

A holy family story.....*I received this email from a family who last year gave \$\$ for me to give away to those in need....*

So with all the expenses and me not getting much of year end bonus, we concluded it best not to give an extra donation this year. I was talking to my best friend up north and X told me that a school worker started a fund raiser for a single parent with two elementary age children. Their spouse left, the house was robbed and the single parent was working 56 hours a week and barely making ends meet. My friend owns a business and provided with some free work and assisted in the fund raising, wrapping, and gift delivery. I'll spare you the details, but let it be known the parent and children will have a nice Christmas in spite of their hardships and misfortune from being robbed.

I thought about my friend's kind action and was moved help someone too even though things are kind of tight for us right now. I told my friend that his act inspired me to do the same. Then my friend told me s/he was moved to perform this charitable act because of the donation that we made last year.

Isn't it great how acts of kindness and a willingness to help the poor can be so contagious? My friend in Indianapolis was just so happy to help that family and his/her excitement in doing so was just the nudge I needed to take a step out in faith and do the same. I hope in some way my friend's act and ours can nudge others to do the same. Merry Christmas to you....

Please keep our gift anonymous.

More Good News ...*the Walton County School District has 15 schools--2 Teachers of the Year and 1 support personnel of the year hail from St. Anna's*



Christy Breedlove

May this coming New Year find us all actively listening to the Holy Spirit and glorifying that same Holy Spirit as we learn from the Master, our Lord Jesus Christ!



Greg Yarman



David Smith

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 5:00pm For our parish family to have a happy and healthy new year.

Sun 9:00am For the repose of the soul of John A Dipino Jr. requested by Jackie DiPino

Sun 12:00pm For the repose of the soul of Milfrancius Jode requested by Patricia Jode

ChristmasEve- 4pm, 6pm. Christmas-Midnight, 10am
ALL ChristMasses for ALL!



TREASURE STEWARDSHIP - Dec. 19, 2017

Offertory Total 12/17 \$18,361.00

Dec. 24 TBA

Dec. 31 TBA

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There will be NO SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES today. Classes resume on Sun. Jan. 7th, 2018.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION FOR 10TH GRADE. Confirmation candidates AND their parents will be held on Sunday, January 7th at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This is an important meeting that all 10th grade Confirmation candidates and their parents must attend.

The First Reconciliation Parent meeting for parents of children in grade 2 is Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in room 102-103. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



Spiritual Short Courses for Christians" will begin meeting again on Sunday, January 14th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for good coffee & great Catholic conversation.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YGAB (Youth Group Advisory Board) meeting is this Wed., January 3rd at 7:00 pm in room 105.

WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is Wed., January 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 10:am. Room 105. We will be studying "The Bible Timeline" by Jeff Cavins.

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here

Follow Up Weekend Results:

Goal: \$850,000

Pledged: \$648,551

Short: \$201,449

We received 168 pledges, 21 blank cards, and 18 unable to give cards. In the previous campaign we received 221 pledges.

While at this point we would be able to pay back our mortgage in three years, assuming all pledge money comes in, we are too short to complete much else.

Please consider pledging something to Campaign IV if you have not already done so.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

Help us take down our beautiful Jesse Tree after the noon Mass on January 7th, 2018.



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH - RETREAT

Women's CRHP VI Weekend: Jan. 27/28, 2018.

Please fill out an application as soon as possible and return to the parish office or complete on the website. Space is limited! Deadline is January 16, 2018.

Do you hear that small, still voice? Say YES to the Christ Renews His Parish Retreat!

Let Him give this gift to you - Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

He is knocking at your door - will you open it?



Meeting Times for the Week:

OLPH (102/3) Dec. 31 3:00 pm

Centering Prayer (Chpl) Jan. 1 7:00 pm

Bible Study (105) Jan. 3 10:00 am

YGAB (105) Jan. 3 7:00 pm

Kof C Business Mtg (PH) Jan 4 7:00 pm

Rosary 1st Sat. Jan. 6 4:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKET OF CHEER

The following parishioners are the lucky winners of the Knights of Columbus Basket of Cheer:

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| 1. Karan Schorr | 4. Joe Masino |
| 2. Joe Graham | 5. Holly Ferrier |
| 3. Kevin Kutchback | 6. Tom Costantino |
| 4. Joe Masino | 7. Jim Skeritch |

Welcome to St. Anna's



Many of you may already know that Fran Carson is the new secretary at St. Anna's.

Fran was born and raised in Melbourne, Australia. She moved to Rome, Italy when she was a teenager with the rest of her Italian family, she speaks Italian fluently. While in Italy, she worked at the American Embassy in Rome where she met her Marine Security Guard husband, Kenneth. Fran and Kenneth have two sons, William and Michael.

Fran has many years of secretarial experience. While in Rome she worked in the Protocol Office of the United States Ambassador in Italy. Since she moved to America, she has mainly worked as an administrative professional in the hospital field. Fran is Catholic and has been a parishioner at St. John Neumann and St. Oliver's for 25 years ago.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Dec. 31 Tim & Angie McElveen

Jan. 7 Fr. Dan (needs someone to assist him)

12:00 pm

Dec. 31 Cindy & Hannah Palmer

Jan. 7 Patricia Buttner & Fr. Dan

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - TRIVIA NIGHT

Sat. Jan. 20th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Individuals and Teams are welcome to play.

Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Appetizers and refreshments will be available.

BYOB - Come join the fun!

WEEKLY VERSES

A week's worth of God's Word

Dec 31st, 2017 - Jan. 6, 2018

Saturday: Confessions

begin at 4 PM

Sun: Gn 15:1-6.21:1-3. / Ps 105(104):1b-2.3-4.5-6.8-9. / Heb. 11:8.11-12.17-19. / Lk 2:22-40.

Mon: Numb. 6:22-27. / Ps 67(66):2-3.5.6.8. / Gal. 4:4-7. / Lk 2:16-21.

Tue: 1 Jn 2:22-28. / Ps 98(97):1.2-3ab.3cd-4. / Jn 1:19-28.

Wed: 1 Jn 2:29.3:1-6. / Ps 98(97):1.3cd-4.5-6. / Jn 1:29-34.

Thur: 1 Jn 3:7-10. / Ps 98(97):1.7-8.9. / Jn 1:35-42.

Frid: 1 Jn 3:11-21. / Ps 100(99):1b-2.3.4.5. / Jn 1:43-51.

Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13. / Ps 147:12-13.14-15.19-20. / Lk 3:23-38.