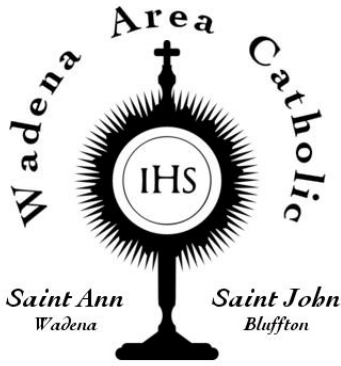


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New to the Parish?

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: 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 \$8,013
 Plate \$776
 Youth \$59
 Maintenance \$255
 Good Samaritan \$136.
 Votive \$31.97
 Visitor \$636

SAINT JOHN

Adult \$1,445
 Plate \$110
 Youth \$27.10
 Votive \$22
 Visitor \$115

GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

According to this week's gospel, Jesus retreated to the desert for forty days to fast and pray. While Jesus is alone in the desert, the devil tempts Him with promises of bread (a symbol for material comforts), of power (authority over others), and of false glory (to be gained by daring to test God). But Jesus defeats the devil by defending Himself with God's word from the Old Testament.

Adults: As you come to understand the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which one of the devil's offerings is hardest for you to resist?

Children: What is a temptation young people your age face? When you feel tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat others, as if they were Christ in disguise.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb 15

No Mass

Tuesday, Feb 16

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion (SA)
Sacristan: Duane & Vonnie Moore

Wednesday, Feb 17

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion (SJB)
Sacristan & Comm: Dick & Kay Tougas

Thursday, Feb 18

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion (SA)
Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

Friday, Feb 19

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

Saturday, Feb 20

4:00 p.m. Confessions (SA)
5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) † *Jim Drkula*
Sacristan: Mike Pete
Comm: Sandie Rentz, Annamarie Tabery, Mary Dee Weber,
Carmen Pederson, Duane Moore, Vonnie Moore, Lucille
Belch, Barb Richter,
Lector: Erica Keppers
Greeters: Dave & Elnora Trout, Steve & Robin Wegscheid, Mark &
Bonnie Sperling
Gifts: Tabery Family
Servers: Faith Konning, Ben Keppers, Kaylin Lupkes

Sunday, Feb 21 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) *For the People*
Sacristan: Mike Pete
Comm: Carmen Pederson, Cathy Edinger, Lori Meeks, Joel
Haverkamp, Dorothy Beyer, Phil Thoennes, Donna Haman,
Karlene Snyder
Lector: Carmen Pederson
Greeters: Lucille Donnay, Agnes K Heston, Carmen Pederson &
Virginia Zeta
Gifts: Beyer Family
Servers: Tiffany, Zachary & Kayla Meeks

10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Al & Hildegard Primus*

Sacristan: Marge Harrison
Comm: Dick & Kay Tougas, Marge Harrison, Jackie Vandermay,
Cheryl Kerzman
Lector: Denise Kane
Ushers: Dave & Virginia Nesges
Servers: Carter Haman, Luke Weniger

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tue: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In this *Year of Mercy*, Bishop Donald Kettler has asked that Friday, March 4th, be dedicated as a day of repentance and reconciliation, where we will have a Festival of Forgiveness, twelve hours (10 a.m. to 10 p.m) of prayer and the opportunity for every Catholic in our diocese to go to Confession on the same day at designated parishes in the diocese.

The Church of St. Ann has been dedicated as one of the special locations where the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with multiple priests during that day/time. The next nearest locations are Fergus Falls, Little Falls, and Sauk Centre, so we will be host to about 10-15 parishes around us that day. There are a few things you can do to help us out.

1. Spread the word! Please let your Catholic friends, families, and co-workers know that Confession is available that day from 10 to 10. Let them know when you are going, and invite them to join you. It is not bragging to do so. Rather, it is a way to spread the gospel of God's mercy. Use email, social media, and your phone as your mission ground. We want all Catholics to go to confession that day, as long as their health permits. Understandably, our homebound will be praying for us, even if they cannot make it that day.

People will try to make excuses, but do not let that discourage you. Keep encouraging them. We especially want the "lost sheep" that day. If they (or you) have not gone in over a year, then remind them of our annual obligation, one of the precepts of the Church, which are "serious" matter. God is reaching out in his mercy for their hearts this day! Remind them how great it will feel to have their sins forgiven! We will not be having another reconciliation service in Lent, so that everyone makes the Festival of Forgiveness their priority.

2. We will need volunteers as greeters, prayer warriors, and assistants. It would be nice to have several people around during every hour, to show people where to go once they walk in the main doors, to hand out "how to go to confession" pamphlets, to show them where the bathrooms are, etc. We will also move our Perpetual Adoration of the Eucharist into the main church for those hours (not in the adoration chapel), so that everyone has an opportunity to pray before Jesus as they prepare for the sacrament and as they perform their penances thereafter.

3. Pray! Pray for every person in our diocese, especially those who will be coming to St. Ann's that day. Pray that they make a good confession, and that those who are nervous will experience the mercy and peace of God.

See you on March 4th! ~Fr. Aaron Kuhn

NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Feb 17
Classes as usual

Congratulations to *Jada Dykhoff, Jenna Dykhoff, Ruth Hobbs, Conrad Koll, Kayleigh McGrane, Ashley Pavek, Becca Reger, Talia Erickson, Tori Mallak, Blake Haverkamp, Lily Parker, Colten Piekarski, Nolan Piekarski, Levyn Rousslang, Brook Shamp, Jadyn Turcotte, and Hunter Waln* who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Wednesday. May you be blessed with God's holy joy and peace.

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: **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

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

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. 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.

Springfest Panning Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room. Springfest is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2016.

Catholic United Financial, St. Joseph Council Annual Breakfast: for members and guests. Sunday, Feb 28 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the parish center.

Mother Teresa Mission

Group Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 17 at 1 p.m. in the quilter's room.

SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

Contact Cheryl Kerzman at 385-3591 if you wish to attend the Women's Retreat on Saturday, Feb 27 in Richmond, MN.

Lenten Meditation Booklets are available on the table in the church entry.

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

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 is his outreach to the faithful for their help. The Ministries and Offices that carry forth Bishop Kettler's mission are only as strong as their funding allows. Your tax-deductible gifts will be used **solely** for the purposes of funding such things as TV Mass (Office of Worship), scholarships for seminarians (Office of Vocations), marriage preparation, Men's Conference (Office of Marriage and Family), retreats and faith formation for all youth (Catholic Education Ministries), assistance and healing for divorced couples (Tribunal), and much, much more! Please be generous to our Bishop.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Father's hair cut last weekend. It was a glorious evening and lots of money raised for our projects. Thank you! St. Ann's \$8,041; St John the Baptist \$500

Free Community Dinner: Tuesday, Feb 23 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, serving 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

KOINONIA RETREAT: Koinonia is an opportunity for adult individuals to encounter Jesus Christ through an experience of Christian community. It is a Catholic Retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC Center, 3 miles N. of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held February 19-21, 2016. The weekend starts at 5:30pm Friday and ends Sunday evening about 5pm. Fr. Ernie Martello, a Crosier will be the Spiritual Director for the weekend. You can get an application from the website: centralmnkoinonia.org or by calling Dorie Reiter at (320) 217-2476. You may also email us for information at cmkoinonia@gmail.com. Cost of the weekend is \$60 (partial or full scholarships are available for those in need

Join the Kenya delegation team for **Mass** at 9:00am on Monday, February 15th. We will pray a send-off blessing over the delegates before they depart for the airport. The send-off will take place at St. Peter's Church in St. Cloud (address is: 930 31st Avenue North, St. Cloud, MN 56303). We hope you can join us for this time of prayer and some refreshments following as we bid them farewell and blessings on their journey.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays

SJB: 7:30 p.m.
SA: 8:00 p.m.