

St. Anne's Church

March 22, 2020
Fourth 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)

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 23	Monday	[SA]	No Mass
March 24	Tuesday	[SN]	No Mass
March 25	Wednesday	[SA]	No Mass
March 26	Thursday	[SN]	No Mass
March 27	Friday	[SA]	No Mass
March 28	Saturday	[SA]	No Mass
March 29	Sunday	[SA]	No Mass

Weekend Masses at St. Nicholas are Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTOR

SERVERS

USHERS

SACRISTAN

5:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

STEWARD OF TREASURE

Adult	xxx	40 Envelopes of 275
Youth	xxx	13 Envelopes of 80
Loose	<u>xxx</u>	
Total	xxx	

Catholic Relief Services xxx

COLLECTION: Your weekly offering and special collections can be sent to the Church at: St. Anne's, PO Box 99, Kimball.

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, Anita Vossen and Rick Thompson. 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.uscch.org/catholic-relief.

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

GOSPEL CONNECTION: 4th Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel - John 9:1-41

The precipice

On Christmas Day 2011, Gary Gately was clutching the railing of Manhattan's George Washington Bridge, staring into the cold, black waters of the Hudson River — and into the face of eternity. Depression, addition, a marriage that disintegrated all drove him to the precipice.

But Gately did not jump off the bridge ten Christmases ago — and, to this day, he ponders why he didn't.

For seven years Gary Gately kept the darkness of his depression to himself, save for family and close friends. But now, in the wake of our nation's suicide epidemic, the award-winning Baltimore-based journalist whose work has appeared in The New York Times and The Washington Post has decided to tell his story. Suicides have surged 30 percent since 1999 and now claim an average of 202 Americans a day, more than two and a half times as many lives as homicides.

So what happened that made him climb down from the precipice that Christmas day — and what enables him to continue on, day after day?

Gately writes in America Magazine [November 11, 2019] that he thinks it was the "sunset, my son's whispers echoing, I love you, Dad, and a ghost, that of an editor who died in 2010, Anne Zusy. Sunset over the Hudson paints Englewood Cliffs all oranges and crimsons and purples, and I just gaze at it, savoring the beauty of last light. Then I look to the Manhattan skyline, and my mind meanders to interning at The New York Times. I hear the voice of Annie, echoing through the decades. Annie, the editor who had hired me and mentored me and saved me so many times, is saying: 'Look, don't worry, O.K.? Have some fun. You're not meant to be miserable. God loves you, and he wants you to be happy . . .'

Gately writes that "only light can pierce this darkness, and only love can shine that light. That means people who care — even when you have given them every reason to conclude you cannot be saved — can reach you: family, friends, loved ones, a priest, a coach, a volunteer on a suicide hotline, a therapist who recognizes that you do not snap out of depression that makes you want to die but that there is a path out.

"Love is the answer. Nothing else could have saved me when I could no longer save myself. Others, their words, even words spoken decades ago, gave me enough hope to choose life over death."

Perhaps the greater miracle in today's Gospel is Jesus' opening the "vision" of those around the blind man to recognize the presence of God in their midst. The light that is Christ should reveal his love and grace in every human heart; such light should illuminate the dark places and dispel the shadows that isolate us from the love of family and friends. This Lent may we dare to embrace the light of God reflected in his Christ and so become reflections of that light in the care we extend to the suffering, the support we offer to the troubled and despairing, our hearts always opened to those struggling to cope with life's darkest moments.

--- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ---

* Because of the closings due to the covid 19 virus, there will not be religious ed class on 3/29. This means that our food shelf challenge for this year has ended. If your family still has food that was meant to come in, please take it directly to the food shelf, once we re-open. Meanwhile, we collected an amazing 267 lbs of food and household products and \$40 in donations, during the 3 weeks of collecting. This is over 3/4 of our goal. I believe that qualifies every class as a winner! Treats will be in order for everyone whenever we meet again! Thank you for your generosity. Betty

*First Communion on March 22nd has been cancelled. This will be rescheduled for a later date.

CRS RICE BOWL: Meet Maria Ana - Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Diocesan Ministries are here for YOU! Visit our webpage for updates about how the Appeal supports ministries at the very core of our Church's mission. Go to www.stcdio.org and click on "Bishop's Annual Appeal."