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DECEMBER 2021 | CHRISTMASTIDE

#### **MASS TIMES**

MON | 8a | COMMUNION SERVICE

TUE | THU | FRI | 8a

WEDNESDAY | 530p

SATURDAY | 8a | 5p

SUNDAY | 9a | 1130a | 5p

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

#### **MONDAY - FRIDAY**

830a-330p (CLOSED 12-1P FOR LUNCH)

918.251.4000

(CLOSED HOLIDAYS, WEEKENDS, AND HOLY DAYS)

#### **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

CONFESSION: Wednesday at 12p & 6p, Saturday at 4p, & Sunday at 830a. ADORATION: Mon|Tue|Thu|Fri 9a-9p, Wednesday 10a-9p. To sign up for a weekly hour contact Gail Hobbs at GHobbs4@gmail.com or 918.760.3742. BAPTISM: Arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office. Baptismal instructions are required for all parents & Godparents. Baptism class will be held the third Saturday of the month at 9a in St. Francis Hall. MARRIAGE: Those desiring the sacrament of Holy Matrimony should contact Fr. Matt before a wedding date is considered. ANOINTING: Any person wishing to receive the Anointing of the Sick should approach Fr. Matt at any time. The homebound or hospitalized who wish to receive the sacraments should call the Parish Office.

#### EMERGENCY & OUTREACH NUMBERS

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Interested in joining St. Anne Catholic Church? Register at the Welcome Center or visit stanneba.org/our-parish.

ITEMS FOR PARISH PUBLICATION (PHOTOS, FLYERS, EVENT INFO) MUST BE SUBMITTED TO SARAH AT LEAST THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE

#### REFLECTING ON THE READINGS

#### **EVERYBODY LOVES CHRISTMAS, BUT...**

Everybody loves Christmas. But the deepest joy of Christmas is reserved to those who believe. Everyone loves Christmas, and what's not to love? Above all other seasons, it is at this time that we try to be our best selves. In this time, we try to appreciate family and friends. In this time we try to give generously to the poor. In this season, we try to be better people. In this season we dare to dream that our relationships can be healed, that our brokenness can be repaired. These are the days in which we feed our yearning for a world at peace.

This optimistic hope is captured beautifully by many of the modern Christmas carols. "I'll Be Home for Christmas" reminds us of the importance of family and the necessity for relationships in our lives. "Christmas Is for Children" brings us into touch with our own childhood memories of Christmas and motivates us to build a world in which our children and grandchildren might live in safety and grow to their potential. "The Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that each of us has a gift, and if we are willing to give our gift, to give the best that we have, we can find love and acceptance. All of these beautiful truths about relationships, about memory, about life are a genuine part of Christmas. We do well to celebrate them.

But there is a deeper joy in Christmas, a deeper truth that only the eyes of faith can see.

The truth is this: Christmas is not so much about our love for one another, but God's love for us. Christmas is not only about our dreams for the future, but what God has promised to do for us as our lives unfold. Christmas is not really about

the gift that we give to God, but the gift that God has given to us. In other words, Christmas is about God's action, God's initiative. It is celebrating the awesome truth that God so loved the world that God chose to enter the world and enter our lives. This God promises to walk with us leading us to eternal life.

This is the deeper joy of Christmas. But to see that joy requires faith. There is a big difference between those who have faith and those who do not. Those who are gifted with faith can go deeper into Christmas. Now I certainly hope that all of us gathered here will be able to see the beauty and the innocence in our children and in our grandchildren throughout this holiday season. I hope we will be warmed by their love in our lives. But those who have faith can go deeper. For they can see in that innocence and beauty the sign of a God who loves them so much as to give them the people in their lives.

I know that there are some here with us who during the past year have escaped a harmful situation, an addiction, a serious illness, a broken relationship. I hope that anyone who has escaped such harmful situations will be thankful that their lives have gone in that direction. I trust they will look forward to a positive new year. But those who have faith can go deeper. They can see in their escape from harmful situations a Savior, a God who has come into their life to lead them from death to a new beginning.

I know there are some here that have recently experienced a loss - a loss from death or divorce or rejection. I hope that they will find the strength to see what is still positive in their lives, to claim the people who still love and support

them. But those who have faith can go deeper. For they will know that they are not alone, that there is a God who loves them enough to be with them, to heal the hurts they cannot heal themselves, to walk with them in their pain.

Everybody loves Christmas. What's not to love? But the eyes of faith can see more. For the truth is that Christmas is really not about us, but about God. It is not about what we do, but what God has done and promises to do in our lives. So if you have come here with a faith which allows you to see God's presence in your life, make sure you go deeper in this holy season. Push beyond the joys and beauties that surround you and see beneath them a God who loves you and who will never stop loving you.

If you have come here today without faith, or with a faith that is weak, if you have come only because someone in your family or a friend has brought you, or because of tradition, or because of a faith you once had, then please know that you are welcome here. If this liturgy can increase or deepen your celebration, take it with all of our love. But know as well that my prayer and the prayer of this community is that you might come to know a deeper joy of Christmas, a joy which is available to you. If you feel any stirring in your heart, any desire for that deeper joy, then do not worry about whatever doubts or whatever questions you may have. Just keep your heart open. The good news that we celebrate at Christmas is that God is real and that God loves you. And since God is real and God loves you, you do not need to find the way to God—because God will find the way to you.

(excerpt from buildingontheword.org)

# WELCOME TO CHRISTMASTIDE! THE CHRISTMAS SEASON HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN!

Catholics celebrate Christmas through January 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Some traditional Catholics still keep with the older calendar, celebrating Christmastide for 40 days, ending on February 2nd with the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. Scan the code to learn more about the traditions as well as ways to keep the celebration going all season long.



#### This Week at Our Parish...

#### CALENDAR

#### COMING SOON...

#### Sunday, January 2nd

10:00 am | Family Faith Formation **Parent Gathering** @ Parish Hall

#### Tuesday, January 4th

7:00 pm | RCIA: A Journey of Faith @ Parish Hall

#### Wednesday, January 5th

7:00 pm | St. Anne Youth @ Parish Hall

#### Thursday, January 6th

6:30 pm | Parish Epiphany Party @ Parish Hall

#### Saturday, January 8th

12:00 pm | Secular Franciscan Order presents America Needs Fatima **Rosary Rally** @ Bell Tower 6:00 pm | Family Life Ministry presents Marriage Enrichment

+ Date Night

@ Parish Hall

#### Saturday, January 22nd

2:45 pm | Bell Tower Book Club presents The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, & The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis @ St. Anne Hall

#### SAINT ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH



#### PLEASE PRAY...

...for all who are sick, elderly, or alone. May God bless all caregivers.

Help us keep our prayer list up-to-date; kindly notify us to add or remove a loved one from our list. Please email Sarah at SSwart@stanneba.org.

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#### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

IN HONOR OF

#### St. Anne **Parishioners**

If you would like to donate fresh flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please call the Parish Office.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK

IN MEMORY OF

#### **JOE OTHOUSE** C/O K. OTHOUSE

If you would like to dedicate the sanctuary lamp in honor or memory of your loved one or a special intention or occasion, please call the Parish Office.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 pm | Salat & Weppner Families (Requested by The Salats) 4:15 pm | +Doug Freeth

(Requested by A.M. Neuok)

6:30 pm | +Doug Freeth

(Requested by St. Anne Staff)

9:00 pm | Joe Othouse

(Requested by K. Othouse)

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 25TH

12:00 am | Swart & VanAsselberg Families (Requested by S. Swart)

10:00 am | St. Anne Parishioners (Requested by St. Anne Staff)

5:00 pm | +Maureen Ühren (Requested by M. Jackson)

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 26TH

9:00 am + Maureen Malarkey (Requested by Dcn. Kevin)

11:30 am | +Jolene Yowell

(Requested by The Yowells)

5:00 pm | St. Anne Parishioners (Requested by St. Anne Staff)

#### TUESDAY DECEMBER 28TH

8:00 am | +Agnes & +Francis Xavier Le (Requested by P. Nguyen)

#### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29TH

5:30 pm | Grant Special Intention (Requested by Anonymous)

#### THURSDAY | DECEMBER 30TH

8:00 am | +Felix & +Pilar Bautista (Requested by R. Bautista)

#### FRIDAY | DECEMBER 31ST

8:00 am | +Mary + William Collier (Requested by M. O'Connor)

#### SATURDAY | JANUARY 1ST

8:00 am | +Santos Sabala, Jr. (Requested by The Sabalas)

+Greg Rother

(Requested by J. Rother)

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#### FAITH FORMATION & EVENTS

# PARISH EPIPHANY PARTY

THURSDAY 01.06.22 630-8P PARISH HALL



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## FORMATION RESOURCES

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MOST PRESSING NEED WED @ 9A | FRI @ 2P

#### HELPING THOSE IN NEED

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CREW AT OUR MINISTRY OF COMPASSION NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED! WHILE THERE ARE A VARIETY OF TASKS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS, THEY WOULD MOST BENEFIT FROM THE ADDITION OF MALE TEAM MEMBERS AND DRIVERS. WILLING TO LEND A HAND? PLEASE CONTACT BECKY WISDOM A T 9 1 8 . 9 9 4 . 1 4 5 1 O R B W I S D O M @ C C E O K . O R G .

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#### THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

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#### Want to serve those in need?

As our outreach and impact continue to grow so does our need for helpful and loving volunteers! There are a variety of tasks and opportunities even for the kids! If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Becky Wisdom at 918.994.1451 or BWisdom@cceok.org.

THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF TOILETRIES! THEY CAN USE YOUR HOTEL AND TRAVEL FREEBIES SUCH AS SOAP, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, AND LOTION. INDIVIDUALS IN NEED CAN ALSO USE FREE ITEMS FROM THE DENTIST - TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, FLOSS, MOUTHWASH.

#### **MINISTRY HOURS**

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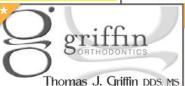


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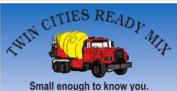
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Dr. Vu and his wife Amy are residents of Broken Arrow and have 3 children.

- Medical School University of Oklahoma USAF Veteran
- Residency Family Medicine In His Image at Hillcrest Medical Center

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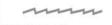


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