

St. Anne's Church

August 5, 2018

Eighteenth 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

Diocesan Web Site: www.stcdio.org

Trustees: Tom Ehlinger and Robin Schiefelbein

Parish Council: Greg Stang, Trudy Westrich, Lois Jensen, Fritz Hoffmann, John Donnay and Mary Lou Pivec

MASS INTENTIONS

August 6	Monday	[SA]	No Mass	The Transfiguration of the Lord	
August 7	Tuesday	[SN]	No Mass	Weekday	
August 8	Wednesday	[SA]	No Mass	Saint Dominic	
August 9	Thursday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Weekday	
August 10	Friday	[SA]	No Mass	Saint Lawrence	
August 11	Saturday	[SA]	5:00 p.m.	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ben Donnay
August 12	Sunday	[SA]	10:00 a.m.	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Members of Both Parishes

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>
Aug. 11, 5:00 p.m.	Gene Gohmann, Mary Mathies, Pat Brandt	Rita Donnay	Luci Schiefelbein Avery Maus	Al Dingmann M. Dingmann	Kathy Tenney
Aug. 12, 10:00 a.m.	Becky Kastanek Barb Hoffmann, Sarah DeMarais		Jason Pierskalla Tristan Pierskalla	Bill Spies Bev Spies	Sue Streit

STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	40 Envelopes of 281
Youth	xxx	7 Envelopes of 97
Loose	xxx	
Total	xxx	

LECTORS NEEDED: We are in great need of Lectors on Sunday mornings. Please consider using your talent and helping out in this much needed ministry at St. Anne's. Call the parish office to sign up.

PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE of the parish and community who have asked for our prayers: Steven Whalen, Allen Kuhn, Walter White, Barb Huckenoehler, Linda Richie, Mary Ann Bechtold, Mitchell Jansky, Jana Hilsgen, Nancy Stang, Bev Kuechle, Zach Schiefelbein, Kevin Keymer, Mary Baker and Julie Anderson. 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.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations to Samuel and Andi (Schiefelbein) Mettler as they exchanged marriage vows on Saturday. May the Lord be with them as they begin their married life.

NEW MEMBERS OF ST. ANNE: Please welcome John and Mary Ochs and their children Carter and Simon to our parish Family.

WEEKDAY MASSES: There will be no weekday masses on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday as Father Statz will be out of town.

OUR FALL FESTIVAL IS SEPTEMBER 16TH
***Raffle tickets** and information letters are available in the Gathering Area. Please pick yours up today! This will help with the postage costs.

FATHER STATZ WILL BE AWAY Sunday afternoon thru Wednesday afternoon, August 5-8. If you need anything please call the parish office.

ST. ANNE'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM is pleased to announce that \$600.00 has been received from the *Living the Promise* Grant Initiative for Youth Faith Formation. The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit organization that acquires, manages, and distributes financial gifts and bequests in service to the Catholic community and parishes of the Diocese of St. Cloud.

MYEOFFERING:

We are pleased to announce that our church has partnered with myEoffering in order to provide you with the convenience of online contribution. Online contribution refers to a process much like online bill pay, whereby donors opt to have their financial contributions to the church withdrawn directly from their credit, debit, checking, or savings account in lieu of bringing cash or paper checks each Sunday. Signing up is as simple as going to our church website listed above and look for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! More information is available on the counter in the Gathering Area or call the parish office for more information or help in signing up.

AREA BENEFITS:

Kimball Days is August 10-12. - "Supper in the Park" by the Kimball Area Historical Society is Friday August 10th at the Willow Creek Picnic Shelter.

The Kimball Lions 5K run/walk is Saturday, August 11th. Check the Bulletin Board for many more events happening for Kimball Days.

Boni-Fest will be held on the grounds of the Church of St. Boniface in Cold Spring starting on Saturday, August 18th thru Sunday, August 19th. Many exciting events going on, check the bulletin board for more information.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: 18th Sunday of the Year

The terribly, tragically sad man

Once there was a happy little boy who said to God one day, "O God, I want to live in a big house with a big porch, two Saint Bernards and a garden in the back. I want to marry a woman who is tall and very beautiful and kind, with long, black hair and blue eyes, and who plays the guitar and sings in a clear, high voice. I want three strong sons to play football with. When they grow up, one will be a great scientist, one will be a Senator and the youngest will quarterback the Packers. I want to sail vast oceans and climb the highest mountains. I want to drive a red Ferrari and never have to pick up after myself."

God said, "That sounds like a nice dream. I want you to be happy."

But one day, the boy hurt his knee playing football. His dream of being an adventurer was over. So he studied marketing and started a medical supply company. He met a pretty woman at school, who was very warm and kind. She wasn't glamorous, she wasn't a musician, but she was a wonderful cook and a talented artist. Because of his work, they lived in the city in an apartment. A small balcony served as the big porch; all they had room for was a fluffy cat. They had three daughters (not sons); the loveliest of the three had to

use a wheelchair. He made enough money for his family to live comfortably, but he didn't drive a red Ferrari - and with three daughters, he spent a lot of time picking things up.

Then, one morning, he woke up very sad.

He confided to a friend his disappointment that his wife was not the beautiful, glamorous musician he had dreamed of. His friend tried to reassure him that his wife was kind and generous. But the man wasn't listening.

He shared with his wife his disappointment with their apartment instead of the big house he dreamed of. She reminded him of the comfortable happy home and their three beautiful daughters. But the man wasn't listening.

He went to see a therapist and went on about how he dreamed of being a great adventurer and driving a Ferrari and not have to pick up after himself. The therapist pointed out that the medical supplies and equipment he sold saved many lives. But the man wasn't listening. The therapist charged him \$200 and sent him home.

He confessed to a priest that he had dreamed of having three strong sons. The priest said that he had been blessed with three beautiful, intelligent and gracious daughters. But the man wasn't listening.

He was so sad that he became very sick. Late one night, alone in his hospital room, the man said to God, "Remember when I was a boy and I told you what I wanted?"

"It was a lovely dream," God said.

"Why didn't you give me those things?"

"I could have," God replied, "but I wanted to surprise you with things you didn't dream of. Your life is one of the best packages I've put together."

"Yes," interrupted the man. But I thought you were going to give me what I wanted."

"And I thought you were going to give me what I really wanted," God said. "To be happy with what I had given you."

And that night the terribly, tragically sad man began to dream a new dream.

And he became very happy.

[Adapted from an essay by Loren Seibold in Sign of the Times.]

As "the terribly, tragically sad man" discovers, a life of true joy and meaning is driven not by "perishable" material things and fleeting experiences but by the "nonperishable" values of God. Perhaps the most difficult challenge of our time is to accomplish the "work" of God while "working" to succeed in our careers, to make a place in our homes and hearts for the "bread" that is Christ amid the "fast food" being shoved at us from every direction. May God give us the wisdom to live lives grounded in the "food that endures" beyond the fleeting and the perishable, the "bread of heaven" that feeds and nurtures us for our own life's journey to the dwelling place of God.