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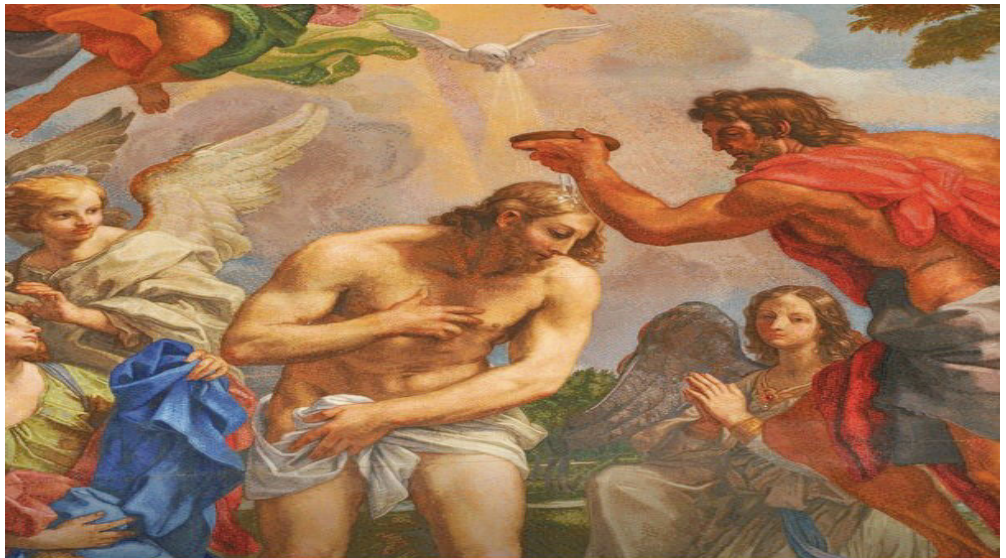
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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. Mass will be broadcast on Facebook Live on Saturday at 5:15 pm. To watch, go to Facebook.com/stannescatholicchurchlesueur/.

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 celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It is the moment the waters were sanctified by the Holy Spirit so that they might become a very real means by which divine life is given to us, to wash away our sins and to help us to live holy lives. With this event, Baptism becomes a Sacrament of grace whose importance should not be minimized. In fact, we should treasure the gift of faith we receive in Baptism.

Understanding what Baptism does for us is most important for our appreciation of the Sacrament. When I prepare couples for the baptism of their child, I describe the four effects of baptism in the life of the soul:

- * **Baptism washes away sin:** While for a child, it makes sense to talk only of original sin, if an adult were to be baptized, all the sins they had committed their life would also be wiped away. This is the power of the Sacrament of Baptism! It's amazing to think that at the moment of Baptism, a parent is holding in their arms a perfect person in the eyes of God – they are in perfect relationship with God. They are saints! But while the stain of sin is washed away, we have to remember that something remains, something we call “concupiscence”, which is the tendency to selfishness because sin in the world still has a negative effect on us and acts upon us.
- * **Baptism is our initial entrance into the Church:** Baptism is the first Sacrament, which gives us access to the entire sacramental life available within the Church. Furthermore, Baptism gives us a community of faith that, in one sense, fulfills our social needs, but in a deeper sense connects us to one another in a bond of fraternal love. Our Baptism calls us, then, to pray for one another and assist each other in their journey of faith and holiness, while at the same time we benefit from the prayers and assistance of all within the Body of Christ.
- * **Baptism is the first time we receive the Holy Spirit:** While the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon in each of the Sacraments, Baptism is our first introduction of the Spirit into our souls. He vitalizes our human spirit so that we may be able to live out our call to be Christians in the world. He helps us to be holy, and guides and strengthens us through the spiritual gifts.
- * **In Baptism we know our identity as a child of God:** While a baby may not be able to communicate with God through words, there is still a deep conversation taking place between a child and God at the moment of Baptism, because God speaks to the heart. And within the heart, God says to the child: “You are My precious son or daughter.” And the child knows to whom they belong. Life, however, can introduce many challenges and threats to that knowledge—disappointments and failures and the mean comments of others can make us lose that sense of dignity and worth that are rightfully ours because of our being children of God. This is where the parents’ and godparents’ roles are so important, as they remind the child who they are in the eyes of God.

In Baptism a child is brought into the faith of his or her parents. And thus the role of the parents as first teachers of their child in the ways of faith cannot be underestimated. By modeling a holy life through practice of the faith, through passing on knowledge of the faith, and by living the moral life, parents prepare their children for eternal life.

We should cherish our Baptism as an immense gift from God above! And we should thank our parents and godparents for bringing us to the waters of Baptism and for following through on their promise to be an example of the faith. And most of all, let us thank God above for this powerful means to our holiness!

God bless,
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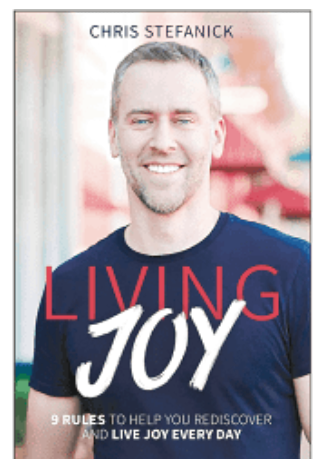
Congratulations to Dutton Michael Fahey, infant son of Patrick and Emily, who was baptized last Sunday, January 3 at St. Anne's. May the fullness of God's grace be upon him as he lives out his new life in Christ!

Minnesota Valley Action Council grants for energy assistance

Many local families and individuals find it difficult to pay their monthly energy bills. The Energy Assistance Program provides a grant for income-eligible households that can help defray some of these costs, leaving more of the family resources available for other expenses. The Program can also assist households in crisis situations with disconnect notices or when they are almost out of heating fuel. Grants are paid directly to the vendor on their behalf.

“Living Joy” by Chris Stefanick

Joy isn't a luxury. It's a necessity. But how do we find joy—and hold onto it—when so much in our life stands in the way? “Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help you Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day” equips you with the wisdom you need to experience joy to the fullest. Chris Stefanick presents nine rules that will empower you to overcome the obstacles that are keeping you from unspeakable joy.



A limited number of these FREE books are available at the entrances of the church.

Weekly Parish Notes

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 11th - 10:00 am

SCHOOL MASS

John Monahan ❤️

Wednesday, January 12th - 8:00 am

Bill Schrank †

Thursday, January 13th - 8:00 am

Joan Oak †

Friday, January 14th - 8:00 am

Mary Felmlee †

Saturday, January 15th - 5:15 pm

Robert Doering †

Sunday, January 16th - 8:00 am

Mike Powers †

Sunday, January 16th - 10:30 am

Parish of St. Anne ❤️

† Deceased Individuals ❤️ Special Intention

December 2021 / January 2022 Giving

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,480.00

Weekend of	Amount Received
December 24-25, 2021 Christmas	\$ 705.00 \$ 8,941.00
December 26, 2021	\$ 5,867.00
January 1, 2022 Mary Mother of God	\$800.00
January 2, 2022	\$4,493.00
January 9, 2022	
January 16, 2022	
January 23, 2022	
January 30, 2022	

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**.

AltarMinistry

SATURDAY, January 15th - 5:15 pm

Altar Servers: Carter Glick, [*Volunteer*]

Music: Art and Barb Straub

Lector: [*Volunteer*]

SUNDAY, January 16th - 8:00 am

Altar Servers: Joe Lewis, Abby Lewis

Music: Joe Roby

Lector: Curt Kowaleski

SUNDAY, January 16th - 10:30 am

Altar Servers: Gabe Roby, [*Volunteer*]

Music: Adult Choir

Lector: Kathy Ramey



Our Music Ministry is in search of additional keyboard players to help cover music at Masses. If you are a pianist or organist and are willing to help out, please contact Music Director Meghan Roby at 507-351-6605 or mroby@stanneslesueur.org.

***** Altar Server scheduling *****

To sign up your child for altar serving on the weekends of January 2022, please visit our SignUp Genius page:

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

Choose the Mass times that work best for your family's schedule. 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.

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



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Save the Date

We will be wrapping up Catholic Schools week by having a Down Home Breakfast at St. Anne's School on Sunday, February 6th, 8:00 am- 12:00 pm. So mark your calendars and please join us for breakfast!



All are welcome to our second Come to the Table meal!

We are thankful for the return of the Come to the Table program. This year our Come to the Table meals are being hosted by various groups in our parish and our Knights of Columbus are hosting our next one. Please join us for a delicious meal, good conversation, and growing fellowship on Wednesday, January 12th from 5-6:30 PM in the school gym. Free will offerings will be accepted, but not required.

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!

** A reminder that eGift cards are available 24/7 when using the RaiseRight app or www.shopwithscrip.com to order. Our enrollment code is **285B39BC4829** ***

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, LeeAnn Ziegler, Tess Miller, Bev Prenevost, Shawn Kulzer



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This past Advent our Faith Formation Families adopted a family in need to help make their Christmas a little brighter. The Holy Spirit was present throughout this entire process and it was a beautiful gift to witness!

This young family of 7 moved back to Minnesota after moving multiple times during the 8 years their Dad served for our United States Army. Since their last move home, Dad has suffered with severe mental health disabilities and has been in and out of the VA Medical Hospital in Minneapolis. This past year, a group of parishioners from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton sponsored for the 4 older kids to attend the Catholic school there. When the Mom and I first made contact, she was overwhelmed that yet another Catholic group was helping their family with Christmas gifts!

Tears and prayers were shared by both of us when I met her with a van FULL of gifts for their entire family during the 4th week of Advent. Thank you to all of those who so generously gave to help make this Christmas a little brighter for this family!

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