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.
Religious Education: Betty Nystrom 320-398-2211 Ext. 12, email – reledsanne@meltel.net

MASS INTENTIONS

June 17  Monday  [SA]  8:00 a.m.  Weekday  +Andy Maus
June 18  Tuesday  [SN]  8:00 a.m.  Weekday
June 19  Wednesday  [SA]  8:00 a.m.  Weekday  +Lorraine Drontle
June 20  Thursday  [SN]  8:00 a.m.  Weekday
June 21  Friday  [SA]  No Mass  St. Aloysius Gonzaga
June 22  Saturday  [SA]  5:00 p.m.  The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  +Pat Jansky
June 23  Sunday  [SA]  10:00 a.m.  The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  +Kunkel Family

Weekend Masses at St. Nicholas are Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP: It is that time of year when we make a change in our Parish Council Membership.
This weekend and next weekend you will be asked to “Nominate” men or women whom you consider would make good representatives on the Council. To be eligible to be on the council you must be at least 18 years of age; received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and be a registered and active member of St. Anne’s Parish.
So at this time you are asked to begin a prayerful consideration of whether a place on the St. Anne’s Parish Council might be right for you. All those who are nominated will be called by a Parish Council member to ask if you will accept the nomination. When you do, your name will be placed in a basket, along with all those who have said yes to their nomination and two names will be drawn on July 6 & 7. This process has its basis in scripture (Acts of the Apostles 1:20-26), and has been recommended by the Diocesan Planning office. So, again, prayerfully consider this week whom you will nominate. You can even nominate yourself.
Greg Stang and Trudy Westrich terms are completed. Other Council members are Lois Jensen, Fritz Hoffmann, John Donnay and Mary Lou Pivec.
THANK YOU to the Women’s Group for taking care of the flower beds and flower pots in the front of the Church.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support in last week’s Peter’s Pence Collection! Our parish collected $206.00. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around, the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give!

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL: Supporting and nurturing families are essential ministries of the Church that are supported through your gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully discern a donation to support diocesan ministries like youth faith formation and marriage preparation and family life. To donate: visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal; mail to Bishop’s Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302; or use the courtesy envelope included in the June edition of the Central Minnesota Catholic.

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITES (ACC) UPDATE
As noted a couple weeks ago the council had their first meeting. Questions about Mass times have come up a few times with parishioners. Below is an insert Father Ron Weyrens had in his Tri Parish bulletin that might help answer some of your questions.

Will any of our parishes in our Area Catholic Community be closing?
Bishop Kettler has asked all of the leadership to avoid closing parishes. It does not mean a change in parish status is impossible, but the focus of planning is having parishes work together for the sake of the mission.

What about the proposed plan implementation date of July 1, 2019?
The date means that Area Catholic Community implementation will begin. In most areas the plan may unfold in phases over time. Each area is expected to submit goals and objectives to the Planning Office by December 2019. It does not mean everything will change on July 1. For our ACC this year is one of planning, with changes coming around July 1, 2020.

How many priests will be serving our Area Catholic Community?
Overall, the number of parish priests available to serve our 131 parishes in the diocese will be down over the next ten years, and so we will need to collaborate and cooperate more as ACCs to adjust with our human resources. Some ACCs should expect to have fewer priests available to them. For our community, conventional wisdom indicates that in the future Luxembourg, Pearl Lake, Kimball, St. August and St. Nicholas will be served by two priests. For this coming year, no planned changes in the number of priests in our ACC.

ST. ANNE’S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL theme this year is “Weird Animals.” VBS will run July 15-18, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This is a free program for youth in grades preschool - 6th grade. Participants will rotate between the following activity stations with their crew leaders: One-of-a-Kind Bible Adventures, Sing & Play Stampede, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station, Wild Crafts, Untamed Games, Critter Cafe, and The Tail End. Registration is due by July 1, and forms can be found on the table in the Gathering Area.

*We are in need of adult volunteers to serve as Activity Station Leaders. We need youth grades 7-12 to serve as our Crew Leaders. If you are interested in sharing your gifts of time and talent, please email Erin Donnay at erin.donnay@gmail.com or contact Lana in the parish office.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good, love one another with mutual affection." - Romans 12:9-10. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend for married couple to grow in their love. The next available Weekends are Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN and Jul 12-14, 2019 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at 888-455-3496 or applications@northmnwwme.org.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: The Most Holy Trinity
The caretaker of the well
In the folklore of Haiti, there is a story about a severe drought on the island. All the streams dried up and the wells were parched. There was no place to get water. The animals met to discuss the situation and decided to ask God for help. God responded by creating a well that would provide unlimited water, as long as one of the animals would serve as the caretaker and welcome all who would come in need.

The lizard Mabouya volunteered to be caretaker — but he soon became intoxicated with his newfound power. Mabouya became a gatekeeper, not a caretaker, and sent everyone in need away.

Eventually, God replaced the lizard with the frog, who croaked to all, “Come! This is God’s well! The hole in the ground in yours, but the water belongs to God.”

[From “Carrying the Water” by Mark Nepo, Spirituality and Health, May/June 2019.]

Today’s Feast of the Holy Trinity calls us to realize the hand of God in every molecule of creation, in every cell of our being — life that God has brought into being out of a love so great and complete that we can hardly imagine it. Our only response to our creation and the world that sustains us is to humbly and gratefully acknowledge God’s goodness by becoming Wellsprings of that goodness to one another, to make it possible for all our brothers and sisters to find their places at God’s table.