



Connection

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Welcome Coach Al Rood to SACHS

St. Anne is fortunate to have a man of Coach Rood's talents and experience to join the teaching/coaching staff at our local high school. Alan Rood is a 1998 graduate of McNamara High School where he played football under Rich Zinanni. From 1998-2001, Rood attended Northern Illinois University and played fullback. During his senior year, he was the captain of the team.

Rood's coaching experience blossomed as a student coach, graduate assistant, and tight end offensive coach. A few schools that helped in Rood's experience and development include: St. Viators in Arlington Heights, Niles North, JS Morton in Cicero, and Von Steuben High School, a Chicago Public School. His most recent position has been as physical education and health teacher for the Bishop McNamara schools, junior high athletic director and assistant head football coach at the high school.

"Some great coaches left impressions on me that I hope to take with me into my new position at St. Anne and for the rest of my life. Joe Novak from Northern taught me the meaning of loyalty, trust and communication awareness. Head Viatorian Dan Hall was a personal inspiration, as was Sam Pittman and Matt Canada," said Rood.



Rood is looking forward to working with Coaches Schoon and Kirkland and working with students in the weight room in the future to build a team. He added, "I am committed to communication as a life skill."

St. Anne Catholic Church To Host Novena

For 142 years St. Anne Catholic Church has celebrated the feast day of St. Anne who was the grandmother of Jesus. The novena begins on July 18 with nine days of prayer and devotion, culminating on Tuesday, July 26th, the feast day of St. Anne. From places near and far, many people continue to make the modern day pilgrimage to St. Anne in thanksgiving to God for miracles, small and large, in their lives and in hopes of such blessings.

A side story: My husband and I were visiting a church in Florida five years ago. Visitors were asked where they were from. We stated St. Anne, Illinois. Two ladies a few pews from us made eye contact and said they would like to see us after the service. So, we met them. They were both related to a woman who came to St. Anne nearly 100 years ago from a neighboring Illinois city. Arriving in a wheel chair without the ability of standing or walking, the woman professed her faith in God. She left her wheel chair in the church and walked out. *Is this a miracle? Who can say? Her family and all of the people present believed it to be. God works in mysterious ways. (from Pam)*

This year, the parish committees have decided to have food trucks rather than the usual chicken dinners since there are fewer capable workers than in years past. Bethlehem Gifts will be selling items made from olive trees from the Holy Land. Fr. Peter Jankowski will celebrate the novena and feast both outside when weather permits and on line.

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