FRESH-BAKED CINNAMON ROLLS ARE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER THE MORNING MASSES IN THE GATHERING SPACE. SALES BENEFIT THE SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA.

The first St. Anne’s Fish Fry is just 12 days away - Friday, Feb. 28!

Plan now to come and celebrate our 67th year of providing amazing dinners on the Fridays of Lent, beginning Feb. 28 and ending April 3.

<< The Fish Fries are possible because of the generous commitment of our parishioners.
<< Please check the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space before you leave Mass today to see how your time and energy is still needed for this year’s Fish Fries on various days and at various times.
<< This is a great way to serve the parish and to work with and meet other parishioners.

<< Dining Room Hours: 4 to 7 PM
<< Phone orders for pickup and delivery begin at 1 p.m. Fridays at (715) 849-3930, Ext. 6. Phone order pickup begins at 4 PM and deliveries from 4:30 to 6:45 PM.
<< The menu includes fried or baked fish, fried shrimp, fish or shrimp tacos and mac ‘n cheese for kids. All dinners include a choice of potato (french fries, homemade potato salad or baked potato), cole slaw and rye bread.
<< Invite neighbors and friends to join us!

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 26
THE ONLY DAY LENT BEGINS!
+ 7A - Mass with Ashes
+ 12:15P - Liturgy of Word with Ashes
+ 5P - Liturgy of Word with Ashes
+ 6:30P - Mass with Ashes

MINISTERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Ushers, Readers and Ash Distributors will be needed for our four Ash Wednesday liturgies. Sign-up sheets are in the main church entrance, or call the parish office - 849-3930 to sign-up.

COLLECTING PALMS: The palms of Palm Sunday become the ashes of Ash Wednesday. Bring your palms to Mass and drop them in a basket in the main Gathering Space.
Loving the law / by Alice Camille

Few of us love the law. In a country that sometimes views government with hostility and authority with suspicion, our reflexive stance toward rules is to shred first, reconsider later. Maybe. Many of us don’t even read the operating instructions on what we buy, though our personal safety may be compromised: Just plug it in, hit the ON button, and hope for the best!

When we live this way—start it up and full speed ahead, without considering the rules of the road—it can lead to trouble, even mortal peril. Though we often regard laws as barbed wire designed to entrap our freedom, they might also be viewed as the means to secure our liberty. If any idiot on the road could do as he or she pleases, travel would be open only to those who value their lives and the lives of others quite lightly.

To a society like ours, the community caring for the Sick: If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call or email Fr. Tom to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Celebrating Marriage: We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Fr. Tom to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn about marriage preparation.

Becoming Catholic: If you are interested in becoming a Christian, becoming a Catholic or curious about matters of faith, contact Lee Ann Lella at leeannl@stanneswausau.org.

Facebook: Like us at St. Anne Parish and find photos and news of the parish.

Biblically speaking, divine law is equivalent to sanity. To live any other way is madness. Because God is the source of life, becoming familiar with the divine operating instructions is the best way to appreciate that gift. As Ben Sira writes, there’s life and death out there, good and evil, fire and water. To whichever you choose, put out your hand—but do understand, these choices are not neutral. The outcomes will be dramatically different. Torah will save you, the sage insists. It will keep you from making the mistake you live to regret—that is, if you live at all.

When Jesus extends the law in his Sermon on the Mount, he’s not doing it to make life harder than it already is. Jesus builds a fence around the law, as the rabbis phrase it. He tells us that the road to murder begins on the path of anger; adultery’s highway has an entrance ramp from lust. If sin is not your destination, the rabbis point to this approach, the rabbis point to

the writings of Sirach.
Newman-St. Anne Elementary School thanks you for supporting the soup labels no longer accepted in the school account. If you would like to continue supporting Newman-St. Anne through the Box Tops for Education program, you can download the app from the App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app, search for St. Anne School. If you see this label on the products you purchase, use the new app to scan your receipt. The app will find and instantly add cash to our school account.

Community Meal volunteers needed
Our parish’s first Community Meal of 2020 will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 4:30-6 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, downtown. Volunteers for this life-giving event are needed to prepare and serve the meal, donate simple desserts, help with clean-up, or to offer a monetary donation. Please consider this wonderful way to become involved in parish life by offering your assistance for any of these volunteer opportunities by contacting the meal coordinator: Kathy Mero, at (715) 212-1678, mkathleenmero@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you! Other Community Meal dates for 2020 are March 26, April 23, May 26, June 11, July 21, August 18, Sept. 17, Oct. 29 and Nov. 17. Please mark your calendars now!

Assistance offered to those who grieve
GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. GriefShare meets from 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays in the parish library. If you’d like more information, call (715) 849-3930. This is open to all who are experiencing grief, regardless of parish membership.

This week: Why? — God wants us to share our feelings with Him. Why being honest with God is an expression of faith. What God has to say to us about our “why” questions.

Seeking coordinators for the 2020 Fest
June 19-20-21 seems a long way off, but planning has begun for the 2020 St. Anne’s Fest. People are needed to coordinate several key elements of that celebration: Bingo, Raffle, Coordinating Volunteers, Sweet Shoppe and Publicity. Might you be willing to step forward to learn more about these jobs and possibly join the Fest team? Please send an email to mail@stanneswausau.org.

ST. ANNE PARISH GIVING
Total collected (FEB 2) $15,331
(FEB 9) $15,563
Amount needed $15,865 per week
Total collected since July 1 $507,995
Amount needed $523,558
Shortfall $15,563

PARTICIPATION AT MASS
FEB 2 - 4 PM - 249 8:30 AM - 129
10:30 AM - 198 6 PM - 81
FEB 9 - 4 PM - 264 8:30 AM - 198
10:30 AM - 198 6 PM - 116

Where are the other 58, or 900?
When Jesus heals 10 people of the awful affliction of leprosy and only one returns to offer thanks, Jesus says, “Where are the other nine.” That’s the inspiration for the question above, but in an admittedly much different context.

Last year 239 parishioners contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, bringing us very close to meeting our target. Thus far, 181 parishioners have contributed or pledged $66,489, for which we are very grateful. However, with $38,296 of our target still outstanding, the question might be asked: Where are the other 58? Or, even more to the point, where are the other 900 parishioners who have not contributed to this year’s Appeal?

Please consider your gift to the 2019-20 Diocesan Annual Appeal. You received information and pledge materials in the mail in the fall, but additional copies of pledge/contribution materials are available at all church entrances, as well as on-line with a link at stanneswausau.org. You can also submit your contribution on-line. Paper pledge forms and contributions can be brought to the office, mailed or dropped in the collection.

2019-20 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
Target - $104,785
Received - $70,447
Still needed - $34,338
Number of parishioners participating - 188
Percent of participation - 17%
Searching for books to be returned
If you have items from the Parish Library you have checked out, please return them soon. We want to know if those books or DVDs are coming back so that we can correct our computer file. If you have a book and want to read it longer, we don’t want to stop you from doing that. Leave us a note that you need to keep a book longer. Remember there are no fines or charges assessed by the parish library. We just want you to read and learn! The Parish Library is located off the main Gathering Space. Right now you’ll find a display of books pertaining to the sacraments.

Continuing what began at Baptism
Young members of our parish are anticipating the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at Eastertide. Please pray for Joseph Berens, Andrew Shallow and Sam Kray as they continue their journey to Christian Initiation.

This Week

SUNDAY 16 FEB
• 7:15 PM - Young-Adult Bible Study, Biggby Coffee, 320 E. Bridge St.

MONDAY 17 FEB / Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
• 7 AM - Communion Service
• 6:30 PM - Men’s Faith Group, Library

TUESDAY 18 FEB / Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
• 7 AM Mass - +Jim Kornowski
• 10 AM - Mass, Benedictine Center - +Dorothy & Joseph Karlen
• 1:00 PM - Parish Book Club, Library
• 5:30 PM - Fish Fry Planning, Conference Room
• 6:30 PM - Sunday 8:30 Choir, Church

WEDNESDAY 19 FEB / Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26
• 7 AM Mass - +Leon Grendzinski
• 8:15 AM - Mass - +Special Intention
• 1 PM - GriefShare, Library
• 5 PM - Youth Choir, Music Room (downstairs)
• 6:15 PM - Forming Young Disciples

THURSDAY 20 FEB / JA 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
• 7 AM - Mass - +Katie Majeske
• 7:30 AM - Finance Council, Conference Room
• 5:15 PM - Handbell Choir, Church
• 6:30 PM - Pastoral Council, Meeting Rooms (downstairs)
• 6:30 PM - Sunday 10:30 Choir, Church

FRIDAY 21 FEB / Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1
• 7 AM - Mass - +Special Intention

SATURDAY 22 FEB / 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
• 9 AM - Reconciliation

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 22/23 FEB
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
• 4 PM Saturday - People of St. Anne Parish
• 8:30 AM Sunday - +Jack Spencer
• 10:30 AM Sunday - +Warren Tessmer
• 6 PM Sunday - +Winnie Kaas

VAN ACCESSIBLE: Two handicapped parking spots — one in the west lot and one along Bridge Street — are Van Accessible, and are reserved for people who need additional access. If you park in a handicapped spot but do not need this special access, please park in a regular handicapped spot.

PUBLIC KC INITIATION: The Wausau Knights of Columbus Council will hold its first public degree initiation after the 10:30 Mass on Feb. 23. All parishioners are invited to attend this ceremony, which incorporates the KC priorities of charity, unity and fraternity.

Texas Roadhouse shares 10 percent of food sales with our parish when you eat there on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Simply present this bulletin. All proceeds between now and July will go toward the youth mission trip.
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ “...to bring good news to the poor... release to captives... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.” (Luke 4:18) The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

To learn more about CCHD and to make a contribution, go to www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development.

Men’s silent retreat being offered

The Life and Prayer of St. Alphonsus Ligouri will be the focus of a men’s silent retreat Feb. 21-23 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center. Called the Church’s “Most Zealous Doctor” and “The Teacher of Prayer,” St. Alphonsus, once he was guided from a career as a successful lawyer to the priesthood, dedicated himself to serving the poor and promoting a spirituality centered on the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. Fr. Bob Streveler, a senior priest of the diocese in residence at St. Anthony’s, will lead the retreat, which begins at 5 p.m. Friday and concludes with Mass and the noon meal on Sunday. To reserve a spot and to learn more about other upcoming programming, visit www.sarcenter.com or call (715) 443-2236.

TRUE COMPASSION (WITHOUT FATIGUE) is the theme of workshop/retreat for who feel overwhelmed by the suffering of others, self-judgment, decreased empathy and physical symptoms such as headache, fatigue, poor sleep and irritability. Participants will be guided beyond the symptoms to live with true compassion. The program is Feb. 21-23 at St. Anthony’s with behavioral neurologist.

SILENT MONASTIC LIVING RETREAT: Enter into the simplicity and structure of monastic life so as to quiet your mind, heart and soul during this weekend offering at St. Anthony’s on Feb. 26-March 1.

GIVING BLOOD: The Knights of Columbus Council of St. Mark, St. Agnes and St. Therese parishes is sponsoring a Blood Drive from 2:30-7 p.m. Feb. 20 at St Agnes in Weston. You can learn more about blood donations at www.bcnwi.org.