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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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.

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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,

A couple weeks ago a priest brother of mine sent me a special prayer known as a novena, which is a prayer meant to be prayed each day for nine days, with a particular intention in mind. The origins of the novena are hard to pinpoint exactly. The ancient Romans (pre-Christian) celebrated nine days of prayer, for example, as a way to ask the gods for kindness, as an offering for a blessing granted, or as a period of mourning after the death of a loved one. It's possible that Christians adopted the practice and gave it a uniquely Christian flavor. It's more plausible that the period of time between Jesus' Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost could be the origin of the Christian novena — the apostles spent nine days in the upper room praying in preparation for receiving the Holy Spirit on the tenth day. Regardless of its origin, however, Catholics today use the novena as a powerful way to focus their prayers to God for a particular need. It's a very disciplined sort of prayer, as you can imagine, as it requires intentionality each day.

The novena my priest brother sent me is known as the Surrender Novena, written by Father Don Dolindo Rutolo in the mid-twentieth century. I've always considered surrender to be the key to the freedom we seek in the Christian life. So I was excited to pray this novena. It got me to thinking of some of the questions that I ponder often: How do we free ourselves of the worries and anxieties of life, and let go of the need to be constantly in control of every detail of life? If you've ever had moments like this, then you know how frustrating and exhausting it can be! The goal is to allow God to set the path before us and allow ourselves to simply walk that path in faithful trust that He will provide all we need along the way. Surrender doesn't preserve us from the difficulties of life, but it does help us to see God's presence in all things and gives us the confidence to know that the circumstances will lead to our good — because God is in control and desires what is best for us.

The story is told of a man who loved to repel off cliffs. One day, after a long day of repelling, he was coming down the side of a cliff as it was getting dark, when he slipped. He fell into a crevice in the rock, but his rope caught him. The hole was very dark, so he remained suspended in the pitch black. He flailed his arms and legs, yelling for help that wasn't there. He used his weight to swing back and forth on the rope, hoping to find a wall or something to grasp and climb out, but he found nothing. He didn't know what was below him, whether there were jagged rocks or a drop of hundreds of feet further into the darkness. He realized very quickly how desperate his situation was, so he finally cried out to God: "Lord, save me! I will surely die unless You work a miracle!"

God responded: "Do not fear. Listen to Me. Cut your rope." The man protested: "What do you mean, cut my rope?! That would mean certain death!" God responded:

"Trust me. Cut your rope." The man continued to protest, highlighting his uncertainties and fears. In the end, he couldn't bring himself to do as God had directed. In the morning, after a bitter cold night, some hikers came through a cave entrance that led to that same hole into which the man had fallen. They found the man lifeless, hanging from his rope, barely three feet off the ground.

As horrible as a story like this is, it highlights an important aspect of the life of surrender: We need to be attentive to the voice of God, recognize it as His voice, and respond in faithful trust, despite our fears and uncertainties. This is essential to surrender. But to do that, we must first foster silence, in which we are able to dispose ourselves to be attentive.

It's no surprise that this is the fruit of silence. When we've had a hard day, we come home and look for peace and quiet so we can recharge. When we're looking for an address in a neighborhood we've never been to, we slow down and turn off the radio. When we want to listen to God, we silence our hearts and do away with the all the external distractions. This is the way of all the great fathers and mothers of our faith. As one great example, read the story of Abraham (Genesis 12ff). He receives the call of God in silent obedience. In fact, he doesn't address God directly until much later (in Genesis 15, to be exact). His response is marked by trusting obedience and faithful action. And so should be our response.

Do you have moments of silence in your daily life so you can listen to God's voice? Whether it's literal silence (the lack of external noise) or spiritual silence (a calmness of soul), how can you foster those moments? Certainly, turning off the television for a few hours each night or turning off the radio during your commute to work is a start. Use that time of quiet to converse with the Lord, and to listen to what He has to say. Silence has the unique ability to calm our spirits so that we're ready to understand and respond. Use the opportunity that silence affords you to grow in certainty of God's will for your life.

As our Lenten season progresses, this is my prayer for you, that you may find those moments of silence so that you may discern the Lord's voice in your life and the path that He has set out before you. May silence set you on the path to greater surrender to God in all times and circumstances.

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

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation – extended hours for Confession

Saturdays 9:00-10:00 am & 4:00-4:45 pm  
Sundays 4:00-6:00 pm

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent – 5:30 pm

# 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, March 2nd - 8:00 am**

Michelle Guckeen ♥

**Tuesday, March 2nd - School Mass**

The School Mass is for Students & Staff Only

Jim Felmlee †

**Wednesday, March 3rd - 8:00 am**

Jolene Leinonen ♥

**Thursday, March 4th - 8:00 am**

Barb Cichoski †

**Friday, March 5th - 8:00 am**

Joe & Theresa Wagner ††

**Friday, March 5th - 5:30 pm**

Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 6th - 8:00 am**

Robert & Kathy Hermel and family ♥

**Saturday, March 6th - 5:15 pm**

Parish of St. Anne ♥

**Sunday, March 7th - 8:00 am**

Willard Bardon †

**Sunday, March 7th - 10:30 am**

Living and deceased members of the Leinonen & Hermel families ♥

† Deceased Individuals      ♥ Special Intention

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

## Giving

Please note that due to staff being out of the office, we do not have a report for the weekend of February 20-21. We will include those numbers in next weekend's 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.

## AltarMinistry

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5th Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm**

Music: Rachele Boelter

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6th - 5:15 pm**

Lector: Jeff Schulz

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7th - 8:00 am**

Lector: Eric Lewis

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7th - 10:30 am**

Lector: Pam Meyer

## *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, Cheryl Zachman*



## 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](http://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).
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# St. Anne's Happenings



Anne Lewis, Principal  
annelewis@stanneslesueur.org



Enrollment is open for PreSchool through Grade 5 at St. Anne's School. Space is limited—contact the school at 665-2489 to check availability.

## Condolences

*Our condolences to the family and loved ones of Latta Nelson, long-time parishioner and former trustee of St. Anne's. Latta passed away on Tuesday, February 16. His Funeral Mass took place at St. Anne's on Saturday, February 20. May Our Lord comfort his family and loved ones during this time of sorrow.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace.*

## First Friday & First Saturday

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

**First Saturday:** Please join us for Mass on Saturday, March 6th at 8:00 am.

## Le Sueur County FREE Food Distribution

Another FREE food distribution will take place on **Wednesday, March 10 from 2:00-3:30 pm** (or until food is gone) at First Lutheran Church, 116 Inner Drive, Le Sueur. Vehicles will enter the parking lot off of Elmwood Avenue and exit onto Inner Drive.

Each household will receive: Fresh produce, mixed dairy, and a protein. Please have your vehicles cleaned out so boxes will fit.

Made possible through the Le Sueur County COVID Food Assistance Program, and sponsored by the Le Sueur County Emergency Management and SHIP Programs and Second Harvest Heartland.

## 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



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Visit [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org) to learn more or [www.GiveCSAF.org](http://www.GiveCSAF.org) to donate today!

## 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](mailto:jbiehler@stanneslesueur.org) to place an order.

If you have questions, please call the school or email [stannespatronsboard@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# St. Anne's Happenings



## St. Anne's Drive Thru Spaghetti Dinner

Pre-Orders Only!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14th**

**Pick Up Times 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

At St. Anne's School, 511 N. 4th St., Le Sueur, MN

Order your pre-made spaghetti dinner by Monday, March 8th by calling [507-665-2282](tel:507-665-2282). Please leave a message with your name, contact number, and how many meals you would like. The cost is \$10 per meal.



## St. Anne's Patrons Alumni FISH FRY

The annual St. Anne's Patrons Alumni FISH FRY will be Drive Thru Only.

**Friday, March 26th**

**Pick Up from 4:30 to 7:30 pm**

**At St. Anne's School, 511 N 4th St., Le Sueur**

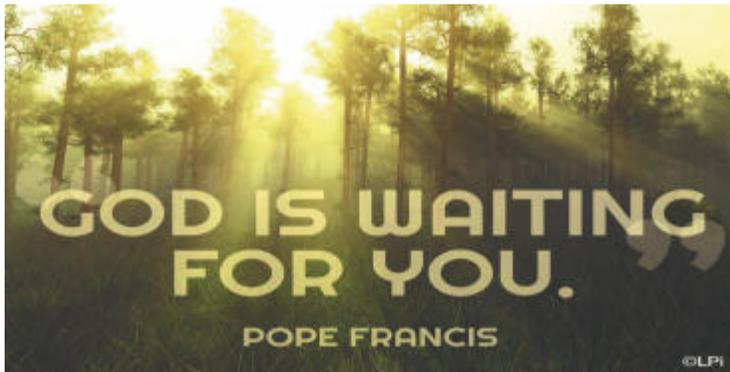
All tickets are \$12.00. Delivery will be available. Advance sale tickets will be available from School Families and the Parish and School offices.



We are thankful for the 13 families who have signed up for our Spring 2021

ECFL program! Although we are not able to meet in person this year, we are excited to continue this ministry to our parish community. Family packets will be available for pickup during the week of March 1st with online events starting the week of March 8th and continuing throughout the month.

Please keep these families and catechists in your prayers as we embark on this new version of ECFL!



Emily Sunderman

Director of Religious Education

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After having no formal class for Ash Wednesday, the students dove back into their work this past week. Grades 2, 7 and 8 meet for their normal classes. Our second graders only have two more lessons to complete in their First Communion curriculum! The Lent will include finishing their lessons, a church tour with Fr. Shofner, a review and banner-making night, and a final rehearsal. Our First Communion date has been set for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th.

Our 9th & 10th Graders FINALLY attended a NET Retreat! Unfortunately, we had to cancel both retreats scheduled for 2020, and I'm so thankful for the opportunity for them to have this experience! The theme of the retreat is "With Great Power" and will focus on the great power of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon them during their Confirmation. Our Confirmation Mass will take place at St. Anne's on Sunday, April 11th.

Due to COVID capacity restrictions, the Masses for both sacraments will only be open to those students receiving the sacraments and their families. Both Masses will be separate from our parish Sunday Masses, but will fulfill the Sunday obligation for those in attendance. Both Masses are scheduled to be livestreamed as well.

Please keep all of our students and catechists in your prayers! It has been a year of great adaptations, and they continue to persevere!

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