



Christmas Eve Mass
December 24, 2024
7 p.m.



REMEMBERING OUR GIFTS

As we approach the Christmas season, I think it is important for us to remember the gifts that we have received during 2024 here at our family of St. Anne's.

We are blessed with the gifts of our Parish Administrator, Carol Bianchini, and our Musical Director, Bob Jarboe, both of whom provide service with value far in excess of their earthly compensation. We are lucky to have them working for us to ensure the quality of our church lives.

We are blessed with the gifts of the Supply Priests who have helped to serve our church during 2024 during the time of transition. We have been very lucky to hear a multitude of different viewpoints and messages, but all our Supply Priests have blessed us with their common goals of service to Christ and presentation of the Eucharist to all of us.

We are blessed with gifts of those who are working on the search committee for the past several months. Fr. Joe Czolgosz has agreed to serve as our Interim Priest-in-Charge while we complete the search process for a full-time permanent leader. I look forward to 2025 with confidence that the needs for both temporary and permanent clergy will be met. We are blessed with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that are contributed to St. Anne's. We have received gifts from those who pledge, and those who give without pledging, all of which are gifts that we have received from God, and that we return to him.

Finally, we have the gifts of patience and love that all of you bring to our Parish family, whether in person, via cyberspace, or in spirit. Knowing that we truly have a family here at St. Anne's is the greatest gift of all.

On behalf of the Vestry and Wardens of St. Anne's, thank you for those gifts, and a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Jay A. Rigdon,

Sr. Warden

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

THE VISITOR
Winter Issue 2024-2025

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

SAMS & ECW ADVENT DINNER

On Sunday, December 8, following Holy Eucharist Shawn Victa, put his culinary skills to the task of preparing a delicious meal provided by SAMS & ECW with the help of Mark Wease and Gary Proietti. Thank you to Laurie, Sutton, Hudson and Nathaniel Wise for assisting.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 15, following the 10:15 a.m. service we decorated the church for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve Mass. Parishioners put the trees together, fluffed them, and made sure that the lights shone brightly. We hung greens from the balcony and made our space joyful and festive. Consider volunteering to help take the decorations down following the 10:15 a.m. service on January 5 to store for next year.



ADVENT GREENS AND CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



If you would like to donate money towards our decorations, please place your donation marked "Advent/Christmas" flowers in an envelope. They are available in your offering envelope box or there is a stack of extra envelopes on the tile table in the narthex.

Gifts are given in memory of or in Thanksgiving for someone or something and are included in the Christmas Eve Bulletin. To be included in the bulletin, donations must be in by December 18.

We have arrangements of evergreens during the season of Advent. For the celebration of Christ's birth, we have Christmas trees, beautiful flowers and greenery.

December 22, 2024

Advent IV

8 a.m. Advent Lessons and Prayers & Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols & Holy Eucharist

The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings or lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems.

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DIOCESAN WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

This year's retreat for middle school and high school youth will be held January 17-19 at the Wawasee Episcopal Center in Syracuse, IN. Register on line at www.ednin.org or Facebook: Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana Sr. High Youth page. The cost is \$25 and medical forms are available on the website when registering or upon request from the parish office. If you have questions, contact Carol Bianchini.



* 2025 ALTAR FLOWER CHART *
* Did you know that you can sponsor the flowers that adorn the altar each Sunday? The 2024 *
* 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 celebration for..., In loving memory of...In thanksgiving for... *
* The cost is \$40 per arrangement and two are needed each Sunday. *

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WORSHIP

Sundays:

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I
8 a.m.

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

Christian Formation

The nursery is staffed during the
10:15 a.m. worship for infants and
preschool aged children.

THANK YOU TO:

- ◆ Mark & Ellen Wease for hosting the Postulants and Candidates Retreat at St. Anne's for the diocese.
- ◆ Those who mixed, rolled, bought or sold cheeseballs this year.
- ◆ Our delegates, Mike Petro, Pam Hester and Julie Kuhn who attended Diocesan Convention which was held here at St. Anne's. Thank you also to Brenda Rigdon, Sandra Buchanan, Gary Proietti, Pam Nichols and Pam Vosler for helping Carol Bianchini out with the hospitality.
- ◆ Brenda Rigdon & Bob Jarboe and the Special Events Committee, those who decorated, prepared food, performed their talent, and cleaned up for the Open Mic Night on November 1. It was a fun and festive stewardship celebration.
- ◆ All who gave donations and helped pack the Thanksgiving baskets for our November outreach.
- ◆ Mike & Miechi Petro for signing St. Anne's up to participate in Feed My Starving Children.
- ◆ Shawn Victa and family for preparing a lovely Advent Dinner sponsored by SAMS & ECW on December 3. Thank you to all who brought food, desserts and helped decorate and clean up.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING Second Sundays, following each service, December 8, January 12 and February 9.

SAMS & ECW MEETINGS Mondays, January 6 and February 3, at 6:30 p.m. in Rose Hall.

VESTRY MEETINGS January TBD and February 28 at 6 p.m. in the parlor.

ADVENT LESSONS & PRAYERS WITH HOLY EUCHARIST December 22, at 8 a.m.

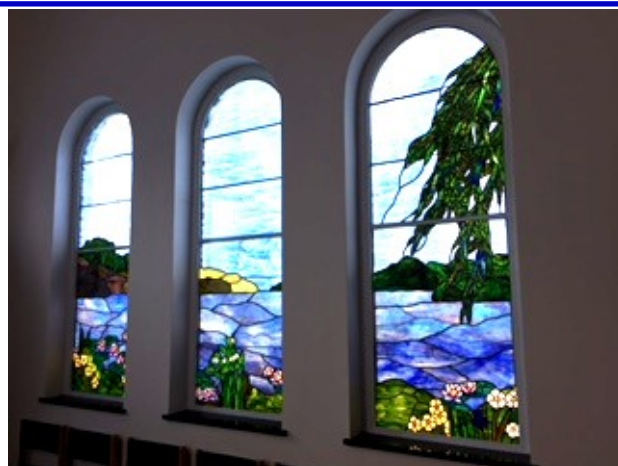
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LENT & EASTER The deadline for the next issue of “The Visitor” will be Tuesday, February 11. Please submit all articles for consideration to office@stanneswarsaw.org. Thank you.

OFFICE CLOSED The office will be closed Wednesday, December 25, for Christmas through January 1 for New Years. **A year end deposit will be made for contributions on Tuesday, December 31. Please have all contributions that you wish to be in 2024 to the parish office by 9 a.m.**

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. Call the parish office and we will put you in touch with Brenda.



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

January 26, worship will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a carry-in brunch and meeting. Please sign up in Rose Hall to bring a dish to share.

Leaders Needed!

At our January Annual Meeting we will be electing new Vestry Members. We will have three openings on the Vestry, for three year terms. If you are interested in serving a three year term, please speak with Cheryl Hastings, Shavawn Parduhn or Pam Vosler who are currently serving as the nominating committee.

Dan Kuhn has served as Jr. Warden for two consecutive terms of two years each for a total of four years. The Jr. Warden is responsible for the physical plant. A new Jr. Warden or Co-Jr. Wardens will be nominated and appointed by the vestry.

At last years Annual Meeting we voted a revision into the St. Anne's By Laws stating that the Sr. Warden position will no longer an appointed position but an elected position. Jay Rigdon has served a 2-year term and will be running for re-election for another 2-year term. Others are welcome to run for this position as well. Wardens may serve two, 2-year terms.

If you feel that God is calling you to serve your church in a leadership role, please submit your biography to the Parish Administrator, by email or drop it off to Carol directly. Biographies must be emailed to the Parish Administrator by January 1 in order to be posted. Please include a photo of yourself if possible.

The Vestry meets once per month, with the exception of July and November. Every Vestry member is expected to serve on a parish ministry committee and to be a pledging member in good standing.

Committees are: Christian Formation and Education, Communications and Public Relations, Stewardship, Building and Grounds, Worship and Liturgy, Parish Life Special Events, and Outreach. If you would like to see a description of the duties of these committees, email the parish office or check out the binder on or behind the gift counter in Rose Hall, "Ministries of St. Anne's".

The Vestry works together, with our Priest to take care of governance issues, set policies, and achieve our mission. They approve the budget every December for the upcoming year. And we raise up the next group of leaders by asking them to serve on our committees with us.

We listen to the members of our congregation when they have an idea, issue, or a problem and bring that information to the board.

It is rewarding work. It is not a major time commitment, although some months the load is a bit heavier than others. This is an exciting time to be a leader at St. Anne's. Please prayerfully consider stepping up to serve.

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Co-chairs Greg Ellis & Brenda Rigdon

Our search for our next Rector is proceeding a bit ahead of the schedule originally outlined to the Search Committee and Vestry by Canon Terri Bays and Bishop Doug Sparks last February.

The congregation has finished submitting their responses to the CAT survey, so Holy Cow Consulting is aggregating the data, and our church leaders will meet with our consultant sometime in December (or early January) to get the analysis and make plans for next steps with the church congregation to address any issues that surface.

Brenda is almost finished putting the draft of our Parish Profile together. But we need some updated photos. If you have photos taken at a church service, a funeral or wedding, or baptism, recently (in the last two or three years) Please email them to Brenda at the following: brenda.rigdon@yahoo.com. Thank you.

★ TO BORROW ITEMS 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 Administrator, in the church office. There is a quick form we ask everyone who borrows items to complete. Thank you!

MINISTRY NEWS

JUNIOR WARDEN Dan Kuhn, Jr. Warden

Greetings from the Jr. Warden. Some improvements to our beautiful church have been completed recently. One important repair is to the roof over the outdoor stairway and food pantry. We lost one panel of the previous fiberglass roof during a wind storm some time ago, and now a new roof has been installed. This steel roof is much stronger, and was installed by D J Construction due to the warranty of the previous roof at no charge to St. Anne's.

The water heater in the Undercroft had a small leak, and since it was 25 years old, it needed to be replaced. Our new unit should serve us for many years.

The largest and most exciting improvement is the renovation of the five bathrooms in the church. The bathrooms on the main floor have been painted, new sinks and toilets have been installed, and beautiful designer touches are also in place. The bathrooms on the second floor have been touched up with new floor tile and wall decorations and are looking great. Finally, the priest's bathroom off of the priest's office has been painted and a small sink cabinet installed. The bathrooms are much more welcoming, and are no longer looking tired and cold. All of the improvements were paid for through donations and a grant we received earlier this year.

A huge Thank You goes out to Ellen Wease for her hard work and artistic skill in completing this project.

THE BEACON

Thank you to everyone who has donated food to the Beacon Free Food Pantry on the east side of the church. Your donations are helping families here on the West Side of Warsaw make ends meet and keep their loved ones fed. What a blessing this is for so many.

Please be mindful during the cold months when heating bills are higher, the cost of feeding families is still there and the pantry is visited often. Items that will not freeze are good options. Cereals, oat meal, mac n cheese...

Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors!

COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS Julie Kuhn

Committee Members: Julie Kuhn, Steve Shelby, Dave Baumgartner, Pam Nichols, Laurie Victa, Carol Bianchini, Brenda Rigdon, Bob Jarboe, Judy Kinsey

The live-streaming of our 10:15 church service is progressing nicely. Many of our audio kinks have been addressed. Bear in mind, technology is a fickle beast, so thank you for your ongoing patience.

Video interviews are underway for our project designed to share what we all like about St. Anne's. Thank you to all who have participated so far. There is still time to join in on the fun. The 5 questions Dave Baumgartner has taken the lead on this project and most of the videos in our beautiful chapel. You can certainly contact Dave or Julie to set up a time and location. It really only takes a few minutes. Our video will look different, but you can get a sense for what we found inspiring. Check out: <https://saintalbanfw.org/>

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? If you would like to request prayers, please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe. Please make sure permission has been given for the request to be shared.

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.

St. Anne's Parish Family



Left and below: the kneelers in the chapel and at the back of the church that have been recovered. Thank you Sandra Buchanan they are lovely.

Right: Eileen Alleman celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family at an open house .



Bishop's Visitation 2024

Larry and Paula received as members of St. Anne's



Congratulations on your baptism Adalynn Grey Williamson!



ECW (EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN) & SAMS (SAINT ANNE'S MENS SOCIETY)

This past year has been a busy one for ECW & SAMS. We currently meet together on the first Monday of each month at different houses and also in Rose Hall.

We eat and pray and discuss multiple projects which are supported by SAMS & ECW financially and by taking action and supporting multiple out-reach programs including our (SAMS) scholarship program, Habitat for Humanity, and the Animal Welfare League just to name a few programs. One of the major projects is St. Anne's Annual Sale which is the first week of June. As everybody knows this is an "all hands on deck" event. This year we worked together as we do every year and had a very successful sale for 2024.

We have been combining our SAMS and ECW meetings most of 2024. This collaboration has allowed smooth communications in dealing with the Thanksgiving Basket distribution, cheeseball making, and the Advent Dinner we enjoyed the second Sunday of Advent. Working together this past year we have accomplished a lot and look forward to a great 2025 as we face the challenges of the new year.

TREASURER'S REPORT Gary Proietti, Treasurer
Holiday Greetings Everyone!

We are now in the midst of our Stewardship Drive for 2025. As you prayerfully consider your support for St. Anne's next year, I would like to thank you so much for your support this past year. The Pledge and Plate income so far this year is at our budgeted level. Our Operating expenses are below anticipated levels, so we should finish the year ahead of our 2024 budget. Our Finance Committee met earlier in November to begin drafting our 2025 Operating Budget which we will complete and present to the Vestry for their approval in December. My sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to our Finance Committee members Pam Hester-Assistant Treasurer, Jay Rigdon-Senior Warden, Carol Bianchini-Parish Administrator, Bob Hastings, Curt Singrey, Shawn Victa and Larry Brown.

I wish you all the Happiest Holiday Seasons and blessings for a safe, peaceful and joyful 2025!

<http://stanneswaraw.org/>



St. Anne's collected pet supplies and monetary donations during the month of October for the Animal Welfare League. Below: Tonya Blanchard is receiving a check for \$1695.



Above and below: Pictures from Diocesan Convention 2024 hosted by St. Anne's.



OUTREACH OF THE MONTH

December

Hat and Mitten Tree

Chairperson: Miechi Petro



We are collecting items to keep children warm on the cold winter days. Please bring hats, mittens and scarves to be donated to the Title One Schools in Warsaw and place them on the "Giving Tree" in the entrance area.

January

Beaman Home Pajamas

Chairperson: Cathy Carter



We will be collecting pajamas for the residents of the Beaman Home. They are in need of all sizes for men, women, and children. Please place the pajamas in the baskets at the back of the church.

February

Fellowship Missions

Chair: Carol Bianchini

For the month of March we will take up a collection for Fellowship Mission homeless shelter. If giving a monetary donation, please make checks payable to St. Anne's and write Fellowship Missions on the memo line. If you prefer to bring items to be donated, items needed are:

- Diapers—sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Baby wipes
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Fruit snacks, finger foods, fruit cups or jello cups
- Zip-lock bags quart and gallon size
- Coffee
- Coffee filters for Bunn coffee maker
- Cream and sugar packets
- Milk
- Kleenex
- Travel size shampoo & conditioner, soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine supplies



OUTREACH DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for giving generously to our outreach ministries! In September, October, November and December St. Anne's gave:

- \$1115 to Habitat for Humanity to assist with the next build
- \$1175 to Warsaw Community School for their Student Pantry needs
- \$1695 along with pet supplies was given to the Animal Welfare League to support their ministry with pets
- \$322 for second Sunday meals at Fellowship Missions
- \$2100 in donations for Feed My Starving Children and several parish family members went to pack meals at WCHS
- In November we gave away 200 Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need in our community. Along with the food items that we gave, we also gave each family a \$40 Food Only voucher to purchase the meat and other food items that they need for their family. We are awaiting the final bill from Kroger but estimate to spend \$9000—\$10,000 in total. Please hold each of these families in your prayers as you celebrate your own holidays.
- \$70 was spent for school supplies for Edgewood students at the beginning of the school year.
- \$172.56 was sent from the Food Ministry Fund to cover delinquent lunch account for students at Edgewood Middle School
- \$279.96 was spent from the Food Ministry Fund to pay for wagons and grocery bags to help distribute food to neighbors.
- \$241.29 was spent from the Food Ministry Fund to purchase multi-colored bags to sell at convention and to parishioners to support the food ministry.

- \$300 was given to Edgewood Middle School to support the "Feed Them All Christmas" food boxes to go home with students for the holidays.
- \$252 was given for utility assistance to those in need in our community

If you ever want to help shop for the items needed for the outreach recipients please contact Carol in the parish office. It is quite rewarding to go to the store to purchase the food items needed for Salvation Army, the coats, hats and mittens for the Title One Schools, the blankets and sheets for St. Margaret's House.

It is also very eye opening to walk into Edgewood Middle School and see bags and boxes upon boxes of food that will be distributed to families in need.

When I delivered the supplies collected and the money donated to the Animal Welfare League a woman was there picking up a dog that she was going to be fostering while the pup was under doggie hospice care.

Many of you help with the set up and packing of bags for the Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry. We packed 200 bags and over the course of three days, the bags were distributed to the families who needed them.

I hand delivered a check to WCHS for the food and toiletry pantry set up for students in need and when the teacher who oversees this pantry saw me, she gave me a huge hug and thanked me on behalf of the students who receive the items that are provided by the funds we give and items we collect. She said that they were in need of funds to replenish and the check came at the perfect time.

As the Christmas season approaches, we will continue to fill the tree in the narthex with hats and mittens. But monetary donations are welcome too as some people do like to shop and purchase the items needed.

January is Pajamas for Beaman Home so if you find a good deal on pj's while Christmas shopping grab an extra pair for January's outreach.