

# St. Anne's Church

October 8, 2017

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Mission Statement:** *We, the people of St. Anne's Parish, together with the Diocese of St. Cloud and the Roman Catholic Church, are called to know, love and serve God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to educate ourselves and our children and to carry on Christ's ministry in our daily life as His members.*

**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:30pm.

**Weddings:** Engaged couples should see the pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the parish office for homebound/hospitalized.

**Secretary's Hours:** Lana Vossen - Mon., Thurs. 8:30-12:00 & Wed. 8:30-4:00 (Bulletin materials must be in by Thurs.AM)

**Religious Education:** Betty Nystrom 320-398-2211 Ext. 12, email – [reledsanne@meltel.net](mailto:reledsanne@meltel.net)

**Diocesan Web Site:** [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

October 9	Monday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	Weekday	+Florian Donnay
October 10	Tuesday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Weekday	
October 11	Wednesday	[SA]	8:30 a.m.	Weekday	+Margaret Zierden
October 12	Thursday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Weekday	
October 13	Friday	[SA]	No Mass	Weekday	
October 14	Saturday	[SA]	5:00 p.m.	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Cyril & Theresa Wittrock
October 15	Sunday	[SA]	10:00 a.m.	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Leo & Tresa You;ng

**Weekend Masses at St. Nicholas are Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>
<b>Oct. 14, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Pat Brandt, Gene Gohmann Mary Hinz	Steve Maus	Abbey Schiefelbein Gabrielle Schlueter	Gene Gohmann James Wittrock	J Schiefelbein
<b>Oct. 15, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Colleen DeGree, Kelly Traurig Barb Hoffmann	Dave Traurig	Delaney Westrich Madelyn Hunt	Tony Schmitz Troy Hilsgen	Audrey White

## STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	65 Envelopes of 279
Youth	xxx	8 Envelopes of 86
Loose	<u>xxx</u>	
Total	xxx	

Furnace Replacement xxx  
Cemetery Upkeep xxx

**PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE** of the parish and community who have asked for our prayers: Cheryl Gibeau, Steven Whalen, Allen Kuhn, Ed Jonas, Walter White, Barb Huckenpoehler, Linda Richie, Pete Axford, and Tony Bechtold. Also pray for the women and men serving in the armed forces. Your contact persons are 236-7947, 398-7525 (also the prayer line) or the parish office 398-2211.

Thank you to those who prayed for me while I was Sick.  
Jim Wittrock

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULES** for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter are available and hanging on the bulletin board in the gathering area.

If you are unable to make it here the weekend you are scheduled please find a replacement.

**PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE MEETING** will meet on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> with the Finance meeting at 6:45 p.m. and the Parish Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY MORNING MASS TIME CHANGE:** Starting Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Anne's Mass time will change to 8:00 a.m. and St. Nicholas to 10:00 a.m. Saturday evening Masses remain the same.



## --- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ---

All Religious Ed classes will meet next on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 8:30. Please watch the RE calendar for changes in the schedule and for special events occurring during class times.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PARISH DIRECTORIES** are available in the gathering area on the counter by the bulletin board. Please take one. If your phone number or any other information is incorrect, please call the parish office.

**OUR GUESTS FROM HOMA BAY, KENYA**, have returned to their diocese to share their Minnesota experiences. Peter and Lidiya both wish to express their thanks for the hospitality they received from the community at St. Anne's. In Peter's words "From the bottom of my heart, I thank you! I have been blessed!" As hosts and coordinators of their visit, Bruce and I also want to thank everyone who greeted and welcomed them, spent time with them, shared your homes with them, or showed them our businesses and community. The community of St. Anne's is really a kind and welcoming family, and we are blessed to be a part of it. It is their hope and ours that St. Anne's would become a sister-parish to one of theirs, so that we can continue to stay in contact. Also, there will be a delegation from St. Cloud traveling to Kenya in two years. If you would be interested in either the parish partnership or the trip, please contact us to discuss details. Asante sana! (thank you very much!) Betty Nystrom and Bruce Mancini

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE:** Please join the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of Public prayer, repentance, and conversion. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at the home of Walter and Audrey White, Main Street, beside the Post Office. Any questions? Call Audrey at 398-5381. Bring a rosary

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;" Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Feb 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN and Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact us at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496.

#### **AREA BENEFITS:**

**St. Wendelin's Parish** of Luxemburg will be serving an All-you-can-eat breakfast at Mary Hall on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The menu includes ham and cheese omelets, sausage, potatoes, applesauce, Cold Spring Bakery rolls, toast and beverages. Adults \$8.00, Children ages 5-10 \$4.00, and Children ages 4 and under are free. A bake sale and raffle will also take place. Everyone is welcome

#### **Come to our Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup sale!**

Sale of Bouja and Chicken Noodle Soup at St Anthony's Church in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 am till 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Bouja is \$13.00 per gallon. Chicken Noodle Soup is \$12.00 per gallon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320 764-2965.

#### **GOSPEL CONNECTION: 27<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of the Year** Making contact

In her book *The Honor Was Mine*, psychotherapist Elizabeth Heaney writes about her work with returning service men and women from the war in Afghanistan.

The therapist was asked to be part of an initiative started by the military to bring professional therapists onto bases for informal, confidential counseling. A soldier's only recourse for mental health services had been military medical centers, where waits were long, treatment was iffy and just the request to meet with a counselor would go on the soldier's record.

But the culture of the military was an overwhelming obstacle for the civilian therapist. Talking about problems was not something "real" soldiers did. After accomplishing nothing the first days of her assignment at a southern army base, Heaney realized she had to change her approach. She walked outside her office to the concrete stoop where soldiers spent break time talking in the shade of an old elm tree. Six soldiers were there shooting the breeze. The conversation stopped as soon as Heaney approached. "Can I help you, ma'am?" one soldier asked.

"Oh no," Elizabeth said with forced casualness. "Just getting some fresh air. What are you guys up to? Shouldn't you be hard at work or somewhere?"

They laughed, and a round of good-natured griping about work ensued. Soon they were talking about life on the base. Heaney asked a few questions but mostly listened.

She returned to the stoop every day. She also struck up conversations in the mess hall, in hallways, at breaks. Soldiers slowly began to open up, first only hinting at the burdens they carried. But soon they began coming to her office to tell their stories: One specialist told of recovering the body of a close friend who'd been killed in a roadside enemy attack. "I thought I'd lost my mind," he confided. A sergeant admitted his inability to talk to his girlfriend about the children caught in the war he couldn't help. A lieutenant revealed her struggle to understand why a soldier in her unit - accomplished and decorated - committed suicide after returning from deployment. Did she underestimate the pressures of her service? Was she next?

The stories kept coming: depression, grief, anxiety, divorce, night terrors. The civilian therapist had gained their trust.

Elizabeth Heaney worked on military bases for three years before returning to private practice. About a third of her current clients are active-duty military or veterans. "I wouldn't have talked to you if you hadn't worked on bases," one vet told her.

"Why?" she asked.

"You understand. Other therapists act like they understand but don't. You and I can talk on a whole other level."

Stones rejected: A civilian therapist works hard to establish trust by listening and being present to help men and women in uniform cope with the horrors of war. Like the tenants in today's parable, we are too quick to reject whatever scares us or threatens us, whatever we don't understand, whatever challenges us and the safe little worlds we have created for ourselves. May we have the courage and wisdom to look beyond the "stones" of our fears and welcome Christ (in whatever guise he may appear) into this vineyard of ours, aware that he calls us to the demanding conversion of the Gospel but determined to sow and reap the blessings of God's reign.