

St. Anne's Church

December 9, 2018

Second 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

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

December 10	Monday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	Advent Weekday	+Paul Segner
December 11	Tuesday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Advent Weekday	
December 12	Wednesday	[SA]	8:30 a.m.	Our lady of Guadalupe	+Wally Dropps
December 13	Thursday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Saint Lucy	
December 14	Friday	[SA]	No Mass	Saint John of the Cross	
December 15	Saturday	[SA]	5:00 p.m.	3 rd Sunday of Advent	+Ed & Nita Gohman
December 16	Sunday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Special Intention MMH

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>
Dec. 15, 5:00 p.m.	Lois Jensen, Rita Donnay Kathy Tenney	Tammy Konz	Mark Schiefelbein Omar Feyma	Pat Brandt Teresa Schiefelbein	Tammy Konz
Dec. 16, 8:00 a.m.	Ada Adolph, Paul DeGree Colleen DeGree	Tom Ehlinger	Ralph Anderson Austin Decknatel	Jeff Hilsgen Nick Brandt	Irene Maske

STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	49 Envelopes of 283
Youth	xxx	11 Envelopes of 97
Loose	xxx	
Thanksgiving	xxx	
Holy Day	<u>xxx</u>	
Total	xxx	

Heat	xxx
Religious Retirement	xxx

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION: Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

COFFEE AND DONUTS: Please join us Sunday, December 9th for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the Dining Area.



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.

KIMBALL AREA GIVING TREE: Return these gifts to the table in the Gathering Area wrapped with the tag on them to St. Anne's by next Sunday, December 16th.

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.

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 a Christmas classic. Bring your own snacks and enjoy fellowship.

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NATIVITY RAFFLE:
 Tickets will be for sale the weekends of December 8th & 9th and 15th & 16th. The drawing will be after the Mass on December 16th. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Proceeds will go toward our March charitable contributions and various council projects.

--- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ---

*During class time this coming Sunday, Dec. 16, all students grades 3-11 will be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Two priests will be available, so parents and the community are welcome to receive the Sacrament as well, after the students have finished (approximately 10:15). Parents, please review the steps in making a good Confession with your children, so that they are prepared.

*On Saturday, Dec. 15, at 9:00 AM 14 second grade students will make their First Reconciliation. Please pray for them and their families as they celebrate this gift of forgiveness.

*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. Permission forms need to accompany these, and were sent home from last week's class. Parents, please fill out this form and return it to class on the 16th. Some classes also brought their posters home to work on. Please return these at the next class also.

*Several students have signed up for parts in this year's Christmas Eve Nativity enactment, but we need more. If your family will be at Mass on Christmas Eve, please sign your children or grandchildren (all ages) for a character in the story. We will need Mary, Joseph, shepherds and angels, and all characters in the Nativity reading. There are no lines to learn, so no need for stage fright! Use the red sheets on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area and return to the office or to Betty Nystrom. There will be a short rehearsal after Mass on Dec. 23.

SACRAMENT OF PENENCE:	
Penance service – Sunday, December 16 th	
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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE:	
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

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS on the back table in the Gathering Area were donated by Dingmann Funeral Care. Thank you to Brian and Dana Dingmann. Please one calendar per household.

THANK YOU to all who baked, bought and donated your time preparing for the bake sale last weekend. \$667 will be sent to our sister diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya. We definitely surpassed the \$391 from last year. This was a wonderful way to start the giving season. It was great seeing all the smiling faces - maybe your goodies are already eaten?

GOSPEL CONNECTION: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Prophetic hummus

Tom came home from school one day frustrated and embarrassed. He managed to work up the courage to ask his mother, "Please stop putting Middle Eastern food in my lunch."

His mother and father started asking questions, and Tom finally explained that the other students were giving him a very difficult time when he pulled out food that didn't look like everyone else's.

"So from now on, could we do peanut butter and jelly on Wonder Bread and an apple?"

In their homogenous white Protestant/Catholic community, Tom and his family was "slightly exotic." His father was from Syria, his mother from Palestine. Tom looked different from the other kids at school. They had holiday customs that were not the same as everyone else's. Even their food that was different.

Mom didn't say too much about it and made no promises.

A week later, Tom's teacher announced that students should not bring lunches the following day or would they need lunch money for the cafeteria. They were going to have some sort of special food event.

The next day at lunch, unbeknownst to Tom, in came his mother with boxes and trays of Middle Eastern food. The teacher introduced her: "This is Mrs. Nimen. This is Tom's Mom." And Mrs. Nimen proceeded to serve the kids a buffet of Middle Eastern food and explaining the origins of every dish: kibbe, fataya, tabbouleh, hummus, baba ghanoush. She also baked bread for the entire class to take home. The kids — who had made fun of everything that Tom had been eating — loved it.

Mrs. Nimen did the same thing that week in Tom's brother's and sister's classes.

The now-adult Tom Nimen remembers of that lunch: "Now I would like to tell you that this ended some of the low-grade racial issues that my brother and sister and I faced. It did not. But it took a significant edge off, and she, if I think about it now, was a very early pioneer of diversity, in a very crafty way, using Middle Eastern hospitality."

[Thomas Royal Nimen, The MOTH Theatre.]

Tom's mom took on the work of the prophet: to straighten out the road pockmarked by ignorance and bigotry so that the God of peace may enter. She used her cooking talents and her mother's love to make "straight" a path made crooked by ridicule and bullying. We, too, are called by God to use our abilities and skills to carry on the same "prophetic" work: to bring the life of God to so many wastelands and barren places, to transform so many crooked roads into highways through our charity and forgiveness.