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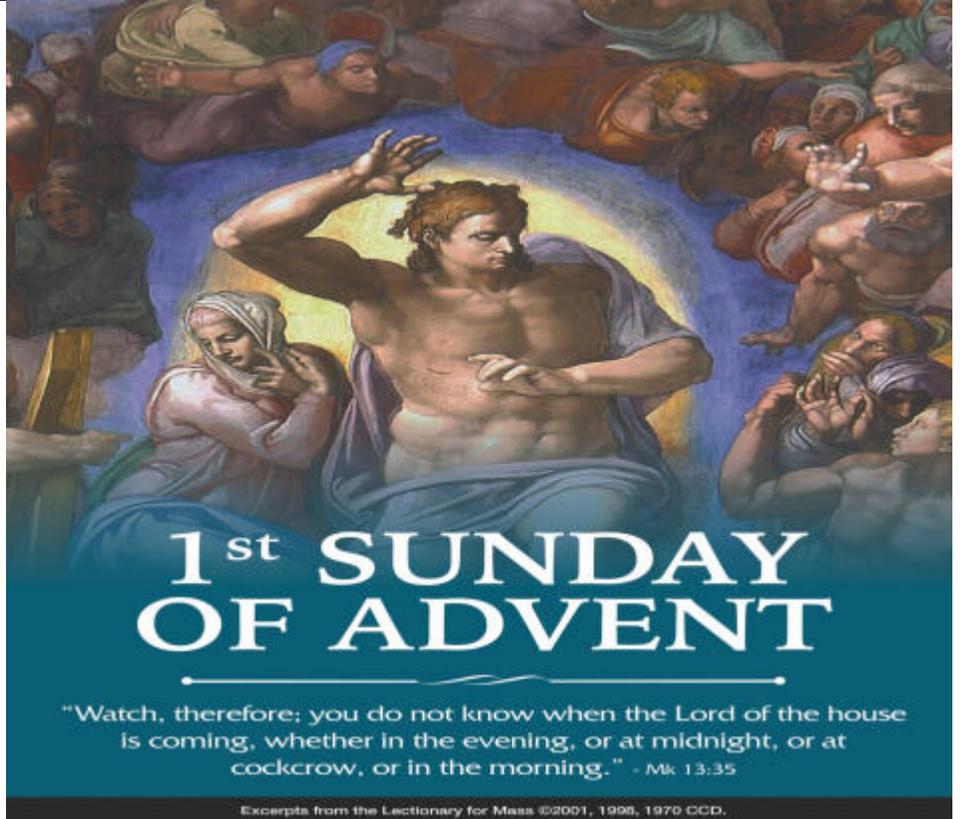
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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." - Mk 13:35

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For information, please contact the pastor, either by telephone or email.

PRAYER CHAIN

To request prayers or to become a member of chain, please contact Yvonne Guckeen at 507-665-2282.

BAPTISM

For information, please contact the pastor, either by telephone or email.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration forms are available either in the back of church, at the Parish Center Office or on our web site.

St. Anne's Catholic Church Mass Schedule

MASS SCHEDULE

Public Mass on Saturday at 5:15 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am will be held at Church with restrictions. Mass will be broadcast on Facebook live Saturday at 5:15 pm. Go to facebook.com/stannescatholicchurchlesueur/ to watch.

You will be able to watch the Saturday, 5:15pm Mass the next day by going online to Youtube.com and search for St. Anne Le Sueur.

HOLY DAY MASSES

See bulletins for date & times

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:
9:00am to 9:30am
4:00pm to 4:30pm

**FOR UP TO DATE MASS SCHEDULES
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE:**

www.stanneschurchlesueur.org

From Father Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we begin our Advent Season, four weeks of preparation for our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. During these weeks, we highlight the grace that is offered to us during this time of preparation. It's easy for this season to get overshadowed by our upcoming Christmas celebration, so that we almost conflate the two, as if Advent were a "mini-Christmas season". We often do this by holding Christmas gatherings during these weeks, we fit in Christmas festivities of all sorts. This year may be a lot different with the restrictions that we are all facing, but perhaps this is a blessing in disguise, as our Lord redirects our hearts and minds to the true purpose of these days.

It's easy to forget that the Advent Season is a penitential season, much like Lent—in fact, any season of preparation in the Church is in essence a penitential season. As we prepare our hearts to receive Christ in a special way, we reassess our relationship with Him and seek to rid ourselves of any obstacles that may stand in the way of that relationship. But even though this is a time to recall our unworthiness before an all-powerful and perfect God, it's also a time to remember that this same God loves all of humanity with a perfect, unending love. That's quite the humbling realization! Why would the God of all Creation look with such love upon each of us that He was willing to send His Son to dwell among us? How are we so important in His eyes? Because He knew each of us before our creation and carefully formed us in His hands, down to the last detail of who we are. We will always have a place in God's heart.

In response, we strive to make room in our hearts for Him. That's why these weeks of the Advent Season are so important. This is a time when we can intentionally make sacrifices to rid ourselves of worldly attachments, so as to make a place for the King of kings and Lord of lords to enter in. This is a time to intentionally focus on our prayer, especially meditation upon the mystery of the Incarnation (when God became man in the person of Jesus Christ). And in doing these things, we find that we are drawing close to a God who chose to humble Himself by becoming one of us and sharing in all our brokenness and pain.

I encourage you during this Advent Season to make it a fruitful time by making Jesus central to these weeks—enter into the Mass with an increased fervor (whether you're joining us in-person or online), deepen in your discipline of prayer, plan to go to Confession, set up an Advent wreath and Nativity scene alongside your Christmas tree and lights. Bring these signs of the good news of Jesus Christ into your home, and let your faith shine forth to others as a powerful sign of the goodness of God.

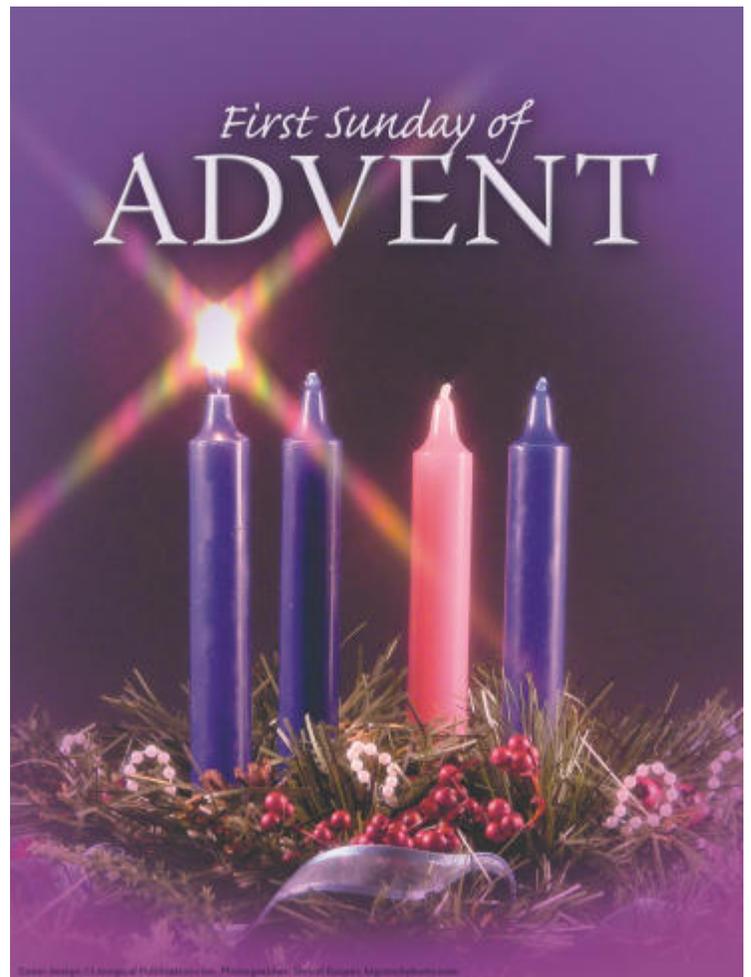
God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner
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Meaning of the Advent Wreath (excerpt from *Catholic.com/advent*)

The Advent Wreath, a venerable European tradition, can be a way to involve even very little children in learning about Christian preparation - not only for celebrating Our Lord's birth, but to make our hearts truly ready to receive Him.

The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colors of the candles (purple is the penitential color used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical color used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Savior's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.

The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.



Weekly Parish Notes

MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the precautionary measures during this pandemic, we are still temporarily suspending the Prayer & Communion Service on Mondays.

Tuesday, December 1st - 8:00 am

LeRoy Pfarr Family, Children & Grandchildren ♥

Wednesday, December 2nd - 8:00 am

Nancy Pautz †

Thursday, December 3rd - 8:00 am

Carrie Bielke †

Friday, December 4th - 8:00 am

Devin Leinonen ♥

Saturday, December 5th - 8:00 am

Theresa Delzer †

Saturday, December 5th - 5:15 pm

Hubert & Delores Kortz †

Sunday, December 6th - 8:00 am

Jeanette Weldon †

Sunday, December 6th- 10:30 am

Parish of St. Anne ♥

† Deceased Individuals
♥ Special Intention

Prayers for the Sick & Recovering

Please remember in your prayers friends and members of our parish family who are sick, recovering from illness, and also for those who care for them. To add or remove a name, please contact the Parish Office at 507-665-3811.

Mary Ann Bauer, Richard Doherty, Theresa Doherty, Michelle Guckeen, Denise Hogan, Kathy Lang, Bob Meyer, Mary Ann O'Rourke, Vicki Plonske, Rebecca Popowski, Brina Powers, David Powers, John Roby, Anna Mae Scheiber, Maura Whitaker

First Friday & First Saturday

First Friday: Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 4th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

First Saturday: Please join us for Mass on Saturday, December 5th at 8:00 am.



Giving

For the Weekend of November 15, 2020

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,828.00
WeShare	\$ 1,160.00
All Saints/All Souls	\$ 70.00
Total Collection	\$ 4,058.00

In this time of uncertainty, we want to **Thank You** for your generosity in continuing to support our Parish. Many have asked about how to continue their giving during this difficult time. You can continue to give by mailing your offering to the Parish Office at 503 N. 4th Street, Le Sueur, MN 56058, or you can go online and sign up for the automatic WeShare giving.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the upload schedule for the bulletin has changed.

The giving for the weekend of November 22nd and November 29th will be in the December 6th bulletin.



Sunday Giving – Online Giving with WeShare

The WeShare service is for electronic online giving. You can donate using your debit, credit card, checking or savings account. It is easy and secure.

To set up an account and start giving online:

- 1) Visit stanneslesueur.weshareonline.org
- 2) Select your donation amount and frequency. You can do a one time donation, or setup a recurring donation (weekly, biweekly, monthly).
- 3) Enter your account and payment information.

You can log into your WeShare account anytime and adjust your giving or edit your account. It is totally up to you. Questions: contact Tess at 507-665-3811.

St. Anne's Happenings



Anne Lewis, Principal
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Each student was gifted a Thanksgiving book from Maureen's Readers! Thank You, Dr. Wavrin, for your continued support of St. Anne's School and our love for reading.



St. Anne's School celebrated "National Cookbook Month" during our library time in October. In November, we celebrate "National Family Stories Month". As a school-wide project, we combined these two themes into one.

Each family at St. Anne's School was asked to submit a family recipe along with an explanation/story why that recipe was special to them. Today, a copy of the finished project, "St. Anne's School Family Cookbook" was sent home with the students.

A huge Thank You goes out to Chelsea Morgan and Jan Biehler for making my vision a reality.

- Mary Grieves, St. Anne's School Library



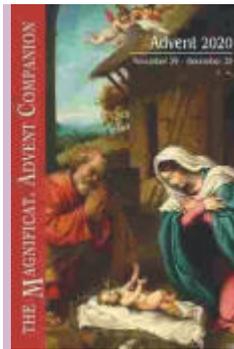
Emily Sunderman
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For Advent, our Faith Formation families have been given various tools to aid them on their journey through this season. Throughout our Advent bulletins, I'll be highlighting some of the resources we're using.



Our younger students will be working on a daily bible reading along with a corresponding ornament to build a Jesse Tree. As the kids add to their tree, we hope the simple picture will help remind them of the story they heard. There are so many different Christmas books out there, but the BEST one of all is the Bible! We're praying our families will open theirs together during this advent season!

If you do not have a student enrolled in our program and would like any of these resources, please let me know.



Magnificat Advent Companion

Our parish has been blessed with the anonymous gift of the Magnificat Advent Companion to help guide our Advent Journey. We had wonderful feedback from the Magnificat Lenten Companions, so we're thankful to be able to continue this ministry during

Advent. We are able to reach multiple groups of our parish by distributing these to the homebound, nursing home and assisted living parishioners, Faith Formation Families, School and Parish staff, and in the narthex of church after Mass!

We so appreciate this generous gift and pray this will help bring us all closer to the Peace that only He can bring.

"To live Advent is to live in the awareness of a Presence that changes us." - Magnificat Advent Companion



Flocknote is a free, secure service available for all parishioners age 18 and over. Once you register, you will get important Parish announcements and messages via text or email. It is easy to connect. Text the word Anne (not case sensitive) to 84576 from your mobile phone. Click on the link sent to your phone to register. Once on the Flocknote sign up page, enter your name, email and mobile phone number. Click on the Login tab and create a password. Then you are in the Flock! There is no charge for this service but data rates may apply.

Questions: please contact Jim Sullivan at 507-327-5362.



INSTAGRAM

St. Anne's Church is now on Instagram!

Please follow us
@stanneschurchLS for all the latest updates, photos, and fellowship news.

Year of Saint Joseph

In his October 22 column for *The Catholic Spirit*, Archbishop Hebda announced that the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis will observe a **Year of Saint Joseph, beginning December 8, 2020** (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception). "On that day," Archbishop Hebda wrote, "the Church Universal will be marking the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's proclamation of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. Our hope is that the Year of Saint Joseph will be a source of renewal in our local Church..."

Throughout the year, there will special events that are yet to be announced, but all will be aimed at entering more deeply into the heart of Saint Joseph so that we may learn from him what it means to be more fully devoted to faith, family and the Church. Saint Joseph, as we know, was chosen by God to be the foster-father of Jesus Christ. In that role, he gives us an example of faith and trust in God, an unswerving devotion to and love for his family, a commitment to disciplined work, and a model of purity and chastity. Throughout this upcoming year, may we grow in our devotion to Saint Joseph and, through his intercession, deepen in our love for Jesus Christ!



December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a beautiful opportunity for all women to celebrate with prayer and reflection! This year the format will be a free self-guided mini retreat.

Cana Self-Guided Advent Morning of Reflection for Mothers of Young Children

Saturday, December 12th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Registration: canafamilyinstitute.com/events FREE

Full of Grace! Prepare your heart to be transformed this Advent! Mothers of young children, a special morning just for you! Are you in need of filling your spiritual cup? Are you open to God's grace to grow your relationships with your spouse and children? Receive the gift of grace with the Lord on this self-guided reflective mini-retreat designed especially for you!

Please register by December 9th to receive your digital retreat guide. Questions? Contact Cathy Carson at cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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