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October 3, 2021

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Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

#### **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 10:00am 4:00pm to 4:45pm

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 hear in the Scriptures the exaltation of the institution of holy marriage, which was first instituted as the union of man and woman at the time of Adam and Eve. There's a reason that in the Gospel today, Jesus refers back to the story of Adam and Eve <u>– it's because He recognizes and wishes to teach that</u> the foundations of marriage extend back to the very beginning. God had a plan for marriage since the first couple. And that plan doesn't change, despite the challenges that affect every marriage to some degree.

There are two fundamental aspects to marriage that have their roots in the first marriage from the book of Genesis: Union and Procreation. Both are necessary aspects of the marriage bond.

- Union: This refers to the unbreakable bond that is formed between man and woman at the moment they make their commitment to one another. It is a union that is not just physical, but emotional and spiritual as well. As we have ritualized it over the centuries in the wedding ceremony, this commitment is established through the vows that husband and wife make to love one another "until death do us part". But it was present even in the beginning. When Adam first gazed upon Eve, he said, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh". It was a moment of commitment as he recognized the one created for him, and recognized himself as made for her. Likewise, though not recorded in Scripture, Eve would have made a similar commitment. And as Scripture attests, God blessed the union between them after they made their commitment. This union refers not just to a single moment in time, but to a lifelong bond that is sealed by God Himself, never to be broken – which makes the union of husband and wife not just a gift bestowed upon them, but also awesome responsibility to maintain the strength of that union through mutual love, respect and service.
- Procreation: This refers to the conception and bearing of children that takes place within marriage. The first command that God gave to human beings was to "be fruitful and multiply", that is, have children, care for them and raise them, and fill the earth. Some scholars believe that Adam and Eve had between 35-40 children their lifetimes (not necessarily impossible, given that they lived to be 900 years old, according to Scripture). One of the primary purposes of marriage, then, is to be the institution into which children are brought into the world. We know in

our current world, however, that many children are brought into the world without having a father and mother at home, or else many experience the absence of a parent through divorce later in their childhood. But the institution of marriage is that which allows a mother and father to share in the raising of a child, to provide a loving relationship for a child to witness as a model for their own future relationships, and to offer a balance of tenderness and firmness as they guide their children into maturity.

We are all familiar with the grim statistics regarding marriage – about 50% of marriages end in divorce, for various reasons. If God had His way with our hearts, every couple that enters into marriage would be untiring in their efforts to make their marriages work, striving to live faithfully according to the vows they made on their wedding day. When problems arise, they would do everything in their power to resolve it through humble, honest and open communication, ready and willing to accept responsibility where necessary, to ask forgiveness when they are the cause of hurt, and to forgive when they are hurt. Husband and wife would strive together to make God the center and the heart of their home, by praying together and offering their joys, sorrows, hopes and needs before Him at each moment. Couples that are intentional about these things will find the graces flow in their marriage. They will know the blessings of God.

> God Bless. Fr. Chris Shofner Fr.Chris@hotmail.com



Congratulations to Ayda Margaret Arnst, the daughter of Adam and Erin, who was baptized at St. Anne's on Saturday, September 25th.

Congratulations to Noah Gary & LaRue Janine, son and daughter of Luke and Brittanee Simonson, who were baptized at St. Anne's on Sunday, September 26th.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill their hearts with all that they need to be faithful and loving disciples of Christ!

# Weekly Parish Notes

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

## Tuesday, October 5th - 10:00 am **School Mass**

John Casey む

## Wednesday, October 6th - 8:00 am

Garrett Leinonen

## Thursday, October 7th - 8:00 am

Roscoe Felmlee ₽

## Friday, October 8th - 8:00 am

Janice Hentges &

## Saturday, October 9th - 5:15 pm

Parish of St. Anne

## Sunday, October 10th - 8:00 am

Norma May む

## Sunday, October 10th - 10:30 am

Ardo & Bernice Meyer ₽

→ Deceased Individuals

Special Intention



# Giving

September Giving		
Amount Needed Weekly	\$7.480.00	

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Weekend of	Amount Received
September 5, 2021	\$ 8,448.00
September 12, 2021	\$ 5,322.00
September 19, 2021	\$ 5,942.00
September 26, 2021	\$ 5,067.00
Monthly Total	\$24,779.00

September Budgeted amount \$29,920.00.

You can give by using your weekly giving envelopes, 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 WeShare online giving. Thank You.

# Altar Ministry

## SATURDAY, October 9th - 5:15 pm

Altar Servers: Katie Svihel & Madison Svihel

Music: Art & Barb Straub

## SUNDAY, October 10th - 8:00 am

Altar Servers: Lana Steinke & William Sunderman

Music: Joe Roby

## SUNDAY, October 10th - 10:30 am

Altar Servers: Kiandra Straub & Ruby Fritz Music: Children's Choir (Sandy Pinney)

## THANK YOU

The family of Norma Nuessmeier offers their deepest gratitude for the generous support of cards, kind messages, happy stories, and donations to St. Anne's School Library and St. Anne's School Endowment Fund. Mom's love of reading carries on with the numerous new books purchased in her honor for the St. Anne's School Library.

## **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.

Rick Almich, Mary Ann Bauer, Emma Jane Burns, Andy Conroy, Richard Doherty, Theresa Doherty, Beverley Foskett, Denise Hogan, Kathy Lang, Bob Meyer, Birdy Morsching, Mary Ann O'Rourke, Vicki Plonske, Rebecca Popowski, Brina Powers, David Powers, John Roby, Anna Mae Scheiber, Colleen Schoeppner, Joann Schwartz, Cheryl Zachman, Lori Steffens, LeeAnn Ziegler

## Sunday Giving - Online Giving with WeShare

Thank you to all of you who have already signed up for **WeShare** giving online. The WeShare service is for electronic giving (from a bank account) and / or by credit card. To sign up for WeShare giving, go online

to: stanneslesueur.weshareonline.org

# St. Anne's Happenings



Anne Lewis, Principal

annelewis@stanneslesueur.org

## Welcome Back - School Year 2021-2022

We are excited to welcome the Kindergarten class of Mrs. Wangensteen and the Mighty Trees class of Mrs. Tellijohn. Have a great year everyone!



Mrs. Wangensteen & the Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Tellijohn & the Mighty Trees Class

## ST ANNE'S SCHOOL MARATHON 2021

The first fundraiser of the school year is our annual Marathon Week starting October 11th. We have set the goal high this year - \$50,000, but we are happy to fundraise for something the kids are REALLY excited about - new playground equipment! This equipment will replace the pieces located down hill that have been there for 20+ years. The new equipment is designed for ages 5 - 12 and has lots of play surface area. You can see in the photos what we have now and what it will look like if we reach our goal!

School families will be collecting donations from now until 10/13/2021. Donations can also be dropped off or mailed to the school. You can even donate online! (In the comment/memo line, please type Marathon and the student's name). WeShare: https://stanneslesueur.weshareonline.org/

Venmo: @St\_Annes\_LeSueur Thank you!

# St. Anne's Gala -Under the Paris Sky

Please join us for an evening of socializing, dancing, and fun. Proceeds will go towards refurbishing the front doors of St. Anne's Church. Must be 21 or older.

# Friday, October 29, 2021 5:30 to 11:00 pm

- Social 5:30 pm
- Dinner 6:30 pm
- Dance 7:30 pm

at the Scenic Escape Barn 25628—337th Lane, Henderson, MN

# Tickets are \$75.00 a seat or \$600 for a table (seats 8)

Ticket purchase includes appetizers, one drink ticket, and meal. Tables of eight must be paid in full to hold entire table. Persons purchasing individual tickets may request tablemates, but there are no guarantees.

## Ticket Purchasing Options:

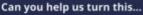
- 1. Drop off a check and names of tablemates/requests at either St. Anne's School or Parish Center.
- 2. Pay via VENMO @St\_Annes\_LeSueur. List tablemates/requests in the "What's it for?" section.
- 3. Give check and tablemates/request to any Gala Committee Member.

Contact the one of the Gala Committee Members for more information. Kristan Pfarr, Abby Lewis, Amanda Bemmels, Emily Wentzlaff, Anne Lewis or Julie Rabaey.



Students are collecting pledges for our annual Marathon Fundraiser from now until October 13th. The students are raising funds for new playground equipment!

OUR GOAL IS \$50,000!





Into this??



# St. Anne's Happenings

## STEWARDHSHIP EVENT



## DONUT SUNDAY



Sunday, October 10th after 8:00 am and 10:30 am Mass

Rain or Shine! Join us for donuts and juice as we gather together as a church community.

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

The Scrip box is back at the School Office weekdays during school hours.

SCRIP Sales have resumed after weekend Masses. You can now stop by the Scrip table after Mass and purchase Scrip.

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.

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

Thank you for supporting our Scrip Program and earning money for our church and school!



## Attention Men of parish, 18 years and older.

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new members. Our Council was established in 1944. We have assisted our parish since then in many areas. To find out more about us and what we do, you can contact any brother Knight or call on of the following numbers:

651-338-1580 or 507-665-6077

## **Monthly Public Rosary**

October 13th is the last Public Rosary for the season. It will be held at 12 Noon in Le Center at the Fairground Park in the gazebo next to the swimming pool. If rainy weather, it will be held in the Community pavilion on the fairgrounds.

Come pray with us to ask Lady of Fatima for protection for our families, communities, nation and world.



Emily Sunderman Director of Religious Education esunderman@stanneslesueur.org

Our classes began last Wednesday and it was so good to see the students back in class!

If you have not yet registered your son/daughter, please do so ASAP! Our registration can be found on our parish website under the Faith Formation section.

Praise God our student numbers are growing this year! We are in need of classroom assistants and a hall monitor. If you are able to help serve our parish in one of these roles, please contact me at: esunderman@stanneslesueur.org

#### YOUTH GROUP

We had a great Youth Group gathering in August at the Lewis Family's home! We are excited to get another date on the calendar to gather together as Catholic friends for a fun evening with hay rides, bonfire, and s'mores!

Save the date for Saturday, October 30th at 7:00 pm at the home of Pat and Carrie Osborne and family!

More details to follow soon!



Thank you to all who attended the first Synod session this past Sunday.

There were 16 parishioners who participated and more have signed up since. We will continue to discuss and provide input about the best ways that our local Church

- Form parishes that are in the service of evangelization;
- Form missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to His call; and
- Form youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

Join our small group to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus area. Mark your calendar for Sundays at 8 pm at St. Anne's School Library until October 31st.

Register by calling the Parish Office at 507-665-3811 or email esunderman@stanneslesueue.org.

See more at: www.archspm.org/synod



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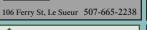
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