

# St. Anne's Church

December 23, 2018

Fourth 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 24	Monday	<b>[SA]</b>	5:00 p.m.	Vigil of Christmas	Intension of the Celebrant
		<b>[SN]</b>	7:30 p.m.	Vigil of Christmas	
December 25	Tuesday	<b>[SA]</b>	8:00 a.m.	The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas	Members of Both Parishes
		<b>[SN]</b>	10:00 a.m.	The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas	
December 26	Wednesday	<b>[SA]</b>	8:30 a.m.	Saint Stephen	+Pat Jansky
December 27	Thursday	<b>[SN]</b>	8:00 a.m.	Saint John	
December 28	Friday	<b>[SA]</b>	No Mass	The Holy Innocents	
December 29	Saturday	<b>[SA]</b>	5:00 p.m.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	+Bev Kuechle
December 30	Sunday	<b>[SA]</b>	8:00 a.m.	The Holy Family	+Members of Both Parishes

**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>
<b>Dec. 29, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Pat Brandt, Mary Hinz Gene Gohmann	Steve Gohman	Serbus Serbus	Al Dingmann M. Dingmann	Sue Maus
<b>Dec. 30, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Jeff Hilsgen, Sarah DeMarias Becky Kastanek	Dave Traurig	Jason Pierskalla Tristan Pierskalla	Gary Vossen Justin Ettel	Sue Streit

## STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	53 Envelopes of 283
Youth	xxx	12 Envelopes of 97
Loose	xxx	
Holy Day	<u>xxx</u>	
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, 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES:** the minutes from the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting are available in the Gathering Area on the counter by the bulletin board.

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

<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 New Years Mass. Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers and Sacristans. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the Gathering Area.

**--- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ---**

\*9<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents, please plan to attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass on January 6<sup>th</sup>. You will be receiving the Bible you will use during the next two years of Confirmation Preparation.

\*Any students who still have posters for the Knights contest may turn them in with the permission form to Betty Nystrom today.

\*Students of any age who will be attending Christmas Eve Mass are encouraged to participate in the Gospel Nativity play, even if you have not rehearsed!

\*10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students will participate in a Confirmation retreat on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The retreat will begin with the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Parents, please contact Betty Nystrom at the church number 398-2211, ext. 12 or her home number 398-3707, to register your student, or to discuss an alternate retreat if they cannot attend that day.

\*Classes resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2018 RAFFLE WINNERS:**

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|---|-------------------|
| Fontanini Nativity                            | Nancy Ruprecht    |
| Hamburger - Schiefelbein farms                | Brianna Miller    |
| Hamburger - Schiefelbein farms                | Riley Dihel       |
| \$200 cash - Kuechle Underground              | Vernon Mathies    |
| \$100 Cash - Steins Thriftway Foods           | Jim Waible        |
| \$100 Kimball bucks - Harvest Bank            | Ralph Russel      |
| \$100 Kimball bucks - Harvest Bank            | Len Brunn         |
| \$100 Cash - A.M. Maus & Son                  | Francella Schmitz |
| \$100 Cash - Fire Trac Corp.                  | Rosie Lock        |
| \$75 Cash - Bud's Bar                         | Brad Landwehr     |
| \$50 Cash - Wally's Café                      | Darrell Young     |
| \$50 Cash - Triply R                          | Brad Donnay       |
| \$50 Cash - St. Bank of Watkins               | Joe Rothmann      |
| \$50 Cash - Keek's Restaurant                 | Mike Erpelding    |
| \$50 Cash - Stan's country Dutchmen           | Don Schmitt       |
| \$25 Gift Card - Knaus Sausage                | Joe Rothmann      |
| \$25 Gift Card - Knaus Sausage                | Gary Vossen       |
| \$25 Trade - Ertl Hardware                    | Mary Hirdler      |
| \$25 Trade - Ertl Hardware                    | Jim Haaf          |
| \$25 Cash - Faber Building                    | Maria Tischner    |
| \$25 Cash - Riverwood Realty                  | Ralph Russel      |
| \$25 Cash - Mafia Customs                     | Dorothy Schlangen |
| \$25 Cash - Kue contractors                   | Mathew Walz       |
| \$25 Gift Card - Gohmann's Foods              | Duane Finger      |
| \$20 Gift Card - AgVenture                    | Stan Welle        |
| \$10 Gift Card & Bottle Wine - Watkins Liquor | Tom Ertl          |
| \$10 Gift Card - Red Goat                     | Robert Bloch      |
| \$10 Gift Card - Red Goat                     | Mary Linn         |

**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.

**2018 CHURCH DONATIONS:** Please have your donations into Church by December 31<sup>st</sup> for the 2018 tax season.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Fourth Sunday of Advent Bethlehem, Inc.

*O Little town of Bethlehem, How still do we see thee lie!*  
The American clergyman Phillips Brooks wrote those words in 1868, three years after visiting Bethlehem. But the village he visited was a much different place than the bustling commercial hub where Jesus was born.

Nicholas Blincoe tells the fascinating story of Jesus' birthplace in his book Bethlehem: Biography of a Town. When the future king David was born there, it was only a settlement of shepherds and herdsmen. But Bethlehem came into prominence 200 years before Jesus' birth when the Greeks built an aqueduct from the springs near the Bethlehem hills to supply water to the city of Jerusalem, seven miles away. Bethlehem instantly became a center of commerce as a well a strategic military location.

Blincoe writes that Mary and Joseph probably spent the night in the open garden in the center of Bethlehem. "Mary and Joseph would see tough-looking traders strike deals, count profit, write contracts, and exchange their sheep and wool for fruit or olive oil. To visitors from the Galilee, this might make Bethlehem a wild and strange kind of town. Nevertheless, it was clear that Bethlehem was far less free than the Galilee. There were soldiers everywhere. [Rome's] Tenth Legion was charged not only with protecting the many miles of aqueducts, but also with policing the desert, the empire's international border, as well as the profitable trade in livestock and Dead Sea chemicals . . . Bethlehem was supposed to be part of the Jewish ancestral homeland. Yet, as the scriptures tell us, it was not a place where one was likely to find many Jews."

It was here, Matthew and Luke write, in this busy, bustling, godless exchange that God entered human history.

Every day, Jesus is born in the Bethlehems of our lives: lives overwhelmed by responsibilities and expectations. Sometimes Christ comes to us in poverty that we might know the riches of God; he comes in simplicity that we might realize the presence of God in all things; he comes quietly so that we might hear the music of God amid the clamor of our noisy world. This Christmas, may the wellspring that is Christ bring new hope and joy into our Bethlehem wildernesses; may the light that is Christ illuminate the darkness of our mangers with wisdom and peace in this season and in every season of the new year.

