

Generosity Prayer Service

What is GPS? GPS stands for Global Positioning System. Maybe we could consider it as a GOD Positioning System? GPS has become a theme we have all come to associate with directions and guidance. All the things that we have done here at St. Ann are about creating the roadways, avenues and vehicles to invite, involve and engage people in their journey to a closer relationship with our Lord.

Here at St. Ann, this formal journey began a couple of years ago as we decided to go forward with an engagement process with ISPD, that started in the Fall of 2017 and conducted a Parish Convocation in the spring of 2018. We accumulated a lot of input and developed Mass+õ that kicked off in August of 2018 as a vehicle to make your Sunday Experience come to life. We invite everyone to take part in the many formation, social, family and learning opportunities that we now provide via Massí

GPS is the continuation of that engaging process. We will continue to invite you and your input to develop our direction, our vision that creates opportunities to invite and involve people in our mission. Our mission statement is:

To know, love and serve the Lord in this life and to be happy with him in the next.+

A St Ann GPS is the guidance system to fulfill our mission and vision:

Generosity

The giving of our time, talents and treasure. We, as good stewards of our God given gifts, are called to share all that we have with each other and live life with an attitude of gratitude.

Prayer

The center of all we do. A talent we all possess. My secret is simple, I pray+. St. Teresa of Calcutta

Service

We are commissioned and commanded to do.

Many of the readings, gospels and homilies during the Advent and Christmas seasons deal with a journey. The journey of the Jews, the journey of Mary and Joseph, the journey of the birth of our Lord, the journey of the Magi. As we journey through the liturgical year, we reflect on the journey of Christ defeating the devil in the desert, his life and ultimately his crucifixion to save our souls. We too are on a journey, a journey into that deeper, personal relationship with Jesus.

Where are you in your journey? Are you at a crossroads in your faith and don't know which way to go? Are you simply looking to take your journey to the next level? The road can be quite bumpy, scary or confusing if you don't have that guidance system in place. St. Ann is committed to providing that GPS for your personal journey.

What makes St. Ann the place to be? We are committed to meet people where they are and leading them to God. We are building those roads and avenues by providing the opportunities to grow in your faith, learn more about the genius of Catholicism and

provide you opportunities to do what you do best. St. Ann is a place where you are a valued part of everything we do. A place of truth, faith and of prayer.

That annoying voice from your Mobile GPS says "Recalculating" when you have made a wrong turn or gone off course. "In 50 feet, turn around". How we hate hearing those words! Even to the point of yelling at the GPS unit. But in our life, those same words delivered by Jesus have a totally different meaning and feeling. The truth is, he died to give us a chance to recalculate, to correct that wrong turn we took somewhere along the way. His death and resurrection gave us almost unlimited chances to turn around and get back on the path toward Salvation. What a sacrifice he made of us.

Jesus speaks to us in this way all the time, if we only listen. In the classroom of silence, exposition, at work . prayer.

"You have arrived at your destination" is that voice, that phrase, that brings comfort and peace to us. Finding that comfort and peace in developing that deep personal relationship with Christ is our ultimate destination. That feeling when you have made a difference in someone's life thru your act of kindness or service. The feeling when you have given yourself to our Lord.