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## THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1986, 1970 C.C.S.

#### MARRIAGES

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](http://www.stanneschurchlesueur.org)

## From Father Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Every year we observe this feast on the first Sunday after Christmas, shifting our focus from the birth and infancy of Jesus to the home life that Jesus shared with His parents. It's an opportunity for us to reflect on the fact that Jesus had the same experience as the vast majority of us in that He lived within a family. Despite being the "Holy Family", though, they had challenges they had to overcome, from the work they needed to do to make a living, to the disciplined practice of their faith, to the eventual letting go that Mary and Joseph needed to do in order to allow Jesus to follow the plan the Father had in place for Him.

Sometimes we feel that the pressures, responsibilities and challenges we face in our own families are nothing like those of other families, and certainly not like those that the Holy Family faced. But we find that, while circumstances may differ, the fundamental struggles that families face are the same, no matter the time or place. How do we learn to be united as families in love of God and neighbor? How do we instill the faith in our children when there are so many distractions? How do we provide for our families? How do we balance our work with our time for recreation and rest? How do we address the conflicts and disagreements—and the inevitable tragedies—that affect our families? As we look to the Holy Family, we can be assured that it is possible to live faithfully—even to grow in holiness—in the midst of these challenges. But we need one another, and more importantly, we need God.

On December 30, 2001 Saint Pope John Paul II gave an Angelus address to the world, calling us to reflect on the lessons that the Holy Family teaches us about how God calls us to live out our call to holiness within our families, that is, within the context of the responsibilities and tasks that we face each day in our homes. At times I recognize that my words can add little to the wisdom of those who have gone before. So I share with you today Saint Pope John Paul II's words that he offered to the world 19 years ago:

"Today we shift our gaze from the grotto of Bethlehem where the Saviour was born on Holy Night to the humble house of Nazareth, to contemplate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, whose feast we celebrate in the festive, family atmosphere of Christmas.

"The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for His birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society. The time He spent in Nazareth, the greater part of His life, continues to be shrouded in deep silence. Very little information about it has been passed on to us by the Evangelists. However, if we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen. Today's liturgy offers us a providential opportunity to do so.

"For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is *an authentic school of the Gospel*. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an *intimate community of life and love*; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small '*domestic church*' that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism, and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.

"I wanted to highlight these values in the Apostolic Exhortation *Familiaris consortio* whose 20th anniversary occurred this year [*first published in 1981*]. *The future of humanity passes through the family* which in our time has been more marked than any other institution by the profound and rapid changes in culture and society. However, the Church has never ceased 'to speak and offer her help to those who are already aware of the value of marriage and the family and seek to live it faithfully, to those who are uncertain and anxious and searching for the truth, and to those who are unjustly impeded from living freely their family lives' (FC 1). She is aware of her responsibility and today too intends to continue 'to offer her services to every person who wonders about the destiny of marriage and the family' (FC 1).

"The Church relies especially on the witness and contribution of Christian families to fulfill her urgent mission. Indeed, in the face of the dangers and difficulties that beset the family institution, she invites families to have greater spiritual and apostolic boldness, knowing that the family is called to be 'a sign of unity for the world' and thus to bear witness to 'the Kingdom and peace of Christ, towards which the whole world is journeying' (FC 48).

"May Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless and protect all the world's families, so that within them may reign the serenity and joy, justice and peace that the newborn Christ has given as a gift to humanity."

God bless,  
Fr. Chris Shofner  
Fr.Chris@hotmail.com

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1, 2021

On this day we honor Mary for the role she played in the plan of our salvation. By saying yes to the angel Gabriel, Mary cooperated with the plan of God to bring the Savior Jesus Christ into the world. As we begin a new year, what better way to celebrate than by drawing inspiration and hope from the selfless love and trust of the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God?

We will be offering 2 Masses for this holy day of obligation:

**Mary, Mother of God**  
**Thursday, December 31st at 5:30 pm**  
**Friday, January 1st at 9:00 am**

# 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 29th - 8:00 am**

Kathleen Karels †

**Wednesday, December 30th - 8:00 am**

Gep Durenberger †

**Thursday, December 31st - 5:30 pm**

Leon & Shannon Frost †

**Thursday, January 1st - 9:00 am**

**(Solemnity of Mary)**

Bruno & Cecelia Wacker †

**Saturday, January 2nd - 8:00 am**

Bill & Mary Backes & Family ♥

**Saturday, January 2nd - 5:15 pm**

Parish of St. Anne ♥

**Sunday, January 3rd - 8:00 am**

Willard Bardon †

**Sunday, January 3rd 10:30 am**

Virginia Wieland †

† 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, Monica Kortz, Kathy Lang, Bob Meyer, Mary Ann O'Rourke, Vicki Plonske, Rebecca Popowski, Brina Powers, David Powers, John Roby, Anna Mae Scheiber, Maura Whitaker*

## MUSIC

Thursday, Dec. 31st - 5:30 pm: Sarah Schwartz

Friday, January 1st - 9:00 am: Art & Barb Straub

*Mary, Mother of God* ©LPI



## First Friday & First Saturday

**First Friday:** Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 1st from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

**First Saturday:** Please join us for Mass on Saturday, January 2nd at 8:00 am.

## Giving

For the Weekend of December 13, 2020

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,714.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$ 600.00
WeShare	\$ 1,305.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,619.00</b>

Due to the change in uploading the bulletin during the Holidays, the December 20th and Christmas collections will be in the January 3rd bulletin.

In this time of uncertainty, we want to **Thank You** for your generosity in continuing to support our Parish. 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.



## 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 [stannesleueur.weshareonline.org](http://stannesleueur.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  
annelewis@stanneslesueur.org

This has been an unprecedented year for all of us. But as 2020 comes to a close, we have much to be thankful for. One of our school's greatest blessings has been a monetary donation from a past parishioner and local dentist, Dr. Dennis Wavrin. He created an organization called "Maureen's Readers" in his wife's memory.

Maureen ("Reenie") believed that good reading skills are the key to success in school. This organization's wish is to foster reading by providing children with books to call their own. With his donation this year, we have been able to give each student in our school three books to call their very own.

Thank you, Dr. Wavrin, for continuing your generous support of our students.

\*Visit [maureensreaders.org](http://maureensreaders.org) to learn more!

## A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family, and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

*Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, MD, Supreme Chaplain, Knights of Columbus*



## Marriage Encounter

These last months have been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Please let us help you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship!

Register for the January 9-10 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington.

Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238.



## VINE Caregiver Support Group

Caregiving can be difficult and isolating, especially during COVID. Gain insights and encouragement from others facing similar challenges by joining a virtual caregiver support group that is facilitated by VINE Faith in Action staff.

Please call Joyce at 507-386-5583 or Mary at 507-386-5577 for more information.

## FORMED

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# St. Anne's Happenings



Emily Sunderman  
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What a Merry Christmas! For our class during the 3rd week of Advent, we welcomed any and all in our community to participate in a light parade to bring JOY to the home of parishioners Monica and Brayden Muchow.

Numerous "floats" of families dressed up themselves and their vehicles as we drove through the neighborhood. A special thank you to the Le Sueur Police Department for leading our parade, both Henderson and Le Sueur Fire Departments for adding some length, and The Bommel's Family for ending our parade with a few Christmas songs for them! Check out our St. Anne's Faith Formation Facebook page for the video of the parade.

The LIGHT and JOY of Christ is one of the best gifts we can give to others! May God continue to bless us all as we enter into 2021!



Thank you to the LeSueur Police Department for leading our Parade!

Thank you to all who joined in our light parade and helped spread the JOY!



Brayden enjoyed the parade and the visiting.

## Stewardship Outreach 2020

St. Anne's is a community of members supporting each other. The holiday times can be a hard time for many of our Parishioners, and they could use a friendly contact from other St. Anne's Church members.

The Stewardship Committee is looking for volunteers interested in making calls, writing cards, or delivering items to homebound Parishioners, nursing home residents, and others living on their own and in need of our support.

If you are interested in volunteering or for more information on the St. Anne's Stewardship Committee, contact Terri Kirby, Chair, at 952-843-3364 or email: [terrikirby38@gmail.com](mailto:terrikirby38@gmail.com).



## Patrons of St. Anne's School & SCRIP

Scrip is sold at the St. Anne's School Office during school hours on weekdays. A reminder that EVERYONE who purchases Scrip should complete a Scrip Agreement Form. The form can be completed online on the church website. Just click on the Scrip tab.

Please call Jan at the school at 507-665-2489 or email [jbiehler@stanneslesueur.org](mailto:jbiehler@stanneslesueur.org) to place an order. **Please note that the school is closed from December 21st through January 1st for Christmas Break.** The Parish Office will have Scrip available to purchase on Monday, December 28th through Thursday, December 31st. To order, call Tess at the Parish Office at 507-665-3811 or email [stanneschurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stanneschurchoffice@gmail.com).

**HELP NEEDED!** We are looking for volunteers to bring our pop can trailers to the recycling center. The trailers have been filling up quickly and it would be great to have a list of people we could call for help. You would need to have a vehicle with a hitch and be able to go during the week when they are open.

Please call the school or email [stannespatronsboard@gmail.com](mailto:stannespatronsboard@gmail.com) if you can help!

## INSTAGRAM



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