This Week

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

**MONDAY 16 MAR / 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30**
- 7 AM - Communion Service
- 6 PM - Disciple Small Group, Fireside Room (downstairs)
- 6:30 PM - Men’s Faith Group, Library

**TUESDAY 17 MAR / Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35**
- 7 AM Mass - +Aric Meidl
- 10 AM - Mass, Benedictine Center - +George Buchberger
- 1 PM - Parish Book Club, Library
- 5 PM - Disciple Small Group, Fireside Room (downstairs)
- 6:30 PM - Sunday 8:30 Choir, Church

**WEDNESDAY 18 MAR / Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19**
- 7 AM Mass - +Ed & Gert Burek
- 1 PM - GriefShare Group, Library
- 5 PM - Youth Choir, Music Room (downstairs)
- 5 PM - Lenten Reconciliation
- 6:15 PM - Forming Young Disciples
- 6:30 PM - Disciple Small Group, Fireside Room (downstairs)

**THURSDAY 19 MAR / 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16/Rom 4:13, 16-18,22/Mt 1:16,18-21,24**
- 7 AM - Mass - +Winnie Kaas
- 5:15 PM - Handbell Choir, Church
- 6:30 PM - Sunday 10:30 Choir, Church
- 6:30 PM - LENT PREACHING & PRAYER, St. Anne

**FRIDAY 20 MAR / Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34**
**LENT DAY OF PRAYER**
- 7 AM - Mass - +Sharon Majernik
- 7:30 AM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, all day
- Noon - Lenten Reconciliation
- 5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross and Benediction
- 4 PM - Fish Fry, South Hall (downstairs)

**SATURDAY 21 MAR / Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14**
- 9 AM - Reconciliation

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**LENT DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross will be featured during a day of prayer at St. Anne Parish.

Mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m., followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed as Adoration begins. People are encouraged to stop throughout the day and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from Noon to 1 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, concluding with Benediction, will be at 5:30 p.m.
Giving due reverence

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e come to Mass week in and week out, hopefully, and what we do and why we do it may not be something most of us consider. That’s OK, but it also might be worthwhile to have a better awareness of the intent or meaning, or sometimes lack of meaning, in terms of what unfolds as we celebrate Eucharist.

Occasionally, a parishioner will ask a question on her way out of Mass, or he sends an email with an inquiry. Often, what they wonder is probably something others are curious about as well. Thus, on these Sundays of Lent I’ll dedicate this space to addressing questions about what we do at Mass. If there’s something you’d like to know or better understand, send me an email or call the office. TL

I wasn’t feeling well a couple weeks ago and decided not to drink from the cup at communion. But I wasn’t sure what to do as I passed the cup after receiving the Body of Christ. To just walk by seemed irreverent. What should I have done?

First of all, thanks for using common sense as you came forward to receive communion that weekend. Depending upon the degree of illness, the Church always encourages that we stay home if necessary, or possibly refrain from receiving the Precious Blood. Second, thank you for recognizing that reverence is due the Real Presence of Christ regardless of whether we are able to receive or not. To simply walk past the cup does seem problematic.

Your question is rooted in the awareness that we receive Christ most fully when we “take and eat” the Body of Christ and “take and drink” the Blood of Christ, mirroring what occurred at the Last Supper. Older worshipers will remember a time when the assembly was refused the right to receive Christ fully under both forms of bread and wine. Thankfully, those times are past, and yet a sense lingers of the cup being optional.

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 anointing of the Sick.

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.
Disciples deepening connections

There’s still time this Lent to join one of our four Lenten small groups. Four groups of parishioners meet weekly, or as often as you can, to talk about the Sunday gospels, faith, and the challenges of discipleship.

It’s a wonderful way to develop and strengthen connections with other parishioners, as well as deepening our convictions to live as more faithful disciples.

Groups meet in the Fireside Room, which is downstairs from the main entrance (follow the signs), at the following times: - 6 p.m. Mondays; - 5 p.m. Tuesdays; - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; - noon Thursdays.

Series focus turns to Reconciliation

Fr. Tom’s ongoing series on the seven sacraments of the Church continues next weekend, March 21/22, with a review of the sacrament of Reconciliation — in Under 10 Minutes. As we move through Lent, a season rooted in repentance, we might do well to deepen our understanding of and appreciation for this sacrament. The presentation will be offered after all four liturgies.

Taking some precautions as we worship

With heightened attention to the coronavirus and flu in general, it’s good to take a few precautions as we gather for Mass:

- If you’re sick, home is really the best place to be;
- If you’re sick and do come to Mass, refrain from receiving communion from the cup, and some dioceses suggest receiving the host in one’s hand rather than on the tongue;
- The sign of peace can be offered by bowing instead of a handshake, or just speak your greeting of peace;
- Wash your hands well and often!

Might you join the Fest team in 2020?

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, and Sweet Shoppe. Lots of new volunteers identified a willingness to help at Fest through our Connect-Grow-Serve process, but they need leaders. Might you be willing to step forward to learn more about these jobs and possibly join the Fest team?

Someone has already stepped forward to coordinate publicity — THANK YOU! To learn more, send an email to mail@stan-neswausau.org.

ACCOMPANYING THE GRIEVING: 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: Lessons of Grief-Part I - An often-overlooked reason that grief is so painful; Why going to church can be so difficult; The benefits of helping others.
**RECONCILIATION:** Special Lenten opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation begin this week from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday and Noon-1 p.m. Friday in the church’s reconciliation room. Reconciliation also will be offered at St. Anne from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, and at 9 a.m. every Saturday.

Here are other upcoming opportunities:
- 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Holy Name;
- Noon-4 p.m. April 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 6:30-9 p.m. April 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 3, St. Matthew;
- 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, Resurrection;
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, St. Therese, Schofield;
- 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, St. Michael.

**MEET YVONE** from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more, and be generous in your Lenten almsgiving. If you haven’t taken a rice bowl, you’ll find baskets of them at all the entrances.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** In addition to Mass at 7 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at St. Anne, Mass also is celebrated at neighboring parishes:
- Resurrection Parish: 5:30 PM Mon., 12:10 PM Tues.-Fri.;
- Holy Name Parish: 8 AM Tues.-Sat.;
- St. Matthew Parish: 8 AM Mon., Wed.-Sat.; 12:05 PM Tues.;
- Aspirus Wausau Hospital: Noon Wed.

**SOMETHING LOCAL IN THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK:** Be sure to check Thursday’s entry in the Little Black Book, which features a priest of the Diocese of La Crosse who is being promoted for canonization. But try to spend time guided in prayer by the book every day; the authors encourage six minutes a day.

**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.

**BECOMING THE EUCHARIST WE CELEBRATE:** This recorded presentation by Fr. Dan Crosby, OFM Cap, is being offered with discussion at 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the Tuesdays of Lent at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. Learn more about upcoming retreats and programs at sarcenter.com.

**DURING LENT:** A series of Lenten Organ Meditations will be offered from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent at First United Methodist Church, 903 N. Third St. The featured organists will include Irene Beethe on March 20, Susan Schaefer on March 27, and Patrick Burkhart and James Holt on April 3.

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**CALL FOR DESSERTS**

This week we ask parishioners with last names beginning N-Q to bring desserts.

**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 it’s people with last names beginning N-Q. Here’s the schedule for remaining weeks:
- R-U: March 27
- V-Z: April 3

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

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**St. Anne’s Fish Fry**

Corner of 6th Avenue & Bridge Street
Wausau, Wisconsin

**Fridays of Lent - 2020**

**February 28 to April 3**

**67 Years of Fish Fries**

**Menu**

- **STANDARD FRIED FISH** $6.75
- **EACH ADDITIONAL PIECE FRIED FISH** $2.00
- **BAKED FISH** $8.06
- **Each additional Piece Baked Fish** $4.00
- **Deep Fried Shrimp** $9.25
- **Extra Shrimp** $2.00
- **FRIED COMBO (FISH & SHRIMP)** $10.00
- **BAKED COMBO (FISH & SHRIMP)** $11.25
- **FISH TACOS FRIED** $7.75
- **FISH TACOS BAKED** $9.25
- **SHRIMP TACOS** $10.25
- **MAC N CHEESE** $3.75
- **HOMEMADE DESSERT** $1.00
- **SOY/MILK** $1.00

**DELIVERY FROM: 4:30PM TO 6:45PM**

Dinner includes choice of french fries, homemade potato salad or baked potato, coleslaw and rye bread.

Fish Taco includes Chips and Salsa

**Take-Outs Available**

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NEW LIFE: On the last Sunday before Lent, the parish welcomed to faith Joshua Daniel Heis and Augustine Edward Osowski through the waters of baptism. Their parents are Anthony and Samantha Heis and Phillip and Stephanie Osowski.

CONTINUING WHAT BEGAN AT BAPTISM: Please pray for Kaden Leisher, Kolsen Robbins and Madelyn Seidl as they continue their journey to Christian Initiation anticipating confirmation and First Communion.

ETERNAL LIFE: We pray for Elaine Loos who died recently. May she rest in peace.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGE: The Knights of Columbus are offering a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse on Saturday, May 9. For more information contact John at 262-758-0652 or Bob at 715-443-3562. For Itinerary send e-mail to jpkrautkramer@yahoo.com. The registration deadline is April 25.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Global Outreach is a Catholic student exchange program which brings students from six Central/Eastern European countries to the United States for a year of study at Catholic high schools in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Minnesota. The mission of the program is to build the civilization of love by forming young dynamic Catholic servant leaders for the 21st century.

Newman Catholic High School has graciously agreed to accept two Global Outreach students next year: Rokas, 17, from Lithuania; he likes soccer, volleyball and basketball, and he plays the tuba and piano; and Dorottya, 16, from Hungary; she loves volleyball, plays the flute and is involved in Scouting.

But, they need a home. To learn more, contact Barbara Tota-Boryczka, (920) 540-3085 or barbara.tota-boryczka@globaloutreachprogram.com or Fr. Seidl, (920) 412-0320 or ljseidl1949@gmail.com. Please help a fine young person to have this wonderful experience.

Remember: Without the generosity of two families from the Wausau area, it cannot happen.