ADVENT GIVING TREE is set up in the Parish Centre with tags for approx. 30 families that the Knights of Columbus have adopted for this Christmas.

Please follow these directions:

1) Attach the tag securely to the gift with tape or staples. These tags are very important as the number on each tag corresponds to a particular family. Each gift is then put in a separate box designated for each family.



2) **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS**. Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached and put it in to the sleigh beside the Christmas Tree or bring to the Parish Office no later than **Tuesday, December 12th**.

St. Ann's Preschool CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER: Poinsettas (red, white, pink) \$12 each, 22" Decorated Door Wreaths \$30, and Festive Planter Boxes \$30. Your support helps our preschool to improve equipment and program supplies plus



books and CDs for the classroom. You can place an order at the Parish Office window. Last day to order is Wednesday, November 29th; PICK UP day is Thursday, December 14th . THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST: the St. Ann's and St. James Knights of

Columbus invite you to join them for caroling, the blessing and lighting of the nativity scene and refreshments on *Tuesday, December 5th starting at 6:30pm* at St. James Parish.



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CWL MEMBERS AND LADIES OF THE PARISH: You are invited to our annual Christmas Brunch which will be held on *Saturday, December 9th* following the morning Mass. Please bring a box of chocolates for the SVDP Christmas hampers & Christine Lamb house. Tickets available at the Parish Office or after Masses Dec. 2nd & 3rd. \$15pp No sales after Dec. 3.

St. Ann's Catholic Community welcomes ANIKA CRAMER who was received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 12th, 2017.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS SCHEDULES are available for pick up in the Sacristy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AWARDS:
Saturday, December 2nd in the Parish
Centre. Tickets for sale after all Masses
and at the Parish Office. \$20 pp. Turkey

Dinner with all the trimmings. Open to all parishioners. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Dinner served at 7:00 p.m. No Host Bar

This Week at St. Ann's

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: TODAY, November 26th @ 3pm

MASS will be celebrated, *today, November 26th at 4:00 p.m.* in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION with a priest of Opus Dei: *Monday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m.* in the Church. All ladies are welcome to attend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: *Tuesday, November* **28th at 7:45 p.m.** in St. Monica's lounge.

REVIEW OF THE BASICS IF THE CATHOLIC FAITH /RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church or are you a faithful Catholic already and want a review of the basics of what it means to be Catholic? We will use the SYMBOLON – THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED - a series to be used as the basis of small group discussions. We begin *November 30th on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.* To sign up contact adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca

The SYMBOLON series is described as follows: The Catholic Faith Explained is a vibrant, relevant and complete program to re-evangelize and reinvigorate your parish. The 20 compelling sessions of this bold series guide parishioners through the breadth and richness of their Catholic faith. Presented by some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world, this unique video and discussion experience will transform your life.

First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on *Friday, December 1st* after morning Mass, ending with Prayers for Vocations at 6:30 p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and then Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please come and spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving. Sign up sheet on baptismal font.

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CHOIR: Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord at the **10am Masses through Advent and the Christmas Season**. Joanne and the choir will be practicing on *Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm*, just before the 7:00pm Mass. You are personally invited and encouraged to join us in song. There's a place for you in the choir...and also a pew.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF PRO-LIFE! Christmas cards with traditional Christmas themes to help keep Christ in Christmas will be available after all Masses *November 26th*. These quality cards are at the great price of \$8.00 for a pack of 10 cards. All proceeds will go toward the educational work of LIFECANADA. For info, or to order, contact Anna Wauthy at 604-852-6198. Your support is much appreciated!

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We are still accepting registration for the Preschool fundraiser **PAINT NIGHT**, November 30th. Just call or come in person to the Parish Office. \$45pp

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOV 27TH TO DEC 3RD, 2017

Monday 8:00am

Steven Streiling, rip.

Tuesday

7:00pm John Davidson, rip.

Wednesday

8:00am Leora Gilbert, int.

Thursday

8:00am Freda & Celia Peers, rip.

Friday

8:00am Katie Walls, int. 7:00pm Mr. & Mrs. C. Choi, int.

Saturday

9:00am Dave Pearn, int. 5:00pm Antonio Turra, rip.

Sunday

8:00am Anton & Susana Fussi, rip.
10:00am Intentions for the Parish
Noon Rosemary MacMillan, rip.

Feast Days & Readings

NOV 27TH TO DEC. 3RD, 2017

Monday

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday

Dan. 2:3,9a,10a,27a,31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday-St. Andrew

Romans 10:9-18: Matthew 4:18-22

Friday

Daniel 7:1-14; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday

Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

Sunday–1st Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 63:16b-17;64:1,3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

ST. ANN'S MEALS FOR MOMS

Community building is at the heart of St. Ann's parish and we are pleased to introduce a new initiative called, Meals for Moms.

Meals for Moms is an outreach program designed to support new and existing mothers with a meal drop off schedule.

Those eligible are:

-Mother's who have just given birth

-Families who have adopted

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-Mother's who have experienced pregnancy loss (through miscarriage, still birth, etc.)

Our hope is that through this initiative, we will be able to support mothers by providing them with a home cooked meal ever second day for the first week postpartum.

In order for this outreach program to be a success, we need your help!

Junior Youth (Gr. 5-7)

Dec 9 – Wake Up! Jesus is Coming! – 6-8pm

Jesus uses a parable of a man leaving his servants in charge as he goes to a far away country and then returns unexpectedly. He uses this parable to deliver a wake-up call to his disciples. Likewise we must remain on guard because our Master may return at any time.

LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12)

Dec 2 – Triumphant Light – 6-8pm

We are part of the greatest story of all time, the story of salvation. Christ's victory through His Life, Death, and Resurrection, are what give our lives definitive meaning when understood altogether. When we read the Scripture, Jesus does not want us to stay at a distance, as a story in the past, but rather to come alive as a person in the present.

Wanted: Youth Choir Members

Our youth choir which plays at the 5pm Saturday Youth Mass is looking for members, especially singers! If you or anyone you know would like to join and help us out please contact Kirsten at

<u>youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca</u>. We meet for practice at 4pm on Saturday and will be starting to have weekday practices as we approach the Christmas season.



ADVENT CANDLES are for sale in the bookstore! Sets of beeswax Advent candles (3 purple, 1 rose) available for \$18 a set. Advent starts December 3. We understand that some of you may not be in a position to cook a meal, but we are also hoping to provide mothers with some new knitted baby clothes or baby blankets.

We need volunteers who can:

-Pray for this new initiative

-Cook a meal

-Pick up/drop off meal

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

-Knit baby clothes

-Bak

If you would like to volunteer by cooking a meal, or if you are an expecting mother, please contact MothersatSt.Ann@gmail.com

New knitted baby clothes/blankets may be dropped off at the parish office.

Please join me in working together to become a Christcentered community of missionary disciples!

Thank you in advance for your help and support,

Elisabeth Wauthy

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.