



March 20, 2016 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion 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 \$5,467
 Plate \$525
 Youth \$14
 Maintenance \$560
 Good Samaritan \$138
 Visitor \$54
 Flowers \$155
 CRS \$455
 Easter \$100

SAINT JOHN

Adult \$1,613
 Plate \$177
 Youth \$33
 Votive \$22
 Flowers \$45
 CRS \$180
 Rice Bowl \$121.25

GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

This Sunday is called both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. According to this week's Gospel of Luke, Jesus' friends and acquaintances "stood at a distance" while He died on the cross. However, Jesus was not left alone. The "good thief" (who asks Jesus only to "remember him") and the centurion (who said, "This man was innocent") were there with Him. They believed in him. Sometimes encouragement comes from people we least expect. We are not left alone.

Adults: How do you celebrate the days of Holy Week – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter?

Children: What does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!” - St. Catherine of Siena

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, Mar 21

No Mass

Tuesday, Mar 22

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Werner Roers*
 Sacristan: Duane & Vonnie Moore

Wednesday, Mar 23

8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Andy Ament*
 Sacristan: Marge Harrison
 Comm: Marge Harrison, Peter Van Erp

Thursday, Mar 24 – Holy Thursday

5:30 p.m. Mass (@ St. John the Baptist, Bluffton) *Joe Sauer Family*
 Sacristan: Mike Pete
 Comm: Mary Dee Weber, Cathy Edinger, Lucille Belch, Mary Drkula, Joel Haverkamp, Marilou Heltemes, Jeanette Baymler, Phil Thoennes
 Lector: Mary Drkula
 Greeters: Dave & Sharon Mertens
 Gifts: Moore Family
 Servers: Abigail Haman, Colby Schmid, Jayson Young
 8:00 p.m. Mass (SJB) † *Sally Rasmussen*
 Sacristan: Dick & Kay Tougas
 Comm: Cheryl Kerzman, Dick & Kay Tougas, Ellen Wallgren, Jackie Vandermay
 Lector: LeRoy Keppers
 Ushers: Bill & Regina Weniger
 Servers: Joseph Wallgren, Sydney & Luke Weniger

Friday, Mar 25 – Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Service (@St. John the Baptist, Bluffton)
 Sacristan: Mike Pete
 Comm: Theses Pavek, Lorie Baron, Carmen Pederson, Regina Tellers, Duane Moore, Vonnie Moore, Marilou Heltemes, Karlene Snyder
 Lector: Therese Pavek
 Greeters: Marilou Heltemes, Carmen Pederson
 Servers: Volunteers
 3:00 p.m. Service (SJB)
 Sacristan: Don & Brenda Weniger
 Comm: Don & Brenda Weniger, Trudy Irons
 Lector: Billy Schwartz, Bob Roggenkamp
 Ushers: David & Virginia Nesges
 Servers: Kyndall & Carter Haman, Reagan Weniger

Saturday, Mar 26 – Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Mass (St. John the Baptist, Bluffton) *For the People*
 Sacristan: Mike Pete
 Comm: Sandie Rentz, Carol Osborn, Annamarie Tabery, Cathy Edinger, Lucille Belch, Carmen Pederson, Mary Drkula, Barb Richter
 Lector: Carmen Pederson, Erica Keppers
 Greeters: Dan & Carol Osborn
 Gifts: Keppers
 Servers: Joshua Tabery, Ben Keppers, Summer Pettit

Sunday, Mar 27 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Charles Goeden*
 Sacristan: Mike Pete
 Comm: Lori Meeks, Duane Moore, Vonnie Moore, Joel Haverkamp, Shelagh Carlson, Mary Jane Malone, Tom Malone, Dorothy Beyer
 Lector: Carmen Pederson
 Greeters: Agnes Heston, & Marladene Heinen, Steve & Robin Wegscheid
 Gifts: Mertens Family
 Servers: Tiffany, Zachary and Kayla Meeks
10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Loretta Theisen*
 Sacristan: Marty & Carol Wegscheid
 Comm: Marty & Carol Wegscheid, Marty Irons, Cheri & Dean Endres
 Lector: Carol Wegscheid
 Ushers: Russ Kane Family
 Servers: Ashley & Nathan Kassa

Holy Week is here. Palm Sunday includes both the triumphal entry of Jesus as humble king into Jerusalem, as well as his passion and crucifixion. Holy Thursday celebrates Jesus as servant, washing the feet of his disciples, as well as the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. Good Friday celebrates the Passion narrative again, with Christ's self-sacrifice for our sins on the cross, a continuation of the Passover events but lived out in a *new covenant* in Christ's blood marked on the wooden threshold of death. The Easter Vigil marks the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, as multiple readings from the Old Testament foreshadow his redemptive works and the New Testament recalls their fulfillment.

Last weekend, I preached about forming an intentional culture of reconciliation in our homes and parishes, by perhaps instituting two ideas: (1) picking at least one day a year where multiple families get together and invite a priest over to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, maybe even with some recreation time accompanying it; and (2) monthly having a day of reconciliation for our families, where all members of the family can admit their sorrow for their sins to each other with the understanding that there are no punishments that day.

During Holy Week, we are able to see that God the Father orchestrated a masterful day of reconciliation in our history. Even though we as a people were not willing to admit our personal and collective sinfulness to God and one another, the Lord took it upon himself to pay the price for our sins. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus allowed us to kill him, but in response he overpowered our violence and hatred, our wickedness and sin by his humility and obedience to the Father. His resurrection from the dead is new testament of God's action in the world.

"The wage of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:23). What a gift it is! "O Death, where is your victory. Death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55). No one could have imagined that the manner in which God would conquer our world would be through such a counter-intuitive means—self-sacrifice and complete conformity to the Father—and yet, for we who believe it is the most logical and perfect restoration of our relationship.

So too, we are called to conform ourselves to Christ, to become obedient to the Father in all things, to be purified in love, humility, self-donation, self-sacrifice, and to "take up [your] cross daily and follow [him]" (Luke 9:23). We do so through ongoing acts of reconciliation with God and one another. We should not reserve reconciliation for occasions of grave sin. Rather, our ongoing attitude in all things must become reconciliatory. We should be known as people who early and often say we are sorry for our offenses to others, who are willing to be wrong, willing to be humbled and humble ourselves, and who offer forgiveness frequently and abundantly to everyone who offends us. This is what heaven will be like. It is what Christ won for us on the cross. It is a gift given to us freely, and so freely we should respond in kind.

NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Mar 23
Classes as usual

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.
Experience the love of Christ
through the Eucharist,
Reconciliation, Mass, service,
high-energy praise and
worship, prayer, talented
speakers, team building,
games, activities, and small
faith groups.

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
Lent and 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.

Women's Bible Study:
Thursday and Friday

Springfest Panning Meeting:

Tuesday, March 22 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.

KC Breakfast: after the 8:30
a.m. Mass today in the parish
hall.

**Parish/Finance Council
Meeting:** Tuesday, Mar 22 at
6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Living Stations: Friday, Mar
25 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

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. There
will also be a presentation by
The Kenya delegates at this
time as well.

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

The Friendly Rider is available
for Holy Thursday 5:30 p.m.
Mass and Good Friday
Service, 12:00 p.m. Please call
by Wednesday, Mar 23 by 2
p.m. if you would like a ride
(631-5730). Saint Ann's will
pick up the cost.

SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

March is Food Share Month.
You can leave your non-
perishable food items in the
church entry. Monetary
donations should be sent to
your local food shelf.

Mass Servers for Holy Week
should be at church twenty
minutes before Mass time for
instructions.

Thank you to St. John's
Catholic United Financial for
their donation of \$3,000 to the
Religious Education Fund for
the new copy machine and
books.

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.

Holy Week Schedule

*Triduum services at St. John,
Bluffton, due to renovations at
St. Ann, Wadena*

Holy Thursday, Mar 24

5:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
St. John, Bluffton

Good Friday, Mar 25

12:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
St. John, Bluffton

Holy Saturday, Mar 26

8:00 p.m.
St. John, Bluffton

Easter Sunday, Mar 27

8:30 a.m. St. Ann, Wadena
10:30 a.m. St. John, Bluffton

Free Community Dinner:

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

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tue: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-
38
Wed: Is 50: 4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thu: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv
1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Fri: Is 52: 13—53:12/Heb 4:14-
16, 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat: Gn 1:1—2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex
14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is
55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—
4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom
6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Cor
3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9