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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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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 week we celebrate Thanksgiving. While not an official Church feast, certainly the Church encourages the act of giving thanks on this day (and every day), since it is in keeping with the spirit of recognizing God's providential action in our lives. We take some time to reflect this week on the many gifts that God has bestowed on us as individuals, on our families and friends, our community, our nation and our world. But in doing so, let us recognize not just the *Gift*, but the *Giver*! Very often we tend to attribute good fortune in life to *our efforts alone*. And while many successes come our way due to our persistence and hard work, we also have to recognize that no good thing comes to us if not through God. He opens the door, He presents the opportunity, He blesses our efforts and makes them bear fruit – and for that, we give Him thanks. However you are planning to spend this Thanksgiving holiday, I pray that it is safe, restful, enjoyable and blessed!

This weekend we also celebrate the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (also known as the Feast of Christ the King). This feast marks the final week of our Church year. We proclaim that Jesus, as King of our lives, reigns over all. And as such, He wills to establish His Kingdom on earth. We pray that it may be so – that's why we pray "Thy Kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer.

Second only to the saving act of His Death and Resurrection, Jesus came to preach the Kingdom. But what is the Kingdom? People kept confusing it with an earthly kingdom. The mother of James and John saw it as a place to advance in honor and power, and thus she asked that her sons sit on Jesus' right and left in His Kingdom. Jesus quickly corrects her by explaining that His Kingdom is not one for those who aspire for earthly greatness, but for those who are willing to walk the hard road of service and humility, even suffering (see Matthew 20:20-28). When Pontius Pilate interrogated Jesus at His trial, he thought the kingdom was one of earthly power and might, with warriors and lands. Jesus replied: "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here" (see John 18:33-36). The Kingdom is best understood as Heaven. And as such, we need One who will guide us there.

Our times certainly have many problems, and we're constantly on the lookout for a "Messiah" who will solve all our problems and set us on the right path. We look to leaders in government and business, even entertainment, to find one who will lead us in the ways of truth and righteousness. We find, however, that all worldly powers fall short. The one we are searching for is the one who has been with us all along – Jesus Christ the King. And His

Kingdom is one of true joy, peace and justice. Jesus invites us today to prepare for the coming of His Kingdom by living according to the dictates of the Kingdom now, that is, by following the Commandments, fostering an active prayer life, participating in the Sacraments, serving others, and surrendering our lives to Him. If we start there, then we will see the Kingdom begin to unfold among us. This is the work of the Church, to celebrate Jesus Christ as King and to prepare our hearts for His coming. May we do so faithfully and with great joy.

God Bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner
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Mark your calendars now!

Sunday, December 12, 2021
8:30 am-12:00 pm Noon
St. Anne's School – 511 N. 4th St., Le Sueur

Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast

Sponsored by St. Anne's CCW
All-you-can-eat Waffles, Sausage, and Toppings
Beverage included
Advanced tickets: \$8.00 / At the door: \$10.00
Age 5 and under: Free

Tickets available at the School & Parish offices, at church after Masses, and parents of St. Anne's Faith Formation and St. Anne's School students, or call Pam Schwartz (665-4323).

Cookie Walk

Sponsored by the St. Anne's Patrons and Friends
A great way to do your holiday baking! Choose from a large assortment – pay by the pound

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 23rd - 10:00 am

School Mass

Devin Leinonen ❤

Wednesday, November 24th - 8:00 am

Deward "Sockie" Savage †

Thursday, November 25th - 8:00 am

THANKSGIVING DAY

Martha May †

Friday, November 26th - 8:00 am

Len and Evelyn Svihel †

Saturday, November 27th - 5:15 pm

Rosemary Burns †

Sunday, November 28th - 8:00 am

Parish of St. Anne ❤

Sunday, November 28th - 10:30 am

David Bach †

† Deceased Individuals ❤ Special Intention

AltarMinistry

SATURDAY, November 27th - 5:15 pm

Altar Servers: Madison Svihel, Abby Lewis

Music: Art and Barb Straub

SUNDAY, November 28th - 8:00 am

Altar Servers: Grady Graham, Andrew Genelin

Music: Sarah Schwartz

SUNDAY, November 28th - 10:30 am

Altar Servers: William Sunderman, Ruby Fritz

Music: Sarah Schwartz

*** 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!

November

Giving

November Giving

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,480.00

Weekend of	Amount Received
All Saints All Souls	\$ 222.00 \$ 440.00
November 7, 2021	\$ 7,664.98
November 14, 2021	* See note below *
November 21, 2021	
November 28, 2021	

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, our bulletin deadline dates changed, so last weekend's giving was not available at the time of bulletin publication. Please see next week's bulletin for updated giving. THANK YOU for your ongoing support!



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!

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

St. Anne's School held a Veteran's Day Program on November 11th. All the Veterans who were presenting the program were alumni of St. Anne's, had family members attending, or working at St. Anne's. They taught the students flag etiquette, the history of the flag and spoke about their experiences while serving our country. They also gave each student a poppy and showed a short video of the story behind the poppy. Thank you to all the Veterans who are serving or have served our country and the sacrifices you made to protect our great nation!



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

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, Joann Schwartz, Lori Steffens, Cheryl Zachman, LeeAnn Ziegler, Tess Miller, Bev Prenevost

Year-End Donations

If you are planning your year-end donations, please be aware that in order to be posted to 2021, all donations must be received in the parish office by December 31, 2021. The parish office will be open until 12:00 Noon on December 31, 2021.

Giving – Tax Planning

The 2021 year is quickly coming to an end, and so it's time to plan for any year-end donations.

The strategy of donating to the church directly from an IRA after age 72 is still available. The donation allows those age 72 and over to give money to the church directly from their IRAs in a tax-advantageous manner. This allows IRA owners who have attained age 72 to distribute money directly from the IRA to the church and not have to pay the income tax on those dollars. The amount of the contribution is not counted as income, thus it does not get included in Gross Income when determining the amount of your Social Security that is taxed. In addition, the qualified charitable contribution (QCD) counts toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

To take advantage of this tax-saving donation, please talk with your financial planner about donating your distribution from your IRA to St. Anne's Church.





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.



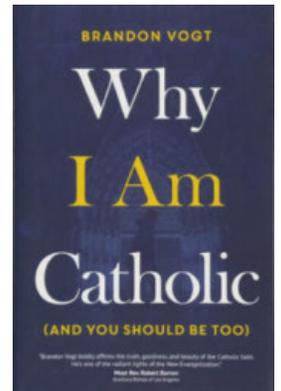
Emily Sunderman
Director of Religious Education
esunderman@stanneslesueur.org

Our 9th and 10th graders attended their Confirmation NET Retreat on November 10th with other Confirmation students from St. Mary's, Nativity, and Marysburg. The students participated in games, small group activities, large group activities, Mass, Adoration and the sacrament of Confession! Please continue to pray for them!



UPCOMING BOOK STUDY

"Are you convinced that the Catholic Church is the right church for you? Do you know why? Come and be convinced by a group discussion of the book *"Why I Am Catholic (And you should be too)"* by Brandon Vogt. Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, says that Vogt 'boldly affirms the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith'. He is a millennial and former Methodist who went on a search for the truth and discusses why he became Catholic." Call Kathy Ramey if interested at 612-751-3274. Meeting times to be determined.



Need encouragement in your marriage to renew and restore your commitment to your spouse?

Plan to attend a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat on December 4-5, and see how Christ desires to bless your marriage throughout the Christmas season! Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. For additional information, visit www.marriages.org or call 651.454.3238.

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