

# **St. Anne Parish** Easter 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 30 April 2023

# **MY FRIEND JULI IS A JOURNALIST**

and an essential trait of a good journalist is to ask good questions. Being a friend of a good journalist means that sometimes the questions are asked of me.

I think it was on Good Friday that Juli shared a post from her parish's Facebook page. Some parishioners had returned from the Holy Land and shared highlights of their visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem where tradition tells us Jesus was buried and, thus, where he rose from the dead. They described waiting for over an hour in a



line reminiscent of an amusement park, "but with hushed volume." Many seemed to be just milling about, others more focused in their prayer and contemplation.

Many people who visit the Holy Land, like these parishioners, identify this holy site as one of the most profound, emotional and memorable. That's understandable; it is the place of the resurrection, after all; none of the rest would matter, if not for that. To be honest, however, that was not true of my experience when I visited in 2001. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre seemed chaotic. I also thought it was odd that it wasn't called the Church of the Resurrection, or at least the Church of the Empty Tomb?

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# ON THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS OF MAY parishioners are encouraged Sunday

to donate items to benefit the outreach of The Salvation Army. Bring donations along to Mass or drop them in the Gathering Space during the week. Learn more about this month's beneficiary at centralusa.salvationarmy.org/wausau. These items are needed now:

- Peanut Butter, Jelly
  Toilet Paper
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Canned Stews
- Canned Chicken
- Applesauce
- Canned Carrots
- Tomato Paste
- Ketchup, Mustard
- •Baby Products: Formula, Food, Snacks, Diapers,
- Wipes, etc.)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Paper Towels

# COMMUNITY MEAL: St.

Anne is part of a rotation preparing and serving Community Meals on alternating months. May is our month and dinner will be

prepared May 4 at St. Matthew School. Parishioners are asked to provide desserts. Send an email to candbgiebel@gmail.com or dparlier77@gmail.com for details.

# NEW BEGINNINGS FOR REFUGEES, an

organization assisting with the resettlement of refugees in Central Wisconsin, will be showing the movie "The Good Lie" at 7 p.m. Monday, May 1 at the Grand Theater. The movie, starring Reese Witherspoon, tells the story of four Sudanese children and their traumatic ordeal as refugees. Monetary donations will be accepted.



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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.

- Toilet Paper
  Bedding: Twin
  Sized Sheets, Blankets, Pillows, Pillowcases
  Shampoo
- •Razors, Shaving
- Cream
- Deodorant
- •Soap
- Sanitary Napkins,
- Tampons
- •Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- •Cleaning Products
- Cleaning Products



Be-side the rest-ful wa-ters my God re-fresh-es me.







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.



**KNEELING & STANDING:** People at pews without kneelers, if able, are asked to remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer and throughout the communion procession.

# **BLEST ART IS AT ST. ANNE**

this weekend selling handcarved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces made from beautiful olive wood. Proceeds will benefit families in the Holy Land. Blest Art accepts cash, checks and all major credit cards.





**CINNAMON ROLLS** will be on sale after Masses next Sunday morning to benefit the summer youth mission trip.



# PARTICIPATION AT MASS

**April 22/23** 4 PM - 285; 8:30 AM - 254 10:30 AM - 239; 6 PM - 101; Online - 133

# **PARISH GIVING**

| Total collected      | April 23: \$17,599          |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                      | Weekly need: \$15,773       |
| Total collected (sin | ce July 1, 2022): \$642,742 |
| Amount needed:       | \$674,045                   |
| Shortfall:           | \$ 31,304                   |

IT'S EASY TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION: GO TO STANNESWAUSAU.ORG/ SUPPORTING-ST-ANNE.



MONDAY 1 MAY/ Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY 2 MAY/ Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

- 7 AM Mass +Maynard Hollis
- 6:30 PM Sunday Scripture Study, Gathering Space

# WEDNESDAY 3 MAY / 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

• 8:15 AM - Mass +Diane Bargender

THURSDAY 4 MAY/ Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

- 7 AM Mass +Ed, Gert & Dawn Burek
- · 6 PM Community Meal, St. Matthew

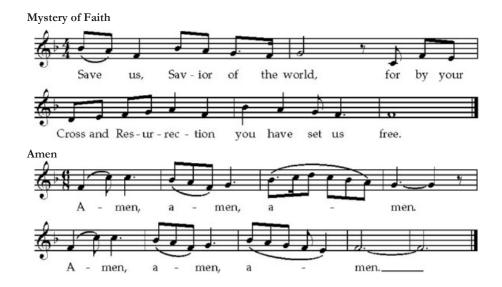
#### FRIDAY 5 MAY / Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

• 7 AM - Mass +Poor Souls

SATURDAY 6 MAY/ Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 • 9 AM - Reconciliation

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 6/7 MAY

- Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 • 4 PM Saturday +Charles Ress
- 8:30 AM Sunday -People of St. Anne Parish
- -LIVESTREAM • 10:30 AM Sunday +Bernice Kozlowski
- 6 PM Sunday (Mishael Mary
- 6 PM Sunday +Michael Marx



"I Receive the Living God" Bernard Geoffroy, Dom Clement Jacob OSB



Easter Dismissal Deacon or priest: Go in the peace of Christ, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. All: Thanks be to God, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. The presider says, "Christ is risen!" All respond, **He is risen indeed!** 



# Transitions



**NEW LIFE OF EASTER:** The highlight of the Easter Vigil was the celebration of Baptism — **Christian Hargett, Vivian Utecht** and **Yia Vang** walking into the baptismal font, being washed in the newly blessed Easter waters, coming out as new Christians, and then going on to be confirmed and to gather at the Lord's table. In addition, **Kurt Utecht** was brought into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. You can see photo and video highlights of the Vigil and other Triduum liturgies at www.stanneswausau.org/liturgy.

On April 16, Andrew John Knoll was claimed for Christ and washed in the waters of Baptism. He is the son of John and Jackie Knoll.



**ETERNAL LIFE:** We pray for the eternal rest of **Wilfrid Guillaume** and **Bob Krause** who died recently. May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord. + + +

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS will be at Masses next weekend to answer questions and invite new members to join and serve the community as the Knights have since 1882.

#### ST. ANNE'S SUMMER-

JAM returns bigger and better than last year! Beginning on the evening of Friday, June



16 and then all day and into the night of Saturday, June 17, enjoy live music, food trucks, basket raffles, corn-hole tournament, big-prize raffle & more.

TAKE RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY to sell to friends and family. Watch for volunteer opportunities to help make SummerJam happen.

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I was much more taken with the site where tradition places Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount. Sitting on that hillside along the Sea of Galilee, a much more contemplative setting, you have an awareness of the moment, the people and preaching of that day.

Juli, however, was perplexed by something fundamental to people visiting such destinations, most particularly the site of the Resurrection.

# "Why is there a church over a tomb and why do people wait in line to see an empty tomb?" she asked, adding, with a journalist's inherent suspicion, "which I wager isn't likely the actual tomb."

She continued, "Why not honor one another and the earth and the sky and water and each other and our enemies and our friends? Why wait in an amusement park line to see the tomb?"

In the midst of Triduum details, such as what I'd be preaching for Easter, I told her I'd respond later. All these weeks later I finally am.

To her claim of historical veracity, anthropologists and scripture scholars

largely agree that this site of pilgrimage and veneration is likely the place where Jesus was buried and rose from the dead. To me that's of marginal concern. It's the place that Christians for centuries have recognized as the place. If not the exact location, it is within a pretty confined vicinity.

It's her overall question, however, that intrigued me. Why, indeed? I went, why did I go? In recent months, members of our parish went. Why did they go? Why spend the money, take the time, incur the risk that comes with traveling in Israel these days? Why do it when Jesus, after he rose from the dead, in various ways, said again and again – don't stay here, go tell the others, go to Galilee, don't hang on to me.

We do it, I think, quite simply, out of a desire, a need to be closer to Jesus; seeking strength in these places where he walked and preached, performed miracles and ate simple meals. Being at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem or the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth or on Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration – we are drawn into the drama of Jesus' life, but also compelled into a more profound awareness of our mission as disciples. A true pilgrim doesn't visit these places as one does an amusement park, but rather in awe and humility, open to what the Spirit might reveal to us in these places, in these journeys of grace.

Can such a profound awareness be realized in one's backyard or parish church? Of course. Doesn't Juli have a point in emphasizing our need to love one another over visiting a church built over an empty tomb? She'd argue she does. I'd argue, as I often do with her, that it can and must be both, and that walking where Jesus walked and being where he rose from the dead can strengthen our awareness and determination to love as he loved, to potentially leave the empty tomb with the enthusiasm of those first disciples, recognizing our shared mission to proclaim the Good News. **TL** 

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