



The Centennial “Scoop”

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St. Anne Centennial – A Final Note

As our 100-Year Anniversary in 2019 comes to a close, it seems an appropriate time to **REFLECT** on our Centennial journey.

- We took time to **REMEMBER** our parish history with “tidbits” of information published in the weekly bulletins, inclusion of historical information on our website, printing of a St. Anne Centennial History booklet, and a large display of St. Anne historical artifacts.
- Over a sixteen-month period, we were able to **REJOICE** at many special parish events including the bookends of a “kick-off” Mass and a “finale” Mass which included many guests with special connections to St. Anne’s. We celebrated with sales of Centennial commemorative items, a Centennial Quilt raffle, and 100 Days of Prayers, Quotes, and Proverbs.
- We also completed a successful fundraising campaign that enabled us to **RENEW** our church in an exciting transformation to a more beautiful worship space.

All of this was accomplished by working together as a parish family and, as a result, St. Anne’s “came alive” with increased spirit, energy, enthusiasm, engagement, and pride. God has truly blessed us with His grace!

Now it is time to look forward. How will we carry the strength and power of this Centennial initiative into the future? Our Centennial Celebration has been a wonderful time of stewardship for our parish and we are hopeful that this positive Centennial experience will inspire the continued higher-level sharing of time, talent, and treasure going forward.

Please prayerfully consider how you will contribute to our parish family and help “keep alive” the spirit, energy, enthusiasm, engagement, and pride for St. Anne Parish in 2020 and beyond.

We would like to recognize: Father Fredi Gomez-Torres who had the foresight and vision in planning for the commemoration of this important milestone; Father Antonio Dittmer for being instrumental in the execution of the Centennial fundraising and parish renovations; and Father James Pallardy for his support of previous efforts and acceptance of the charge of ushering in the next 100 years of St. Anne Parish.

Finally, our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in any way in our St. Anne Centennial! It has been a great privilege to serve our parish and we sincerely appreciate all those who trusted us with this important historical project.

The St. Anne Centennial Committee

Centennial Website

As part of the effort to provide Centennial information to everyone interested, a Centennial Website was launched in December of 2017. While new content will not be added, the website will continue to be available to view in the future.

Remember to visit our parish website at: www.saintanne-em.org and select the “Centennial” tab on the menu.

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St. Anne Centennial Mass and Reception - A Perfect Ending!

The culmination of our Centennial Year of Celebrations occurred on Sunday, July 28th, beginning with a special Mass followed by a reception, luncheon, and extensive parish historical display in Cleary Hall. The booklet created to commemorate the Centennial - 100 Days of Prayers, Quotes, and Proverbs – which began on Good Friday, ended on this date.

Former priests, sisters and vocations from our parish were invited as special guests for the Mass and the reception. Father James G. Pallardy celebrated our Mass, assisted by Deacon Jim Briggs. Concelebrants were Monsignor James Ramer, Monsignor Richard Soseman, Monsignor Mark Merdian, Father Antonio Dittmer, Father David Heinz, Father Duane Jack and Father John Van Wiel. Sister Mary Core, Sister Stefanie MacDonald, and Elizabeth Fristensky also attended as our guests. The Knights of Columbus Honor Guard enhanced the solemnity of this very special Mass.

Following Mass, all were invited to view the St. Anne Parish historical display set up in the gym area of Cleary Hall. Visual displays categorized by decade lined the walls on three sides of the gym. There were tables and chairs set up so people could view the parish archive books that were originally created by the late Joe Roels of St. Anne's. His work has been carefully preserved and updated by Sandy Thomas.

The catered luncheon was attended by 175 members and friends of St. Anne Parish. Father Pallardy made some brief comments and led attendees in grace prior to the meal. He also made the all-important announcement of the winners of the Quilt and the Throw/Wall Hanging for which chances were sold throughout the year. (See related article.)

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped on this special day – the Mass participants, the luncheon volunteers, the members and friends of St. Anne's who attended the events, as well as those who contributed their support in any way. The efforts of many coming together helped make this day memorable.

This combination of "*Remember – Rejoice – Renew*" was a perfect ending to our "Year of Celebrations"!

St. Anne Centennial Quilt Raffle

The lucky winners in the Centennial Quilt Raffle were announced by Father Pallardy at our Centennial Finale Luncheon. The winner of the queen-size quilt was Sandra Luedtke of St. John the Baptist Parish in Rapid City, and the winner of the throw/wall hanging was Kevin Fier of our St. Anne Parish. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who purchased tickets.

The profit for the parish was \$2,213, which went into the Centennial Fund.

We thank our talented quilters: Lucy Damhorst, Juanita Bush, Francine DeSplinter, Rosie Meyer, Diane Marchik, Kathy Bustos, Barb Liska, and Sandy Thomas -- and our consultants on this project: Jeannie Beintema, Betty Banaszek, and Bernie Dahlhauser.

The Past and the Present Come Together Again

Did you miss the opportunity to view the extensive St. Anne Historical Display at the Centennial Mass and Reception on July 28th? So many pictures, newspaper articles and other precious documents were available for viewing by those in attendance.

The women of WINGS felt strongly that this information was too important to our parish identity to only have available on one day. Therefore, the display will once again be set up for viewing at the WINGS Annual Bake Sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 26th and 27th after Masses. Come join us in Cleary Hall where you can purchase delicious baked goods prepared by our wonderful bakers, and enjoy complimentary coffee, juice and milk. Then take your time to view the display.

WINGS – Women IN God's Service – has been the women's group at St. Anne's for the past 14 years. While that is only a short time compared to our 100 years as a Parish, the women of this group embody the same guiding principles of faith, dedication, strength, and service that were held by the women of the Parish who have gone before them.

Come and join us as the women of WINGS work in conjunction with the Centennial Committee to bring our wonderful Parish History into the spotlight once again.

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St. Anne Centennial Commemorative Items

As we approach the end of our parish centennial year, there are plans for more chances to purchase commemorative items. We currently have Christmas ornaments, koozies, and shirts of various sizes in stock. These make great birthday and Christmas gifts and will be a nice remembrance of our celebrations in 2019!

The next sale date will be at the WINGS Bake Sale, after Masses on October 26 and 27. Other opportunities to purchase commemorative items will be announced in the bulletin. Thanks to all who have already purchased items throughout the past year – we truly appreciate all of your support!

St. Anne Centennial RENEW Fundraising Progress

as of September 25, 2019

\$207,294 collected toward \$250,000 goal

Funds collected total: **83%** of goal

Celebrating our St. Anne Centennial on the 4th of July

As usual, the 4th of July was hot as a firecracker, but some hardy St. Anne parishioners celebrated with a cool “super hero” St. Anne Centennial parade entry as part of the AMVETS 4th of July parade in downtown East Moline.

KUDOS to Ryan Dunbar for securing the trailer; Deidre Dunbar for float design, Clifton VanWinkle for being the chauffeur, and Jamie VanWinkle for organizing the parade entry and participants. We received multiple compliments on our design and several parishioners donated candy -- our sincerest gratitude for your generosity.

A HUGE thank you to all who braved the heat and walked in the parade. The event was a huge success!



“AMAZING GRACE”

A Day of Reflection at St. Anne’s

Many of our parishioners and community members gathered together for a day of reflection and prayer on Saturday, June 8th in St. Anne Church. Our guest speaker for the day was Gus Lloyd, a very enthusiastic and inspirational speaker, who shared his personal faith journey and many observations and important messages about our Catholic faith. Gus urged us to thank God for the “seeds of grace” that have been sown throughout our lives and encouraged us to sow these seeds into the lives of others. He also discussed the 11 attributes of Magnetic Christianity: Positivity, Enthusiasm, Friendliness, Confidence, Humility, Honesty, Kindness, Compassion, Approachability, Generosity, and Encouragement.

The La Rancherita restaurant donated a delicious lunch to all in Cleary Hall. Confessionals were available during break times and the Adoration Chapel was also open for private prayer throughout the day.

Many thanks to the committee who planned this extraordinary day that allowed Gus Lloyd to deliver an excellent, uplifting message to all at this “spiritual renewal” Centennial Celebration event.

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