

St. Anne's Church

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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: Lois Jensen, Fritz Hoffmann, John Donnay, Mary Lou Pivec, Jesse Lesnau and Lara Feyma

MASS INTENTIONS

March 16	Monday	[SA]	No Mass		
		[SA]	8:30 a.m.	No Stations of the Cross	
March 17	Tuesday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday	
March 18	Wednesday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday	+Ralph Boeckmann
March 19	Thursday	[SN]	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph	
March 20	Friday	[SA]	No Mass	Lenten Weekday	
March 21	Saturday	[SA]	5:00 p.m.	4 th Sunday of Lent	+Don Pusc
March 22	Sunday	[SA]	8:00 a.m.	4 th Sunday of Lent	Parish Members

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>
March 21, 5:00 p.m.	Tammy Konz	R. Schiefelbein	William Serbus Matt Serbus	Darrel Young Daryl Henneman	Tammy Konz
March 22, 8:00 a.m.	Patti Decknatel	Tom Ehlinger	Jason Pierskalla Tristan Pierskalla	Bill Spies Bev Spies	Loretta Grote

STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	34 Envelopes of 275
Youth	xxx	9 Envelopes of 80
Loose	<u>xxx</u>	
Total	xxx	

Catholic Relief Services xxx

PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE of the parish and community who have asked for our prayers: Steven Whalen, Allen Kuhn, Walter White, Mary Ann Bechtold, Nancy Stang, Kathy Wholman, Madisen Woodford, Fran Schmitz, Kristie Orn, Gene and Gloria Gohman, Betty Lipinski, Onya Stein, Eldred Froehling, Rhonda Sargeant, Lillian Walters, Alvin & Bernice Meierhofer, Jim Stein, Peggy Mayer, Anita Vossen and Kenneth Vossen. 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES for the 2nd quarter are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. We need volunteers for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please watch for the Signup sheet on the table in the Gathering Area and fill in where you are available.

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed after Mass on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. through Lent.

ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT are days of abstinence (abstaining from all meat for all persons age 14 years and older.)

RICE BOWLS: Be sure to use your Rice Bowls for your Sacrificial Offering during Lent. Available on the table in the Gathering Area. Return your offering on Holy Thursday.

NEW MEMBERS OF ST. ANNE'S: Please welcome Sam and Andi Mettler to our parish family.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Fr. Jerry Nordick who was called home to be with our Heavenly Father on Wednesday, March 11th. Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord.

NO MASS ON MONDAY MORNING or Stations of the Cross due to Fr. Jerry Nordick's Funeral.

NAMING OUR AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (ACC): On the table in the gathering area are the ballots to name our Area Catholic Community. Place the ballots in the basket or drop off at the parish office. The parishes who make up our ACC are Holy Cross, Pearl Lake; St. Anne's, Kimball; St. Nicholas, St. Nicholas; St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta and St. Wendelin, Luxemburg. Please help us name our ACC. Thank you to all those who submitted names for the ACC.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Dates to Remember: St. Anne's 100 year celebration will take place on July 26th. We will also be doing a new parish directory to commemorate the anniversary. Pictures will begin on May 9th.

SHARE YOUR TALENT: We are creating a new family directory and need your help with possible volunteer assistance with things like contacting families and greeting families at our photography event, etc. Please contact Mary Lou Pivec to sign up, 398-6383 or 651-324-9590

CRS RICE BOWL: Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.uscch.org/catholic-relief.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. It is when we are reminded of Christ's journey to Calvary and the great sacrifice he made to save us from our sins. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices you make in order to support diocesan ministries, your parish and worthy causes in our communities.

AREA BENEFITS:

St. Wendelin's March Parish Breakfast in Luxemburg is Sunday, March 15th at Mary Hall. Serving from 8:30-11:30. See menu and prices on bulletin board.

Church of St. Anthony, Watkins. Annual Fish Fry is March 20th. Serving 4:00-7:30. All You Can Eat! Homemade coleslaw and potato salad, baked beans, bread, bars and a beverage. Adults (12 & up): \$10, Youth (5-11): \$5, 4 & Younger: Free. Take outs available.

Come to our Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup sale! Sale of Bouja and Chicken Noodle Soup at St Anthony's Church in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 am till 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 25th. Bouja is \$14.00 per gallon. Chicken Noodle Soup is \$13.00 per gallon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320 764-2965.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Casting stones at St. Colman's well

In an essay in *Commonweal Magazine* [October 5, 2018], Nancy Fitzgerald writes of being part of a pilgrimage to the holy well of the sixth-century monk Saint Colman, across the rugged Burren mountains in the west of Ireland.

Before beginning their trek to the site, their guide instructed the half-dozen pilgrims to "choose a stone with sharp edges" to take with them on the climb. As they trudged across the slabs of limestone and shale, the guide said, "Slide your hand in your pocket; finger your jagged stone while you think of the jagged stone in your life. Consider the thing that irritates you, confounds you, frustrates you, holds you back. And while you're doing that, as you walk across the Burren, pay attention to everything. Watch and listen."

As she walked, the stone Nancy thumbed in her pocket became "my daughter-in-law, once beloved, now caught up in a swirling maelstrom of a marriage that ended but still seems to linger on. It was the years of misunderstandings, and the tears shed for Katy, the little girl the marriage produced. It was fear and dread over what would become of the child, and frustration over my inability to do something about it. It was long nights of anxiety. It was sorrow for my first-born son; my heart was aching for his broken heart."

Nancy and her fellow pilgrims, all carrying their own stones, trudged on. They finally came to the well of Saint Colman and the cave where the monk lived and the stone altar where the saint prayed and offered Mass. At the gurgling pool of cold, clear water, the guide said, "Take your stone. Take your worries and your fears and your anxieties and cast them into the well." And Nancy and her traveling companions plopped their stones in the pool and blessed themselves with the water. She remembers:

"Long before Patrick ever set foot in Ireland, the pagan Celts believed their island was a thin place, a holy place, where the veil between heaven and earth, time and eternity, disappears. It seemed to disappear that gray morning, as we headed back, silent and unburdened. My pocket was empty. The stone was gone, and my worries disappeared, too, at least for a while. I prayed prayers of gratitude. I prayed for my ex-daughter-in-law, and for my son, and for their child. I prayed for healing. I think we all prayed for healing — washed in the waters of Colman mac Duagh's holy well."

At a well in Ireland, an American pilgrim faces her sadness and anxiety over her broken family and finds the grace to move on in peace. At another well in another place two thousand years before, a Samaritan woman finds the grace to pull her own life together. Christ is present to both women: Christ accompanies Nancy Fitzgerald in the prayer she offers while trekking up the rocky, barren Burren; Christ is the stranger who gently nudges the Samaritan woman to see her life with new hope and peace. The grace to start over is ours if we're humble enough to confront our limitations and culpability and wise enough to realize God's constant presence and invitation to return to him. ☒