



# The Centennial “Scoop”

**Seventh Edition – May 2019**

## WELCOME HOME!

What a joy and blessing it was to return to our **RENEW**'ed church for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. How appropriate that we spent our Lenten preparation celebrating Mass in alternative locations – St. Mary's, Moline, for our Saturday worship and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis, for our Sunday worship. Returning to our St. Anne Parish home in our beautiful new surroundings was awe-inspiring!

**To our Parishioners** – thank you for your flexibility and understanding during this temporary inconvenience as our church was undergoing the renovation work – and WELCOME HOME!

**To Father Zorjan**, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Silvis – thank you for your generosity in allowing us to use your church building for our Sunday morning 10 a.m. Mass.

**To the many St. Anne Volunteers** who handled the logistics of the alternate Mass locations, including changes to Daily Masses and School Masses, our weekly volunteers (Musicians, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Ushers) and anyone else who helped in any way – thank you for your attention to detail and your extra efforts in ensuring everything was in order.

**To Sacristans Larry Daffara and Steve Morris** who personally transported necessary Mass items back and forth between parishes and **Head Usher Chuck Mathias** who made sure all ushers had documentation of their added responsibilities – thank you for your extra efforts and willingness to take on whatever was necessary to ensure everything ran smoothly during this time of transition.

**To our Altar Servers (and their parents)** who had to make special travel plans to fulfill their service obligations – thank you for your service to your parish.

**To our Parish Administrator Michele Banaszek** who was the glue who held everything together – thank you for your insight and help with this effort.

**To Deacon Jim** who assessed all of the liturgical items used for the Mass and coordinated the funding and purchase of matching replacements, as needed – thank you for ensuring all of these sacred items serve to enhance our worship in the **RENEW**'ed Sanctuary.

**To Father Pallardy** who assisted with readying the church for the renovation – thank you for your much appreciated calm influence during a hectic time.

**To Father Dittmer** who made his other church, St. Mary's in Moline, available for our Saturday 4 p.m. Mass and also served as our Leader throughout this entire journey – thank you for your unwavering support and guidance.

## St. Anne Centennial RENEW Project

Hopefully you have seen all the RENEW updates that were made to our church at St. Anne's, either in person or in the videos on the website. **WOW** – what a difference! The items completed include fresh paint (ceiling and walls), new flooring, new lettering for the verses in the devotional insets at the rear of the church, a new sound system for speaking and singing, updated speakers and repairs for the organ, the modified skylight to coordinate with the colors of the stained glass windows, and the Sanctuary redesign, which was based on a vision guided by the following elements of church architecture:

V = Verticality – upon entry into the church, your vision is lifted upward / heaven on earth

I = Iconography – use of visuals within the church / art of stained glass, sculptures, paintings, etc.

P = Permanence – reflection of the eternity of God and the church / the first & best fruits to the Lord

Overall, upon entry into the church, people should immediately see and be drawn to the location of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

It is indeed a tribute to all our committed parish members who supported our RENEW fundraising campaign in 2018 and also to those who helped in any way during the past year as volunteers and event participants in order to make this beautiful transformation a reality. What a blessing for our St. Anne Parish community!

### ... and now, “Phase 2”?

Due to funding limitations, there were some items that were not included in the initial RENEW project. Ideally, we would like to finish these additional items before the finale Mass with Bishop Jenky on July 28, 2019. Some parish members have continued to make donations in 2019 to the RENEW fund using the red collection envelopes – a sincere thank you to those donors. Here are the additional items that we are still hoping to complete as part of our Centennial RENEW initiative with the associated cost estimates:

- New matching wooden tables used in the Sanctuary for the Advent Wreath and various Church events such as First Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, etc. (\$4,900)
- New seat cushions for the church pews (\$21,200)
- Painting the walls in the balcony (\$3,500)
- Painting the walls in the vestibule (\$3,600)
- New flooring in the Chapel and the Sacristy (\$6,900)

Please consider supporting the funding of these additional items in 2019 to help us complete the entire RENEW project for our parish. You may use a red envelope included in the monthly envelope packet or simply write “Centennial RENEW” on the outside of any envelope. Our modified skylight was funded with Bingo proceeds in memory of Bob Bush. Please include a note if you would like your donation to be “in memory of” or “in honor of” someone. With abiding faith in the generosity and support of St. Anne Parish members, and – since Our Lady of Grace school children raised \$787 in donations to the RENEW fund – we pray that these “Phase 2” items can also be funded and completed in our 2019 Centennial year.

## Congratulations to Our Lady of Grace Students



During the month of March, the students at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy participated in a “Change for the Church” campaign. The students brought in “change” – pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, etc. to donate to St. Anne's Church for the Centennial RENEW Fund.

They collected a total of \$787 – a great example of what it means to be “AMAZING” at Grace! THANK YOU and congratulations to Grace Catholic on a successful campaign – your kindness and generosity are appreciated.

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## **“AMAZING GRACE” – A Day of Reflection**

The next event to celebrate our Parish Centennial is a “Day of Reflection” to be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at St. Anne Church. Our featured speaker at this event will be Gus Lloyd, a well-known Catholic speaker and radio show host on Catholic Channel 129 Sirius XM Radio. Gus also writes a 60-second reflection as a daily meditation on Holy Scripture that can be found on his website: [www.guslloyd.com](http://www.guslloyd.com). In addition, he has authored numerous books on the Catholic faith that will be available for purchase during his visit with us.

Gus was raised as a Catholic, but later fell away from the church. After his daughter was involved in a serious accident, he turned back to God and renewed his life in the Catholic Church. We are extremely fortunate to have Gus Lloyd joining us on this special day, sharing with us “Amazing Grace”.

### Schedule in the Church

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Gathering  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Presentations  
3:30 p.m. Final Blessing  
4:00 p.m. Mass

Lunch provided in Cleary Hall

(A free-will offering will be accepted for the meal.)

Presentations throughout the day will include:

- “Seeds of Grace”
- “Defending the Faith”
- “Taking the Faith to Others”

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered.

There is no cost to attend this “Day of Reflection”, but donations are appreciated to help defray costs. Although sponsored by St. Anne Parish, we hope many in our community will also make plans to attend this event as we make this “spiritual renewal” with our parish family.

## **Access the 100 Days of Prayers, Quotes, and Proverbs Online**

There are 2 online options for the St. Anne Centennial 100 Days of Prayers, Quotes, and Proverbs Devotional.

The first option is to view the entire booklet on the St. Anne website – look on the Home page for **“Want to view the 100 Days of Prayers, Quotes, and Proverbs booklet? CLICK HERE”**.

The second option is to subscribe to receive an email every day that contains the Prayer, Quote, or Proverb for that specific day. Look on the Home page for **“Want to receive the Prayer, Quote, or Proverb of the day in your email? CLICK HERE to subscribe”**.

The 100 Days of Prayers, Quotes, and Proverbs start on April 19<sup>th</sup>, which is Good Friday, and end on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, which is the Centennial Celebration Mass with Bishop Jenky.

### **Mark your Calendar!**

St. Anne Parish  
**“Centennial Finale Mass and Luncheon”**

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Bishop Jenky will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m.,  
assisted by special guests.

Stay tuned for more details.

### **Centennial Keepsakes**

Did you miss out on purchasing your commemorative Centennial Keepsakes during our pre-Christmas sales? No worries!

Keepsakes will be available again in the next few months. Watch the Bulletin and future editions of the Scoop for more information.

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## St. Patrick's Celebration

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Anne Parish revived another tradition from the past by having a St. Patrick's Celebration! Corned beef dinners with all of the trimmings were served to parish members and friends, while everyone enjoyed the music of the "Happy Belgians" - Jim, Mike and John VanSpeybroeck – who graciously donated their time and talents.

Also entertaining the crowd were the Isle of Erin Irish Dancers from Peoria, Illinois, who performed traditional Irish dancing from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to the team of volunteers who worked so hard to make this evening a success and also many thanks to all who attended. An evening of rousing Irish music and dancing, excellent food, and camaraderie was enjoyed by all – and that's no blarney!

## A Little Birdie Told Me....

.... To remind everyone that this is the time to CHIP in to help St. Anne Parish WIN!

Birdies for Charity forms will be available next weekend – May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be on hand if you need assistance in completing your forms. The tournament provides a guaranteed 5% bonus on your donation!

Pledge forms must be received no later than July 12, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Mathias at 738-7154.

## St. Anne Centennial RENEW Fundraising Progress

*as of April 30, 2019*

**\$191,966** collected toward \$250,000 goal

Funds collected total: **77%** of goal

## **RENEW – Another FAQ about the Centennial RENEW Project**

Q: Is the Centennial RENEW project finished?

A: The initial phase of the Centennial RENEW project is complete. A walk-through has identified “punch list” items that will need to be addressed before final payments are made to contractors.

Q: What about the items that were not included in the RENEW project?

A: Additional “Phase 2” items will be scheduled and completed as additional funds are raised in 2019. If possible, we would like to complete these items in time for the Mass with Bishop Jenky on July 28, 2019.

Q: Why was the processional cross replaced?

A: The body of Jesus on the old processional cross was damaged and there were recurring issues with it staying attached to the cross.

Q: Was the crucifix in the Sanctuary replaced?

A: No. The same crucifix is now suspended rather than hung on the wall.

Q: What is the plan for seat cushions on the pews?

A: Purchasing new seat cushions is a large expense that will depend on whether enough additional funds can be raised.

Q: Is the new sound system working properly?

A: Adjustments are still being made to the new sound system in an effort to accomplish the necessary fine tuning. Your patience with this “work in progress” is appreciated.

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