

ST. ANNE PARISH + 25 September 2022

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THE CHURCH MY FAMILY attended was in town, but the parish cemetery was out in the country and so after every funeral the pastor and servers would pile into the funeral director's car and follow the hearse bearing the casket, always a casket in those days, to the cemetery.

I don't think I've ever had a server at a cemetery committal and so I'm not sure what we did, but we were there. One day, as pallbearers carried the casket and



mourners gathered around the grave, I noticed an isolated tombstone across the gravel path from the main part of the cemetery where we were. It was almost hidden by a decrepit storage shed; clearly and oddly out of place.

On the drive back into town I had a fleeting thought of asking Fr. King, our pastor, about why that grave was separated from all the rest, but this fifth grader's curiosity was not matched by the courage needed to ask the question. So, I asked my mom when I got home from school.

She explained, as best I can recall, that the person buried in that grave had taken his own life; that he had a very difficult life, that it was very sad. I don't think she used the word "suicide," although it really wouldn't have mattered in terms of a young mind trying to make

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"Canticle of the Sun"

St. Francis of Assisi, Marty Haugen

The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
 and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
 dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
 sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
 2. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
 3. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you

light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
 crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
 made to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that

light up the way Un - to your throne.
 mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
 help us to know The heart of love.

THE SUNDAY READINGS AT 6:30 TUESDAY

Read, discuss and pray over next Sunday's readings in a weekly gathering at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Gathering Space. It's a great way to anticipate hearing the readings proclaimed at Mass and to gain a deeper awareness into the meaning and power of God's word. All are welcome!



On the first two Sundays of October, the following items will be collected for the Salvation Army:



- Twin-Sized Sheets -Blankets -Pillows-Pillowcases -Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Shampoo -Razors/Shaving Cream
- Deodorant -Soap -Sanitary Napkins/Tampons -Laundry Detergent -Dish Soap
- Cleaning Products -Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Sloppy Joe Mix Stews -Canned Chicken
- Applesauce -Canned Carrots -Tomato Paste -Ketchup/Mustard -Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper -Baby Formula, Food, Snacks, Diapers, Wipes,



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JOINING OUR PARISH: Fr. Tom is eager to talk with you about parish membership. Contact him at frtom@stanneswausau.org or 849.3930.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM: We gladly welcome children to faith through the waters of Baptism. To learn more about celebrating your child's baptism, send an email or call Fr. Tom. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation seminar.

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.

CARING FOR THE SICK: If you or a loved one are seriously ill or anticipating surgery, please call or email Fr. Tom to schedule the celebration of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Glory to God

Mass of a Joyful Heart, Steve Angrisano, Tom Tomaszek

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to

peo-ple of good will. A - men. Fine

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri - fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,

heav-en - ly King, O God, al-might - y Fa - ther.

Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of

God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the

sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. to Refrain

KNEELING & STANDING: Please remember that people at pews with kneelers, if able, are asked to kneel after the Holy, Holy and to stand at the Great Amen. People at chairs without kneelers, if able, are asked to remain standing - out of reverence - throughout the Eucharistic Prayer. At communion time, we remain standing, as a sign of unity, until everyone has received communion.

Psalm 146

Michael Guimont

Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of a Joyful Heart, Steve Angrisano, Tom Tomaszek

Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. lu-ia!

Profession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

“The Cry of the Poor”

Psalm 34, John Foley, SJ

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless-ed be the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of a Joyful Heart, Steve Angrisano, Tom Tomaszek

Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in
 the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
 Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.



Thanks to those who responded to the parish's need for new and more Welcome Minis-

ters and were part of the recent orientation sessions. However, we continue the call for more parishioners to participate in this important ministry. Additional orientation meetings will be scheduled to accommodate all new ministers. If you are interested in learning more and to schedule orientation, send an email to mail@stanneswausau.org.



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL Jesus offers a warning about living selfishly in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Rich Man holds sumptuous feasts and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification. The Rich Man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implications of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them?

— International Catholic Stewardship Council

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

Sept. 17/18

4 PM - 128; 8:30 AM - 170
 10:30 AM - 135; 6 PM - 98; Online - 131

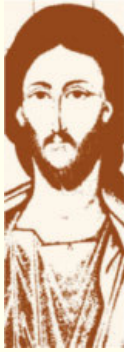
PARISH GIVING

Total collected	Sept. 18: \$11,263
	Weekly need: \$15,773
Total collected (since July 1, 2022):	\$160,096
Amount needed:	\$185,091
Shortfall:	\$ 24,995



Pledges & Contributions:	\$805,315
Target:	\$905,000
Remaining:	\$ 98,685
Percent of goal pledged: 89%	

**BECOMING A CHRISTIAN.
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If you're interested in learning more about Jesus, the Catholic Church, becoming a Catholic Christian and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, we'd love to talk with you. You might be baptized in another Christian church and be interested in becoming Catholic, or someone who has never been baptized. Contact Lee Ann Lella, co-director of disciple formation, at leeannl@stanneswausau.org.

VISITING TOGETHER: Pope Francis recently spoke of the need to visit and honor older members of the community. In his remarks, Pope Francis says "visiting the elderly must be done by many, together and often." As Fr. Tom anticipates visits this fall to homebound parishioners and those in care centers, are there parishioners willing to join him — visiting together?

A meeting for interested parishioners will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Parish Office conference room. Based upon initial response, it appears a few men would be beneficial to this ministry of visitation. For more information, please contact Fr. Tom at frtom@stanneswausau.org.

This Week

MONDAY 26 SEPT / Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
• 6 PM - GriefShare on Zoom

TUESDAY 27 SEPT / Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23/Lk 9:51-56

- 7 AM - MASS +Minnie Ress
- 6:30 PM - Homebound Visitation meeting, Parish Office
- 6:30 PM - Sunday Scripture Study, Gathering Space

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPT / Jb 9:1-12,14-16/Lk 9:57-62

- 8:15 AM - MASS +Geraldine Radtke
- 6:30 PM - Forming Young Disciples

THURSDAY 29 SEPT / Rv 12:7-12/Jn 1:47-51

- 7 AM - Communion Service

FRIDAY 30 SEPT / Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5

- 7 AM - Communion Service

SATURDAY 1 OCT / Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/Lk 10:17-24

- No Reconciliation

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 1/2 OCT

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

- 4 PM Saturday +Jim & Joyce Siewert -
- 8:30 AM Sunday +Carol Brady - **LIVESTREAM**
- 10:30 AM Sunday +People of St. Anne Parish
- 6 PM Sunday +Dorothy & Joseph Karlen

Amen



"Bread of Life"

Bernadette Farrell



"God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"

David Elton Trueblood



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sense of something that's incomprehensible. It went unsaid that this person was buried apart from everyone else because of how he had died.

I remembered that lonely tombstone as I read a recent article about a new Catholic outreach to families enduring the loss of someone to suicide. In each instance a surviving family member spoke of shame or worry or regret, not only as they wondered what they might have possibly done to avoid what had happened, a futile but understandable response; but also in terms of the eternal fate of their son or brother.

Admittedly, Church teaching did, as recently as the 1960s, declare that someone who took their own life died in a state of mortal sin and would be denied a Catholic funeral. It's all I can do to type those words; they convey such a shocking and horrendous understanding.

However, by the time I noticed that lonely grave in the parish cemetery, the Church and society in general were realizing that suicide is an act of desperation rooted in mental illness that made life unbearable. The Order of Christian Funerals even includes prayers specifically composed to address those who die by suicide. Denying someone the dignity of the Church's funeral rites violated all pastoral sense, and ran contrary to theological sense: Who are we, as mere mortals, to judge the width,

breadth and depth of God's mercy – regardless of how someone has died?

Those old ideas, however, for some unfortunate reason, linger even decades later. One mother quoted in the article was totally honest in sharing how her son died. She maintains that some friends

avoided the funeral because they didn't think a Funeral Mass was appropriate. People accept the Church's more compassionate approach "theoretically," one priest observed, but not "emotionally." Whatever resistance families endure, as subtle as it may be, only enhances their already overwhelming grief.

The day after reading the article, timed to coincide with Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, I got an email asking me to offer a blessing at the start of Wausau's Walk for Suicide and Mental Health Awareness on Sept. 24. It was just days after the funeral for Neena Pacholke, the popular TV news anchor who died by suicide. How could I decline the request? And, as much as I appreciate my Saturday routine of prayer and preparing for Mass, I hope to participate in the walk and pray as I walk for those parishioners who took their lives and at whose funerals I presided; as well as family members and friends who survive, haunted by so many overwhelming and conflicting emotions. I'll also pray in gratitude that the Church and its teaching no longer adds to their burden. **TL**



If you or someone you know needs help, please call the National Suicide Prevention Life-line at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

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