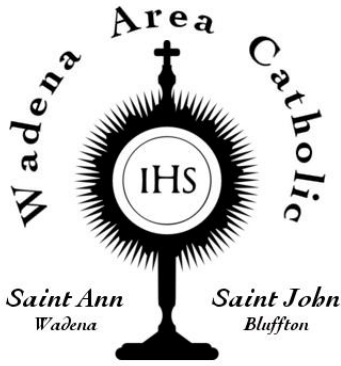


April 10, 2016 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

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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 \$6,219.67
Easter \$690
Plate \$707.25
Youth \$141
Maintenance \$115
Good Samaritan \$158.33
Holy Land \$225
Holy Thursday \$15
Cath Home Miss \$55
Votive \$8

SAINT JOHN

Adult \$1,691
Plate \$111
Youth \$26.10
Votive \$24
Easter \$395
Holy Land \$90

GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

This week's Gospel shows the great love Jesus and his disciples had for one another. While the disciples are fishing, the risen Christ appears on the shore. They end up with a net full of fish and know the stranger is Jesus. Then they enjoy a breakfast with Jesus. We share a meal with Jesus at Sunday Mass just as the disciples shared fish and bread with Jesus on the seashore. The risen Jesus is with us at every Eucharist, in every word of the Gospel, and whenever we join in prayer. In our own lives we find Jesus with us when we least expect Him.

Adults: Christ continues to feed us as his disciples, even after his death and resurrection. How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

Children: What actions of Jesus in this Gospel story do we remember at every Eucharist? How is Jesus present to you at Mass?

Prayer is the spiritual discipline through which our mind and heart are converted. Gratitude is the sign that this conversion is spreading into all aspects of our life.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, Apr 11 – Saint Stanislaus

No Mass

Tuesday, Apr 12

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

Wednesday, Apr 13 - Saint Martin I

8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Marvin Wegscheid*
Sacristan & Comm: Don & Brenda Weniger

Thursday, Apr 14

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Kermit Jensen*
Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

Friday, Apr 15

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

Saturday, Apr 16

5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) *For the People*
Sacristan: Mike Pete
Comm: Carol Osborn, Sandie Rentz, Carmen Pederson, Shelagh Carlson, Marilou Heltemes, Duane Moore, Vonnie Moore, Mary Dee Weber
Lector: Susan Ellingsworth
Greeters: Darlene Keppers, John & Shari Snyder
Gifts: Carlson Family
Servers: Ella Stroeing, Joshua Tabery, Ben Keppers

Sunday, Apr 17 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Loretta Brauch*
Sacristan: Mike Pete
Comm: Lori Meeks, Regina Tellers, Nellie Wegscheid, Dorothy Beyer, Mary Jane Malone, Tom Malone, Joel Haverkamp, Volunteer
Lector: Martha Ray
Greeters: Marladene Heinen
Gifts: Ray Family
Servers: Tiffany, Zachary & Kayla Meeks

10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Louie & Ellie Roggenkamp*

Sacristan: LeRoy Keppers
Comm: Karen Goeller, Dick & Kay Tougas, Cheryl Kerzman, LeRoy Keppers
Lector: Debbie Anderson
Ushers: Shana Hensch Family
Servers: Joseph Wallgren, Kyndall Haman

Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tue: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thu: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Sun: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Love builds on justice or it is not love at all; just as truly, justice rests ultimately on mercy or it has no field in which to work. Mercy and justice are no more rivals in dogged opposition to each other than are justice and love. Mercy does not lessen justice but goes beyond the demands of justice; justice does not cancel out mercy but presupposes it." (*My Way of Life*, 40)

Last week, I spoke of Freddy's fault in breaking his father's model ship, for which he knew he was immediately indebted to him (justice = to render unto another that which is due him). In turn, his father, although justified in being angry at the sin of Freddy, chose to both hold Freddy accountable (justice) *and* to also see beyond the present moment to tend to the heart of his son (mercy).

In this week's gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples in Galilee after his resurrection, while they have returned to their old habit of fishing (John 21). After breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter three times, "Simon ... do you love me?" Each time Peter responded, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." How painful this moment between them must have been, since Peter had denied Christ three times just a week before in a manner not unlike any time we choose to disregard the Lord by our words or actions, sinning in even the most common of ways. Who of us has not avoided praying in public because we do not want to be seen as "too religious," or chosen to disobey some teaching of Christ or his Church whether out of convenience or fear? Like Peter, our denial demands justice; we owe God everything of our lives, and the Lord has every right to demand it of us.

Still, Jesus, without removing this demand of justice, looks beyond it to Peter's heart in mercy. Thus, his question "do you love me" seeks to help Peter understand that God's justice presupposes a desire for our communion with him. God reminds us of our sins not only to show us how we have failed but more so to show us how much more we have to grow in love. It is a calling forth to holiness.

Someone recently asked me why Catholics go to the Sacrament of Confession? It is because we understand that without justice there is no mercy. If we are not willing to publicly confess our sinfulness, why should he offer forgiveness? Do not all sins affect the whole Body of Christ? Therefore, the Sacrament provides us the opportunity to experience his mercy and justice together. I allow him to ask me once again, in the sacrament, "Do you love me?" Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. "Then come and experience my sacrament of mercy."

NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Apr 13
Classes as usual
SA & SJB: Wednesday, Apr 13: 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.)
First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, Apr 10 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) and 10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB).
Confirmation is scheduled for May 12th in Browerville.

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 Work Camp** 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: 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.

Bible Study: Monday and Thursday.

Springfest Panning Meeting: Tuesday, Apr 12 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, and **after weekend Masses** \$25 each. Springfest Committee is still **accepting donations** for the live and silent auction. We are looking to you for unique items. Deadline to get your donation listed in the book is Wed, Apr 13th. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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

Sunday, Apr 10 & 17: There will be a short meeting after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church basement, for all who are interested in organizing a one day pilgrimage. See Sharon Heinen for more information.

KC Breakfast: Sunday, Apr 17 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting aluminum cans for our "Pennies for Seminaries Fund" Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17. A two-wheel trailer will be parked in St. Ann's parking lot.

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.

SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

The **Parish Council Meeting** that was scheduled for Tuesday, Apr 12 has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, Apr 19, 6:30 p.m. in the church meeting room.

If you are interested in becoming a Mass Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Usher, contact the parish office 385-2608.

Congratulations to the children who are receiving First Holy Communion today: Jada Dykhoff, Jenna Dykhoff, Ruth Hobbs, Conrad Koll, Kayleigh McGrane, Ashley Pavek, Becca Reger. May God Bless them as they continue in their faith journey.

NEWS FOR ALL

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

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.

If you would like to purchase a rosary for First Communion or Confirmation gift, call Bob Roggenkamp 631-3681.

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.

The Secret Map of Surviving Loss with Roxann Storms. **Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church of Saint Boniface Parish Center.** We will view a unique documentary of five brave souls who share their stories of

losing a loved one. Roxann Storms will guide us through the grievors' journey from initial loss to finding peace and healing.

Fr. Omar is leading a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Saturday May 28th. The cost per person is \$50 (\$25 children under 15). I'd like to invite you to come with. The bus will leave at 5:00 A.M. from Long Prairie Church Parking Lot at St. Mary's Church and we'll return by 9:00 P.M. If you haven't been there, you should come. It is a beautiful Marian site! We hope to fill up the bus! Come and see Jill, our parish secretary, during office hours 9-12 or 1-4:30 for registrations, or call Jill at 320-357-0815 for any other questions.

St. Lawrence Church, Rush Lake is having a Beef Bingo Sunday, Apr 17, 1:30p.m. Prizes: 1-quarter beef, 4-half hogs, 5-turkeys and 10 additional locker certificates. Proceeds go to Catholic Education. A Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Relay for Life will be held from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. prior to bingo.

The Wadena Community Outreach Ministry (WCOM) is an informal project that provides furniture and basic household items to families in need, at no cost. It has operated out of a donated warehouse in Wadena since 2006. The warehouse is empty and are in desperate need of donations. If you have usable furniture, kitchen utensils, small kitchen appliances and other small household items like blankets, towels, etc. that you want to donate call Sue Holzer at 218-640-2164 or sholzer4@gmail.com.