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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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.

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 week we prepare ourselves to commemorate a somber anniversary. January 22 marks the 49th anniversary of the 1973 Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our country. Since then, over 50 million lives have been lost due to abortion. Astounding numbers that should cause great sadness for us all.

I remember first learning about abortion when I was in a seventh grade Home Economics class. My teacher asked us to look around at the empty chairs around the room. She stated that those chairs should be filled with our classmates, but they're not, because of abortion. That simple illustration stuck with me, especially as I later considered all the implications, that potential husbands and wives of my friends were not born, that children today are deprived of friends they would have had, that we were deprived of great scientific and artistic minds.

We believe, as Christians, that life is a gift—from the beginning of creation, God formed man in His own image and breathed life into him, giving him a dignity that surpasses that of any other creature. At the moment of conception, God enters into the loving, life-giving act between man and woman, in order to create life. How do we celebrate that life? By nurturing it, loving it, giving that life what it needs to thrive. And by supporting the ones through whom God allowed this life to come into being – by supporting the mother and father. This is the work of pro-life ministries.

Pro-life work is not about condemning or shaming women who are considering an abortion or have had an abortion. It's about loving the woman and wanting her to be healed from the pain and fear she's feeling at the time of an unexpected or difficult pregnancy. It's about loving the child in the womb and wanting to give them a chance at life. The proper work of pro-life advocates is not to pit mother against child, but to save them both.

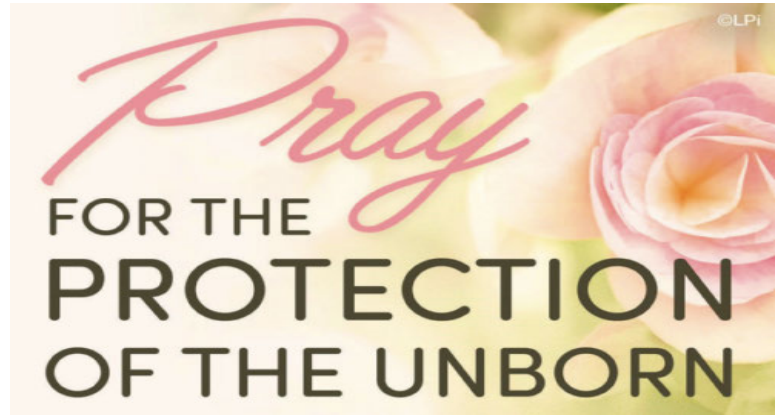
As a society and as a Church, we have to address how we can best support women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy, women who have had an abortion, and men who are their husbands and boyfriends. We must address how to remember and honor those lives that are lost through abortion. And we must address how to form a culture that recognizes and values the humanity and dignity of the unborn.

The prophet Isaiah speaks some very powerful words today: "For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet." Whether it's abortion or any issue that affects the dignity of the human person, we should feel compelled to speak or act in the name of those who cannot speak or act for themselves. Whether we get properly educated on pro-life issues, get involved in the public square, or talk to those in our circle of family and friends, we can do much to further the conversation.

Living in our current times is not easy. It requires courage, not just to speak out, but to pray fervently for our nation. We have to trust that Christ is on the side of life. Just as this

weekend's Gospel teaches us, we must defer to Christ in all things – just as only Christ has the power to turn water into wine, so also only Christ has the power to transform hearts and souls. So let us do what we are called to, but place the results in His hands. Let us continue to pray for our nation, for the women suffering the fear of an unexpected pregnancy or the pain of abortion, for their husbands and boyfriends, and for the children who have been lost or are threatened by abortion.

God bless,
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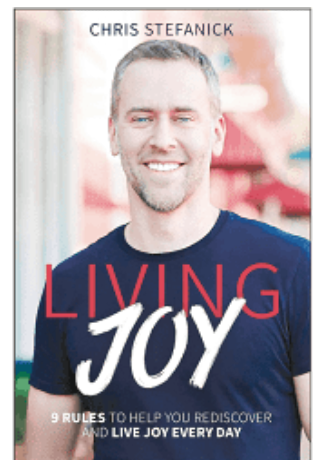


Minnesota Valley Action Council grants for energy assistance

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 18th - 10:00 am

SCHOOL MASS

Becky Willaert-Little †

Wednesday, January 19th - 8:00 am

Anne Schmidt †

Thursday, January 20th - 8:00 am

Darlene Krueger †

Friday, January 21st - 8:00 am

Tim White †

Saturday, January 22nd - 5:15 pm

Leon and Craig Glazier †

Sunday, January 23rd - 8:00 am

Parish of St. Anne ♥

Sunday, January 23rd - 10:30 am

Jack and Winnie Powers †

† Deceased Individuals ♥ Special Intention

AltarMinistry

SATURDAY, January 22nd - 5:15 pm

Altar Servers: Luca Greenig, Owen Greenig

Music: Sam Burns

Lector: Tom Rabaey

SUNDAY, January 23rd - 8:00 am

Altar Servers: Andrew Genelin, Wyatt Genelin

Music: Sam Burns

Lector: Cory Genelin

SUNDAY, January 23rd - 10:30 am

Altar Servers: Stella Nelson, [volunteer]

Music: Sam Burns

Lector: Pam Meyer



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



January 2022 Giving

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,480.00

Weekend of	Amount Received
January 1, 2022 Mary Mother of God	\$ 800.00
January 2, 2022	\$ 4,493.00
January 9, 2022	\$ 6,268.68
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**.



Anne Lewis, Principal

annelewis@stanneslesueur.org

St. Anne's School would like to introduce you to Kinsley Jean, daughter of third grade teacher Mrs. Bailey Schwope and her husband Lucas.



Kinsley was born on Thursday, January 6. Welcome to the world, sweet girl!

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** ***

Amen™

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.
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- ◆ Journal your daily thoughts and prayers

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

happenings

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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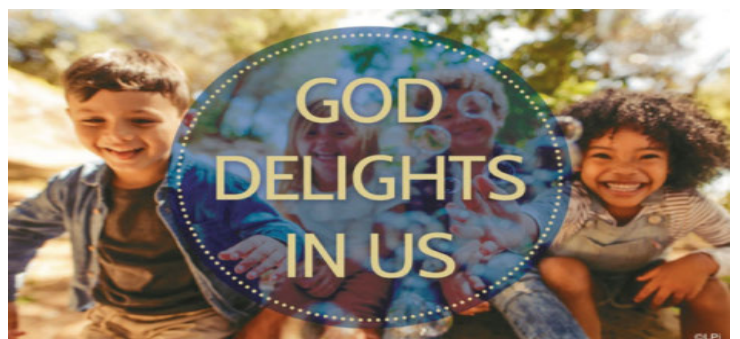
Every Catholic Christian knows that prayer is important, that we should pray, but few of us have ever been taught how.

In YDisciple's newest series "Known: Experiencing God in Daily Prayer", teens will not just learn about the building blocks of personal prayer time, they will also take time to practice and experience different types of prayer in order that they can build a habit of daily prayer.

This series includes:

- 4 video sessions to ignite discussion about prayer
- 3 non-video sessions to practice prayer together as a group

Our Confirmation students returned from Christmas break to find the format of class changed up a bit! We combined the male and female students in grades 9 & 10 to have a female group lead by catechist Rhonda Kaelberer and our male group lead by catechist Dave Pfarr to guide these students through this 7-week prayer series. Please pray for these students and their catechists!



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