



March 27, 2016 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
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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 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

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 \$3,993.66
 Plate \$4,825
 Youth \$18.01
 Maintenance \$50
 Good Samaritan \$180.40
 Visitor \$18
 Flowers \$279
 CRS \$5
 Votive \$2

SAINT JOHN

Adult \$1,967
 Plate \$389
 Youth \$30.10
 Votive \$23
 Flowers \$45
 Visitor \$19

GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

Imagine how you would have felt if you had been Mary Magdalene or Peter or John on the first Easter morning. At first, Mary Magdalene thought that Jesus' enemies had stolen His body. Heartbroken, she ran to tell Peter and John. They raced to the tomb and found that the burial wrappings, which had encased Jesus' body, were cast aside. Seeing this, they believed. We have heard many times about Jesus' Resurrection. But do we truly and deeply believe it?

Adults: Does your life give evidence of the joy and peace and hope of Easter? Spend a little time today in the company of the risen Lord.

Children: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.”

– Saint John Paul II

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, Mar 28 – Monday within the Octave of Easter
No Mass

Tuesday, Mar 29 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Ruth Baron*
Sacristan: Duane & Vonnie Moore

Wednesday, Mar 30 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Al & Hildegard Primus*
Sacristan & Comm: Dick & Kay Tougas

Thursday, Mar 31 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Mr & Mrs Joseph Smarzik*
Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

Friday, Apr 1 – Friday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 a.m. Mass (Fair Oaks) † *Loretta Brauch*

Saturday, Apr 2 – Saturday within the Octave of Easter
5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) *For the People*
Sacristan: Mike Pete
Comm: Kathy Angus, Sandie Rentz, Carol Osborn, Lorie Baron,
Duane Moore, Vonnie Moore, Cathy Edinger, Marilou Heltemes
Lector: Marilou Heltemes
Greeters: Dan & Carol Osborn, Marilou Heltemes
Gifts: Tabery Family
Servers: Ella Stroeing, Ben Keppers, Kelly Mukala

Sunday, Apr 3 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Jack Olson*
Sacristan: Mike Pete
Comm: Carmen Pederson, Regina Tellers, Lucille Belch, Mary
Drkula, Shelagh Carlson, Mary Jane Malone, Tom Malone,
Phil Thoennes
Lector: Paul Carlson
Greeters: Carmen Pederson, Nellie Wegscheid & Myrtle Vierkant
Gifts: Nellie Wegscheid & Myrtle Vierkant
Servers: Amy & Daniel Ismil

10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † Leonard & Catherine McGrane
Sacristan: Billy Schwartz
Comm: Sue Theisen, Blaine & Lisa Novak, Billy Schwartz, Irene
Dykhoff
Lector: Bob Roggenkamp
Ushers: Norman & Mike Jahnke
Servers: Reagan & Jackson Weniger

Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tue: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thu: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24: 35-48

Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sun: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!

The great reconciliation has been won for us! What had been lost through the sin of man was regained by the Son of Man, who re-ordered the disorder of our humanity in his self-sacrifice on the cross. "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8).

Adam and Eve were disobedient to the commands of God, the consequence being death, albeit a long-awaited death that pervaded every part of our humanity, ultimately resulting in the death of our body and soul. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:23). It is this very reason that we rejoice in the victory of the cross. "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead ... he brought you to life along with him having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us ... he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross" (Colossians 2:12-14).

Jesus rose from the dead, and this resurrection is offered to us for our body and soul. In our baptism, we were washed free from the original sin of our first parents and invited to live the divine life with Jesus, while here on earth but most importantly in heaven.

It is important that we recognize the importance of our baptism, since it marked our bodies and souls for heaven. When visiting our sister-parish in Ntimaru, Kenya a few weeks ago, I was struck by how much emphasis the older people of the parish put on the fact that they were baptized. Several of them stopped me during visits to say, "Father, I want to show you my baptismal certificate, which I carry with me wherever I go. I was baptized in 1962." For her, baptism was the moment she was claimed by Christ.

Do you see yourself as claimed by Christ? Do you realized what it cost him to make that claim? His death means our life. We should rejoice in such a great gift offered to us so freely at so great a cost.

NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Mar 30
Classes as usual
SA & SJB: **Wednesday, Apr 6:** 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY (K-12)

Wadena Youth Rally: 7th-12th 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 WorkCamp** 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: **Apr 1**, May 6.

SAINT ANN'S NEWS

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

Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL): For families with children 0-5 years old. First Sunday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass. **Apr 3.**

Choir Practice: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the music room.
Bible Study: Monday, Mar 28 **no bible study; Thursday, Mar 31 there will be bible study.**

Springfest Panning Meeting: Tuesday, March 29 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 three months.

Minnesota Food Share March Campaign: Food shelf donation boxes are at the church entrance. Monetary donations may be sent to: Wadena Area Food Shelf, PO Box 383, Wadena MN 56482.

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

Saturday, April 2 after the 5 p.m. Mass there will be a **presentation from the Kenya delegation** in the parish hall. Pot Luck dinner.

Sunday, Apr 3: 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. Mass Sunday, April 3 in the parish hall.

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.

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

SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

March is Food Share Month. Monetary donations should be sent to your local food shelf. **This is the last week to drop off your non-perishable food items for the Food Shelf.**

NEWS FOR ALL

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls are hosting the 9th 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 or 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.

In 1994 the Diocese of Saint Cloud established a program to help victim/survivors of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel. Anyone who has experienced such misconduct, no matter how long ago, is encouraged to contact a victim advocate. The advocate will listen, support, and assist the victim/survivor take whatever steps he/she feels is appropriate to promote healing and recovery. (**Your privacy will be respected.**)
Advocates: Jane Blee - St. Cloud (320) 251-3430; Tom Klecker – St. Joseph (320) 253-2866; Peggy Rezac – Fergus Falls (218) 531-1025; Jennifer Wirz – Central MN (320) 339-0622; Rev. Stanley Wieser - Wheaton (español) (320) 815-9696.
Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Saint Cloud: Roxann Storms, MSW, LICSW, FT (320)248-1563 (confidential line).

Free Community Dinner: Tuesday, Mar 29, serving 4:30 – 6 p.m. at St. Ann's parish hall.

Catholic Daughters **Divine Mercy Sunday** Breakfast Sunday, Apr 3 from 8:30 a.m. – noon at St. Henry's Church, Perham. Freewill offering. Proceeds for St. Henry's Area School.

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 20th for a \$200 discount.