

*“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth”—he said to the paralytic, “I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.”*

— Mk 2:9-11



**February 19, 2012 — Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
*“Living the Gospel with Love and Courage” — Today’s Scriptures: Gather #999*

Church  
of St.  
Anne

## Masses for This Weekend

### Saturday, February 18

4:00 pm — † Edward Podrez (Fr. Dan Crosby)

### Sunday, February 19

8:30 am — † Esther Thompson (Fr. Steve Brice)

10:30 am — † Walter Hannemann (Fr. Tom Zelinski)

2:00 pm — The People of St. Anne's (Fr. Steve Brice)

6:00 pm — † Ben and Betty Stubinski (Fr. Steve Brice)

## Masses for This Week

### Monday, February 20

7:00 am — Communion Service (Deacon Bob Anderson)

### Tuesday, February 21

7:00 am — † Ken Schultz (Fr. Steve Brice)

### Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

6:15 am — For the health of Majella McIntyre  
(Fr. Steve Brice)

8:15 am — † Poor Souls (Fr. Steve Brice)

12:10 pm — † Delores Valentine (Fr. Dan Crosby)

5:15 pm — † Otto Kreil (Fr. Tom Zelinski)

6:45 pm — † Mary Olson & John Spara (Fr. Steve Brice)

### Thursday, February 23

6:15 am — † Veronica Otto (Fr. Steve Brice)

\*note the time change for daily Mass during Lent

### Friday, February 24

6:15 am — † Ruth and David Stencil (Fr. Steve Brice)

### Saturday, February 25

8:30 am — † Katie Majeske (Fr. Steve Brice)

Private Confessions to follow

## Masses for Next Weekend

### Saturday, February 25

4:00 pm — † William and Regina Meyer (Fr. Steve Brice)

### Sunday, February 26

8:30 am — † Geraldine Radtke (Fr. Tom Zelinski)

10:30 am — † Jack Spencer (Fr. Steve Brice)

2:00 pm — The People of St. Anne's (Fr. Steve Brice)

6:00 pm — † Lucille Mallak (Fr. Steve Brice)

**Low gluten hosts** are available. If you need a low gluten host, please take one of the cards from the basket at the Church entrance. Come up the center aisle for Communion and show the Minister the card. They will go to the altar to get a low gluten host for you to take from a special dish.



## Remember Share Sunday

February's Food donations go to The **Wausau Area Hmong Association**. Please be conscious not to provide items that contain pork and beans or tomato base.



## About the Liturgy



Even when we are caught up in many cares and human projects, our existence is always before God, for we say with our life that there is no purpose greater than God's love. For this reason our prayer expresses itself in our standing together, as the assembly of Israel did while King Solomon dedicated the Temple to God and recited his long prayer (1 Kings 8:14). The divine is recognized as the force that gives life to the human person and the standing person gives witness to the gratitude and the familiarity he or she has with God.

The standing assembly expresses the living relationship by which we are united with God. We show that we are aware that our lives are an upward course toward the fullness of communion with God.

The history of religion illustrates this ritual posture. The ancients constructed their temples on hills in order to indicate visibly a greater closeness to God. In like manner, the very posture of standing at prayer tends to place one in a more intensive communion with the divine and expresses clearly being closer to the Most High. Such an attitude, or posture, becomes particularly significant in the moments of the proclamation of the faith – such as in the Creed – since with this gesture we proclaim before the world that the truth that comes from on high and illumines our spirit unites us in an intimate communion with Christ.

The death and resurrection of Jesus constitute the defining center of our life; thus every time this truth resounds in our assemblies we cannot keep from springing to our feet to express our deep gratitude.

Please refer any questions you may have about the liturgy to Renee Fredel in the Parish Office. The Sacred Worship Commission will do its best to answer your question.

## Liturgy of the Word for Children

is offered during the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass for Grades K-4. This is a ritual of prayers that will make the

Sunday readings come more alive for our young people. The readings are proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary and the discussion that follows is done in a child user-friendly fashion.

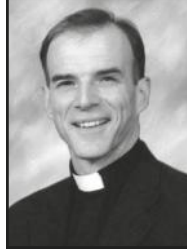
All parishioners and guests are welcome!



**Dear People of St. Anne's,**

**"Behold, I am doing something new! ...  
In the desert I make a way, in the  
wasteland, rivers."**

**(Isaiah 43:19) (Gather # 999)**



"I feel like I have rediscovered my Catholic faith," a very excited parish member exclaimed. She had been to another parish where they had given everyone in the Church a book as a gift. Our parishioner took one home, read it and came running shortly thereafter to say: "We must give this book to everyone in our parish."

As you may have caught in the last issue of *The Spirit*, our Lenten Planning Team had come to the conclusion that many people feel like they are in a spiritual desert. Prolonged, chronic, stress dries up one's spirit. It leaves one feeling empty. Soulless. And there are so many sources of stress in our lives — unemployment, the great recession, deep and heartfelt political conflicts, the never-ending clergy abuse scandal, climate change, the new Roman Missal, and on and on it goes.

So when a parish member says, "Behold, I have found something new that has brought me life in the desert," we paid attention! In fact when she said she felt so strong about this, she was willing to put money on the table to make it happen. We ordered the books! Next weekend, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent, we are giving out this book as a gift to every household. Each week of Lent we will read together a section of the book and talk about it on Sundays. I pray that through the book, you will rediscover your Catholic faith, too.

Also next weekend, our new Gospel of Life Ministry was all set to launch a letter writing campaign on the health care issue Bishop Callahan wrote about a couple of weeks ago. At the time of this writing the Bishops had not yet responded to President Obama's compromise proposal. We are waiting for the Bishops' lead to see whether a letter writing campaign is still needed or not.

On another moral issue, I did sign a letter along with thirteen other area pastors, and with hundreds of pastors around the state, in support of the 11 X 15 Campaign being launched this Tuesday. In order to create safer communities, end the senseless waste of human life, and save the state millions of dollars, the Treatment Instead of Prison (TIP) task forces around the state are uniting behind the goal of reducing the prison population

in Wisconsin to 11,000 inmates by the year 2015. Thus the name: 11 X 15.

With there being 22,000 inmates in state prisons right now this may seem like a daunting task. But when you think that over half of the people put in prison are there because of addictions or mental illnesses, and that without treatment they are set up to fail again and again when released, it becomes quite reasonable, if not imperative, that we begin to provide treatment instead of more prison. You will be hearing more about this in the months to come. I find it a remarkable movement of courage and hope. God doing something new. Life appearing in the desert.

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times, within them — and within us — are  
deep currents and tremendous gifts fully  
capable of bursting forth in new life.*

Great ministries like these take place in our parish because great people step forward and provide leadership. If everyone sat back to let the next guy do it, our liturgies would be thoughtless and drab and we would not be engaged in the great moral issues of our time. I am so grateful to the parish members who are speaking at each Mass this weekend to share why they have stepped into leadership and to invite you to do the same.

This weekend and next there are nomination cards in the pews. Please take a moment to recommend a few people you feel would be good leaders. They will be called and invited to our Gathering of Ministers on March 1<sup>st</sup>. No arm twisting! At that meeting they will hear the dreams our commissions have for the future of the parish and then be invited to help make those dreams come true. If you are not going to be in church, you can also nominate someone by dropping me or the parish office a line with the name of a parish member and what qualities you feel they have to offer the parish.

Please see the liturgy schedule for the times of services this Ash Wednesday. And when you come, let the barren apple tree branches in the sanctuary hold the truth for you that though these seem to be dry and barren times, within them — and within us — are deep currents and tremendous gifts fully capable of bursting forth in new life. I look forward to this journey through Lent to Easter with you.



## Stewardship of Treasure

February 11-12, 2012



Adult Envelopes: \$26,504  
Includes \$16,636 ACH  
Offertory: \$579  
Vigil Lights: \$86

### Parish Wish List



1. Wall Treatment for Church - \$16,000 (approximate cost)
2. Eco-Friendly, Floor Scrubbing Machine - Any amount will be accepted toward the \$5,100 machine
3. Youth Room Furniture - Any amount graciously accepted
4. Parish Office Computers/Software - Computers - \$600, Windows 7 Software \$80 each
5. NEW ITEM - Facility/Event Scheduler - More information to follow in the next few weeks

**Wall Treatment** Thank you to four families/individuals who have already donated \$400 toward the wall covering. Any gift toward this project is welcome. Checks can be made payable to St. Anne's Parish and sent to 700 W. Bridge St., Wausau, WI 54401. Indicate Wall Covering in the memo.

If you are able to contribute towards one of these wish list items—or another—please contact the parish office 715-849-3930. All gifts are significant and appreciated.

If you would like to know more about the **Online Giving**, there is information in the Pamphlet Rack in the West Gathering area. There are also "Online Giving" cards if you already give electronically and wish to still put something in the basket. For more information, contact Lee at the parish office.



Needed, Front Desk Volunteers in the Parish office on Monday & Tuesday afternoons. Duties include answering phones, greeting guests, and light office work. If this sounds like something you may have time to help out with or if you would like to inquire further, please call Jen Switlick @ 715-849-3520 or email jennifers@stanneswausau.org.



# Lenten Fish Fry

Serving 4-7 p.m. Fridays of Lent

### Menu

One-Piece Fried Fish .....	\$5.75
Two-Pieces Fried Fish .....	\$8.00
Baked Haddock .....	\$7.50
Deep Fried Shrimp.....	\$8.75
Fried Combo (Fish & Shrimp).....	\$9.00
Baked Combo (Fish & Shrimp).....	\$10.25
Cheese Pizza .....	\$2.50
Homemade Dessert.....	\$0.75
Soda .....	\$1.00
Soup .....	\$1.00

*Dinner includes choice of French fries, homemade potato salad or baked potato, cole slaw, rye bread. \*Coffee (dine-in only)*



### Take-Outs and Deliveries Available

Home & Business Deliveries in the City of Wausau ONLY. Call Fridays after 1 p.m. Phone 715.849.3930. Small charge for delivery and take-out orders.



### Gift Certificates Available

Give the gift they are sure to love. Stop by the parish office weekdays until 4:30 p.m. to purchase a certificate.

### Dessert Bakers Board

Parishioners are asked to bring desserts according to the schedule below. Desserts such as fruit pies, cakes, bars, cupcakes and fruit cobblers are examples of acceptable desserts. Custard & meringue pies, frosting made with eggs, are not acceptable unless they come from a commercial bakery. We ask that you provide a dessert or donate \$5-10 prior to your scheduled week. Call the office at 715-849-3930 if you have questions. Anyone with the last name beginning with the alphabet letter below brings dessert for that week:



February 24th	Letters	A, B, C, D, E
March 2nd		F, G, H, I
March 9th		J, K, L
March 16th		M, N, O, P
March 23rd		Q, R, S, T
March 30th		U, V, W, X, Y, Z
April 6th	Circle of Joy	

## Rite of Sending

As our parish community soon begins the season of Lent, our RCIA candidates are entering the last portion of their journey toward initiation. It is called Purification and Enlightenment, which gives us a good insight into how we are all called to celebrate Lent. All of us are encouraged to greater interior reflection. We purify our minds and hearts as we search our consciences and see where we need to change. We enlighten our minds and hearts with a deeper knowledge of Christ. During this time, prayer and Scripture are very essential.

On February 19th, at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, we will have the privilege to hear from several witnesses that have walked the journey of faith with those in our RCIA process. This Rite of Sending is our parish's way of acknowledging that these new friends of ours are now ready to go forward and be presented to Bishop Callahan who will then encourage them to continue on to the Easter Vigil for the sacraments of Initiation. During this rite of sending they will either have their baptismal certificate placed in our record book or come up and sign the Book of the Elect which will then be presented to the bishop to sign.

As we all try to draw closer to Christ during this time, let us support one another with prayer and encouragement. You will notice the presence of the RCIA participants each week as they process in and participate in the Liturgy during this special time.



## Local News & Offerings

### Women's Retreat

Sat., March 3, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Michael's

Come and take a holy pause from your busy life and spend some time with the women in Jesus' life. Time will be spent getting to know one another, reflecting, praying, writing and sharing. The day will include a wonderful mix of these things based on the qualities of these women who knew and loved Jesus.

Retreat director will be Shirley Kelter, who has been developing and facilitating retreats since her college days. Blessed with almost 30 amazing years in parish ministry, spiritual direction, teaching, publishing, and training, Shirley now serves as hospice chaplain for Agrace HospiceCare in Madison. She continues to lead retreats whenever possible because it remains her ministry passion.



The cost for the day will be \$30, which includes materials for the retreat, continental breakfast and a delicious lunch.

To register, please contact Ann Sirianni at 715-359-5675 or dffanns@yahoo.com by February 29.

**The Upper Room** is a spiritual gathering place for women located at 1004 1/2 East Main Street in downtown Merrill, directly above the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. We offer programs and workshops that touch upon the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of a woman's life. The following are the programs offered in March.

- **The Wisdom Circle** meets Thursday, March 1 and March 8, from 9-10 a.m. This month's topic is "Aging with Grace." Share your secrets of aging gracefully with other women and learn theirs also. Informal discussions will take place over coffee. No charge.
- Thursday, March 8, from 6:30-8 p.m. the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation GrapeVine Project will **share resources on mental health**. This session will be held at Ascension Episcopal Church, corner of Third and Pier Streets in Merrill and is handicap accessible. No charge.

Tuesday, March 6, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sr. John Marie Simien of the Holy Cross Sisters in Merrill will present an inspiring **Lenten reflection** on the suffering and love of Christ. Suggested donation of \$5-\$15.

### Registration has begun for Newman Catholic Schools 2012-2013 School Year!



For more information or registration materials, please call NCS Central Offices at 715-845-5735. An NCS education makes a great gift. Consider the gift of a Catholic education in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you would like to help provide the gift of a Catholic education through tuition assistance, please contact the NCS Development Office at 715-842-4805.

NCES: St. Mark students are selling **Easter chocolates** from a local company, Michael's Candy. In addition, students have the option to participate in a read-a-thon. All money raised will be used to fund activities for our children at NCES: St. Mark and provide additional resources for school needs. If you would like to purchase Easter chocolate, please call Marcie Patneaude at 715-355-1984 or email her at mlpatneaude@yahoo.com. Thank you, as always, for your support of NCS! The annual NCES, St. Mark Home and School, Easter Chocolates fundraiser, will run through Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.

**REMINDER: There will be no NCS classes held on Monday, February 20th for a teacher in-service.**

## Faith Formation

**Family Session for Faith Formation:** Whether you are in a Sunday/Wednesday on-site class or Home study the Family Sessions on Feb. 26 or Feb. 29th are for you! The theme will be "The Cross." Jess Mollison will be the guest presenter in sharing her story of ministering in Casa Hogar, Mission Orphanage.

**Ash Wednesday Masses** – Faith Formation families are encouraged to attend one of the Ash Wednesday Masses together on Wed. Feb. 22. 6:15 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. There will be no formal classes today Feb. 19 or Wed. Feb. 22.



### **Lent @ St. Anne's**

Check out the bulletin insert regarding the offerings at St. Anne's to enrich your Lenten Journey.

**Lenten Materials are available in the West Gathering Space. Check it out!**

### **Faith Formation Schedule**

Sunday	Wednesday
February 22 <sup>nd</sup> (5:15 p.m. <b>OR</b> 6:45 p.m.)	
February 26	February 29
March 4	March 7
March 11	March 14

## Adult Faith Formation

### **2012 Parish Mission— See Insert**

#### **Session Dates and Times:**

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday March 5, 6, & 7.  
 Morning sessions will be held 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the church with hospitality to follow.  
 Evening sessions will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the church with hospitality to follow.

#### **Sessions Themes and Scripture**

Mon., March 5: **Call to follow Jesus**—John 1  
 Tues., March 6: **Knowing, Loving and Abiding in Jesus**—John 10:11-18; 15:1-17  
 Wed., March 7: **Seeking and Finding Jesus**—John 6:1-14, 51-58; 20:1-18

**Volunteers are needed** to help with greeting and hospitality for the Parish Mission. Sign up in the West Gathering space to share your talent! Or call Becky Schmitz at 715-351-0217 or becstu@yahoo.com.

**Small Group Scripture Study:** Would you enjoy gathering with a small group to engage in warm, meaningful conversation and discuss Bible readings? If so, there's an exciting new adventure awaiting you!

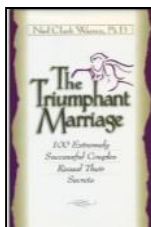
What: Small Church Community Group  
 When: Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month  
 Where: St. Anne's Youth Room (downstairs)  
 Time: 7:15-8:30 p.m.

This Small Church Community Group would like to see its membership grow! For more information, please contact Gary or Jan Yonke at 715-355-1119 (evenings are best to call) or imawriter3@yahoo.com

### **Family Life in the Parish Library!**

When God created humans, he designed us to live in families. Family relationships, therefore, are important to God. Even the church, the universal body of believers, is called the family of God. This month the Parish Library will be featuring books in our Family Life Section. Please take a moment after mass and view the book selection or check out the book of the week for people of all ages.

### **BOOK OF THE WEEK**



**The Triumphant of Marriage**  
 By Neil Clark Warren, Ph. D

100 extremely successful couples reveal their secrets. You will learn 10 keys that can make all the difference in your marriage.

## **Local News & Offerings**

The people of First English Lutheran Church invite you to share in our **Wednesday Lenten Worship and Soup Suppers** beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. The focus of our worship will be:



The Ten Commandments, (Not 'The Ten Suggestions') with worship times at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The meal will be served from 5-6:15 p.m. Free will offering. May God bless you richly as we travel with Jesus to the Cross and tomb during the 40 Days of Lent.

**Wausau Catholic Women's Club** will be meeting Monday, March 5th at 10:00 and 11:15. There will be Mass, 12:15 lunch will be served at the Rose Garden. Guests are always welcome. Father Al Burkhardt will be presenting "Day of Prayer." Dues \$8, cost of meal \$11. Call 715-842-2845 or 715-845-8340 for reservations.



## Local News & Offerings

HENRY DAVID THOREAU wrote, **“Most men lead lives of quiet desperation.”** We are a small group of men intent on eliminating “Quiet Desperation” from the face of the earth or at least from our families. Will you stand with us? Call Jim at 715-845-2286.

Please join Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities for our inaugural **Wausau Lenten Luncheon** as we honor those who serve others in Jesus’ name! The “In my Name” award will be presented to the Good News Project Friday, February 24th at St. Michael’s Catholic Church. 611 Stark St., Wausau. Gourmet soups, salad and bread will be served at the lunch at 12:00 noon. 12:30 is the award presentation and at 1:00 a blessing from Bishop Callahan. \$25 per person, seating is limited so reservation can be made by calling 888-212-4357 or email [kbecker@cclse.org](mailto:kbecker@cclse.org).

**NCS Tuition Discount:** Relevant Radio and Catholic Schools in Central Wisconsin believe in the value and importance of Catholic education. Together we have developed a special opportunity to help families discover a Catholic education at a special,



introductory cost. The Relevant Radio tuition voucher reduces the cost to a limited number of new students 50% of the normal fee for the 2012-2013 school year for NCS. Go to: [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) / keyword “TUITION” for complete details.

The scheduled **Fatima Council Women’s retreat** on March 10th will be postponed to Spring of 2013.



### **5th Annual Catholics Alive Conference: “Perspective on Catholic Social Teaching”**

Do you know what the term “Catholic Social Teaching” means? Would you like to know what our Catholic Church teaches relating to the political issues of our time? Do you want to know what your rights and responsibilities as a Catholic voter are? There is time during the day to experience the “Prayer Walk.” The Wausau Directors of Religious Education Leadership are sponsoring the 5th Annual Catholics Alive in Christ Conference. The keynote presenter is John Huebscher, the Director of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference. The conference is March 10 from 8:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Anne Church. The cost is \$15 per person and the contact person is Ann Sirianni at 715-359-5675 or [dffanns@yahoo.com](mailto:dffanns@yahoo.com)

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