

St. Anne's Church

November 18, 2018

Thirty-Third 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. 8:30-3:00 (Bulletin materials must be in by Thurs.AM)

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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

November 19	Monday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	Weekday	+Robert Donnay
November 20	Tuesday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Weekday	
November 21	Wednesday	[SA]	No Mass	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		[SN]	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving	
November 22	Thursday	[SA]	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	+F.E. & Lorraine Dingmann
November 23	Friday	[SA]	No Mass	Weekday	
November 24	Saturday	[SA]	5:00 p.m.	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	Special Intentions RRD
November 25	Sunday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	+Helen Haag Gaspar

Weekend Masses at St. Nicholas are Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>
Nov. 24, 5:00 p.m.	Rita Donnay, Carly Serbus Tammy Konz	Sue Maus	Jonathan Serbus Matt Serbus	Ed Maus Steve Gohman	M. Edwards
Nov. 25, 8:00 a.m.	Mary Lou Pivec, Tracy Theis Barb Hoffmann	Matt Lindberg	Ralph Anderson Austin Decknatel	Tony Schmitz Troy Hilsgen	B. Hoffmann

STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	41 Envelopes of 281
Youth	xxx	8 Envelopes of 97
Loose	xxx	
Holy Day	<u>xxx</u>	
Total	xxx	

Furnace Replacement	xxx
Heat	xxx

PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE of the parish and community who have asked for our prayers: Steven Whalen, Allen Kuhn, Walter White, Barb Huckenpoehler, Mary Ann Bechtold, Nancy Stang, Mary Baker, Julie Anderson, Kathy Wholman, John Decker, Ed Ougel, Madison Brown and Madison Woodford. 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.

COFFEE AND DONUTS: Please join us next Sunday, November 25th for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the Dining Area.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES Make God's Love Visible collection: Catholic Charities relies on generous donors to help them serve those in need in Central Minnesota. Please consider making a financial gift and join them in saying I BELIEVE. There are envelopes on the table in the Gathering Area if you did not receive one at home.

ALL SOULS: Throughout the month of November the Book of Life is placed at the Paschal candle in front of the Altar. All are welcome to inscribe names of deceased members for whom you wish the community to pray and be remembered at all Masses in November.

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE: There will be no Mass here on Wednesday, November 21st. Mass will be at St. Nicholas on Wednesday November 21st at 7:30 p.m. and Mass will be at St. Anne on Thursday, November 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THANKSGIVING: We will need help with the Thanksgiving Mass. So please sign up in the Gathering Area. The sign-up sheet is on the table.

YOUTH MOVIE AND GAME NIGHT: The Confirmation Class of St. Anne's is hosting a Youth Group on Sundays, December 9th and 30th. To start the evening students 5th Grade and younger join us from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. to watch Veggie Tale Movies and play games. Then at 5:45 any age can join us to watch the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life." Bring your own snacks and enjoy fellowship.

---RELIGIOUS EDUCATION---

*Religious Ed classes meet next on Dec. 2. Parents of 2nd graders will meet in the classroom at 9:00 to review their preparation for Reconciliation.

*St. Anne's will again have an enactment of the Christmas Gospel during the Christmas Eve Mass on Dec. 24. Sign-up sheets are being sent home from classes this week. Extra copies are in the back of church. Any families who know they will be attending that Mass and want to participate are asked to sign up ahead of time, so parts can be assigned. If you are unsure whether or not your family can attend, you are welcome to wait and "fill in" that night if you are there. There will be a brief rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 9AM.

*It is time to give thanks as a church family for the many wonderful people who volunteer to serve our religious education program: Catechists Barb and Jennifer Dalton, K-1; Sarah DeMarais and Julie St. Onge, 2; Teresa Schiefelbein 3-4; Lana Vossen 5; Patty Schiefelbein 6; Matt and Mary Lindberg 7; Brenda Maus and Jolene Stang 8; Aaron Hennen 9; Matt Serbus 10; Jennifer Schiefelbein 11; Aides and Subs, Bruce Mancini, Amy Serbus, Robin Schiefelbein, Tim Eich; and music support by Joan Zahler. And a special thank you to Fr. Statz for his creative support, to Dan and Tammy Konz for keeping our classroom spaces clean and welcoming, and to Lana Vossen for her constant office support. Please join me in offering a prayer of thanks for the blessing of all of these generous parish members! Betty Nystrom DRE

ASK FATHER STATZ

Question: Jesus is present when a group of 2 or 3 pray or speak his name. Isn't Jesus present when we pray alone?

Answer: This verse is in the Bible in Mathew 18:20 where Jesus says "For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them." This is often used as a justification that in my faith life I don't need anybody else but me myself, my Bible and Jesus. This can lead to a radical individualized faith and can express itself in that the person doesn't need the Church, the Sacraments or the Real presence of the Body, Soul and Divinity of Christ present in the Eucharist. So as it may be true that Jesus is present to all believers individually He is most substantially present in the community, Church and the sacraments.

ST. NICHOLAS Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper: Serving over 15 different home-made soups with sandwiches and dessert from 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm. All are welcomed to attend the Thanksgiving Mass at 7:30 pm. Your free will donation will benefit the Religious Education program. This will also be a Matching Grant Fundraiser for the Religious Education program at St. Nicholas. There will be take-out meals available. The Church is Handicapped accessible.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE: Dec. 1st & 2nd - after Masses



Don't have time to bake this Christmas season? We're baking for you! Pick up some goodies for coffee, hostess gifts, or your cookie jar. Proceeds to benefit our Sister Diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya. Last year \$390 was sent to them. With your help, more will be sent this year!!

GOSPEL CONNECTION: 33rd Sunday of the Year

Changing places

In a touching essay in The Boston Globe [November 5, 3017] Vermont writer Martha Hurwitz tells a story many of us all know too well: that of moving from *care-giver* to *cared for*.

Martha's elderly mother lived in the small upstairs apartment. Mom's presence was both a joy and a burden to Martha. Mom was pretty much managing on her own for the most part, but now Martha admits that she overlooked the signs of her mother's slide toward dependence for fear of what the ultimate burden might look like and how it would affect Martha's already busy and stressful life.

And then, one evening, her mom tearfully begged, "Please come up right away." Martha flew up the stairs and, in an instant, the roles of mother and child reversed, the roles shifted, and the ultimate responsibility for all life's important decisions changed hands.

Fifteen years later, Martha's daughter, Rachel, returned home to live in Mom's old apartment, empty since she died in 2004. Shortly after Rachel moved in, Martha ruptured a disk and damaged the nerves and muscles in her knee. Surgery was required, followed by a slow recovery.

And care. Rachel was wonderful, a blessing to Martha as she recovered. As she watched her daughter care for her, Martha hoped that the help she provided her mother 15 years before was such a blessing. But one day, several weeks after her surgery, Martha noted a change in Rachel's demeanor: stress and distraction, as Rachel took care of some task her mom still couldn't manage on her own. And Martha remembered that moment when she ran upstairs to answer her mother's call.

Martha said to Rachel, "You know, I remember how difficult it was for me what I first realized that Grandma Avis was struggling to manage her daily life. I'm sure it's hard for you to see me with a cane, having trouble walking and being in pain."

Rachel's face softened. "Yes. That's true. It is sad and hard for me."

Martha reflects: "It is sad and hard for me, too. Now I am the aging parent, and we are entering that blurred, gray area, where sometimes she will be the mother and I the child. I know it is the nature of human life, this decline and the passing on of responsibility, and it is not ultimately under our control. For each of us, though, it is both a joy and a burden."

The sign of the Gospel fig tree can take many forms in our lives. For these three generations of women, while the independence afforded by good health yields to the dependence of aging and physical need and the roles of caregiver and cared for reverse, love remains constant. With eyes and hearts of faith, we can recognize such "signs" of God's love in our changing worlds and passing stages. Change – sometimes frightening, often traumatic, seldom easy – is part of that journey for all of us. But when our "heavens and earths" pass away, the promise of the life of God and the values of the Gospel remain constant. With every change in direction, with every wrinkle of age, with every changing world and passing stage, God's love remains the constant that leads us in hope to the dwelling place of God.

