

St. Anne Parish is hosting the final event of our Centennial Celebration on July 28, 2019. All parishioners can rejoice in the achievements over the last century, but 7 parish families who responded to a bulletin inquiry of how many generations of their family have been in the parish, can be especially proud! There are five families with 5 generations and there are two families with 6 generations of St. Anne parishioners. Some of the family members attended St. Anne School or are attending Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy. Others were St. Anne Church parishioners.

The first to respond was Diane St. John. She sent along information on sacraments received and St. Anne School attendance.

First Generation: Emiel C. & Marie (Cappaert) Ballegeer
Second Generation: Darlene (Ballegeer) & Robert Clark
Third Generation: Diane (Clark) & Ronald St. John
Fourth Generation: Ryan & Shannon St. John
Fifth Generation: Savannah St. John

The second family is the Baele family but is better known as the Soseman family. Yes, Monsignor Richard Soseman is a member of this family. Their first generation came from Belgium in 1920. They were St. Mary parishioners but transferred to St. Anne in 1939.

First Generation: Alfonse & Florence Baele
Second Generation: Charles & Agnes Soseman
Third Generation: Cheryl (Soseman) McKittrick
Fourth Generation: Stephanie (McKittrick) & Jory Punkiewicz and Tina McKittrick
Fifth Generation: Kara Johnson, Julien, Agnes, Alice and Ardis Punkiewicz
Miracle Martensen, Ella Lambert, and Jase Bray

The third family starts with the DeDoncker surname. Four of the 5th generation attend OLGCA.

First Generation: Aime & Gabrielle DeDoncker
Second Generation: Rudy & June (DeDoncker) Dobereiner
Third Generation: Jeffrey & Nancy (Dobereiner) Swanson
Fourth Generation: Julia (Swanson) & Andy Neece; Maria (Swanson) & Jason Black
Fifth Generation: Hannah, Joshua and Augusta Neece; Jeffery and Ryan Black

The Bollaert family were parishioners at St. Anne until boundaries were changed when the present Our Lady of Guadalupe was built. Although, six of Beth Ricke's siblings graduated from St. Anne School, she had to leave the school because the street boundaries for parishes had changed. But St. Anne was their parish and they soon returned as parishioners. All of the 5th generation will attend OLGCA this Fall.

First Generation: Dr. F. E. & Marion Bollaert
Second Generation: William & Kay Bollaert
Third Generation: Beth (Bollaert) & Greg Ricke
Fourth Generation: Michael Ricke; Stephanie (Ricke) & Aaron Dunbar
Fifth Generation: Elijah, Noah, Zacchiah and Josiah Ricke; Machai and Amir Dunbar

Another 5th-generation family is the Vyncke clan. There was some concern that members had attended St. Mary Parish but family records show baptisms and marriages were at St. Anne Parish.

First Generation: Hector & Tillie Vyncke
Second Generation: Clix & Terry Vyncke
Third Generation: Barb (Vyncke) & Ken Brooks
Fourth Generation: Mike & Katie Brooks
Fifth Generation: Tilly, Brandon and Rose Brooks (The older two are students at OLGCA.)

The next family has 6 generations at St. Anne Parish and School.

First Generation: Minnie Hettinger and husband Nick were St. Mary Parishioners, but after his death, Minnie attended Mass at St. Anne Parish.
Second Generation: Dorothy & John Blunke
Third Generation: Urban & Jackie (Blunke) DePorter
Fourth Generation: Craig & Connie (DePorter) Vervaecke
Fifth Generation: Jessica Vervaecke and Laura Vervaecke
Sixth Generation: Joshua, Caleb, and Annelise Dies; Mason, Eli, and Gianna Vervaecke
Five of the six children attend OLGCA. Gianna is a future Grace student.

The last -- but not least -- family is the Banaszek family, with 6 generations of St. Anne heritage.

First Generation: Theodore & Emma Schulte
Second Generation: Helen (Schulte) & August Bohnert
Third Generation: Laurine (Bohnert) & Peter Tvarkunas
Fourth Generation: Betty (Tvarkunas) & Stan Banaszek
Fifth Generation: Michele Banaszek; Christine (Banaszek) & Dan Rowe
Sixth Generation: Brandon Banaszek; Elizabeth Banaszek and Landon Rowe

While more information was collected from the families; the breadth of siblings, offspring, and related family members was overwhelming. These families have a great tradition at St. Anne Parish. They are thanked for their service and example.