

St. Anne's Church

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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

April 8	Monday	[SA]	No Mass	Lenten Weekday	
April 9	Tuesday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday	
April 10	Wednesday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday	+Patricia Jansky
April 11	Thursday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday	
April 12	Friday	[SA]	No Mass	Lenten Weekday	
April 13	Saturday	[SA]	5:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday	+Betty Adolph
April 14	Sunday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday	+Manley Nystrom

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>
April 13, 5:00 p.m.	Pat Brandt, Carly Serbus Mary Hinz	Steve Maus	William Serbus Matt Serbus	Robert Stelten Chuck Froehling	Cindy Stelten
April 14, 8:00 a.m.	Colleen DeGree, Paul DeGree Sarah DeMarais	Matt Lindberg	Jason Pierskalla Tristan Pierskalla	Chad Spaulding Fritz Hoffmann	C. DeGree

STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	43 Envelopes of 283
Youth	xxx	16 Envelopes of 97
Loose	xxx	
Easter	<u>xxx</u>	
Total	xxx	

Roof Repair	xxx
Catholic Relief Services	xxx
Rice Bowl	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, Madison Brown, Madison Woodford, Fran Schmitz, Kristie Orn, and Gene Gohmann. 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.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Dolores Nystrom who was called home to be with our Heavenly Father on March 28th. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK:		
Sunday, April 14	Penance Service - Two priests will be present	4:00 p.m. St. Nicholas 7:00 p.m. St. Anne
Monday, April 15		9:00 a.m. St. Anne
Tuesday, April 16		8:30 a.m. St. Nicholas
Wednesday, April 17		5:00 p.m. St. Anne 7:30 p.m. St. Nicholas
There will be no Confessions Thursday, Friday or Saturday.		

MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK		
	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Nicholas</u>
Holy Thursday, April 18 -	7:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Adoration until -	10:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 19 -	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 20 -	8:30 p.m.	None
Easter Sunday, April 21 -	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
FYI: Incense will be used on Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.		

LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER: We are in need of volunteers for Holy Week and Easter. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

NO MASS ON MONDAY: There will be no Mass on Monday morning, April 8th.

--- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ---

*Our final Religious Ed class this year will be on Sunday, April 28th. It will be followed by our annual pot-luck brunch celebration. During the three weeks between classes, please have your family attend Holy Week and Easter services, receive Reconciliation, and pray your chaplets.

*Anyone 12 and older interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this summer, please contact Betty Nystrom by April 30th.

EASTER MEMORIALS: Anyone wishing to donate a plant or money in memory of a loved one may do so for Easter. Please put your name and the name of your loved one on the sheet in the Gathering Area. If you want to donate money put it in the Sunday collection marked Easter flowers with name and loved ones name on it. Have planters here by Thursday morning, April 18th.



CRS RICE BOWL: Encounter Ona

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTON: Thank you for your generous support of the The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

GOSPEL CONNECTION: 5th Sunday of Lent Letters of condolence

For 27 years, Walter Jones represented eastern North Carolina in Congress. He died this past February 10 on his 76th birthday, after a long illness. His colleagues in the House remembered him for his courage, his integrity and his kindness.

And his letters.

And not just any letters.

For the last 14 years, Jones made it a point to write letters to Americans whose spouse, daughter or son was killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. Many of them included personal handwritten notes he wrote in his Greenville office late at night.

"My heart aches as I write this letter for I realize you are suffering a great loss," most letters would begin.

Jones' letter-writing began in 2003 after he attended the funeral of Marine Sgt. Michael Bitz, who was killed that March, not long after the Iraq war began. During the ceremony, the sergeant's two-year old son, Joshua, dropped a toy. A young Marine in dress uniform reached down to pick it up and hand it back to Joshua.

"And the boy looked up at him, and the Marine looked down, and then it hit me," the congressman would remember. "This little boy would never know his daddy."

Jones' grief at this scene led to a dramatic political conversion against the war, putting him at odds with President Bush and his own party. Congressman Jones had voted in favor of the war – and his vote haunted him.

"I will never forget my mistake because people died because of my mistake," he said. "I bought into believing that President Bush didn't really want to go to war. That's how naïve I was . . . I could have voted no, and I didn't."

He also acknowledged that facing re-election kept him from voting his conscience. "In my heart, I believe I let God down."

". . . I felt the guilt, but also the pain of voting to send [Janina Bitz'] husband as well as thousands of other military to a war that was unnecessary," he said. "Obviously, the majority of these families will never know me and vice versa. But I want them to know that my heart aches as their heart aches."

Before writing to a family, Jones would obtain permission from a military liaison who makes sure that family members want condolences from a congressman they likely never heard of. Then, from a desk drawer in his office in Greenville, he retrieved the same black ink fountain pen that he used since he began this ritual. In some cases, he sent letters to multiple relatives of a single soldier.

At the time of his death in February, Walter Jones had written 11,266 such letters.

Janina Bitz-Vasquez, the widow of the Marine whose funeral triggered Jones' epiphany, said she's honored that Jones continued to honor the families of dead service members. More importantly, she said, it "sets a standard for taking personal responsibility and accountability" for other political and military leaders.

[The Associated Press, October 29, 2017; The (Raleigh) News and Observer, February 13, 2019; The New York Times, February 16, 2019.]

Congressman Jones was not alone in voting for the war in Iraq and his vote would not have changed the course of the war, but in holding himself accountable to families, the late congressman mirrors the integrity and sense of personal responsibility that Jesus demands from those who have brought the adulteress before him. True conversion begins by taking ownership of our mistakes and shortcomings and the impact they have on those around us. We cannot take on the demons of the world until we confront the demons in our own hearts; we cannot pass sentence on others until we judge our own lives; we cannot change what is beyond us until we change what is within us; we cannot lift up the fallen until we realize that we, too, are fallen; we cannot raise others to health and hope until we seek our own healing.