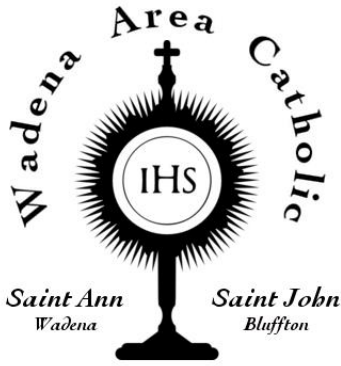


April 3, 2016 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

# WadenaAreaCatholic.org



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### New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Aaron Kuhn, after Mass. Register as a parishioner by calling our parish offices.

### Adoration of the Eucharist

Monday 8 a.m. to Saturday 8 a.m. in our Adoration Chapel, at St. Ann

### Join the Choir

Our parishes are always looking for new musicians and singers. Contact the church office for details.

### Wadena Area Family Counseling

Paula Johnson, MS, MA, and is available for counseling Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Ann's Church Offices in Wadena. Paula views struggles as opportunities to grow and heal and is grateful to be part of the resulting freedom. Christian counseling provided, if desired. Call toll free 844-816-1847 or 320-253-3540 to schedule an appointment.

### Homebound Ministry

Please call the office and let us know if you are homebound and would like a Minister of Holy Communion to visit you.

### Watch Mass Live at St. Ann

The City of Wadena and the Church of St. Ann are working together via [Bebloomin.com](http://Bebloomin.com) to maintain a live-stream video of the church space. Anyone with internet access can now watch any Mass or service when it happens.

### Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please notify the pastor as soon as possible.

### Bulletin Deadline

If you would like something announced in the bulletin it must be submitted to St. Ann's Church Office no later than noon on the Tuesday before publication. Announcements may be delivered by leaving a note in the collection basket, by fax, or by email to [bpiecek@saintanns.net](mailto:bpiecek@saintanns.net)

### Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday at 4:00 PM at St. Ann's Church, or upon request w/ Fr. Aaron Kuhn

### Baptism Preparation

Those seeking baptism for their child should call Deacon Jerry Snyder at St. Ann's Office to sign up for the Baptism Course Schedule: May 23, Sep 12, Dec 13

### Marriage Preparation

In the Diocese of St. Cloud, newly engaged couples must contact their pastor at least six months before the proposed wedding date. In our parishes, all couples must meet in person with the pastor before a date can be set.

### Looking to volunteer?

We need your talents. There are ongoing activities at our parishes that require help from volunteers. Call your church office or watch the bulletin for details.

### Stewardship Last Week

#### SAINT ANN

Adult \$1,558  
Easter \$6,103.77  
Plate \$1,623.29  
Youth \$38  
Maintenance \$145  
Good Samaritan \$207.05  
Holy Land \$974  
Holy Thursday \$888  
Flowers \$70  
CRS \$23  
Rice Bowl \$52.08

#### SAINT JOHN

Easter Adult \$3,147  
Plate \$716  
Youth \$70.25  
Votive \$21  
Flowers \$45  
Visitor \$19  
Holy Thursday \$688  
Holy Land \$584

### GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

In John's account of that first Easter night, Jesus appears through locked doors and gives the disciples His peace. He gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit and the power of God's forgiveness. Thomas, who misses out on this experience of Jesus, refuses to believe unless he can touch Jesus' wounds. A week later he has a chance to do just that! Thomas exclaims, "My Lord and my God!" And Jesus tells us how "blest" are we who have believed in His resurrection without having seen His risen body.

**Adults:** How does the story of Thomas coming to faith resemble your own journey? Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." How will you show your belief in Jesus this week?

**Children:** Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in Jesus without being able to see Him? How do you see Jesus in the words and actions of others? How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

**Think of God's gifts in broader terms, not simply the material goods or security you may enjoy.**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Monday, Apr 4 – The Annunciation of the Lord**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, Apr 5 – Saint Vincent Ferrer**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Deceased Members of Paul & Eulalia Landwehr Family*

Sacristan: Duane & Vonnie Moore

### **Wednesday, Apr 6**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *A.J. & Aurora Tougas*

Sacristan: Hank Soenneker

Comm: Hank Soenneker, Peter Van Erp

### **Thursday, Apr 7 – Saint John Baptist de la Salle**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Loretta Brauch*

Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

### **Friday, Apr 8**

9:30 a.m. Mass (Fair Oaks) † *Virginia Richter*

### **Saturday, Apr 9**

5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) *For the People*

Sacristan: Mike Pete

Comm: Annamarie Tabery, Mary Dee Weber, Carmen Pederson,  
Lisa Reddick, Lucille Belch, Mary Drkula, Joel Haverkamp,  
Barb Richter

Lector: Melissa Lawson

Greeters: Bruce Johnson, Dave & Kim Schissel

Gifts: Carol & Dan Osborn

Servers: Kaylin & Dawson Lupkes, Faith Koning

### **Sunday, Apr 10 - Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) † *LeRoy Rydbom*

Sacristan: Mike Pete

Comm: Cathy Edinger, Vonnie Moore, Marilou Heltemes, Jeanette  
Baymler, Donna Haman, Karlene Snyder, Dorothy Beyer,  
Carmen Pederson

Lector: Laura Breid

Greeters: Dean & Cindy Uselman, Agnes K Heston

Gifts: Pete Family

Servers: Jayson Young, Colby Schmid, Abigail Haman

### **10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) †**

Sacristan: Marge Harrison

Comm: Hank Soenneker, Brian Boe, Peter Van Erp, Sharon  
Heinen, Marge Harrison

Lector: Denise Kane

Ushers: Steve Wallgren Family

Servers: Sydney & Luke Weniger

Mon: Is 7:10-14, 8-10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tue: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thu: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 3:31-36

Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Sun: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Easter is a time of change in the Christian way of life. It starts with grace and affords us the opportunity to make other changes in our attitude and behaviors.

When Kody was baptized at the Easter Vigil a few days ago, we talked about the opportunity for change that baptism brings. If he wants to be a “whole new person” in how he talks and acts, baptism is the perfect excuse. What a perfect time to say to one’s coworkers and friends, “I cannot do X anymore, because it does not fit with being a baptized Christian.”

All of us who are baptized have a great excuse for why we would make positive changes in our life. Even though we may have been baptized many years ago, God can rise up grace within us to want to change our behaviors. We can call it “ongoing conversion.” Or another way to see it is like “ongoing education for work,” where we go to a conference and suddenly change the way we perform our duties because of something we learn there. So too, in our discipleship as Christians, we should always be open to new graces from Jesus in the Easter season. Lent was a time of reflecting and pursuing reform, and now we can actively make changes for the long-term, if we are willing to cooperate with God’s grace.

Change is never easy. Yet, we have all had positive experiences of a kind of “freedom” that arrives when we are willing to make changes. I can tell you that the remodel projects at St. Ann’s right now are both frightening and freeing. There are unknowns in change that can sometimes paralyze us with fear of “what if it does not work out right?” Yet, the initial reasons for remodeling were for our safety and the longterm well-being of the facilities. So, we keep moving forward, and daily progress gives us hope of what will be. Along the way, we are feeling some great freedom in how beautiful the church will look when it is done.

The resurrection of Jesus was a radical change for the disciples. “*Is he really alive? That changes everything!*” Suddenly, the meaning and purpose of our existence on earth was made clearer. A grace was given to them to also change how they viewed themselves and what they were going to do with their time on earth.

What changes might God be asking you to make in your life these days? Be not afraid. God will give you the grace to reform whatever he is calling you to do.

# NEWS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Apr 6  
Classes as usual

### **CORRECTION: SA & SJB:**

**Wednesday, Apr 13:** David Rinaldi Presentation at St. Ann's -7:00 p.m. (This will take the place of the regular RE classes so **ALL** families are asked to attend.)

### **SJB: Tuesday, Apr 5:**

Education Committee Meeting-6:30 p.m.

**First Communion** is scheduled for Sunday, Apr 10 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) and 10.30 a.m. Mass (SJB).

**Confirmation** is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> in Browerville.

## YOUTH MINISTRY (K-12)

**Wadena Youth Rally:** 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Every second Sunday of the month, 7 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall, with Vespers at 7:45 and games to follow. Next Up: **Apr 10**

Mission Trip: **Alive In You Work Camp** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 9-17 (\$540) for grades 7-12. Alive in You is part conference, part service camp and 100% Catholic.

**Parents:** Part of the grant that we received from the Catholic Foundation this year allowed us to purchase a copy of "Raising Pure Teens" for each family. Victoria would like to hand deliver these to each family and if possible at your home. If you would be interested in having Victoria over one Thursday or Friday afternoon or evening for a short visit please let her know.

## YOUNG ADULTS (18+)

### **First Friday Devotion:**

7 pm at the first Friday of every month, Eucharistic adoration w/ some silence and music, followed by a social at the rectory. Next up: May 6.

## SAINT ANN'S NEWS

**Incense** will be used at the 8:30 a.m. Mass throughout Easter.

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the music room.  
**Bible Study:** Monday and Thursday.

### **Springfest Panning Meeting:**

Tuesday, Apr 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room. **Tickets are now available** at St. Ann's business office, Thrifty White Drug and Weber's Hardware, \$25 each. Springfest Committee is still **accepting donations** for the live and silent auction. We are looking to you for unique items. Thank you for your continued support.

**Mass will be in the parish hall for the next two months.**

**Be-Blommin Weekend:** Apr 16 & 17. A Be-Blommin rep will be here to help you get signed up.

**Sunday, Apr 3:** Today after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, there will be a meeting for all who are interested in organizing a one day pilgrimage. See Sharon Heinen for more information.

**Breakfast** will be served after the 8:30 a.m. today in the parish hall.

Free Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose checks: Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3, after Mass.

**Need a ride to Mass, Adoration or Afternoon Religious Education?** The Friendly Rider is available weekly during regular business hours and Sunday morning for Mass. Please call (631-5730). Saint Ann's will pick up the cost.

## SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

**St. Mary's Mission Group** will meet this Tuesday afternoon, April 5 in the church basement.

## NEWS FOR ALL

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls are hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Franciscan Girls Camp entitled, "Faith and Fun with Franciscans," on Tuesday, June 14 (10 a.m.) – Thursday,

June 16 (6 p.m.) in Assisi Park, located on the grounds at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities, campfire, prayer and signing. For more information on the Franciscan Girls Camp, or to register by May 14, contact Sister Ange Mayers at 320-632-0680 or email [amayers@fslf.org](mailto:amayers@fslf.org) or [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org)

WDC students are planning a "Day of Caring" on April 27 to help members of the Wadena, Deer Creek and Bluffton communities with outdoor yard work tasks. If you have an outdoor project you would like help with, please call 632-2444 by April 20. There is no charge. In event of severe weather the date will be changed to May 4.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Apr 3, 2016: St. Henry's Catholic Church, Perham, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Confession, Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour Scripture Readings, singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

If you would like to purchase a rosary for First Communion or Confirmation gifts, call Bob Roggenkamp 631-3681.

**Mission Rally** Friday, Apr 8, 8:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. at St. Louis Church, Paynesville, MN. Keynote speakers: Crosier Fathers Nana from Indonesia and Zawadi from Republic of the Congo. Mass with Bishop Kettler followed by a meal and fellowship. Cost is \$8.50 per person. To register call 320-251-1100.

Visit the Shrines of Italy October 18 – 28, 2016 with the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Saint Cloud and Fr. Aaron Nett. Daily Mass, confession, and guided tours of the sites will make this a trip of a lifetime! Book before April 20<sup>th</sup> for a \$200 discount.

**The Secret Map of Surviving Loss** with Roxann Storms. **Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church of Saint Boniface Parish Center.** We will view a unique documentary of five brave souls who share their stories of losing a loved one. Roxann Storms will guide us through the grieviers' journey from initial loss to finding peace and healing.

Fr. Omar is leading a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost per person is \$50 (\$25 children under 15). I'd like to invite you to come with. The bus will leave at 5:00 A.M. from Long Prairie Church Parking Lot at St. Mary's Church and we'll return by 9:00 P.M. If you haven't been there, you should come. It is a beautiful Marian site! We hope to fill up the bus! Come and see Jill, our parish secretary, during office hours 9-12 or 1-4:30 for registrations, or call Jill at 320-357-0815 for any other questions.

Marriage Ministry Day: A Mission of Mercy to the Family (2016 Live Family Expo) — Saturday, April 9, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Church of St. Raphael, Crystal, MN. Co-hosted by the Diocese of St. Cloud, the Cana Family Institute and the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis, this event features speakers and workshops to assist attendees in developing skills to transform their marriages, families and ministries. Bishop Donald Kettler will celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. followed by a keynote with Drs. Stephen Grundman and Harvey Payne discussing "The Psychology of Mercy." Registration (before March 15) is \$35 per person and \$70 per couple. After March 15, it is \$45 per person and \$80 per couple. For more information and registration, go to <http://stcdio.org/marriageministry> We are offering a \$10 scholarship per Sponsor Couple to attend.