

# *Ste. Anne Parish*

## *Mackinac Island, MI*

*First Sunday of Advent*  
*November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



### **Saint Anne Prayer**

Good Saint Anne, obtain for me an increase of faith in the great mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Help me to see in this great Sacrament Christ our High Priest, making real for me the saving grace of His death on the cross; feeding my soul with His Flesh and Blood so that I may live in Him and He in me; producing the unity of the people of God and gathering His Church together. By your powerful intercession with God, help me to center my life around the altar that I may inherit the promise of the Lord: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, has life everlasting." Amen.

### **Parochial Administrator:**

**Fr. John C. Essel**  
**906-847-8090**  
**[chrisjohness@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjohness@gmail.com)**

### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

### **Daily Mass**

**11:00a.m. Tuesday – Friday**  
(Weekday Mass schedule subject to change,  
call 906-847-3507 to confirm during the winter  
months)

Parish Office

Amanda Pomber, Secretary

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The bulletin can also be found online by going to our website [www.steanneschurch.org](http://www.steanneschurch.org)

*If there is anyone who would like to become a Mass volunteer or volunteer in the gift shop, please contact the Church Office or speak to Fr. John Essel.*

### **Communion**

*How Beautiful Is the Body of Christ*

Receiving Holy Communion in the Catholic Church is a sacred moment for those who share the fullness of our Catholic faith. We kindly ask those who are not fully practicing Catholics to join us in prayer from their seats during Communion.

*We welcome all visitors and thank you for worshiping with us. If there is anyone who is moving to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call or stop in the parish office to register.*



### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

...Please keep the following people in your prayers...

**JESUS, YOU ARE GOD'S GIFT OF HEALING LOVE. WHILE ON EARTH YOU HEALED THE SICK WHO CAME FOR HELP. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO HEAL THE SICK TODAY. PLEASE HEAL ALL THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY:**

Rosie Brodeur, Pat Pulte, Ross Vecchio, Olivia Naber (Peggy Bynoe Naber's daughter), Ed Pfeiffelman, and Shelly Mclean.

To add someone to our prayer list, please call 847-3507

### Mass Intentions

**10:30am**

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**+ William Francis Kissane**

By: John Kissane and Family

**10:30am**

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**+ William Francis Kissane**

By: John Kissane and Family

**10:30am**

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**+ Jeanette Doud**

By: Margaret Doud

**10:30am**

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**For The Parishioners  
Of Our Parish**

**7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**For The Living and Deceased  
Members of Fr. John Essel's  
Family**

**10:30am**

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**+ William and Jenny Marshall**

By: Candy Smith Family



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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY November 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;  
Matthew 24:37-44

Located on page 65 in the Word of the Lord  
Book

*Faith formation will meet following Mass*



### Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: Decorate the Church  
2:00 PM

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: Christmas Potluck after  
Mass 11:30 AM

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Mass  
7:00PM, refreshments after Mass

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day Mass  
10:30 AM

Please join us after Mass for refreshments  
and fellowship.

### Mass Attendance

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30 AM: 25

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Masses, in the gift shop or by phone at  
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drawing to win. Thank you!*

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year A begins a season of hope, reflection, and preparation. As we enter Advent, we are called to open our hearts and prepare our lives for the coming of Christ. The readings for this Sunday remind us to be peacemakers, live in the light, and renew our faith. Through these reflections, we can explore ways to deepen our relationship with God and strengthen our commitment to living as Christ taught.

### Called to Be Peacemakers

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year A invites us to look at Isaiah's vision of a world united in peace. Isaiah describes nations coming together, setting aside their weapons, and choosing understanding over conflict. This picture of unity shows God's hope for humanity, a world where we seek peace with one another. Advent is a time to reflect on how we, too, can create peace in our families, communities, and even within ourselves. Being a peacemaker doesn't mean ignoring problems or pretending there's no conflict. It means working for solutions that bring people closer together instead of tearing them apart. Just as Isaiah speaks of nations working side by side, we are called to find ways to understand each other, even in disagreement. This vision reminds us that we each play a role in creating harmony wherever we are. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, peace becomes more than a distant hope; it's something we can practice. Advent encourages us to be peacemakers with patience, love, and respect. We can ask ourselves how we can bring a little more peace to our relationships. By doing so, we participate in God's vision for unity and readiness to welcome Christ into our world.

*As we begin Advent, we're called to be open to where God may lead us. Whether through acts of kindness, spending time in prayer, or focusing on gratitude, we can use this season to grow closer to God. The 1st Sunday of Advent reminds us that faith is a journey, and Advent is a special time to move forward on that path.*

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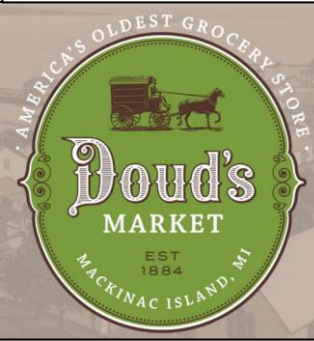


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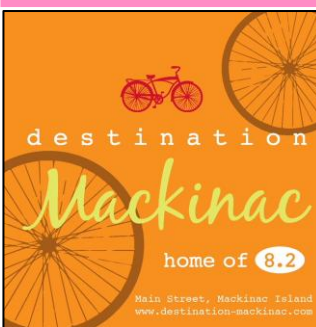
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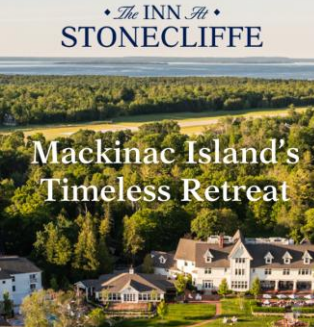
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