

St. Anne



Ministry Booklet

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50 Plus or Minus

50 Plus or Minus is an organization that tries to get seniors together for lunch and card games. We all visit and have a good time. We have a small treasury and donate to different parish things (St. Anne Roof Fund). The group meets once a month, except November, in Cleary Hall. You must make a reservation to attend. Announcements are in the bulletin. There are about 35 members (you don't have to be a member of the parish). If you have any questions, contact Bev Hawkins at 755-1071.

Adult Choir



The adult choir meets to practice on the Wednesdays. We explore ways and opportunities to utilize the musical and artistic gifts, talents, and abilities of those among us. We promote the importance of choral music to the liturgy as well as being sensitive to which type of choir best fulfills the worship needs of our parish. We also sing at Christmas, Easter, and special Masses. If you would be interested in joining the choir, contact Andrea Gonzalez after 3:00 pm at 309-912-7501.

Altar Servers

The purpose of this ministry is to enable young men and women to assist the priest at Mass. Servers also are leaders of the assembly, helping them to know the correct postures and responses at Mass. Here at St. Anne Parish, young people in the 4th grade and older can become Altar Servers. It is an opportunity for those serving to become closer to the Lord as they participate in a very special way at each liturgy at which they serve. There is one set of training classes per year for new servers held at St. Anne. (Usually 2-3 sessions that are 1-2 hours each). Servers are scheduled for Sunday Masses and have opportunities to volunteer for special liturgies and for Holy Days. If you would like to become an altar server, contact Deacon Briggs at 755-6581 or email him at twoprodigals@sbcglobal.net.



Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an annual drive in the spring that is conducted in all parishes of the Peoria Diocese. The purpose is to raise funds to cover the costs of running the Peoria Diocese. The diocese assigns a goal for each parish. If the goal is not reached, the parish must pay the diocese for any shortage. If the goal is exceeded, the diocese returns the overage to the parish. This is a good way to get extra income for the parish. Members of the committee put together notices in the bulletins, transmit money counts to Peoria and show a movie in church. If you

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have questions, contact Marv Dahlhauser at 755-0455 or email him at berndahl@aol.com.

Basement to Attic Sale

The Basement to Attic Sale is an annual rummage sale held in the Fall in Cleary Hall. The profits raised go to the parish. The sale is set up on Thursday and Friday and items go on sale on Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help price and set up items. The sale is always the 3rd Saturday in November and drop off days are the Thursday and Friday before. If you would be interested in assisting, contact Jeannie Beintema at 755-3197.



Blood Drive

The purpose of this ministry is to collect donations of blood for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. We are assisted with this project by St. Mary's Parish, the Knights of Columbus-Leo Council #716, and Catholic Order of Foresters-Court 1985. We would like to have a donation goal of 50-60 pints per blood drive. If you are interested, contact Kris Vyncke at 755-2781 or email him at k.d.vyncke@att.net.

Building & Grounds



Are you a plumber, carpenter or electrician? Maybe you are just a good "handyman." Much of the heavy building and grounds work is contracted out, but there are many opportunities to help on specific projects. Examples of past projects include the demolition of walls in the convent to school classroom conversion and cleaning up after roof repair on the sacristy. We are interested in having a list of possible helpers that could be called when a project comes up. You can contact Mike McNeil at 755-8891 or email him at mmcneil@geredismer.com.

Catholic Order of Foresters, Court 1985

The Catholic Order of Foresters is a Fraternal Insurance Society. We provide assistance at parish activities and we provide social activities for our members. We also provide Mass servers at parish funerals. There are 12 meetings a year. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at St. Anne. We host a parish Pancake Breakfast and a Matching Funds Card Party. The High Court Office of the Catholic Order of Foresters matches dollar for dollar for the 1st \$1,000.00 and \$.50 per dollar on the next \$1,000.00 for a maximum benefit of \$1,500.00 for both

events. We also help sponsor the blood drive. If you are interested, contact Kris Vyncke at 755-2781 or email him at k.d.vyncke@att.net.

Christ Child Society

The Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities was established to serve and clothe needy infants and children of this area. The signature project of the group is to make and assemble layettes for the needy newborns. Since its beginning in September of 2005, the group has taken on other projects relating to babies and parenting. The mini-layettes made for the Women's Choice Center provides each pregnant mother in need of a gift of clothing to bring her baby home in. The Christ Child also sponsors a new parent support group. Recently, they have begun to provide bereavement sets to Trinity Hospital to clothe infants born prematurely. The Chapter has monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at St. Pius X, Farrell Hall at 7pm. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to support the society, contact Mary Ann Dockery-Jackson at 309-786-2385 or Corinne Briggs at 755-6581 or email her at twoprodigals@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas in July



The purpose of this ministry is to provide a special food basket for Thanksgiving and Christmas for those in need in our parish. Members of the ministry prepare envelopes for distribution during July (1-2 hours). The parish purchases gift certificates to local grocery stores from Crusader Cash. There are no actual food baskets that are purchased, certificates are mailed to the individuals that are in need. If you would be interested in helping or heading this ministry up, contact the rectory at 755-5071.

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a festival held once a year in May. There are about 10-12 people on the committee. Members plan, prepare a meal, and organize music and dancing. Members begin meeting two months before the event. If you would be interested in helping, call Greg Ledezma at 796-2410.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion serve St. Anne Parish to assist the priest and deacon with the distribution of Holy Communion at church, to the homebound and to hospitals and nursing homes. We ask that people commit to at least one year. Currently we have about 40 Extraordinary Ministers. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, contact Deacon Jim Briggs at 755-6581 or email him at twoprodigals@sbcglobal.net.

Fall Festival/Pork Chop Dinner

In October, the parish will institute a new event. This will be called the Fall Festival. The plan is to serve a grilled pork chop meal, taking advantage of the new gas grill which was purchased earlier in 2008. Volunteers will be needed to set up, serve food, beverages, desserts, clean up and run some activities which will be determined. If you are interested in working on this ministry, call Lydia Malcolm at 797-0042.

Fish Fry

This is a parish fundraiser hosted by the Knights of Columbus-Leo Council #716. It is held during Lent. If you are interested in helping, contact Stan Banaszek at 755-9181.



Fourth of July Parade

On July 4th, the Parish operates a food concession at the East Moline 4th of July Parade. Many parishioners participate in this community related activity and enjoy the event. A significant number of people are involved working shifts and setting up and tearing down the booth. It involves 2-3 hours of effort on the part of most volunteers. In addition, members of the Worship and Prayer Committee and other volunteers pass out free water to parade watchers. This year, they passed out over 400 bottles.



We gather in VanHoe's west parking lot. If you would like to help out this year, contact Denise McNeil at 755-8891.

Funeral Choir

The Funeral Choir assists the grieving members of a funeral assembly by leading the sung prayers of the funeral liturgy. It is a ministry of service, love, and support on behalf of the whole parish community. If you are interested, contact Marlene Brown at 755-0027.

Funeral Lunch Servers

Our group prepares luncheons for funerals held at St. Anne. We order the food, call and get volunteers to serve, and then clean up. Depending on the size of the funeral, we need about 5-7 people per funeral. If you would like to volunteer, contact Rosie Meyer at 755-9648 or Betty Banaszek at 755-9181.

Funeral Servers

The purpose of this ministry is to provide altar servers for funeral Masses. We started several years ago as a suggestion of Msgr. Hallin. Vic Standaert got several Foresters to assist, and over time, our ranks have decreased to about ten people. We keep a list of people willing to volunteer and call as needed. We could use another 10 people or so. If you would be interested in serving, contact Bill Vyncke at 755-7959.

Gardening Ministry

“Green thumb” or not, we can use your help in beautifying the garden areas around the St. Anne Church grounds. We need help with spring plantings, summer maintenance and fall clean up. Tasks to be done include trimming, weeding, watering, and leaf removal. It does not include general lawn care. Three short seasonal meetings will help everyone stay coordinated and informed. Gardening expertise is not a requirement to join us and help make the area around our church more beautiful and inviting. If interested, please contact Pat Liedtke at (309) 792-1870 or pliedtke@mchsi.com .

Homebound

The persons in this group visit parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. We take Holy Communion to them and spend some time visiting. There are no meetings. Each member visits the homebound once per month. There are currently 6 members. This ministry is a continued commitment. If you are interested, contact Sandy Thomas at 755-4143.

Hospitality

This is a new ministry combining the “Greeters” and the “Welcoming Committee.” This ministry will promote St. Anne’s openness and acceptance of both new and current parishioners. The Greeters are currently established members of the current Confirmation class and greet everyone as they come into Mass. New parishioners will be contacted and welcomed to the parish so that all parishioners are made to feel accepted and part of our worship community. Other parishioners who are not currently attending will also be contacted to assure their continued membership. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Carole Podlashes at 755-5676

Knights of Columbus, Leo Council 716

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information, contact Stephen Bein, Grand Knight, at 792-2370.



Lectors

Lectors welcome parishioners and guests to St. Anne. They help the priest and deacon proclaim the word of God presented in the weekly readings. Lectors are scheduled for the the Mass they prefer to attend, rotating on a weekly basis. Depending on the mass time preference, they could be scheduled for 5 - 9 masses each year. Lectors are also needed for special masses held throughout the year. Additional time is necessary to prepare for reading each week. We ask that you practice before Mass. We ask for a year’s commitment. We currently have 23 volunteers. There may be training sessions held that you would be asked to attend. If you would like to volunteer, contact Lona Friedman at 755-5448 or email her at m.friedman@mchsi.com.

Marathon Bridge

Marathon Bridge is a group of women that meet every month, September through May, to have dessert and play cards. Membership at St. Anne’s is not a requirement for Marathon Bridge. Membership only costs \$7.00 per year, and we donate \$75.00 to St. Anne’s yearly. Our group has been meeting for over 40 years. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at South Moline Township Hall in East Moline. We need 20 people to play

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cards. If you would like to play, contact Bev Hawkins at 755-1071.

Market Day

Market Day provides parishioners and others the opportunity to purchase groceries from a reliable source and the parish benefits by receiving 10% of the value of the groceries purchased. This has totaled over \$3000.00 in the last year. The effort involved is primarily unloading and breaking out orders. This is usually 1 – 1-1/2 hours per month (usually the 2nd Monday evening of the month.) Other tasks include calling reminders, participating in special promotional sales, and taking orders. If you are interested, contact Sarah Groene at 792-8612.

Parish Council

The Parish Council is the principal advisory council to the pastor on parish concerns, ministries and activities. There are 9-12 meetings per year. Members serve a 3 year term. Members are elected by the parish or appointed by the pastor. There are 15-16 people, including 9 elected/appointed members plus chairs of parish standing committees. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month in Cleary Hall. If you have questions or concerns, contact Gerald Correthers at gcpanthro@mchsi.com

Prayer Chain

Members of the prayer chain are parishioners who are willing to pray for someone who has a serious illness or problem and are in need of God's help. The callers need to be available sometime in the afternoon or early evening to receive the requests and pass them on to the next person or persons. The time commitment is up to each individual person. There are presently 25 people that are members. Each member prays in their own way for the requests for 30 days, unless we are asked to keep them on the list longer. This is a great ministry for those that are not able to get around or for someone that is too busy to help in other ways. We welcome everyone. If you would be interested in being part of the chain or have a prayer request, contact Scott Hoereth at 764-1500, Mary Lou Killian at 755-8815 or Joyce Kirkhove at 792-2789.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A prayer shawl is one that is knitted or crocheted by someone in the group. As each stitch is made, a prayer is said for that person who will eventually receive the shawl. The shawl, upon completion, will be blessed and given to someone who may need warmth and comfort from the shawl and from the many prayers that were said while the shawl was being made. The recipient of the shawl may be going through an illness, the loss of a loved one or other tragedies of life or maybe even a joyous occasion such as a birth of a child or grandchild. A monthly meeting is held where we come together to knit, crochet and enjoy each other's company. Those who have finished their shawls can come and have their shawls blessed and make arrangements for the reception of the shawl. We encourage all knitters, crocheters, and those who would like to learn these handiworks to join the group.



We receive a sense of peace and relaxation as we work with our hands and say our prayers during the making of our shawls. If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Corinne Briggs at 755-6581 or email her at twoprodigals@sbcglobal.net. Watch the bulletin for news of our next gathering.

Rainbow Raffle

The purpose of the Rainbow Raffle is to raise funds for St. Anne Parish. Tickets are sold, and the winner can either choose a vehicle or take cash. There are 7-8 meetings per year. In June and July, committee members sell tickets at our parish and at neighboring parishes. Members of the Rainbow Raffle Committee also organize the annual Parish Picnic at which the drawing takes place. There are currently 15-20 members that are heavily involved. Six to eight new members would be most welcome. Meetings are held at Cleary Hall in the evenings. Meetings are never on Wednesdays. If you would be interested in becoming a member of this committee, you can contact Joe Ertel at 755-1393 or email him at joe@melfosterinsurance.com.

Religious Education

Currently, this ministry offers Bible and Church History classes and programs during the Lenten season. Some of these classes have grown into small faith communities which serve meals at a Churches United Meal Site, run the Religious Education fund raiser and travel to Peoria for additional classes at the Diocesan Summer Institute. If you have program ideas, would like to participate in a study, or facilitate classes contact the Religious Education Office at 755-5704 or email the office at bliska@olgca.us

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process by which individuals who wish to join the Catholic Church attend a number of teaching sessions and learn about the Catholic faith. St. Anne Parish has a team of members who do the teaching. There is a one year commitment with weekly meetings. There are about 5-6 people who do the teaching. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, contact Deacon Jim Briggs at 755-6581 or email him at twoprodigals@sbcglobal.net.

St. Patrick Celebration



The St. Patrick Celebration is a community-building fundraiser that is held once a year. Members of the committee plan, prepare, and serve a corned beef dinner with live entertainment in honor of St. Patrick.

There are 3-4 people on the planning committee, but we need 15-20 volunteers to host the dinner. There are 3 committee meetings in the months preceding the dinner that are held at Cleary Hall. If you would like to volunteer, contact Missy Dell at 755-0740.

Sacristan

A Sacristan is an individual who helps the priest and the deacon prepare the church for Masses and other liturgies on a weekly or daily basis. The purpose of this ministry is to work under the direction of the priest and deacon to assist in preparation of the liturgical celebrations. The sacristan arranges the books needed, sets up the cruets, chalices, ciboria, linens, candles and other items. In order to carry out these and other duties, the sacristan needs to have a fairly good idea of the norms of the liturgical books and an understanding of the liturgical calendar.

This is accomplished through training. Contact Deacon Briggs at 755-6581.

Snow Removal

During the winter, especially weekends, the area around the rectory and church needs to be shoveled after a snowfall. We have 2 snow blowers to assist us, but they need operators (must be at least 16 years of age). There are a lot of areas such as steps and near doors that require manual shoveling. The more help we have, the faster it gets done! If you would like to volunteer, contact Jim Manley at 755-5407.



Song Leaders

The purpose of this ministry is to share your vocal talents to lead the congregation. We are looking for good voices that aren't afraid to lead. We currently have 5 song leaders that lead the singing for Mass hymns and Mass parts. The song leaders alternate months, one month at a time. Song leaders can meet with the organists at their own discretion. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Andrea Gonzalez at 309-912-7501.

Stewardship Committee

The mission of the St. Anne Stewardship Committee is:

- To call forth everyone into lay participation by providing opportunities for ministry;
- To reach out with words and actions so everyone will feel welcome;
- To enable all to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ;
- To encourage all to embrace stewardship as a way of life.

In addition to meeting our present needs, we endeavor to maintain our Catholic community so that our mission continues to be alive for St. Anne Parish in the future.

Since its inception in August 2006, the Stewardship Committee has discerned the ministries of our parish. In January 2007, the committee hosted a ministry fair showcasing the 55 known ministries of our parish and created a ministry booklet detailing these ministries. Since that time, the committee has held several fairs to provide the opportunity for people to renew their commitments of stewardship to their parish.

In addition, the Stewardship Committee produces a St. Anne Stewardship/Ministry newsletter at least three times a year, highlighting various ministries and the work they are doing for our parish. We have also helped host a volunteer dinner to recognize those people who are active ministry participants and thereby help to make our parish a viable Catholic community.

The group's work is targeted to encourage the growth of both existing and new parish ministries, to help generate enthusiasm and parish commitment, and to keep our fellow parishioners aware of the great things happening at St. Anne's. We welcome new members to the Stewardship committee. A desire to get involved in the parish, to encourage and support greater parishioner participation in St. Anne's ministries, and strong teamwork skills are important. The group meets approximately 12 times a year and the day/time of meetings varies based on

committee member's schedules. If you are interested in working on this committee, contact either Ellie Betzle at 755-1340 or email her at jbetzle@mchsi.com or Carole Podlashes at 755-5676 or email her at Podlashes@bhc.edu.

Ushers

Ushers are the ministers of the Church and servants of the faith-community. They provide a service when we all gather to celebrate the Eucharist and fill many responsibilities by helping our Church and the parishioners. Some of the usher duties are as follows:

- Arrive early for Mass to get things ready & greet the people
- Be alert and handle special needs, disturbances, or emergencies
- Seat people when the church becomes crowded
- Take up the collection
- Take up the gifts to Father (unless a family or other special group wishes to do this)
- Clean up the church after Mass (check all pews and close the doors)

Ushers serve for a month at a time. We have about 30 ushers on the schedule. A shortage of ushers requires many ushers to serve more than 4 months in a year. If you would like to volunteer, contact Chuck Mathias at 755-4651 or email him at MathiasChuck@JohnDeere.com.

Vacation Bible School



If you would like to participate in an event that is fun, of short term, and teaches our younger parishioners about Jesus, VBS is for you! Folks who sign up for this ministry will be contacted by the parish doing VBS. This is a combined program of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Anne Parishes and is usually held toward the end of July. It is a great chance to meet parishioners from other parishes and support our Catholic Community in East Moline and Silvis. This past year, VBS was three mornings from 9-11 am. There were 2-3 general meetings in the month before the Bible School. If you would like to be involved in planning, that could mean another meeting or two. Meetings are set by the Director of the Vacation Bible School. It's very flexible and there is a need for a variety of talents from food preparation to music direction. If you are interested contact the Religious Formation Office at 755-5704 or email bliska@olgca.us.

WINGS~Women IN God's Service

WINGS is your Parish Women's Group created in November 2005 to meet the needs of women in the areas of social, spiritual, service and education. Our mission statement is: "We are Women in God's Service of St. Anne Parish, coming together socially and spiritually, welcoming all, creating an environment of Christian fellowship and support, and serving our Church, schools and community." Attendance is optional at any activity or meeting. The group meets monthly at Cleary Hall. Regular monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, unless there is a scheduling conflict. Events are held at various locations. WINGS has a steering committee of four members who have a time commitment in the form of planning meetings, writing newsletter articles, and serving as a liaison with Fr. Walder and the Parish Council. The duration of the steering committee commitment is flexible. There is also a communications member who creates the monthly newsletter from the articles submitted. The duration of the time commitment for this position is flexible. During WINGS first three years, there were over 100 women who participated in various meetings or activities. Any woman of the Parish is a member of WINGS if and when she chooses to attend a meeting or activity. All adult women are welcome. If you have any questions about WINGS, please contact Denise McNeil at 755-8891 or email her at d1m73@sbcglobal.net.

Worship & Prayer

The Worship & Prayer Committee is a group of people who come together to decorate the Church for the liturgical seasons and help plan events during the year to enrich our spiritual lives here at St. Anne's. We do not have a scheduled meeting date but come together when the need arises to plan decorations or events like the Simple Soup Suppers, the Seder Meal, and the Corpus Christi Procession. No special talent is needed-just fresh ideas and the willingness to work (and sometimes climb ladders). Currently there are about 8-10 people involved. If you would like to participate, contact Corinne Briggs at 755-6581 or email her at twoprodigals@sbcglobal.net.



Youth Group

The Parish Youth Group is intended to help teens develop a personal relationship with God. We are currently looking for a leader of a possible combined St. Anne/Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Group. Please contact Fr. Greg at 781-9106.

Youth Religious Education



If you enjoy people, love God and want to tell people about how good God has been to you, have we got a ministry for you!! The volunteers in the “All God’s Children Program of Religious Formation” (the combined ministry of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Anne Parishes located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Center) strive to bring Jesus to the families of our parish. Our volunteers teach, help with crafts, listen to prayers, type announcements, prepare students for Sacraments, direct traffic, smile, read, listen to children, translate, act as mentors, and generally show the love of Jesus to all they meet. Classes are held from 8:45-10:15 AM and from 6:00-7:30 PM approximately 28 Sundays from August through April. The morning classes serve grades 1-4 and the evenings are for the older students. Folks participating in this ministry will need to attend a Safe Environment Program (approximately one hour done at your convenience) and undergo a background check with DCFS and the Illinois State Police. We are especially in need of aides for the Sunday evening program. If you think you would like to help our young people grow closer to Jesus, contact the Religious Education Office at 755-5704 or email the office at bliska@olgca.us

Commitments in Christ Bind Us Together