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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

MARRIAGES

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

BAPTISM

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.

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 two beautiful stories of God's abundance in the midst of scarcity – in the Old Testament, we hear of the widow of Zarephath, who has little flour or oil. She knows and fears that once the flour and oil run out, she and her son will die. In the Gospel, we hear of the widow that comes to the temple and out of her poverty gives all that she has, two small coins. In both cases, we see an amazing turnaround of events. In the Old Testament story, it was obedience to the prophet Elijah's command to make him a little cake that led to a miraculous abundance of flour and oil that sustained the widow and her son for the next year. In the Gospel, it was an innate faith and love for God and His holy temple that impelled the widow to give, and to be praised by Jesus for her generosity of heart.

We all go through times when things start to dry up in our life. We have ups and downs, highs and lows. Whether it's material possessions that run short, or relationships that lose their energy, or even our faith that seems to struggle at times. What is your attitude when things start to take a downward turn?

We always have a choice. We can take on the attitude of the widow of Zarephath, who resigned herself to the fate that nothing can change and thus wait for the inevitable to happen. Or we can take on the attitude of the widow in the Gospel, who trusts God enough to provide for our needs, that we are willing even to give from what little we have, knowing that we will have enough for tomorrow.

Our inclination is to save and protect what little we have, knowing that we may need that little bit to get us through the hard times. And perhaps that's wise in many respects. But so very often that prudent act is not done out of a spirit of wisdom, but out of desperation, worry and anxiety. It's not done out of a sense that God is in control, but out of a sense that we have to control our lives. We forget the promise of God, that He will provide for us, if only we accept the graces He offers.

I'm not suggesting that the answer is to be reckless in our distribution of the goods that provide for our daily needs. But I am suggesting that we should prayerfully consider that times of scarcity are not times for worry and anxiety, but rather times for trusting in God and listening to His voice.

What does that trust look like? It's certainly not a blind trust, where we become passive in the face of our circumstances. This wasn't the case with the widow of Zarephath. Even though she anticipated the worst-case scenario, she still was attentive to the word of God spoken through Elijah, and she obeyed his word – she used what little she had left of her flour and oil, and God blessed her. She *acted* on the invitation of grace, rather than sitting

back defeated. It was the same with the poor widow in the Gospel – she could have hoarded her coins, even though it wasn't very much, hoping that over the days and weeks it would provide enough to buy a few more scraps of food – but she *acted* as well on the inspirations of God in her heart.

Does God always tell us to give up the final remnants of our resources? No. But He does ask that cooperate with Him in making our lot better. In the end that's His will, that we work with Him, in trust and confidence. Maybe it means taking a risk to believe, despite every circumstance that seems to work against us. Maybe it means taking the risk to talk to that friend or family member that you've had a falling out with, despite the fear that it may make things worse. Maybe it means taking the risk to use what little we have to provide for another's need, even if it means we go without. By doing so, by listening to the inspirations of the Lord in our heart, we may just find that we are blessed in abundance, perhaps not materially as the widow of Zarephath was, but certainly in the blessing and praise of our Lord, as the widow in the Gospel was.

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



Please note that Tess Miller will not be in the office for the short term as she recovers from a recent accident. During her absence, office hours will

vary. If you plan to stop by the office, please call ahead (507-665-3811) to make sure a staff member will be available to attend to your needs. Thank you for your flexibility!

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, when we pray in a special way for all those who have gone before us. It is a great act of charity to lift up our prayers and our Masses for these souls who are still awaiting the fullness of their reward of Heaven.



- ◆ Among your offertory envelopes, you will find a **special envelope for All Souls**. We will place on the altar those envelopes with the names of your loved ones.
- ◆ Once again this year we have our **Book of Remembrance**, in which you can inscribe the names of deceased loved ones. Blank pages will be available at the church entrance, or you can write names in the book before or after Mass.

Weekly Parish Notes

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 9th - 10:00 am

School Mass

Norma Nuessmeier †

Wednesday, November 10th - 8:00 am

Bill Schrank †

Thursday, November 11th - 8:00 am

Robert Doering †

Friday, November 12th - 8:00 am

Jim Junglen and Marleen Theilan †

Saturday, November 13th - 5:15 pm

Parish of St. Anne ♥

Sunday, November 14th - 8:00 am

Mike Powers †

Sunday, November 14th - 10:30 am

Orville Hughes †

† Deceased Individuals

♥ Special Intention

AltarMinistry

SATURDAY, November 13th - 5:15 pm

Altar Servers: Gabby Bemmels, Bella Bemmels

Music: Art and Barb Straub

SUNDAY, November 14th - 8:00 am

Altar Servers: Grace Feser, Etta Boesl

Music: Joe Roby

SUNDAY, November 14th - 10:30 am

Altar Servers: Gabe Roby, Teagan Graham

Music: Adult Choir (Sandy Pinney)

*** New Altar Server scheduling process ***

To sign up your child for altar serving, please visit our new SignUp Genius page at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEAA29A5F5C25-stannes>

We changed our process for Mass server assignments in order to allow families the ability to choose the Masses that work best for their schedules.

Please note that at times we may be in need of volunteers for a given weekend. If you are willing to be present and serve, please sign up at the link above.

Thank you for helping to make this process go as smoothly as possible!

Altar Server Training

Thursday, November 11, 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Anne's Church (*Please note that Thursday is a 2-hour early out from school*)

For all Altar Servers who need a refresher on how to serve, and for all new Altar Servers who would like to serve at the altar but need training. This will equip all servers to assist at the altar at weekend and holy day Masses.

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



November

Giving

October Giving

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,480.00

Weekend of	Amount Received
October 3, 2021	\$ 7,574.00
October 10, 2021	\$ 6,657.00
October 17, 2021	\$ 6,414.00
October 24, 2021	\$ 5,859.00
October 31, 2021	\$ 5,066.00

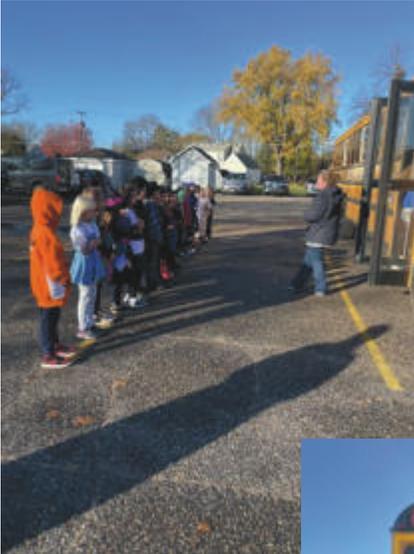
We want to **Thank You** for your generosity. You can give by using your weekly giving envelopes, by mailing your offering to the Parish Office at 503 N. 4th Street, Le Sueur, MN 56058, or you can go online and sign up for **WeShare** online giving.

St. Anne's Happenings



Anne Lewis, Principal
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St. Anne's School had the Bus Safety presentation on Friday, October 26th. Thank you to Pat and Rachel for coming to school and talking with our students on the importance of bus safety and what to do in an emergency.



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, Lori Steffens, Cheryl Zachman, LeeAnn Ziegler, Tess Miller



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 one of the following numbers:

651-338-1580 or 507-665-6077



A Call to Serve: The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priest, Fr. Shofner. A group begins with 7 women who each commit to pray a holy hour on a specific day each week, thus covering a complete week. The hour can be prayed at any time of the day and anywhere, though before the Blessed Sacrament is ideal. The commitment is for 1 year. Please contact Ruth Vortherms (507-381-0843) if you are willing to spend an hour strengthening our parish. There are brochures in the back of church or you can check the website: www.sevensistersapostolate.org.



An invitation to download the new **Amen Catholic Prayer App** by Augustine Institute. In it, you are invited to:

- ◆ Delve deeply into Sacred Scripture by listening to the Mass readings each day.
- ◆ Listen through all 73 books of the Bible in just 20 minutes a day with their exclusive audio version of the Augustine Institute's popular *Bible in a Year*, featuring the ESV® Catholic Edition.
- ◆ Enter into prayer with the Angelus, Rosary, Litanies, and Stations of the Cross.
- ◆ Draw your mind, body, and soul to rest in God in the midst of life's busyness with our Meditations, Evening Psalms, and Sleep Stories.
- ◆ Play meditations that help you with courage, anxiety, mercy, healing, spiritual growth and comfort.
- ◆ Journal your daily thoughts and prayers

We hope this free app will help you to enter more fully into the peace of Christ!

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!

Help raise money for St. Anne's School & Church during our **Scrip Black Friday Event!**
November 1st - November 23rd

For every \$100 of Scrip you purchase during the event, your name will be entered into a drawing. The more Scrip you buy, the more chances you have to win!

Four lucky winners will each receive a \$50 gift card of their choice! Winners will be drawn live on Facebook on Wednesday, November 24.



Emily Sunderman
Director of Religious Education
esunderman@stanneslesueur.org

Youth Group: We had 27 youth get together for a bonfire, s'mores and a hayride on Saturday, Oct 30th! A special thank you to the Osborne family for hosting us on a beautiful fall night. It was too dark to take any photos, but all kids (and Fr. Shofner) really enjoyed it! Given many of our students are in the fall musical, we will not be hosting a formal youth gathering in November. We hope you go and support our St. Anne's students at the theater! Save the date for Sunday, December 19th for the next youth gathering. More details to follow.

Faith Formation: A special thank you to all who joined us in praying the Rosary on Oct 27th for Tess Miller. It was a beautiful way to end the Month of the Rosary and offer prayers of healing for our parish secretary. This coming Wednesday, November 10th our 30 confirmation students in grades 9 & 10 will go on their NET retreat at St. Mary's in Le Center. Please pray for these students as they enter into this special time of prayer and discernment.



We have had some very fruitful prayer and discussions over the past 5 weeks, as a group of our parishioners have joined together to talk about some of the key focus areas that our Church has asked us to address.

It's not too late to join us in our final discussion. You don't need to have attended the other sessions in order to attend this final session. All sessions are taking place at St. Anne's School.

Our FINAL Small Group Session will take place this weekend, **Sunday, November 7 at 7:00 PM at St. Anne's School.** Please note the time change for this session. We will discuss how to engage our youth and young families in the life of the Church, specifically: 1) Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12), and 2) Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-35).

Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. To pre-register, call the Parish Office at 507-665-3811 or email esunderman@stanneslesueur.org.

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