

# St. Anne's Church

December 16, 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent



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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)

**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)

**Trustees:** Tom Ehlinger and Robin Schiefelbein

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 17	Monday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	Late Advent Weekday	+Laverne Winter
December 18	Tuesday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Late Advent Weekday	
December 19	Wednesday	[SA]	8:30 a.m.	Late Advent Weekday	+Rose Ann Donnay
December 20	Thursday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Late Advent Weekday	
December 21	Friday	[SA]	No Mass	Late Advent Weekday	
December 22	Saturday	[SA]	5:00 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	+Neil Hilary
December 23	Sunday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	+Rossman Family

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>SACRISTAN</b>
<b>Dec. 22, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Carly Serbus, Mary Mathies Tammy Konz	Rita Donnay	Luci Schiefelbein Avery Maus	James Wittrock Steve Roos	Brenda Maus
<b>Dec. 23, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Tracy Theis, Mary Lou Pivec Barb Hoffmann	Matt Lindberg	Cole Lindberg Emerson Lindberg	John Donnay Paul DeGree	C. DeGree

## STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	47 Envelopes of 283
Youth	xxx	16 Envelopes of 97
Loose	xxx	
Thanksgiving	xxx	
Holy Day	xxx	
Total	xxx	
Religious Retirement	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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULES** for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter are available on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

<b>SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:</b>		
Penance service – Sunday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>		
	4:00 p.m.	SN
	7:00 p.m.	SA
Confessions –	Monday, Dec. 17 .....	8:30 a.m. SA
	Tuesday, Dec. 18 .....	8:30 a.m. SN
	Friday, Dec. 21 .....	5:00 p.m. SA
		7:00 p.m. SN

<b>CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE:</b>		
Christmas Eve - Monday, Dec. 24 .....	5:00 p.m.	SA
	7:30 p.m.	SN
Christmas Day - Tuesday, Dec. 25 .....	8:00 a.m.	SA
	10:00 a.m.	SN
Incense will be used at the Christmas Masses.		
New Years Eve - Monday, Dec. 31 .....	5:00 p.m.	SA
New Years Day - Tuesday, Jan. 1 .....	10:00 a.m.	SN

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We need volunteers to help with the Christmas and New Years Masses. Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers and Sacristans. The signup sheets are on the table in the Gathering Area.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Once again we invite you to use the season as a special time for remembering deceased loved ones with a flowering plant. You may also contribute money towards flowers already ordered. Put the offering in the collection marked flowers with names on it. Please sign the sheet in the Gathering Area when you bring in your flowers. Have flowers here by Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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



### ---RELIGIOUS EDUCATION---

\*Congratulations to our 14 second grade students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time yesterday. These students have been preparing for the past 8 weeks both in class and at home with their parents. The students are: Sylvia DeMarais, Alex Fink, Jared Gottschalk, Carson Hammerschmidt, Cullen Kangas, Madelyn Lindberg, Evan Molitor, Lance Schiefelbein, Maximus Schiefelbein, Ava Schiefelbein, Gavyn St. Onge, Raelyn St. Onge, Tristen St. Onge, and Teagan Van Nurden. Please pray that they and their families continue to experience the love and mercy of God through the kindness and support of our parish family.

\*Today is the last RE class before our 2 week Christmas break. Classes resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>. That day, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in a Confirmation retreat, beginning with the 8:00 Mass, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their Confirmation Bibles during Mass. Safe Environment training for those grades will be postponed until a later date.

\*The Christmas Eve Nativity story enactment will have a short rehearsal next Sunday, Dec. 23 following the 8:00 Mass. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already. We still need a few more students to complete the story. If your family will be attending Mass on Christmas Eve, please plan to have your child participate in this live Nativity.

\*Elementary students are participating in the national Knights of Columbus poster contest "Putting Christ in Christmas". Students are asked to draw a picture representing the religious meaning of Christmas. These are then collected and judged by our local Knight's council. "Posters and permission forms must be returned to St. Anne's by Dec. 23 to be included."

**ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NATIVITY RAFFLE:** Tickets will be for sale this weekend, December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will be after the Mass on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Proceeds will go toward our March charitable contributions and various council projects.

**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION:** Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meeting pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Third Sunday of Advent  
"Just do it . . ."

God's Hotel is Dr. Victoria Sweet's memoir of caring for patients at San Francisco's Lagunda Honda Hospital; the last "almshouse" hospital of its kind in the country, a facility serving the city's poorest and most destitute. Her touching, often hilarious stories reveal how these extraordinary souls transformed Dr. Sweet's understanding of her work as a physician.

Dr. Sweet writes about one of her colleagues, Dr. Curtis, who cared for stroke patients. One day during rounds, Dr. Curtis saw that a patient who had been ready for discharge months before was still at the hospital, still in a wheelchair, still in therapy. Dr. Curtis asked why the patient, who was able to walk, was still in a wheelchair.

"No shoes, doc," the man said. "They ordered me special shoes, but they're waiting for Medicaid to approve them."

"How long have they been waiting?" Dr. Curtis asked.

"Three months."

The doctor thought a moment. "What size shoe do you wear?"

"Size nine."

Then Dr. Curtis, despite the rounds he still had to finish and the charts he had to dictate, left the ward, got in his car, and drove to Walmart, where he bought a pair of size-nine running shoes for \$16.99. He returned to the hospital, put them on the patient's feet and wrote the discharge orders.

Dr. Sweet ran into Dr. Curtis as he returned with the shoes. Was he planning to submit his receipt for reimbursement? She asked.

He laughed.

Which left Dr. Sweet wondering: Why had Dr. Curtis done this? And why hadn't anyone else? She writes:

"It was a simple thing to do, but it never would have occurred to me to do it. I would have been frustrated with the shoe delay, of course, and would have filled out a second or even a third Medicaid request. I might have even written Medicaid or braved its phone tree to complain about the time the pair of shoes was taking. But it would have never occurred to me to go to Walmart and buy the patient's shoes. I had too much to do, too many forms to fill out, too many other patients to see. It would have meant crossing a kind of inefficiency boundary. And yet Dr. Curtis got in his car without much questioning . . . hurrying back to the ward with the shoes to put them on the patient — himself. He reminded me of an aphorism I loved but never understood: *The secret in the care of the patient is in caring for the patient.*"

Dr. Curtis shares the vision of the kingdom of God articulated by John the Baptist in today's Gospel: seeing individuals in need and not names on forms, willing to be the solution to a problem rather than a bystander, seeking justice and mercy before efficiency. In the spirit of John the Baptizer, we are all called to be witnesses of God's love by the love we extend to others; we are called to precursors of his justice by our unflinching commitment to what is right and good for others; we are called to be reflections of the light of God's Christ in our taking up Jesus' work of forgiveness, mercy and compassion.