



Daylight saving
time ends on
Sunday,
November 3
at 2 a.m.

Dear Parish Family,

This column is an official thank you message from your Wardens and Vestry. This thank you is for the entire parish, no exceptions!

We have been fortunate to have supply priests over the last few months who have done an excellent job in bringing their views on the word of God to all of us. Besides the obvious thank you to them, thanks to all of you who work to make our Sunday services go smoothly, and to all who have reached out and been supportive of the priests providing supply services during this time. It is always gratifying to me for guest clergy at our church to tell me how warmly they have been greeted, and what a loving family we have here at St. Anne's.

As all of you know, the search process continues for our next priest. Thanks to the search committee for their ongoing work, and thanks to all of you who have participated in interviews with the search committee in preparation for finding our next clerical leader. Please continue to remember the search committee in your prayers.

Finally, thank you to all who participate in the various ministries at St. Anne's. Whether that be music, serving on Sundays, food ministry, or any of the other activities here at St. Anne's, your work and dedication is appreciated. If you are still seeking a challenge, or are participating in a ministry but seeking a new challenge, please remember the ministries fair coming up on September 15, where you can learn about the many opportunities that exist for service to our faith community.

Every Sunday during the liturgy we thank God for all he has given us. There is no question that one of the biggest blessings he has given the Rigdon family is St. Anne's Episcopal Church. I hope you agree.

God's Blessings to you

Jay A. Rigdon
Senior 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.*

EVENTS IN FOCUS

FALL DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

When: Friday, September 6 at 7 p.m. through Sunday, September 8 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. Since it's early fall we should have a chance to swim. We will also have Greg Spiro & Cathy Carter teaching some Martial Arts.

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES FAIR

On September 15 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

On Thursday, October 31, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. St. Anne's parishioners will park their cars in the parking lot across the street and pass out treats to the children in the neighborhood. You can decorate your car and wear a costume yourself.

If you are interested, please sign up by Sunday, October 27, in Rose Hall. We'd like to have at least ten cars to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Riley Williamson and Brooklyn Crain on their engagement on June 15.

They are planning a September 2025 Wedding.



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:

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I
8 a.m.

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

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CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

OFFICE CLOSED Tuesday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

REFLECTIONS BIBLE STUDY Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the parlor.

POSTULANTS & CANDIDATES RETREAT The diocese will be hosting a retreat using space at St. Anne’s as the venue September 6 & 7.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES FAIR Sunday, September 15 between the services from 9—10 and following the 10:15 a.m. service please come and sign up for ministries you would like to be involved in. This is also a great time to ask questions.

COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS MEETING Wednesdays, September 25, October 23 and November 20 at 6 p.m. in the parlor.

VESTRY MEETINGS September 26, October 24 and November TBD at 6 p.m. in the parlor.

SAMS & ECW MEETINGS Mondays, September 9, October 6 and November 4 at 6:30 p.m., In Rose Hall unless otherwise noted in This Week at St. Anne’s.

CHEESEBALL MIXING DATES Mondays, September 23, October 7 & 21 and November 4 & 18 in Rose Hall, start time will be printed in This Week at St. Anne’s.

CHEESEBALL ROLLING DATES Tuesdays, September 24, October 8 & 22 and November 5 & 19 beginning at 5 p.m. in Rose Hall.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26 here at St. Anne’s Church. Friday night there is a reception followed by Evening Prayer. Workshops will be offered following Evening Prayer. Saturday, Convention will begin with Holy Eucharist followed by the business meeting.

WORSHIP & LITURGY MEETING Wednesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. Preparing for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

GIFTING ST. ANNE’S IN YOUR WILL

St. Anne’s makes a difference in the lives of people. Your contributions help support the many ministries of our church to the wider community. Please remember St. Anne’s in your will. You can make a gift to St. Anne’s AND earn income for the rest of your life! Ask Brenda Rigdon how.



ALL SAINTS—NOVEMBER 1

All Saints’ Day is November 1. We will celebrate it on Sunday, November 3. It is a very special day in our church. It is when we celebrate the whole cycle of life, remembering those who have died, as well as welcoming new members in Christ through Holy Baptism.

Holy Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong journey as a Christian, which is upheld and supported by the Body of Christ, the Church alive in the world. Therefore, it is important that you or your child be baptized within a Christian community that will love, support, and walk alongside you or your child in this life.

If interested in baptism, please call or email the office for information.

Also, if you would like the church to pray for someone who has died, please print his/her name in the All Saints’ binder in the sanctuary, beginning October 20.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Co-Chairs: Brenda Rigdon & Bob Jarboe

Save the Date!

Open Mic Night is coming back in November, be sure to mark your calendar now, because you don’t want to miss it! Rumor has it the theme is Piano Bar.

Our annual Stewardship Celebration will be in Rose Hall on **Friday, November 1**. More details will be coming soon! This is always a fun, laugh filled evening as our fellow church-members share their many talents. We have musicians and singers, we have poets and dreamers, we have comedians and jokers...

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.



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 23 October 7 & 21 November 4 & 18.

Rolling: September 24 October 8 & 22 November 5 & 19 at 5 p.m. in Rose Hall.

Hope you will consider joining us! More information will be on the bulletin board.

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 ★ 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 and maintain 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 Ad- ★
 ★ ministrator, in the church office during of- ★
 ★ fice hours. There is a quick and easy form ★
 ★ we are asking everyone who borrows any- ★
 ★ thing from the church to complete. Thank ★
 ★ you very much! ★
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MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNICATIONS/PR MINISTRY Julie Kuhn

Dave Baumgartner, Carol Bianchini, Chuck Brindle, Bob Jarboe, Pam Nichols, Brenda Rigdon, Steve Shelby, Laurie Victa & Sydney Victa,

A big thank you to everyone using the podium when making announcements! Your messages are important and the parishioners and visitors listening at home are glad to be hearing these messages as well. It is yet another way to include more people in doing the work of our church. The Communication and PR committee and volunteers continue to refine our live streaming quality and consistency in reaching out to our community. We have expanded our audio/visual services to provide enhanced audio during the 8:00 Sunday service.

Our next big objective is a really fun one. We want to celebrate St. Anne's and that means YOU! This is a project that will be posted on the website. To get this going, we have five questions that we hope you will feel comfortable answering. You can certainly do this in writing, we will compile all the responses. What we *really* want is to make short "2 minute" videos in the chapel of all of the parishioners we can get. We will ask the same questions and you simply answer! Individuals, couples, friends, whole families are all invited! Let's have a good time with this.

The questions will be posted and announced in church.

Here are the questions:

- ◆ How long have you been attending St. Anne's?
- ◆ What brought you here?
- ◆ What keeps you here?
- ◆ How would you describe St. Anne's to other people?
- ◆ What do you love about St. Anne's?

Contact Julie at julie.hradel.kuhn@gmail.com or 574-453-6327 if you have questions, comments



ECW

Sandra Buchanan

I am happy to report that the tent sale was a huge success. We cleared \$8,819.31!! Half of that is for the ECW to use towards our ministries and the other half went to SAMS Club for their ministries. We could never do this without the countless hours put in and the dedication from so many parishioners. Thank you never seems like enough. This money will benefit so many in our community.

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

Co-Chairs Brenda Rigdon, Sandra Buchanan & Pam Vosler

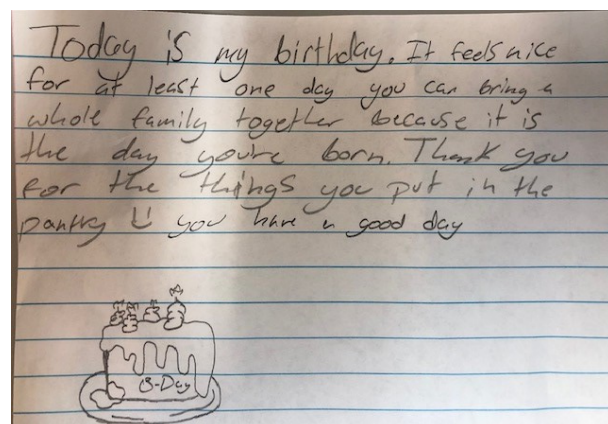
The Community Garden has really taken off this summer—both in terms of plant growth and food production! Nicknamed the Garden of Feedin', our food baskets have been highly popular with our neighbors visiting The Beacon Food Pantry.

And we heard first hand from one visitor that "the tomatoes are delicious!"

Tomatoes and cherry tomatoes, peppers—spicy and sweet!—zucchini, cucumbers, acorn squash and yellow squash have been gobbled up. Butternut squash and cantaloupe will soon be ready also! We will be planting carrots and radishes from seed later this week for a nice fall crop as well.

We thank everyone who has helped us. Those who built the beds, loaded topsoil, watered during droughts, and brought veggies in from home gardens—you are sincerely appreciated!

Look for our sign up sheets at the Ministries Fair—we are recruiting help for this project and more!!



Sr. High Mission Week

A week spent painting St. Barnabas in the Dunes, visiting some senior friends and fellowship with friends in Lake Michigan at Ogden Dunes, Stations of the Cross in St. John, IN and a hibachi meal were some of our highlights.



Summer Youth Camp “Yum! Taste and See that the Lord is Good”



Pictured above: St. Anne’s youth and friends at summer camp.

Pictured below: Bp Frank Gray, Fr. Dick Kallenberg & Fr. Michael Basden

Pictured to the right: Dean Brian Grantz, Bp. Frank Gray & Fr. Michael Basden at Tom Maze’s Requiem Mass.



WALK IN LOVE-STEWARDSHIP Brenda Rigdon Stewardship Chair

Stewardship is something we need to keep front and center when we plan activities and programs and projects here at church. Resource allocation, Creation Care, environmental impact, and long term sustainability, are all components of good stewardship.

Every fall we add the annual campaign to encourage all members of the parish to pledge financial support to go along with our gifts of our Time and our Talents.

This includes the way we care for each other and the way we care for our neighbors and our community, and our world.

The theme this year is Walk in Love. You will start seeing and hearing stories and testimonials that support or are grounded in the Biblical passages that speak to giving and sharing what we have to support our church’s mission and ministries. And you will be asked to prayerfully consider making a written commitment—a pledge—which helps our Treasurer and Finance Committee put together our operating budget for 2025.

As your Stewardship Chair, and Co Chair of the Search Committee, I’d like to ask you to please pray about where our Church is being called to go. Please know that keeping a strong, committed financial footing under our operating budget will make bringing in a high quality Priest to love and serve in our parish a much more attractive proposition.

Let’s Walk in Love together this year. Let’s work together to meet the challenges we are facing as a Family of Faith.

 * **2024 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** *
 * Did you know that you can sponsor the *
 * flowers that adorn the altar each Sun- *
 * day? The 2024 Altar Flower Chart is *
 * posted in Rose Hall on the bulletin board. *

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Co-Chairs: Brenda Rigdon and Greg Ellis

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We wanted to give you an update on what the search committee has been doing. We would like to thank all of you who took the time to be interviewed. We are using the interviews and your thoughts to work on our Parish profile. The profile is what we use to present St. Anne’s to perspective candidates, similar to an advertising brochure. You should all have the opportunity in the future to comment and give us your opinion as to what you want in a Priest. It is a slow process, but we will get there.

Thank you for your patience.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Gary Proietti, Treasurer

Our Financial Reports through the end of June show that for the first half of the year, our Pledge and Plate income is ahead of our 2024 budgeted level. Total Operating Expenses are below budgeted and 2023 levels. The increased value of our investments reflects the strong economy. We are in good financial condition through the first half of the year. Thank you for your continued, timely financial support.

In the next quarter, the Finance Committee will begin the budgeting process for 2025. A big part of that is our annual Pledge Drive in which we ask our Parish Family to consider financially supporting St. Anne’s in the coming year by completing and returning a Pledge Card. We are hopeful that this year you may also be able to pledge your support via email. It is with the combined total of our parishioners’ pledges that we draw an operating budget, plan our capital improvements, 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 in 2025, so that we may “keep our lights on” and continue doing great works in our community and beyond.

Wishing you a very safe, happy and peaceful remainder of your Summer and an Awesome Autumn!

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 6, 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 between \$7,000-\$8,000. Everything is purchased for the meals at or close to cost through a local grocery store. We continue to try changes to enable us to get more food for the money buying in bulk. 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 \$60 or a portion of one. We provide a voucher for a turkey or ham, or what ever meat they choose, and dessert for the Thanksgiving meal. We are blessed with a church family that gives so generously to others in need! In 2023 we provided 200 baskets. If you have questions, please contact one of the chairpersons.



OUTREACH DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for giving generously to our outreach ministries! In April—August St. Anne's gave:

- \$228.55 for food items along with lunch supplies to provide sack lunches for residents and staff of Fellowship Missions on the second Sunday of the month.
- \$2190 was spent on Our Father's Pantry to fill the pantry and fill the need in our community.
- \$1036 was spent to provide food for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.
- \$1820 was donated towards the Soup Kitchen meal in July. We used \$839.28 leaving \$980.72 for a future soup kitchen.
- \$1010 was donated to purchase fleece jackets, socks, undergarments and queen size sheets for St. Margaret's House.
- \$965 has been collected for the Habitat for Humanity current build and it's only August 15th.
- \$314.24 was spent towards utility assistance for a family in our community.
- \$1150 assisted several families for rental assistance.

Did you know that on the first Sunday of every month all cash offering collected goes to the **Priest's Discretionary Fund**? Jay Rigdon, Sr. Warden approves funds to be used to assist folks in the absence of a rector. It is so humbling to hear the stories shared as to why the assistance is needed and it is truly a blessing for St. Anne's to be able to help them with rent and utilities. Those seeking food, the Beacon Food Pantry has helped to feed the hungry.

THANK YOU TO:

- ♦ Everyone who donated of time, talents, and treasures to make the Annual Sale a success.
- ♦ Jackie Shingler for designing the new Annual Sale Fliers for this years sale.
- ♦ Rick and Diana Creech for organizing a Tin Caps Baseball adventure for parishioners.
- ♦ For all who helped prepare and serve the food at the Community Soup Kitchen.
- ♦ Miechi Petro and Mark Wease and all who helped cook, serve and clean up for the Requiem services for David Dye, Ann Bullock and Tom Maze. May they all Rest in Peace.
- ♦ Miechi also shares her gift of gardening in our lovely flower pots in front of the church.
- ♦ Doug and Deb Blatz for trimming the lilac bushes. It helps folks access the Beacon Food Pantry.
- ♦ Eucharistic Ministers, Chalice Bearers, Crucifers, Ushers and Greeters, Hospitality Hosts and all who help to make the supply priests feel welcome and assist them with the services.
- ♦ Cheryl Hastings, Shavawn Parduhn, Nanette Newland, Carol Morrison and our newest Lay Eucharistic Visitor for taking communion to our folks who cannot make it to church on Sunday.
- ♦ Sandra Buchanan, Brenda Rigdon and Pam Vosler for having a vision, creating a plan and helping the Food Ministry that includes the Beacon Food Pantry, the raised gardens and the next phase to come help to feed the hungry in our community. Watch for the next phase information in This Week at St. Anne's.
- ♦ Our Vestry and Search Committee for their work and ministry on behalf of St. Anne's parish family.