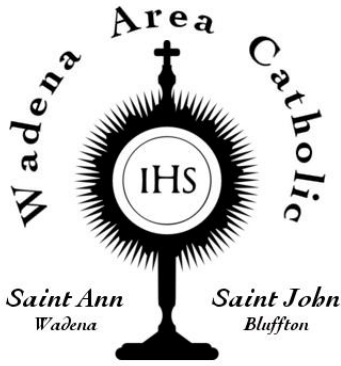


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New to the Parish?

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 \$3,663.68
 Plate \$765
 Youth \$17.43
 Maintenance \$5
 Good Samaritan \$90.43
 Votive \$15

SAINT JOHN

Adult \$1,596
 Plate \$213
 Youth \$24.10
 Votive \$26

GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

In the Gospel this week, Jesus gathers His disciples close and says, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer." Then He tells them how they can keep his presence alive after he is physically absent. "Love one another," He says. He tells them others will know they are His disciples if they love one another. Loving one another is a challenge for us as Christians.

Adults: In what ways can people tell that you are a Christian? Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you?

Children: How can others see that you are a disciple of Jesus? What would the world be like if we all followed Jesus' commandment to love one another?

“The education of children of God is the most important business done on earth.” – R.L. Dabney

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, Apr 25 – Saint Mark

No Mass

Tuesday, Apr 26

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † Loretta Brauch
Sacristan: Duane & Vonnie Moore

Wednesday, Apr 27

8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) † Al & Hildegard Primus
Sacristan & Comm: Lee & Pat Kicker

Thursday, Apr 28

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † Marcella Mohs
Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

Friday, Apr 29

9:30 a.m. Mass (Fair Oaks) † Sylvester Endres

Saturday, Apr 30

5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) For the People
Sacristan: Mike Pete
Comm: Therese Pavek, Lori Baron, Carol Osborn, Mary Dee
Weber, Barb Richter, Marilou Heltemes, Annamarie Tabery,
Bernadene Reece
Lector: Erica Keppers
Greeters: Rita Landwehr, Larry & Kathy Heltemes
Gifts: Carol & Dan Osborn
Servers: Joshua Tabery, Ben Keppers

Sunday, May 1 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) † Werner Roers
Sacristan: Mike Pete
Comm: Regina Tellers, Nellie Wegscheid, Duane Moore, Vonnie
Moore, Lori Meeke, Mary Jane Malone, Tom Malone,
Volunteer
Lector: JoAnn Persih
Greeters: Jeanette Baymler, Lucille Donnay and Barb Schertler
Gifts: Nellie Wegscheid and Myrtle Veirkant
Servers: Robert, Ryan & Caleb Ismil

10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † Catherine Vorderbruggen

Sacristan: Marty & Carol Wegscheid
Comm: Lee & Pat Kicker, Marty Irons, Carol & Marty Wegscheid
Lector: LeRoy Keppers
Ushers: Dale & Arlene Porter
Servers: Ashley & Nathan Kassa

Mon: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thu: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Sun: Acts 15:1—2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

How easy these words are to speak, while living them out in our culture today is so difficult! Undoubtedly, the gospel message most familiar to us is how we must love each other. And yet, so easily our inclination in moments of frustration and discontent is to presume the worst intentions of the other, and to demand that we be treated better by them. We call these inclinations our “fallen nature as a result of sin”—a.k.a. “concupiscence”—our default appetite for self-preservation, rather than of self-donation. We constantly fight against concupiscence in order to grow in love. *“Love is patient, love is kind; it is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).*

In a way, we can say that our task of love is to put to death in our flesh those things which will not fit in heaven. *“Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry... By these you too once conducted yourselves, when you lived in that way. But now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths ... Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection” (Colossians 3:5-8, 12-14).*

Love is not automatic. It is a movement of our will: *“To love is to will the good of the other for the other’s sake” (St. Thomas Aquinas).* It is thinking of God and neighbor before self in everything. It is to see oneself as a citizen of heaven while still on earth, and to remind oneself early and often, “I am a baptized child of God. I need to act like it.” We should indeed be known as disciples of Jesus by our love.

NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Apr 27
Classes as usual
SJB: May Crowning
Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.
Confirmation is scheduled for
May 12th in Browerville.

YOUTH MINISTRY (K-12)

Ditch Cleaning: Friday, Apr
29 at 5 p.m. for all 7-12
graders and their families.
Meet at St. Ann's parish hall
and we will return for pizza and
ice cream. RSVP Victoria 320-
360-5193 or vbulcher
@saintanns.net

Do you want to be a

Disciple? I am looking for
young people 6th -12th grade
that want to learn what it
means to be a Catholic! We
will meet once a week for
about an hour, small groups.
Contact Victoria for more
information.

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, Jun 3.

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.

Family Potluck: Early
Childhood Family Life (ECFL)
group is hosting a family
potluck on Sunday, May 1st

from 4-6 p.m. at Tapley Park
(617 Lincoln Ave SW) or the
parish hall if inclement
weather. Everyone is invited.
Please bring young children.

**Thank you to all the helpers
in preparation for Springfest.**

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

There will be **no** Blood
Pressure Checks after Mass
the first Sunday of May.

**Congratulations to Marie
Willan:** She will celebrate her
110th birthday April 29th.
Happy Birthday Marie!

Mary Brown will celebrate her
90th Birthday on May 7th with
an open house, at her home.
All are welcome.

Stewardship Meeting:
Tuesday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. in
the Library.

**Parish/Finance Council
Meeting:** Tuesday, May 3,
2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish
hall.

SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

We are asking members of the
parish to help out by donating
bars for the **Ken Theisen
Benefit** which will be held Apr
29, 4-8 p.m. at the Bluffton
Community Center. Bars can
be dropped off prior to the
benefit.

Remember to hold up in prayer
our young people who will
receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation on May 12.

We received a "thank you"
from the St. Cloud Mission
Office for this year's donation
of \$962.25 to the Rice Bowl.

NEWS FOR ALL

Position Available: Religious
Education Coordinator @ St.
John the Baptist. Part-time (20
hrs/wk). The REC works in
collaboration with the pastor
and the education committee
to develop and maintain a
catechetical program for youth

and children, grades 1-
12. Call or email Fr. Aaron
Kuhn for complete job
description (218-631-1593,
fatheraaronkuhn@gmail.com).

Position Available: Director of
Music & Liturgy @ St. Ann.
Full-time (40 hrs/wk). The DML
plans and manages a
comprehensive liturgical
program; includes choral
conducting, training and
scheduling of ministers, and
liturgical education programs
for the parish. Call or email Fr.
Aaron Kuhn for complete job
description (218-631-1593,
fatheraaronkuhn@gmail.com).

Vocations Camp: For Young
Men Grades 7-10: June 13-15,
Battle Lake Area; June 20-22,
Avon area; July 11-13, Big
Lake Area. Cost \$25-
Scholarships available. For
more information or to register
contact Office of Vocations,
P.O. Box 1248, St. Cloud, MN
56302-1248 or call 320-251-
5001

Pastors Appreciation

Breakfast: Mayor George
Deiss has declared the week
of May 1st – 7th to be Pastors
Appreciation Week. In honor of
our churches, the Wadena
Chamber of Commerce invites
you to attend a Pastors
Appreciation Breakfast
Thursday, May 5 at Wadena
United Methodist Church, 23
Dayton Ave SE. Breakfast will
commence at 7:30 a.m. with
the program concluding at 8:30
a.m. All parishioners are
invited and encouraged to
attend. Please RSVP to the
Wadena Chamber office at
632-7704 by Monday, May 2.
Tickets will be paid for at the
door for \$8.50 per person.

Free Community Dinner:

Tuesday, April 26th at
Maslowski Wellness Center
Gymnasium. Serving 4:30 – 6
p.m. Sponsored by Grace
Connections, Missionary
Baptist Church and
Southbrook Baptist Church.

**Benefit Dinner, Silent
Auction and Bake Sale** for
the Mike & Jean Hendrickx
Family: Sunday, April 24,
serving 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at
Holy Cross Catholic Church,
54216 County Hwy 148,
Butler, MN.

**A Divine Design: Marriage
and Natural Family Planning!**
Natural Family Planning (NFP)
cooperates with nature and
God's plan for married
love. NFP is effective, healthy
and marriage building. **A First
Instruction in the Billings
Ovulation Method will be
offered in: Wadena** on Friday,
May 27 22 at 5:30 p.m. at St.
Ann's Church. For more
information, or to register,
contact Victoria Bulcher at
vbulcher@saintanns.net or
320-360-5193. **ALSO** By
appointment at the Tri-County
Hospital. For more information,
or to register, contact Mary
Jorgenson at
mjorgenson@tchc.org or 218-
631-4759. The class is
approximately 1½ to 2 hours
long. *Note: Most insurance
plans cover the cost of NFP
Instruction and follow-up!

Nominate your candidate for the 2016 Humanae vitae

Award! Do you know
someone who shows great
courage promoting the
teachings of Humanae vitae in
ministry, education, or
witness? Submit your
nomination by writing a short
essay (500 words or
less). Visit
www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp
for more information. Send or fax
your nomination by May 31,
2016 to: Office of Marriage &
Family, Natural Family
Planning Advisory Committee,
305 7th Avenue North Suite
100, St. Cloud, MN 56303 E-
mail:
omf@gw.stcdio.org Fax: 320-
258-7658. The Humanae vitae
Mass and Award Reception
will be July 28, 2016.