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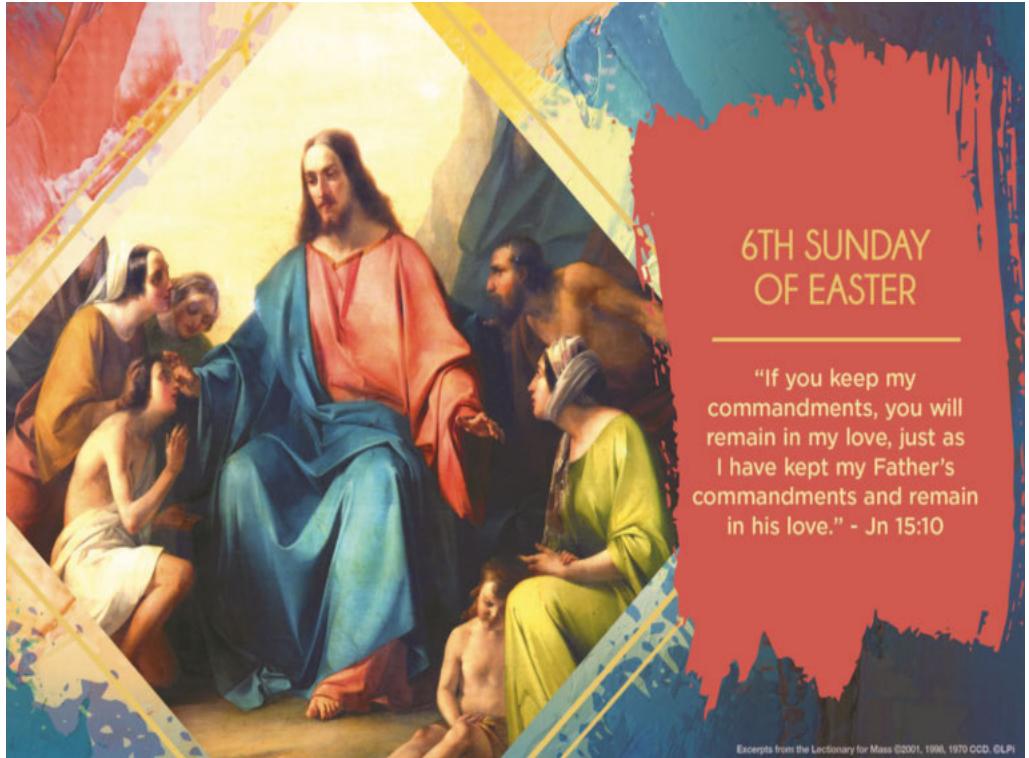
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For information, please contact the pastor, either by telephone or email.

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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](http://www.stanneschurchlesueur.org)

# From Father Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Exciting news is on the horizon for the Catholic Church. This past weekend the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints (the body that presents cases of those who are being considered for canonization as saints in the Church) announced the upcoming canonization of a young Italian man in 2025. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who was known for his profound faith, tireless service to the poor, and infectious joy, continues to inspire countless individuals around the world. While a specific date has not yet been set, the Church looks forward to this joyous occasion during the jubilee year of 2025. (A jubilee year has deep Jewish roots and was called every 50 years as a time of extraordinary mercy, forgiveness and solidarity. The Catholic Church adopted the practice of a jubilee year but holds them every 25 years, offering to the faithful special blessings.)

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is one of my favorite holy men of Church. When I first discovered him about 20 years ago, I was fascinated by his life story. He was born in Turin, Italy in 1901 into a prominent and wealthy family. Despite his privileged upbringing, Pier Giorgio embraced a life of simplicity and humility, following the teachings of Christ with unwavering devotion. Despite criticisms and strong resistance from his family, Pier Giorgio remained faithful to Christ. His deep love for the Eucharist and dedication to prayer sustained him through life's challenges and trials.

One of Pier Giorgio's most distinctive qualities was his commitment to serving the marginalized and disadvantaged in society. He spent much of his time volunteering in shelters, visiting the sick, and offering assistance to those in need. His family tried to dissuade him from serving the poor, as they saw it beneath their status as a family of renown, and his father saw it as a distraction from pursuing the life his father wanted for his son. It is well-known that when he graduated high school, his father gave him the choice of a car or money as a graduation gift. He chose the money and promptly distributed it to the poor. His compassion knew no bounds, and he viewed every person he encountered as a beloved child of God deserving of dignity and respect.

Pier Giorgio's love for the outdoors and adventurous spirit also reflected his profound spiritual life. He was known to be a mountain climber, often scaling the mountains surrounding Turin, finding solace and inspiration in the beauty of God's creation. His passion for nature served as a reminder of the majesty of the Creator and the importance of stewardship of the earth.

As a result of so much time spent with the sick and poor, he contracted polio and died at the young age of 24. Despite such a short life, Pier Giorgio left a lasting legacy of holiness and virtue, which his family was largely unaware of until

his funeral when thousands filled the streets to pay their respects. It was then that his family recognized the holiness of this young man. Pier Giorgio's impact on the world continues to reverberate. His witness challenges us to live our faith boldly, to seek out opportunities for service and charity, and to embrace joy in all circumstances.

As we anticipate Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's canonization in 2025, let us take inspiration from his life and strive to follow his example of radical love and devotion to God. May his intercession strengthen our faith and lead us closer to Christ.

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



Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



*Congratulations to Boone David Edberg, infant son of Patrick and Britany, who was baptized at St. Anne's on Sunday, April 28.*

*May the grace of the Holy Baptism continue to bear good fruit in his heart and soul!*



Marriage Banns  
Scott Matthew Syverson &  
Mary Constance Weber

# Weekly Parish Notes

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, May 7th - 10:00 am - School Mass

David Bach †

### Wednesday, May 8th - 8:00 am

Living and deceased members of the Backes & Kinzer Families † ❤

### Thursday, May 9th - 8:00 am

Clair Meyer †

### Friday, May 10th - 8:00 am

Michael Bisch †

### Friday, May 10th - 10:00 am (French Meadow)

Dick & Theresa Doherty †

### Saturday, May 11th - 5:15 pm

Bob Doering †

### Sunday, May 12th - 8:00 am

Martha May †

### Sunday, May 12th - 10:30 am

Parish of St. Anne ❤

† Deceased Individuals      ❤ Special Intention



## GIVING

### April 2024 Giving

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,480.00

Weekend of	Amount Received
April 7, 2024	\$ 10,483.00
April 14, 2024	\$ 5,621.00
April 21, 2024	\$ 7,068.00
April 28, 2024	\$ 5,629.00

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 sign up online thru **WeShare**.

## AltarMinistry

### SATURDAY, May 11th - 5:15 pm

Altar Servers: (2 volunteers needed)

Lector: Joanne Smith

Music: Art & Barb Straub / John & Karen Brancamp

### SUNDAY, May 12th - 8:00 am

Altar Servers: (2 volunteers needed)

Lector: Curt Kowaleski

Music: Sandy Pinney / Amy Tolson

### SUNDAY, May 12th - 10:30 am

Altar Servers: Grady Graham & Shea Graham

Lector: Pam Meyer

Music: Sandy Pinney / Adult Choir



### \*\*\* Altar Server Scheduling \*\*\*

To sign up your child for altar serving for weekend Masses, please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEAA29A5F5C25-46946863-mass>

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 use the link above or the QR Code.

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



### 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, use the QR Code or go online to:

[stanneslesueur.weshareonline.org](http://stanneslesueur.weshareonline.org)



# St. Anne's Happenings



Ann Gindt  
Director of Faith Formation  
agindt@stanneslesueur.org

Congratulations to the twelve 10th Graders confirmed this weekend at the Cathedral of St. Paul. It was a beautiful Mass! May the Holy Spirit guide them and increase their desire for our Lord.

Our Faith Formation year has ended. Thank you for making sure your kiddos attended each week. We enjoyed getting to know them throughout this year. Thank you, also, to all our volunteers who made this year successful. We appreciate you! Enjoy your summer.

Please feel free to contact me at [agindt@stanneslesueur.org](mailto:agindt@stanneslesueur.org) if you are still interested in attending our Steubenville Conference. We still have a few tickets available. This is an awesome conference you don't want to miss. All students currently in 8th-12th grade may attend.

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ July 12-14: Steubenville Conference for current 8th-12th Graders



Please join the Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women in showing gratitude to our clergy and religious leaders at the:

Clergy Appreciation Dinner  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
St. Mary Catholic Church, Le Center  
5:30 pm Social - 6:30 pm Dinner

Purchase dinner tickets by May 10th from your Parish CCW Representative.



**This Sunday**, May 5th after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. Join us outside the church after Mass for a donut and visit with fellow parishioners.

## St. Anne's School Mother's Day Sale

This coming Friday, May 10th, is the Mother's Day Sale. Thank you for all the donations! This event has been held for the students for 50+ years!

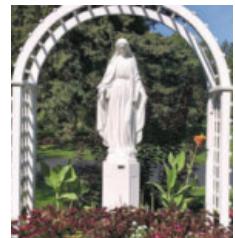
Our parish CCW volunteers are ready to start assembling 150-200 gift baskets. We will meet in the basement of the Parish Center May 6th, 7th and 8th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and on Thursday, May 9th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm we will be setting up for the Friday sale which will run 8:30 to 11:30 am on Friday morning.

We welcome volunteers to help assemble baskets, set up on the 9th and a couple to help with the sale on Friday. There will also be fresh flowers on Friday, individual gift items and a free card for the students!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Renew the promises you made to each other on your wedding day. Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will make your good marriage great! The next available Weekends are Aug. 17-18 in Oakdale, MN and Oct. 4-6 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or call 612-234-7440.

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo. The retreat begins Thursday evening June 6, 2024 and ends Sunday evening June 9, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. Other weekends are available. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website: [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com)



# St. Anne's Happenings



Anne Lewis, Principal  
annelewis@stanneslesueur.org

Pete Favolise has been a volunteer with St. Anne's School for 12 years. He comes in each week and spends time with Grade 4 and Grade 5 students teaching them computer coding. This year Pete suggested updating the computers to enhance the students' experience. Mrs. Lewis applied for a STEM Grant from CSCOE (Catholic Schools Center of Excellence) to help cover the cost. CSCOE approved our request and we were able to purchase 12 new Raspberry Pi laptops. Thank you CSCOE for your generosity and continued support of St. Anne's School. We appreciate Pete's commitment to St. Anne's and his love of teaching and working with our children. We are very thankful for Pete's generous gift of his time that he gives us each week.



*Save the Date*

# Nic at Night



SPRING PROGRAM  
PRESENTED BY **St. Anne's School**

**Wednesday, May 15th**  
10 am & 6:30 pm  
LSH High School Auditorium  
APPROXIMATE RUN TIME: 1.5 HOURS

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## *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.

*Mary Ann Bauer, Mary Boisen, Marge Bruender, Emma Jane Burns, Andy Conroy, Beverley Foskett, Charles Foskett Jr, Mary Frazier, Michelle Guckeen, Rhonda Guertin, Matthew Hennen, Denise Hogan, Howard Holicky Jr, Bruce Kelly, Kathy Lang, Dorothy Luskey, Rebecca Popowski, John Roby, Charlotte Schwarz, Joann Schwartz, Chad Weldon, Butch Ward, Marlys Wolfgram, Tony Ziebarth, LeeAnn Ziegler*

## Patrons of St. Anne's School & SCRIP

Scrip is available to purchase in the St. Anne's School Office weekdays during school hours and after all weekend Masses.

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  
(507-665-2489) or email

## Giving is Faith in Action - 2024 Catholic Services Appeal

Christ's love radiates through us simply by the love we show, the hope we provide, and the gifts we give. When you donate to the Catholic Services Appeal, you support numerous ministries that serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Your generosity of spirit, prayer, and gift will bear fruit by:

- igniting the light of faith in our parishes and schools enabling students to grow in their relationship with the Lord
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- supporting our hospital chaplains who bring comfort and the Sacraments to patients and families in need
- empowering lay leaders in our parishes and communities as they respond to Christ's call to help others

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