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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

From Father Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You may be familiar with the staggering statistic that over 30% of young adults that were raised Catholic no longer identify as Catholic. Of those remaining, a large number no longer attend Mass on a regular basis. These statistics are certainly cause for concern, and we may struggle with the reasons why—disagreements with Church teachings, distrust of an institutional Church, busy lives, etc. But for all the reasons that young adults leave the Church, there are plenty of reasons to stay. The biggest reason is Jesus Christ. He established the Church so that we may grow in our relationship with Him in ways that are deeper than we may find through daily prayer alone – in the Church we grow closer to Him through the grace of His Sacraments.

Bringing young adults back to the Church requires us to reach out to them more intentionally with the truth and love of Jesus Christ. It requires a reflection on the deeper needs in our lives. In 2016 Fr. Michael Cummins, a priest of the Diocese of Knoxville, wrote a compelling article on the reasons that young adults need the Church. I paraphrase many of his thoughts here and add a few of my own.

1. **You need more than just your peers.** While we are most comfortable with those of a similar age and experience, there is a risk of living within a generational bubble. We need to engage those of a different generation, in order to exchange ideas and wisdom and to offer support. God is active in all generations, and the young can learn from the old, and vice versa.
2. **You need a deeper narrative than just the secular.** The Gospel narrative is the rule by which all other narratives should be measured and judged. Catholicism has a proven track record – for 2000 years, through persecutions and the rises and falls of various world powers, the Church has remained intact. The secular, however, has its own narrative, which leaves little room for the sacred. The Church provides a broader vision of the deeper reality of life that the secular simply doesn't offer.
3. **You need an awareness of redemptive suffering.** The Catholic Church is familiar with the Cross. Walk into any Catholic Church, and you will find the image of our Lord on the crucifix. There we are reminded of the sacrifice that our Lord suffered for our sake. We are reminded that our Lord knows what it means to suffer, so that whatever we may go through in life, He knows our experience and is there with us. Reflecting on the Crucifix, we are encouraged to look beyond suffering and realize that the story does not end. There is redemption. There is the Resurrection. Jesus brings a redemptive dimension to all suffering, so we don't get lost in our suffering.
4. **You need commitment and not just new experiences.** Commitments in life offer wonderful opportunities to be nourished. While we may prefer to always be on

the move and experience the next big thing, there is beauty in remaining firm in a single commitment and learning what it requires of us. This is as true of committing to the Church as it is to committing to Christian marriage, parenthood, or a career. It leads to deeper insight into our human experience.

5. **You need a real community that is not perfect.** We need to be challenged by those who are different from ourselves and those who will push us to reconsider our preconceived notions regarding God and others. We don't grow in our understanding if we surround ourselves solely by like-minded individuals. We can't learn to love all people unless we have an experience of the broad range of human stories. We find that in the Church. No, the Church is not perfect, and the people within the Church are not perfect. And Jesus doesn't require us to be. He only requires that we come to Him and be open to be transformed by Him.
6. **You need holiness that sanctifies.** True holiness heals us and restores us from the inside out. Too often we want to define ourselves by our sins or failings, but the Church reminds us that, as children of God, we are called to be saints. We shouldn't settle for anything less, because we are worth it in God's eyes. The fact of the matter is, the world does not offer us this kind of holiness. But Christ's Church does. In the Church, through His Sacraments, the Lord reaches to the heart of who we are and heals the wounds of sin and darkness that might have been there for years.

Whether young or old, these are great points to reflect on as we consider what we most want out of this life, and as we consider that the Church helps bring that to its greatest fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner
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THE
SEARCH

BROUGHT TO YOU FROM
FORMED

THE SEARCH Lenten Study Group

Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions – Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God? We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong. This Lent we are excited to introduce *The Search*, a seven-part series with the goal of igniting or reigniting the fire of faith by exploring some of the fundamental questions of life.

We are forming small groups of parishioners that will journey together throughout Lent with a facilitator. Depending on interest, we will have several groups on different days and times. If you are interested in learning more and joining a group, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4babab23a5fe3-thesearch> and sign up with your email address. You will be contacted when a schedule is developed.

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, February 9th - 8:00 am

Garrett Leinonen ♥

Tuesday, February 9th- School Mass

The School Mass is for Students & Staff Only

Melissa Leinonen ♥

Wednesday, February 10th - 8:00 am

Living & Deceased Members of
The Jeanne Dutton Family ♥ †

Thursday, February 11th - 8:00 am

Michael Bisch †

Friday, February 12th - 8:00 am

Jerry Tempel †

Saturday, February 13th - 5:15 pm

Jerry Tempel †

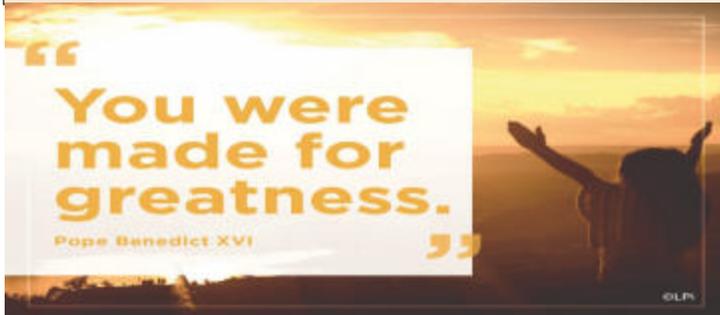
Sunday, February 14th - 8:00 am

Jerry Tempel †

Sunday, February 14th - 10:30 am

Parish of St. Anne ♥

† Deceased Individuals ♥ Special Intention



Giving

For the Weekend of January 31, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,685.00
WeShare	\$ <u>1,030.00</u>
Total Collection	\$ 4,715.00

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.

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, Emma Jane Burns, Richard Doherty, Theresa Doherty, 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, Cheryl Zachman

MUSIC AT SUNDAY MASS

Saturday, February 13th - 5:15 pm: Joe Roby

Sunday, February 14th - 8:00 am: Bev Prenevost

Sunday, February 14th - 10:30 am: Bev Prenevost

USHERS

Saturday, February 13th - 5:15 pm:

Greg Genelin & Steve Genelin

Sunday, February 14th - 8:00 am:

Bemmels Family

Sunday, February 14th - 10:30 am:

Tim & Sue McPartland



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**
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St. Anne's Happenings

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 EVERY-ONE 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 to place an order.

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.

If you have questions, please call the school or email stannespatronsboard@gmail.com.



INSTAGRAM

St. Anne's Church is now on Instagram!

Please follow us [@stanneschurchLS](https://www.instagram.com/stanneschurchLS) for all the latest updates, photos, and fellowship news.

Mission Sewing

The St. Anne's Mission Sewing Group has completed 20 quilts and are donating them to Catholic Charities. Thank you to everyone who donated material, sewed quilt tops and tied quilts. What a wonderful way to support those in need.



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE

Le Sueur Community Blood Drive

First Lutheran Church
116 Inner Drive, Le Sueur, MN

Monday, March 1st
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

For information and appointments, please call
Kay at (612) 298-3478

Le Sueur County FREE Food Distribution

(COVID Food Assistance Program)
Open to all households that are in need!

Wednesday, February 10th

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

(or until food is gone)

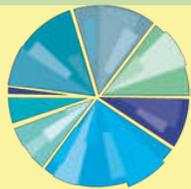
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- ◆ Apples, Potatoes, Onions, Cantaloupe
- ◆ Yogurt Cups, Mozzarella Loaf, Butter
- ◆ Smokies, Chicken Meatballs, Liquid Eggs
(boxes may vary depending on what is available)

It is asked that participants have their vehicles
(including trunks) cleaned out so the boxes will fit.



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- Over 50 seminarians studying to be future priests of our Archdiocese with tuition assistance, room and board.



Visit www.csafspm.org to learn more or www.GiveCSAF.org to donate today!

St. Anne's Happenings



Anne Lewis, Principal

annelewis@stanneslesueur.org

On 2/1/2021 we began to celebrate
"I Love to Read Month"

Students are asked to read a minimum amount of minutes each week, outside of the classroom:

***PreK 4's** are required to have been read to for **75** minutes.

***Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd** grade students are required to read/have been read to, **100** minutes.

***Grades 3-5** are required to read **150** minutes each week.

I LOVE
READING



Students record the number of minutes read at the end of each day they read outside of the classroom. At the end of the reading week, a parent or guardian must sign the child's reading log.

Prizes will be awarded weekly to those students who make their classroom goal. At the end of the month, prizes will be awarded to the top reader in each class as well as the top reading class as a whole. Happy Reading!



Do you want to connect with like-minded parents in a welcoming and supportive environment? Do you want to learn various ways to teach the Faith to your child? Do you want to deepen your relationship with your child? Then, join us for Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL)!

At ECFL, we believe that a child's first and most important teachers are his or her parents. Our mission is simple-connect parents with their peers and empower them to raise their children optimally in the Faith.

Casie Klockmann and Emily Sunderman are excited to bring this opportunity to our community and hope that you will join us! We will have take home family kits for you to work through with your child(ren), when the time is best FOR YOU! We will have some FB Live Bible Stories and a few parent Zoom meetings.

Family kits will be available beginning the week of February 28th and events will take place throughout the month of March.

To learn more or join, please contact Emily Sunderman
BY ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17th at:
esunderman@stanneslesueur.org.



Emily Sunderman

Director of Religious Education

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Personally, Valentine's Day is not one of my favorites. I feel as though it has turned into a commercialized holiday when my children return from school with as much candy as if they've just gone trick or treating! Putting that aspect aside, it is important for us to be sure those we love know we love them. This past week our families with students in grades 1-5 picked up their February at home learning packets. These packets vary from month to month, but they always include Religious Standards of Focus, Stained Glass Window learning guides to follow along with Fr. Shofner's series, two assignments from FORMED, and a treat from the Faith Formation Office.

The Standard of Focus this month is Education for Community Life: Children experience community life as an apprenticeship of faith which cultivates values, relationships, and ecumenical dialogue. One of the three main points to discuss as a family is how to nurture marriage and family life. The talking points include:

- Grades 1 & 2:
- a. Know that Jesus lived as a member of a human family.
 - b. Understand the role and authority of adults within a family and acknowledge the roles and responsibilities of children within the family structure.
- Grades 3 & 5:
- a. Know that the 4th Commandment teaches us to respect and obey our parents and to work for harmony in families.
 - b. Relate strong family relationships with mutual respect and understanding of the different roles of family members.
 - c. Know that the Sacrament of Matrimony supports parents throughout their life.

Children begin learning the meaning of married love at a very early age from their parents, both through the example of their lives and through their more formal instruction. The family is the most effective school for catechesis on Christian marriage and family life. - NDC #36

Hopefully this week, we all can not only receive, but also reciprocate the love shown to us no matter what our personal family structure looks like!

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