



Dear St. Anne's Family,

At this point, we have all heard the phrase “don’t sweat the small stuff”. I take that to mean that you shouldn’t worry excessively about matters that are truly not significant in your life in the long run. It does NOT mean that small things can not add up to a big improvement.

Your Vestry is working on increasing ways that contributions can be made at St. Anne's, from old standards (once again passing the plate) and modern methods (click on buttons on our website and Facebook). We are looking at a few different areas to try to save a little money and raise a little more money. We hope that each of those steps will add up to strengthening the future of the Parish.

There are steps that all Parishioners can take to help with that goal. Let your friends outside of St. Anne's know about the activities we are involved in, including the upcoming dog show, the free library, and efforts to solve the food desert problem on the west side of town. We are going to be planning a Sunday in the Spring of 2024 when you can invite a friend or a family to church, with nothing special planned other than to show them what a typical Sunday is at St. Anne's. (I even hope to have a top ten list created for you to use in hard copy or electronic form to help bring up the subject, should you be a little bit shy about it.)

If you have ideas for other small steps that we can take to support our mission here at St. Anne's, feel free to speak to me as Senior Warden, Dan Kuhn as Junior Warden, or any of our Vestry members. Thank you for contributing your time, talent, and treasure to St. Anne's!

Jay Rigdon

Senior Warden

A Note from our Jr. Warden

The building and grounds committee is preparing for fall. We have some low-hanging branches on the trees in the parking lot, and we hope to trim them up soon, in between rain storms. We also plan to trim some of the branches in front of the church. A special thank you goes out to Cheryl Hastings for planting and caring for flowers along the east side of the church. And to Miechi Petro for the tending to our large flower pots. Beautiful!

Dan Kuhn
Junior Warden



Our Vision Statement: *We share the Light of Christ by giving hope, bringing joy, and loving each other.*

Our Mission Statement: *Through the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share the Gospel, celebrate life, and serve the Lord in our neighborhood, community, and the world.*

Our Beliefs: *We uphold the Anglican tradition, demonstrated through the liturgy, expressed through the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed, and celebrated through the sacraments.*

We Value: *Shared ministry between the clergy and the laity, development of our youth, diversity and inclusion, relationships built through fellowship.*

A lit candle with a bright flame, positioned in the center of the text block.

EVENTS IN FOCUS

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES FAIR

On September 10 between services and during hospitality hour you will have the opportunity to discover ways you can be a part of St. Anne's.

Sign up sheets for different ministries will be on the long tables in Rose Hall and some of our chair persons will be available to answer questions.

CHEESEBALL MIXING AND ROLLING

Cathy Carter

Cheeseball Season is here again! This is a big project to raise money for our Outreach Projects at St. Anne's. It takes many volunteers to make this successful. Below are the dates for mixing and rolling.

Mixing: September 18 October 2, 16 & 30 November 13.

Rolling: September 19 October 3, 17 & 31 November 14 at 5 p.m. in Rose Hall.

Hope you will consider joining us!



FALL DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

When: Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m. through Sunday, October 1 at 11 a.m. (EDT)

Where: Wawasee Episcopal Center (Syracuse)

Cost: \$25 per person

Register: ednin.org under Sr. High Ministry/ Fall Youth Retreat

All Jr/Sr. High students are invited to attend a retreat at the Wawasee Episcopal Center. The Fall Youth Retreat will be a time to share how God is working in your life, as well as activities and time for fellowship.

If you have questions, please contact: Carol Bianchini cjbianchini@comcast.net or 574-551-3087.

THANK YOU TO:

- Everyone who donated of time, talents, and treasures to make the Annual Sale a success.
- For all who helped prepare and serve the food at the Community Soup Kitchen.
- Everyone who brought food and enjoyed the lovely brunch for the Celebration of St. Anne and grandmothers.
- Miechi and Mike Petro and crew for the festive celebration of Pentecost with the Bishop's Visit and the confirmations of Liz Bianchini, Mallorie Petro and Matt Pylant.



PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Are you receiving our e-mail "Prayers & Concerns"? If not, please send a note to the office with your e-mail address and the request to be on the "Prayers & Concerns" list. This e-mail shares information about those who have asked to let our parish family know that they need prayer. We are also sending written copies of "Prayers & Concerns" to all parishioners who are homebound.

There are also cards on the gift counter for parishioners to send to other parishioners that are on your mind. It's always nice to know someone is thinking about you. If you'd like to include a prayer request for a certain person in our parish family, please get their approval first, then submit it in writing to the church office by e-mail or call.

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WORSHIP

Sundays:

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:15 a.m.

Wednesdays:

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 5:30 p.m.

Christian Formation

Meet every Sunday during 10:15 worship [ages kindergarten -6th grade] in Atrium III

Jr. & Sr. High School aged youth meet in Rose Hall every other Sunday during hospitality hour from September - May



23 SEPTEMBER 2023

4 P.M.—8 P.M.

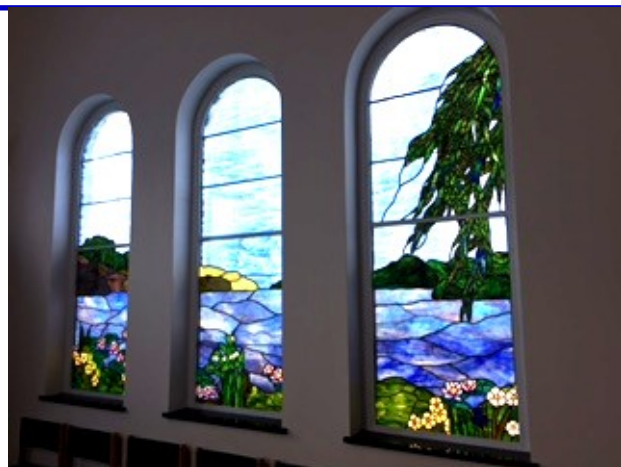
DOWNTOWN WARSAW

Warsaw City Hall, across Center St. to Courthouse Lawn

"To Inspire community inclusion through support, education and celebration of all people."

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Did you know that you can sponsor the flowers that adorn the altar each Sunday? The 2023 Altar Flower Chart is posted in Rose Hall on the bulletin board. Place your name by the week you would like to sponsor. You will be sent an envelope for your donation that will have a space for you to write: in thanksgiving for..., in celebration of..., in memory of a loved one. It's a lovely way to honor those you love.



Please plan to join us as we celebrate Time, Talent, and Treasure. Watch for sign up sheets in Rose Hall and coming announcements on how you can be involved.

MINISTRY NEWS

CARE COMMITTEE

Cheryl Hastings

The Care Committee continues to provide support to members of St. Anne's and members of the community who need rides to appointments or other assistance. If you are in need or know someone in need of pastoral care or help with rides, groceries, medications etc., please contact the church office. Special thanks to Carol Bianchini for her compassion and problem solving skills, being the first point of contact for those needing a little help.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Carol Bianchini

August 16 at 6 p.m. is a meeting in the parlor to discuss our Christian Formation at St. Anne's. If you have school aged children or are interested in helping with Christian Formation, please plan to attend this meeting and share your thoughts.

COMMUNICATIONS/PR MINISTRY

Julie Kuhn

CP/R committee activities have slowed a bit after the big push for the Annual Sale. The sale was a huge success and we believe our media blitz helped, so kudos for the team's hard work.

Highlighting a few of our projects: We are currently working on a "Welcome" postcard for the Grace College students. Sydney Victa shared that Grace College is establishing new guidelines that open up the campus to other churches, which is very exciting, and she is guiding our committee work in this direction.

We have a schedule for the next few podcasts. Thank you Fr. Ryan and Dave Baumgartner for your work on the podcasts. The "Peace be With You" podcasts can be found on the St. Anne's website, on the internal Facebook page and soon, the external FB page.

We have Ben and Nate Friedburg working with Sweetwater, Bob Jarboe and others on increasing our microphone/sound capabilities for the Sunday service streaming.

We now have a live Paypal button on the website for accepting donations, pledges, outreach and memorial funds and other donations. This can be used to accept payments during the Annual Sale.

CREATION CARE

Cheryl Hastings

BYOM. When possible, please remember to bring your own mug to hospitality hour. We are trying to make changes to reduce our impact on the environment by generating less waste. If you have ideas please contact Miechi Petro or Cheryl Hastings.

ECW

Sandra Buchanan

June is our busiest month setting up and working the annual sale. We had the most successful sale in a long time having a net profit of \$9,039.89!! One half of that (plus the odd penny) went to SAMS (St. Anne's Men's Society). After our joint meeting following the sale I am happy to report that we all felt good about the sale and we are grateful to all that helped. We also appreciated the new people who came to help. That being said, we hope more will be on hand to work next year. There is no such thing as too many volunteers for our biggest event of the year.

We donated to the monthly outreaches which were St. Margaret's House, the Kosciusko Community Soup Kitchen and Habitat For Humanity. Quite a few ECW members were present to cook, set up, serve and clean up after the soup kitchen ended. I am always so grateful to all who show up to help serve our community.

FOOD MINISTRY

Carol Bianchini

Self Serve Food Pantry—The Beacon

This pantry was placed on the east side of the church and dedicated on St. Anne's Day. It has canned goods, boxed food, and hygiene supplies. (No glass jars, for safety reasons). It was named "The Beacon" after the seal of the Diocese. May this pantry be a light upon the path of neighbors suffering from food insecurity.



Summer Youth Camp "It's a Mystery"



Sr. High trip to the Episcopal Youth Event



ST. ANNE’S MONTHLY OUTREACH

September

Warsaw Community High School Pantry

Chairperson: Carol Bianchini



This pantry is located at WCHS in a classroom of one of the teachers. Students can stop in for needs that come up throughout the day. Please donate nonperishable food items: cereal, bottled juice (no glass), canned vegetables/fruits, granola bars, snack foods, instant macaroni and cheese, instant flavored oatmeal, etc. Other items: deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, feminine products. Non food items are most needed at this time. Monetary donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to St. Anne’s and write WCHS Pantry on the memo line.

October

Animal Welfare League

Our Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, October 8, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. On this day, we team together with the Animal Welfare League (AWL), as we remember St. Francis, a faithful steward of God’s great creation. As this day coincides with our Outreach of the Month, we will be collecting items for AWL including paper towels, toilet paper, bleach, liquid laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, towels, cotton blankets, pet treats and washable pet toys (especially cat toys). AWL will also bring some of their beloved pets to bless. Tell your friends and bring your leashed or caged pets. This is such a fun and life-filled service for all ages and all God’s creatures. **Please note:** There is only one service on this day.



November

Thanksgiving Baskets

Chairpersons: Deb Blatz, Cathy Carter & Cheryl Hastings

The time for providing Thanksgiving meals to those in need in our community is approaching. This outreach project is a huge undertaking for our church and one that provides great blessings to all involved. The cost of this outreach is around \$7,000. Everything is purchased for the meals at cost through Owens. The past two years, we, tried a few changes. We are able to get more food for the money buying in bulk. We provided a voucher for a turkey or ham, side dishes and dessert for the Thanksgiving meal. To make a donation for the Thanksgiving basket outreach, please write a check to: St. Anne’s and write Thanksgiving baskets on the memo line. Donations can be given for the price of a single Thanksgiving meal at approximately \$40 or a portion of one. We provide a good portion of the meal and a voucher for the refrigerated items: meat and dessert. We are blessed with a church family that gives so generously to others in need! In 2022 we provided 200 baskets. If you have questions, please contact one of the chairpersons.



FOOD MINISTRY CONT.

Carol Bianchini

Help for delinquent lunch accounts—Lunch Money

This Fall we will adopt one of the local schools and pay off delinquent lunch accounts for students who do not qualify for free or reduced lunches through a government program.

Watch “This Week at St. Anne’s” for details about a “Pancake Breakfast” to help raise funds for this ministry.



MUSICAL NOTES

Bob Jarboe, Director of Music

As the fall/winter season approaches it seems that life sort of “picks up speed” and we reorient ourselves into the annual routine of going back to school, going back to daily work (with summer vacations being over), changing our way of dress (preparing for the cold). Yet with these seasonal changes happening, one thing remains constant: our worship of God with its liturgies, hymns, and communions.

Special services coming up are the Blessing of the Animals and (my favorite) All Saints Sunday which is the first Sunday in November. Every year as we sing “For All the Saints” I picture our ancestors processing down the aisle in grand and holy manner to the altar. In the reading of the names, we recall all those who have influenced us in our faith and we give God thanks for them. As we partake of communion, they are standing there, around the altar, witnessing our partaking of the body and blood of Christ as a proclamation of our faith. This is spoken of in the book of Revelation.

Helping our faith to remember and participate in these services is music. Everyone participates in one way or another. This is where I appreciate so much our vocalists who participate through the choir, solo, duets, or small groups. And adding to the vocalists are the instrumentalists who had wonderful color to the music as well as the service.

I (as I always do during the summer) have been preparing for *Lessons and Carols* which happens on the fourth Sunday of Advent...this year, being Christmas Eve. It’s a time we recall the events in which God becomes incarnate in our world. Reading the scripture selections and choosing appropriate music sometimes becomes difficult. Keeping in mind the musical talent in our church and their capabilities adds to this decision-making.

But I find it exciting: listening on Youtube the new music that has come out and seeing how it can be worked into our worship. Sometimes it can be challenging, but the Christian Spirit within me pushes me on...”we can do it” all for the glory of God.

Again, I give thanks for the folks with musical talent in our church and for them putting up with me. God’s blessings to all!

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Cheryl Hastings

The vestry identified the following goals and action items at the vestry retreat in May. Please feel free to contact any vestry member to discuss these goals and our progress toward them.

Goals:

1. Study the needs of our community and increase outreach (be a voice for reconciliation and peace).

Actions:

- ♦ Fr. Ryan will investigate rejoining the Greater Warsaw Ministerial Association
- ♦ St. Anne’s will participate in the One Warsaw celebration of diversity and inclusion, Sept. 23
- ♦ A separate committee is spearheading efforts to address food insecurity in our neighborhood

Fr. Ryan will offer an adult education opportunity about the church’s ministry to people with addictions, providing information he learned at his Recovery Ministries retreat in April.

2. Increase outreach to older and younger people, building on established connections with Grace College.

Actions:

- ◆ Follow up on the possibility of having college students complete internships at St. Anne's
- ◆ Follow up on promoting the use of St. Anne's church building for music programs
- ◆ Explore ways to get info about St. Anne's to Grace students

3. Improve welcoming and inclusion of newcomers

Actions:

- ◆ Restart discussions of establishing a welcome center, determine who would lead and who would participate
- ◆ Ask newcomers what brought them to St. Anne's, what keeps them at St. Anne's

4. Use our location in the community as an opportunity for evangelism, reaching out directly to our neighborhood

Actions:

- ◆ Participate in Church Buildings for Community Partnerships (CBCP) to explore ways that our church building can be used by others in our community
- ◆ Support efforts to address food insecurity in the neighborhood

Explore the possibility of having Narcan available at St. Anne's. Narcan is a drug that can save lives when used for emergency treatment of opioid overdoses

5. Tell our story better (using media)

Actions:

- ◆ Increase participation in podcasts
- ◆ Explore ways to reach those who don't use social media

- ◆ Reduce repetition in announcements and emails. Keep information fresh and interesting

6. Encourage people to come back to church post-pandemic

Actions

- ◆ Personal invitations
- ◆ Bring a friend to church

7. Work toward a balanced budget. Increase pledges/offerings. We have run a deficit budget (expenses have been greater than income) for the past 7 years. We cannot continue this indefinitely.

Actions:

- ◆ Communicate to church members what pledged dollars mean and what they support
- ◆ Fr. Ryan will look for opportunities to discuss stewardship
- ◆ Provide more opportunities to give
- ◆ Be transparent about the budget
- ◆ Perform a top down review of expenses and expenditures

★ BORROWING THINGS FROM ★ ST. ANNE'S? ★

★ Part of stewardship is taking good care of the things God has provided. In order to best keep track of the items of the church, we now have a “Property User Agreement” form. Whether you are using a coffee pot or chairs for a reception at home, please see Carol, the Parish Administrator, in the church office during office hours to fill out a quick form we are asking all who borrow anything from the church to complete.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary Proietti, Treasurer

Hi Everyone,

The financial reports through the mid-year show that our Pledge and Plate Income is slightly ahead of budgeted levels. Thank you so much for your timely financial support. On the expense side, our overall operating expenses are lower than budgeted levels.

In the next quarter, the Finance Committee will begin laying out the financial plan for our St. Anne's family in 2024 with the annual budgeting process. A big part of that is our annual Pledge Drive, in which we ask our parishioners to consider financially supporting St. Anne's in the coming year by completing and returning a Pledge card.

It is with the combined total of all of our parishioners' pledges that we draw an operating budget for the coming year, plan our capital improvements (like roof and plumbing repairs) and estimate the level of our community outreach and other very important projects. We hope that you will prayerfully consider pledging your financial support of St. Anne's, so that we may "Keep our lights on" and continue doing great work in our community and beyond.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful remainder of your Summer and awesome Autumn!

OUTREACH DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for giving generously to our outreach ministries! In May, June, July and August St. Anne's gave:

- \$790 was donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
- \$890 was collected to purchase washcloths, towels, shampoo, soap, tooth brushes & toothpaste and other hygiene products for St. Margaret's House along with our collection of toiletries
- \$870 was donated to Salvation Army for their food pantry
- \$128.36 was used for gifts to celebrate our seniors and their accomplishments
- \$67.44 was used to purchase ice cream bars for the campers at Diocesan Summer Youth Camp
- \$1410 was donated for the Community Soup Kitchen We used \$676 leaving \$734 to purchase items for the paper goods pantry
- \$190 was given to provide an ice cream social for our diocesan youth camp
- \$1450 was given for rental assistance to people from the community
- \$95.40 helped to pay NIPSCO for a family in need

Did you know that the first Sunday of each month the loose offering is designated for the “Priest’s Discretionary Fund”? The Priest’s Discretionary Fund is a fund that is used to provide help to people in our community. As you can see above, we have provided rental assistance to 7 different families, rental assistance to one family and now with our new dry goods pantry, several of the folks that come to St. Anne’s for assistance have been able to feed their family because they have visited “The Beacon”. It is truly a gift to help those in need. Donations for the Priest’s Discretionary Fund can be given anytime.

A family came to St. Anne's after the husband's plant had a shut down where he works. The day he returns after the two week plant shut down, the wife is laid off from her job. After several weeks of falling behind they come to St. Anne's to seek assistance. We gave them \$200 toward the \$1800 they need for rent. They were so grateful. They have three children and food in the home was scarce so they visited The Beacon and picked out some food items to help them get by. I shared their story with a parishioner who in turn wrote a check to help with the rent for this family too. With the help from St. Anne's they are headed toward getting back on their feet and are grateful.