This Week

SUNDAY 19 May
• 7:15 PM - Young-Adult Bible Study, Biggby Coffee, 320 E. Bridge St.

MONDAY 20 May / Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115/Jn 14:21-26
• 7 AM - Communion Service
• 6:30 PM - Men’s Faith Group, Library

TUESDAY 21 MAY / Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145/Jn 14:27-31a
• 7 AM - Communion Service
• 10 AM - Mass - Benedictine Center - +Ruth & David Stenzel
• 4:30 PM - Community Meal, St. Paul United Church of Christ

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY / Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122/Jn 15:1-8
• 10 AM - Outdoor Mass - +Ed Stenzel

THURSDAY 23 MAY / Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96/Jn 15:9-11
• 7 AM - Mass - +Geraldine Radtke

FRIDAY 24 MAY / Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57/Jn 15:12-17
• 7 AM - Mass - +Annabelle Guralski

SATURDAY 25 MAY / Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100/Jn 15:18-21
• No Reconciliation

Lord’s Day Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter – 25/26 MAY
• 4 PM Saturday - +Jenny Tonelli
• 8:30 AM Sunday - +Mary & John Spara Olson
• 10:30 AM Sunday - Special Intention
• 6 PM Sunday - People of St. Anne Parish

Looking Ahead
• June 14-15-16 - St. Anne Fest
• July 6-13 - Youth Mission Trip
• July 22-26 - Summer Vacation Bible Camp
• July 27/28 - Solemnity of St. Anne
• Aug 23 - St. Anne Golf Outing

We rejoice that these disciples of our parish have been Sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation

Anna Cicha
Lisa Cicha
Zoe Dale
Kiley Deaton
Alexandra Galang
Ayden Galligan
Ayla Goreskki
Connor Healy
Annabella Hoffer
Gabriel Izatt
Amanda Kipp
Sophia Kohl
Megan McDonald
Grace Michalske
Elise Raschke
Angela Rougeot-Donath
Grace Sukanan
Emma Sullivan
Jacob Theiler
Nicholas Thums
Dylan Warnecke
Emma Weis
Gavin Wulf
Summer often brings a plethora of weddings, although fall’s cooler temps and bright colors also make it a popular season for making promises and beginning new lives together. Summer, then, is also a time for celebrating wedding anniversaries. My parents, for example, will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 27.

If you’re a couple anticipating what we might call a “milestone anniversary,” I’d encourage you to allow the parish to have a small role in your celebration. Specifically, I am hoping we can develop a tradition of acknowledging 25, 50, 60, 65, 70 (and higher) anniversaries at Mass. This is simply a matter of identifying the couple and praying for God’s blessing. There’s a very learnable and singable blessing song that we might offer, as well as a succinct spoken prayer.

This adds very little time to the length of the liturgy, to alleviate fears of any clock-watchers among us, while giving us a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge sacramental love and fidelity, and to call upon God’s grace for the couple being honored.

A few years ago I knew of a couple’s approaching 50th anniversary and mentioned offering a blessing at Mass. The wife replied, “Oh, we don’t need that.” “That may be true,” I replied, even though I think we all and always need God’s grace. I added, more to the point, “Our parish needs to know and recognize that there are people among us who make and honor promises.” I think that awareness is especially important for teens and young adults.

Another couple, anticipating their 69th wedding anniversary, asked if we would offer a blessing at Mass, even though it wasn’t one of the usual five- or 10-year milestones. I said, “Sandy after you hit 65, we’re going to do it every year for as long as we can.” I believe a blessing was offered for that couple just this past February.

Birthdays also are worthy of our attention and prayer. While it would be ideal to acknowledge and pray for everyone as they celebrate the start of a new year of life, 90 years and higher seems commendable in terms of a blessing at Mass. Again, the community needs to acknowledge that there are people in that age group among us each Lord’s Day, and we want to call upon God’s blessing for them.

If you’re willing to share your birthday or anniversary with us, and allow us to pray for you, please let us know the date and Mass time that best coincides with your birthday or anniversary, or your family’s celebration. Call the parish office or send an email to mail@stanneswausau.org. We’ll begin these blessings once I return from my journey in Spain.

I spent several days in recent weeks visiting parishioners on ends of the age spectrum. Over three weeks I visited, or attempted to visit, parishioners who are confined to their homes, assisted living and nursing facilities.

The visits were often delightful, and what was most noteworthy was the affection these parishioners have for our parish and their regret at no longer being engaged in the life of our community. Several noted how grateful they were to have someone bring them communion. Another, who had been very involved in the Fish Fry, now looks forward to having someone deliver her fish and fries every Friday of Lent.

If you or a family member was not visited, please call the office and a visit will be arranged.

At the other end of the age span, it’s been my custom to interview children anticipating First Communion, and I continued that tradition this year. It’s fascinating to get their perspective on what happens at Mass and the sacrament they are eager to receive. It’s eye-opening as to what the children recognize and what they don’t. Over the last couple years, for example, I’ve discovered children don’t know the city where Jesus was born; I’d say about three-quarters can’t name Bethlehem as that place.

Something for us to work on. TL
Seeking Support Staff for Mission Trip

In order to help with the logistics and details of the hundreds of youth and adults that will descend on Topeka, Kan. July 6-13 along with our St. Anne group for the summer mission trip, Group Mission Trips organizes teams of volunteer leadership staff. One key role they are in need of are the various Site Coaches to provide direction and assistance at the service sites. Can you paint a house? Are you a skilled carpenter? Can you follow directions for a construction project? Then you’re a Site Coach! Site Coaches have the opportunity to assist work crews throughout the camp week. They have the privilege of connecting with participants by coaching them through work projects, teaching them to use tools and supplies, and ensuring they have a safe and fun service environment. Anyone willing to give this a try that is age 21 or older, feel free to contact John Schmitt in the parish office or send an email to johns@stanneswausau.org.

Ministers needed behind the scenes

Sacristans are people whose ministry is essential for our celebration of the Mass, but who work behind the scenes. If that appeals to you, please read on.

Sacristans facilitate the clean-up work after Mass, primarily purifying the cups and plates used in offering communion. We’re hoping to have sufficient sacristans so that you’re called upon to assist no more than once, or maybe twice, a month at a Mass time of your preference. Complete orientation will be offered. If you’d be willing to serve in this role, or at least learn more, send an email to mail@stanneswausau.org.

While Fr. Tom is away

During the next few weeks while Fr. Tom is walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain, there will be a few adjustments in the weekday Mass schedule. Mass or a communion service usually will be at 7 a.m., but there might deviations due to the school Mass schedule. Please attentive to the bulletin calendar. Also note that Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Benedictine Manor is open to parishioners. Reconciliation will not be offered on Saturdays, and will resume at 9 a.m. June 15.

Presiding at Lord’s Day liturgies will be Fr. Frank Corradi, a senior priest of the diocese who lives in Chippewa Falls. Fr. Corradi was a pastor in Eau Claire, worked in hospital ministry, and was part of the leadership team at St. Anthony Spirituality Center. Most recently he has guided our parish committee working to re-imagine our church. We are grateful that Fr. Corradi is willing to share his ministry with us.

Highlights of Fr. Tom’s journey will be shared at St. Anne Parish on Facebook.

HONORING A NEW COMMANDMENT: In today’s Gospel Jesus makes a bold and clear statement to his disciples. “I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” We are called to love others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those “others” we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of our love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus’ love command. How often do we heed Jesus’ love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command? — International Catholic Stewardship Council

ST. ANNE PARISH GIVING (May 11/12)
Total collected $15,918
Amount needed $15,444 per week
Total collected since July 1 $694,614
Amount needed $710,435
Shortfall $15,821

PARTICIPATION AT MASS (May 11/12)
4 PM - 266
10:30 AM - 279
8:30 AM - 269
6 PM - 197

MOTHER’S DAY ROSE SALE - $987

ST. ANNE PARISH & THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
Target - $107,285 / Received as of 5/13 - $83,427
Still needed - $23,858 / Number contributing - 221

Please contribute to the diocesan annual appeal!
IT’S TIME TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS!
We’ve sold $2,050 in raffle tickets so far. All parishioners are urged to sell $100 in tickets, but we can all sell more! More tickets are available at all church entrances. Return tickets and payment to the collection basket at Mass.

WE’RE ALL NEEDED!
St. Anne’s parishioners make St. Anne Fest a success. To volunteer, go to www.StAnnesWausau.org/fest to sign-up for two- to four-hour shifts.
⇒ Set-up: Dance floor, signs, etc.
⇒ Hamburger stand: Grilling, plating food, filling orders, cashier
⇒ Beer tent: bartending (if 18 years or older)
⇒ Family Fun Tent: running kids’ games, selling raffle tickets
⇒ Sweet Shoppe: selling ice cream and baked goods
⇒ Summer Stroll: selling raffle tickets
⇒ Chicken dinner: selling tickets, serving food, clearing tables
⇒ Bingo: selling cards, calling numbers
⇒ Cake Walk: calling cake walk
⇒ Tear down: take down signs, fences, clean-up

DONATIONS NEEDED!
♦ Summer Stroll Raffle
♦ Kids’ Basket Raffle
♦ Kids’ Games (small prizes)
♦ Cake Walk baked goods
♦ Baked Goods for Chicken Dinner
- Watch bulletin for details - No craft sales this year

KIDS’ FUN TENT DONATIONS NEEDED
New and gently used toys and books are needed - basically anything a child might enjoy. Bring donations to the west gathering space.

KIDS’ FUN TENT RAFFLE PRIZES
These items are needed for Kids’ Tent Raffle Baskets: new toys, small denomination gift cards, cash donations. You can also prepare a basket with Hot Wheels, Legos, sports, summer fun toys, movies, etc. Bring donations to west gathering space.

Keep track of Fest news by “liking” St. Anne Parish on Facebook.
SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION TO BULLETIN@STANNESWAUSAU.ORG