and activities ...

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1	2	3 Quilting 1-3 pm	4
5 Mass 9 am Coffee & Conversation	6	7 Word and Communion 10:30 am	8	9	10 Quilting 1-3 pm	11
12 Mass 9 am Coffee & Conversation	13	14 Word and Communion 10:30 am Bible Study 12 noon	15	16 Men's Club 6:30 pm	17 Quilting 1-3 pm	18
19 Mass 9 am Coffee & Conversation <i>Mardi Gras & Silent Auction 5:30 p.m.</i>	20	21 Word and Communion 10:30 am Finance 6 pm, Council 7 pm	22 Ash Wednesday Mass at 5:30 p.m.	23	24 Quilting 1-3 pm <i>Soup & Stations of the Cross, 6,7 p.m.</i>	25
26 Mass 9 am <i>Black & Indian Missions 2nd Collection</i> Food Bank	27	28 Word and Communion 10:30 am <i>Potluck following</i> Bible Study 12 noon	29			

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