ASH WEDNESDAY + THIS WEEK
+ 7A - Mass with Ashes
+ 12:15P - Liturgy of Word with Ashes
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IT’S THE ONLY DAY LENT BEGINS!

DESSERTS FOR FISH FRY: As we prepare for the 67th year of the St. Anne Fish Fry, we ask parishioners to provide desserts, according to the schedule listed below.

WHAT’S NEEDED: Fruit pies, cakes, bars, cupcakes and fruit cobblers. Please do not bring custard and meringue pies or frosting made with eggs. If you are not able to bring a dessert, please make a donation of $5-$10 on your scheduled week for the purchase of desserts.

WHERE AND WHEN: Bring desserts to the main Gathering Space of church between 8 a.m. and noon on the date indicated.

WHO: This week we ask people with last names beginning A-E to bring a dessert. Here’s the schedule for remaining weeks:

- F-I: March 6
- J-M: March 13
- N-Q: March 20
- R-U: March 27
- V-Z: April 3

Thanks for helping to make the 2020 Fish Fries a success.

<< 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!
Answering the call

A couple weeks ago we heard the account in Matthew’s gospel of Jesus walking along the Sea of Galilee and inviting two brothers and then two other brothers to follow him. He called and they answered.

During my homily I identified three circumstances that warranted, even demanded, remarkable consideration and response, that of Harriet Tubman and her determination to bring others to freedom from slavery, that of the people in Corinth to move beyond their cliques and misconstrued loyalties, and that of Andrew, Peter, John and James to follow Jesus, to be fishers of people.

It was in that third piece of the homily, the part about the disciples, that someone’s cellphone rang and the person answered the call as he headed toward the bathrooms. I continued preaching, noticing but not acknowledging what had just happened. But in the next breath, I said something akin to: “Jesus called and they answered.” That prompted someone in the assembly to laugh, out loud, which is quite understandable. The incongruity of the two circumstances, these remarkably distinct calls and answers, was indeed laughable.

While I’m not keen on cellphones disrupting Mass, my homily being the least of the problematic moments, what I appreciated about the situation was the keen awareness and quick wit of the worshiper who started to laugh. Immediately she saw a connection between what I was saying and what was transpiring among us. Immediately, she saw a link between the gospel and the circumstance in which she was living — in that moment, in that space, among those people.

It was a frivolous, potentially meaningless confluence of words and actions, and yet it’s indicative of what we encounter as disciples. Realities of life that prompt and compel awareness and attention, and then a response. In life our responses are, by necessity, going to be far more demanding than a mere chuckle at a bizarre coincidence, but they will often need to be immediate, maybe almost without mentally sorting through our options and potential consequences.

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Something along these lines occurred to me last Sunday when Deacon Erv began his homily reflecting on a litany of instructions in the gospel, some of them quite severe — if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out, for example. He observed, “We may not take Jesus literally, but we need to take him seriously.”

As last Sunday’s gospel unfolded Jesus spoke directly to those holding grudges or grievances. Take care of them, resolve them, he says, before your response as disciples, what we say and do in our response will not allow for delay.

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Joining Our Parish: Fr. Tom would be glad to talk with you about parish membership. Send him an email at frtom@stanneswausau.org or call 849.3930.

Celebrating Baptism: Baptism is celebrated at Lord’s Day Mass throughout much of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child’s baptism, please call the parish office, 849.3930. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation seminar.

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.
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Lent Family Night on March 4

“Walking into Lent” is the focus of a special evening for all St. Anne’s families at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 in church. Tony Pichler, director of the Norbertine Spirituality Center in De Pere, will be the presenter. He has worked for many years in youth and justice ministry. The evening is for all Forming Young Disciples and Newman Catholic Schools parents, teens and children, as well as all interested parishioners.

Lent Disciple Small Groups begin

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in Lent Disciple Small Group discussion meetings at various days and times. The Thursday small group begins meeting this week at noon Thursday, Feb. 27, in the Fireside Room, downstairs from the main entrance. Other groups meet at 6 p.m. Mondays, beginning March 2; 5 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning March 3, and 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning March 4. All will meet in the Fireside Room.

ETERNAL LIFE: We pray for the following parishioners who died recently: Gerald Strehlow, Jane Krueger and Earl Lang. May they rest in peace.

ACCEPTED AND WELCOMED: Caroline Stabe and Violet Smith-Riggs were accepted into the Order of Catechumens during the 8:30 Mass on Feb. 16. They both stated their desire to “know and follow Jesus.” They will prepare intensely during Lent to celebrate the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Transitions of Grace

Helping the community stay warm

The St. Anne confirmation candidates are looking for fleece or monetary donations to kickstart a service project. The group will be making tie blankets to donate to The Women’s Community and other organizations in need. Please bring any fleece donations to the main Gathering Space by March 15 and/or place a donation in the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked: “Confirmation Fleece tie blanket.” Thank you in advance for your generosity!

First Sunday of Lent | 29 Feb/1 Mar

Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

GREAT LENT: A special evening for all St. Anne parishioners will be March 4. The theme is “Walking into Lent.” Bishop Callahan will be the speaker.

SUNDAY 23 FEB

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

MONDAY 24 FEB / Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

• 7 AM - Communion Service
• 6 PM - Disciple Small Group, Fireside Room (downstairs)
• 6:30 PM - Men’s Faith Group, Library

TUESDAY 25 FEB / Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

• 7 AM Mass - +George Buchberger
• 10 AM - Mass, Benedictine Center - +Geraldine Radtke
• 4:30 PM - Community Meal, St. Paul United Church of Christ
• 5:30 PM - Fish Fry Planning, Conference Room
• 6:30 PM - Sunday 8:30 Choir, Church

ASH WEDNESDAY 26 FEB

Jl 2:12-18/Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

• 7 AM Mass - Al and Glen Mroczenski
• 12:15 PM - Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
• 5 PM - Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
• 6:30 PM - Mass - Special Intention
• 1 PM - GriefShare Group, Library

THURSDAY 27 FEB / Dt 30: 15-20/Lk 9:22-25

• 7 AM - Mass - +Ed & Gert Burek
• Noon - Disciple Small Group, Fireside Room (downstairs)
• 5:15 PM - Handbell Choir, Church
• 6:30 PM - Sunday 10:30 Choir, Church

FRIDAY 28 FEB / Is 58: 1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

• 7 AM - Mass - +Leon Grendzinski
• 4:7 PM - Fish Fry, South Hall (downstairs)

SATURDAY 29 FEB / Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

• 9 AM - Reconciliation

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Sunday readings guide the conversation of young adults who gather at 7:15 p.m. Sundays at Biggby Coffee, 320 E. Bridge St. Join others in their late teens, 20s and 30s to consider the power of God’s word.

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 Spirituality Center Feb. 26-March 1. Learn more about this retreat and other upcoming programs at sarcenter.com.

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

ENCOUNTERING PROPHETS & PREACHERS

STANGERS & FRIENDS

Thursday, March 5 - 6:30P - Church of the Resurrection
Dennis Kurtz, Catholic author, editor, youth minister

Thursday, March 12 - 6:30P - St. Michael Parish
Sister Rhonda Miska, OP, justice minister, professor, writer

Thursday, March 19 - 6:30P - St. Anne Parish
Father Tom Krieg, pastor, Wausau native, Holy Land pilgrim

Thursday, March 26 - 6:30P - Church of the Resurrection
Sister Laura Nettles, FSPA, professor, social justice advocate

Thursday, April 2 - 6:30P - St. Anne Parish
Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarra, Lutheran pastor, native of Bethlehem

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