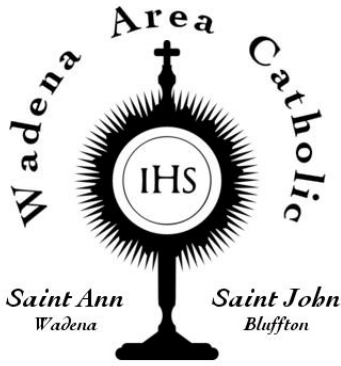


February 7, 2016 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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: Feb 23, May 23, Sep 12

### 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 \$3,605.68  
Plate \$853  
Youth \$13  
Maintenance \$30  
Good Samaritan \$91.32  
Votive \$10  
Visitor \$112

### SAINT JOHN

Adult \$1,904  
Plate \$131  
Youth \$21.10  
Votive \$26

## GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

In this week's Gospel even though Simon Peter is convinced there are no fish available, he tells Jesus, "At your command, I will lower the nets." His trust is rewarded not only by a huge catch of fish, but by Jesus' call to become a disciple. Jesus calls Peter to fish in deeper waters, to spread the message of God's love throughout the world. Peter leaves everything and follows Jesus. We, too, are called to do the same.

**Adults:** You are a disciple. How can you "leave everything" to follow Jesus in prayer and service?

**Children:** Who inspires you to "leave everything" and follow Jesus?

**"He who possesses God lacks nothing: God alone suffices."** – St. Theresa of Avila

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Monday, Feb 8 – Saint Jerome; Saint Josephine Bakhita**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, Feb 9**

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

**Wednesday, Feb 10 – Ash Wednesday**

5:30 pm. Mass (SA) † *Hap Schumacher*  
Sacristan: Mike Pete  
Comm: Annamarie Tabery, Carol Osborn, Carmen Pederson,  
Duane Moore, Vonnie Moore, Lori Meeks, Marilou Heltemes,  
Phil Thoennes  
Lector: Susan Ellingsworth  
Greeters: Bruce Johnson, Nellie Wegscheid & Myrtle Vierkant,  
Carmen Pederson  
Gifts: Nellie Wegscheid & Myrtle Vierkant  
Servers: Ella Stroeing, Summer Pettit, Jayson Young  
7:30 pm. Mass (SJB) † *Mary Wegscheid*  
Sacristan: Hank Soenneker  
Comm: Dean & Cheri Endres, Hank Soenneker  
Lector: Bob Roggenkamp  
Servers: Volunteers

**Thursday, Feb 11**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Virginia Malone*  
Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

**Friday, Feb 12**

9:30 a.m. Mass (Fair Oaks) † *Murl McGrane*

**Saturday, Feb 13**

4:00 p.m. Confessions (SA)  
5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) *For the People*  
Sacristan: Mike Pete  
Comm: Sandie Rentz, Therese Pavek, Mary Dee Weber, Lorie  
Baron, Regina Tellers, Cathy Edinger, Joel Haverkamp,  
Shelagh Carlson  
Lector: Therese Pavek  
Greeters: Bruce Johnson, John & Shari Snyder, Rita Landwehr  
Gifts: Carlson Family  
Servers: Dawson Lupkes, Kelly Muckala, Colby Schmid

**Sunday, Feb 14 – First Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Marcella Mohs*  
Sacristan: Mike Pete  
Comm: Lucille Belch, Mary Drkula, Barb Richter, Marilou Heltemes,  
Mary Jane Malone, Tom Malone, Donna Haman  
Lector: Marilou Heltemes  
Greeters: Mertens Family, Kim & Marsha Pexsa, Gail Ann  
Szathmary  
Gifts: Pete Family  
Servers: Amy, Daniel & Robert Ismil

**10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Lupe Novak***

Sacristan: Blaine & Lisa Novak  
Comm: Brian Boe, Karen Goeller, Ellen Wallgren, Blaine & Lisa  
Novak  
Lector: Billy Schwartz  
Ushers: Ralph & Billy Schwartz  
Servers: Reagan & Jackson Weniger

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25  
Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Imagine if all the Catholic people of our diocese all went to confession on the same day, what effect might it have in evangelization? ... well, it is about to happen!

In this *Year of Mercy*, called for by Pope Francis, our Bishop, Donald Kettler has asked that all Catholics in our diocese would commit themselves to going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Friday, March 4th, 2016** as part of a ***Festival of Forgiveness***. About a dozen parishes throughout the St. Cloud Diocese have been named as official sites where the Sacrament will be available for 12 hours non-stop on that day, including **St. Ann's Church in Wadena, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**, with several priests hearing confessions at our church that day. <http://visitor.stcadio.org/year-of-mercy/>

The *Festival of Forgiveness* will be a dedicated time for our local communities to know that God's mercy is close and accessible through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Imagine the spiritual growth and benefit it will bring to our parishes! It will be important for all of us to promote March 4th within our parishes as a day of mercy, and especially to invite fallen-away-Catholics to join us in going to confession together. Do not keep the light under a bushel-basket. Pass the word on and make sure no Catholic is left unaware.

ALL Catholics are expected to go to Confession that day, no matter how long it has been or how recently we may have gone, unless our health keeps us from travel. What a great sign of solidarity! Those who have not been to the Sacrament in a long time will be encouraged to see so many others there, too.

We should expect Catholics from a fifty mile radius will be driving in to visit St. Ann's, so we would be wise to come up with creative ways of hosting them through the day, perhaps providing simple food, temporary childcare, dedicated prayer times (rosaries, chaplets, and Eucharistic adoration), and greeters to help people find their way. We have a month to prepare and plan ahead. Let's get excited about the ocean of graces soon to arrive as all Catholics go to Confession!

# NEWS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Feb 10  
Classes as usual  
SJB: Ash Wednesday Mass  
7:30 p.m.

## 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: **Feb 14**, Mar  
13, 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.

**Castaway:** all 9-12 graders  
are invited to join us for a  
Castaway Retreat March 18-  
20. The theme this year is  
"Follow the Light" as in the  
light of Christ. The cost is  
\$140. **If you missed the  
signup deadline of Feb 1 and  
would like to attend contact  
Victoria ASAP.**

We are in need of adults (18+)  
that would like to go to  
Castaway and work on the  
work-crew. The workers will  
help with all of the behind the  
scenes work from cooking to  
helping in the coffee shop.  
Contact Victoria if you are  
interested.

## 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: Mar 4, Apr 1,  
May 6.

## SAINT ANN'S NEWS

**Bible Study:** Monday and  
Thursday.

**Early Catholic Family Life  
(ECFL):** For families with  
children 0-5 years old. First  
Sunday of the month after 8:30  
a.m. Mass. **Feb 7**, Mar 6, Apr  
3.

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays  
at 7 p.m. in the music room.

**Women's Bible Study:**  
Thursday and Friday

**Knights of Columbus  
Breakfast:** Sunday, Feb 21  
after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Blood Pressure and Blood  
Glucose Checks:** today after  
Mass. Saturday evening: in  
back sacristy. Sunday  
morning: in parish hall.

Breakfast will be served after  
the 8:30 a.m. Mass today in  
the parish hall. All are  
welcome. Freewill offering.

**Ash Wednesday Soup  
Supper: Rice Bowl Benefit:**  
Wednesday, Feb 10. **Serving  
4:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.** Serving  
Meatless Soups, Mac &  
Cheese, Sandwiches and  
Beverage. Freewill Offering. All  
proceeds go towards the  
Catholic Relief Services' Rice  
Bowl. 75% of your donation  
goes to support programs  
around the world and 25%  
stays in our diocese.  
Sponsored by the Stewardship  
Committee.

**Springfest Panning Meeting:**  
Tuesday, Feb 9 at 5:30 p.m. in  
the conference room.  
Springfest is scheduled for  
Friday, April 22, 2016.

**Valentine's Day Dinner:**  
Saturday, Feb 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
in the parish hall. Advance  
tickets; \$8; available from any  
Religious Education student or  
the business office.

The Corporal Works of Mercy  
include "Feed the Hungry". In  
conjunction with the Valentines  
Supper on Saturday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>  
at St. Ann's Parish Hall, the 6<sup>th</sup>  
grade religious education class  
will conduct a collection for the  
food shelf. If you would like to  
help, please bring a non-  
perishable food item or  
monetary donation that  
evening. Checks should be  
made out to "The Wadena  
Area Food Shelf". Thank you  
for your generosity.

**Parish/Finance Council  
Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb 9 at  
6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

## SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

**A Women's Retreat** will be  
held on Saturday, Feb 27  
beginning at 8:30 a.m. in  
Richmond, MN. Speaker will  
be Fr. Don Wagner. Call  
Cheryl Kerzman at 385-3591  
to register or more information.

Check the bulletin for liturgical  
minister duties for Ash  
Wednesday Mass.

**"Five Minutes with the  
Word"** Lenten booklets can be  
picked up from the table in the  
church entry. Each day is  
meditation based on various  
books of the bible. Take one  
home for your family.

We will be taking up second  
collection for the Rice Bowl  
each Sunday during Lent,  
beginning next Sunday.

## NEWS FOR ALL

**St. Cloud Diocesan Council  
of Catholic Women Annual  
Retreat:** Saturday, Feb 27  
beginning at 8:30 a.m. in  
Richmond, MN. Fr. Don  
Wagner will be the speaker.  
\$15 registration fee. Mail  
registrations to: Irene Burg,  
27212 County Rd 32,

Paynesville, MN 56362 or call  
320-548-3539

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Ovulation Method will be  
offered in: **Wadena: February  
22 at 5:30 PM**

Donors are greatly needed  
when the Red Cross  
Bloodmobile is @ The Wadena  
Elks Lodge, 647 Jefferson  
Street North, Wadena, on  
Monday, February 8, from  
12:00-600 p.m., and Tuesday,  
February 9, from 8:00 a.m.-  
2:00 p.m. Double red blood  
cells will be collected each  
day. Goals are 94 for Monday  
and 79 for Tuesday. Please  
call Sue @ 218-631-7990 to  
make an appointment or for  
more information. Call Barb @  
218-849-6087 the days of the  
Bloodmobile.

Doug Berry will be speaking in  
Perham at St. Henry's Church  
on Wednesday, Feb 17 at 7  
p.m. He will be doing his one  
man passion play, *The  
Passion of Christ*,  
accompanied by his musical  
partner, Eric Genuis. Freewill  
offering.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal  
begins today, on this  
"Announcement Weekend."**  
Please be prepared to help  
Bishop Kettler fulfill his  
pastoral duties by making a  
generous gift to his Appeal on  
**Commitment Weekend.** An  
"IN-PEW" solicitation for  
Bishop's Appeal will take place  
in the parish next weekend. If  
you have completed the  
pledge envelope sent to you  
by mail, please bring it to Mass  
next weekend, **Commitment  
Weekend.** Thank you!

