ST. ANNE MASS ON-LINE: While regular celebrations of the Mass and all other parish programming are canceled until further notice, a video offering of Lord’s Day Mass is available through a weekly email, at stanneswausau.org, and at St. Anne Parish on Facebook. It will be available at 5 p.m. Saturday.

CLOSED: While the door of the parish office is closed, staff members are working from home and are regularly checking email and voice mail.

TUESDAY 31 MAR / Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
WEDNESDAY 1 APR / Dn 3:14-20,91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
THURSDAY 2 APR / Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
FRIDAY 3 APR / Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
SATURDAY 4 APR / Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
• 9 AM - Reconciliation

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
28/29 Mar


Lord’s Day liturgies will not be celebrated for the immediate future due to coronavirus precautions. This is in response to directives of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, state officials and Bishop Callahan.

The church will be open for prayer during the times that Mass would normally be celebrated on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, as well as weekdays. However, we also need to be vigilant in honoring shelter-in-place and social-distancing guidelines.

In addition, to Mass from St. Anne’s available online, the TV Mass of the Diocese of La Crosse is broadcast on Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, and 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday on cable Channel 980. Daily Mass is broadcast on EWTN on cable.

There also are several other Lord’s Day celebrations to choose from on the internet, with links at stanneswausau.org.

Anticipating Palm Sunday

As this bulletin goes to press, the plan is to distribute blessed palms at the main entrance of the church from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4 and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5. A prayer for placing the palm in one’s home also will be provided. Palms will be offered through a drive-up manner, similar to how we are getting take-out orders in restaurants these days. Of course, as we have learned repeatedly, these plans may change, and this plan is dependent on favorable weather.

Palms also will be available inside the main entrance throughout Holy Week.

A video of Mass from St. Anne’s, including the proclamation of the Passion, will be provided through the weekly email, at stanneswausau.org and Facebook.

The “great” three days will be a little less great this year as we adapt to honoring the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus without several of the ancient and regarded words and rituals of those days, and without one another.

Already the Vatican has offered guidance for what awaits us: no foot-washing on Holy Thursday, no fire at the Easter Vigil, with several provisions acknowledging the difficulty for some of celebrating these days at all.

The plan is for St. Anne’s Triduum liturgies to be celebrated in a modified fashion in our church, with video of the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil liturgies available through stanneswausau.org and Facebook. Times for watching those liturgies will be announced soon.
LISTENING FOR THE CALL: Jesus called to his friend from the dead, “Lazarus, come out!” It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: “Come out!” Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?

— International Catholic Stewardship Council

Staying connected

Email is a central means of communication during these weeks of precaution. If you have not been getting weekly email updates from us, then we do not have your email address. Please send an email to mail@stanneswausau.org and we will add you to our email roster. You will not be inundated with emails, but two a week to stay informed.

ST. ANNE PARISH GIVING

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“PARTICIPATION” AT MASS

The March 22 Mass on-line had 758 “views,” with 136 watching the entire Mass. Source: YouTube

Thanks to our great and generous Fish Fry volunteers! In just three weeks, 3,067 meals were served.

Join the St. Anne Fest team for 2020

June 19-20-21 is fast-approaching. Might you step forward to join our St. Anne Fest team and coordinate one of these key features of our 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. Someone has already stepped forward to coordinate publicity — THANK YOU! To learn more, send an email to mail@stanneswausau.org.

The Gospel

Fifth Sunday of Lent: John 11.3-17, 20-27, 33-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

For reflection

Today’s gospel is filled with misunderstanding, which itself functions as a narrative device the evangelist used to illustrate how Jesus’ thoughts and ways of knowing are so beyond that of the disciples’. For example, the disciples misunderstand Jesus literally in thinking that Lazarus was only asleep. Jesus then tells them plainly that he has not died. Even this is misunderstood by Thomas, who believes that the disciples can believe (when he raises Lazarus from the dead). But even this is misunderstood by Thomas, who believes they are going to die with Jesus.

The misunderstanding continues with Martha’s gentle scolding.

See REFLECTION on next page
ETERNAL LIFE: We pray for the eternal rest of Patricia Groshek, who died recently.

The committal of Pat’s remains was celebrated this past week, but a Funeral Mass will be held a later time, due to limits on how many people can be present for a funeral, or any other communal gathering. It is important to remember the same constraints that prevent us from celebrating Mass on Sunday — or any sizable gathering of people — also pertain to funerals, weddings and similar celebrations. Funeral Masses of 10 people are possible, as is a delayed Funeral Mass.

A great offer for new subscribers and renewals

Give Us This Day is an excellent daily prayer resource for “today’s Catholic,” which offers a daily order of prayer, the daily Mass readings and insightful reflection drawn from current writers and ancient sources. Sample copies of the April issue are available in the main Gathering Space of church.

A special bulk parish rate is available for new subscribers, as well as the several dozen parishioners who already subscribe. The parish rate is $31.50 for 12 issues, far below the regular rate of $44.95.

To subscribe or renew, or to get more information, contact Bobbi Gadke at bobbig@stanneswausau.org or 715-849-3930, ext. 310, before May 1.

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of Jesus when she claims that had Jesus been present, Lazarus would not have died. We recall that Jesus waited for two days after hearing the news of Lazarus being sick before he even went to see him! Jesus instead proclaims himself the resurrection and life. Martha, in another case of misunderstanding, says she knows that Lazarus will rise on the last day. Jesus’ prayer to the Father is fundamentally one of thanksgiving and gratitude for the opportunity for those gathered to believe that Jesus is sent by God the Father. His ways are far above those of ours.

⇒ Jesus reveals to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life.” How do you interpret those words?


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