A LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF

(507) 665-3811 | 217 NORTH 3RD STREET, LE SUEUR, MN 56058

January 23, 2022

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Will resume in September.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18

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

PRAYER CHAIN

MARRIAGES

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,

There are many individuals who are drawn in their spiritual lives to do a daily devotional—a brief passage of Scripture, followed by a meditation or prayer that they can reflect on throughout the day. It is a wonderful way to soak in the Word of God in a way that is not too overwhelming. There are countless options for devotionals that can be found in bookstores and online, many of which are Catholic and many of which are not specific to any particular Christian denomination.

A number of years ago I happened upon a book of daily meditations entitled "Divine Intimacy" by a Carmelite priest from the early 20th century named Fr. Gabriel of Saint Mary Magdalen. Each day he offers two separate meditations on a given spiritual topic, along with a passage known as a *colloquy* (that is, a conversation with God). Sets of meditations in a given time are grouped by a common theme, for example, the Christian virtues. I remember being struck by a passage on courage, also known as fortitude (which is a favorite virtue of mine these days). There is an increasing need for true courage in our world today, particularly when it comes to proclaiming the truths of our faith in Jesus Christ. Societal pressures and evolving cultural values have caused many Christians to retreat out of fear of persecution. Courage is also needed to persevere in our daily tasks, which can overwhelm us when we are overcome with fear, fatigue or doubt. What does the virtue of courage consist of? And how can we grow in this much-needed virtue?

Fr. Gabriel states that courage finds its origin in our love for God: "The more a soul loves God, the more courageous it will be in undertaking any work, no matter how laborious, for love of Him." Love causes a person to be single-minded in their purpose and to act without hesitation or doubt, because there is a greater purpose driving our actions. This can be likened to a parent who would not hesitate to do anything for their child, even something that is quite fearful. Love for God impels us to do the same, and the courage that comes as a result overcomes the fear of fatigue, of suffering and of danger. "Courage enables us to confront anything in order to be faithful to God."

I think the most misunderstood aspect of courage is that we believe it means never being afraid. But true courage, we're taught, arises not from the emotions, but from the will, meaning that we *choose* to be courageous, *even if* fear is present. We make up our minds to act, in spite of our natural fear, particularly when the smallest difficulties seem like mountains. I think it's true for most of us, that if we were to wait until we felt courageous, we might never act on anything. I love what St. Therese of Lisieux has to say on this: "What does it matter if we have no courage, provided we act as though we were really brave?"

There are certainly many circumstances where we could grow in courage. I often hear from folks who describe being with friends, and the conversation may turn to gossip, which makes them uncomfortable. Courage would dictate that we speak up to put an end to those conversations, but many of us are timid in doing so, for fear of being rejected or condemned. Yet doing what is right always trumps being accepted by others. To grow in courage in such a circumstance, we have to trust that the Lord has given us sufficient grace to take the initial step, to open our mouths and correct our brother or sister. We just need to cooperate with that grace and do it. The Lord will do the rest. We might be surprised how courageous we suddenly become when we no longer depend on our own strength but rather on God's grace!

In time, courage will conquer our fears and help us to face the task set before us. And if we need greater encouragement, just look to Jesus as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; yet not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39). As Jesus faced His suffering and death, He turned to the Father for strength and courage. So must we. As Fr. Gabriel states: "By uniting ourselves to this act of our Savior...we shall find strength to embrace all that is painful in our lives." Let us take his counsel to heart, and not be afraid!

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

> Ordination of Bishop Joseph Williams, new Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis



On October 18, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Andrew Cozzens, auxiliary bishop of our Archdiocese, as Bishop of the Diocese of Crookston in northwest Minnesota. He was officially installed on December 6, 2021.

On December 10, Pope Francis named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as the new Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. His Epis-

copal Ordination will take place Tuesday, January 15 at 1:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The ordination will be livestreamed on MetroCable Channel 6 and on the Archdiocesan Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseSPM/</u>. Please join us in praying for our new Auxiliary Bishop!

I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who supported me after my fall. From all the prayers, thoughts, visits, walks, food and everything else. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful support. I am convinced that all the kindness and prayers certainly helped me recover faster. We have a wonderful parish community, and I have seen first-hand the goodness that comes from it.



God bless you all. Tess Miller

Weekly Parish Notes

MASS INTENTIONS

 Tuesday, January 25th - 10:00 am

 SCHOOL MASS

 Pat and Marge Osborne

Wednesday, January 26th - 8:00 am Robert and Veronica Graham

Thursday, January 27th - 8:00 am John Casey ₽

Friday, January 28th - 8:00 am Bill Schrank ↔

Saturday, January 29th - 5:15 pm Leon Glazier 🕆

Sunday, January 30th - 8:00 am Daryl Narveson ↔

Sunday, January 30th - 10:30 am Parish of St. Anne 🎔

- Deceased Individuals
- Special Intention



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	\$ 5,723.00		
January 23, 2022			
January 30, 2022			

<u>Thank You</u> 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**.

Altar Ministry

SATURDAY, January 29th - 5:15 pm

<u>Altar Servers</u>: Carter Glick, Joe Lewis <u>Music</u>: Art and Barb Straub <u>Lector</u>: Ruth Vortherms

SUNDAY, January 30th - 8:00 am

<u>Altar Servers</u>: Libby Genelin, Ben VonEschen <u>Music</u>: Joe Roby Lector: Cory Genelin

SUNDAY, January 30th - 10:30 am

<u>Altar Servers</u>: Gabe Roby, Rachel Ammann <u>Music</u>: Children's Choir <u>Lector</u>: Jack Ammann



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 <u>mroby@stanneslesueur.org</u>.

*** 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 using the link or QR code.

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

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faithful beginnings at St. Anne's School Preschool Event Thursday, February 17 | 6:15 pm

For children interested in attending preschool at St. Anne's School for the 2022-2023 school year



ST. Anne's School



ST. Anne's School Down Home Breakfast



Sunday, February 6th | 8 am - Noon

Breakfast includes:

Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potato, Sausage, Pancakes, Fruit, Muffins & Beverage – all prepared by our very own St. Anne's School cooks!

Ticket Prices:

\$10 Presale | \$12 at the Door Children 5 and under: FREE *Tickets available at the School Office, Scrip Table or any St. Anne's School Family

Tuition Raffle

Raffle Tickets: \$10 Prize: \$2,000* tuition credit for students in K-5 for the 2022-23 school year, or \$2,000 cash prize for those who do not have students.

Official Rules:

- One winner will be selected on February 6, 2022.
- Tuition credit is good for one student tuition in Grade K-5.
- Tuition credit may be transferred from winner to another St. Anne's student billing account if winner does not have a child at
- St. Anne's or a balance on a student billing account.
- There are no limitations or exclusions on who is eligible to purchase tickets.
- You do not need to be present to win.
- Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis. Limited to 600 tickets sold.
- A minimum of 200 tickets must be sold to ensure the success of the raffle. (If less than 200 tickets are sold, the prize will be prorated.)

• Tuition credit is redeemable for \$2,000 cash if the winner does not have a student at St. Anne's.

<u>**Trayers for the Sick & Recovering**</u>

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, Rebecca Popowski, Brina Powers, David Powers, John Roby, Anna Mae Scheiber, Joann Schwartz, Lori Steffens, LeeAnn Ziegler, Tess Miller, Bev Prenevost, Sean Kulzer, Cheryl Zachman, Elwood Bauleke



Emily Sunderman Director of Religious Education esunderman@stanneslesueur.org



Do you want to connect with like-minded parents in a welcoming and supportive environment? Do want to learn various ways to teach the Faith to your child? Do you want to deepen your relationship with your child? Then, join us for Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL)!

At ECFL, we believe that a child's first and most important teachers are his or her parents. Our mission is simpleconnect parents with their peers and empower them to raise their children optimally in the Faith. ECFL welcomes families with children 0-5 years old.

This time around we will be doing a 4-part program including parent discussion time where we will focus on the book" Life is Messy" by Matthew Kelly and children's learning time. If you have children older than age 5, you are welcome to join us for the parent discussion portion of the book.

Casie Klockmann and Emily Sunderman are excited to bring this opportunity to our community and hope that you will join us! To learn more or join, contact: Emily Sunderman at: <u>esunderman@stanneslesueur.org</u>

St. Anne's Happenings

Christmas Flowers 2021 Donations and Memorials

Susan Munshower	Clair & Rosamond Meyer	Charlette Schwartz In memory of:	Jake Schwartz
David & Mary Frazie	r	Bev Almich	
In memory of:	Mel & Margaret Clark Tom & Leone Frazier	In memory of:	Roscoe & Mary Felmlee Jim Felmlee
In thanksgiving			
Doris Glazier		Margaret Monahan In memory of:	Pete Monahan
In memory of:	Leon Glazier Craig Glazier		Nancy Pautz
t	Teresita Glazier	Dorothy Luskey In memory of:	John Luskey
Vern & Diane Korb			Mary Needham & Families
In memory of:	Pat Braunberger Mary Ellen Schuler	Ken & Meg Paulson In honor of:	Lukas & Annetta Loose
Mabel Schweiss		In memory of:	Landon Gabriel Loose
In memory of:	Howard Schweiss		Bruno Wacker Gaylord Paulson
Bob & Nancy Herron	The Herron & Klapperich families		Joseph Wagner John Wellmann & families
Pete & Sylvia Straub			
In memory of:	Clinton & Mayona Schultz Harold & Catherine Straub		
Alan & Monica Kortz			
In memory of:	Alvin & Sylvia Mucha Hubert & Delores Kortz Howard Braun		
Henry & RoseAnne K	ress		
In memory of:	The Kress & Lampert families		
Yvonne Guckeen			
In memory of:	Jim Guckeen The deceased members of the Guc	keen & Shobaken familie	25
Dale & Janice Winter	s		
In memory of:	Ben Holicky The deceased members of the Wac	ker & Winters families	

