

April 17, 2016 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

# 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: 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 \$5,218  
Easter \$75  
Plate \$578.61  
Youth \$48.55  
Maintenance \$210  
Good Samaritan \$126  
Cath Home Miss \$25

### SAINT JOHN

Adult \$1,919  
Plate \$165  
Youth \$23  
Votive \$25  
Easter \$100

## GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

In today's Gospel Jesus refers to Himself as "the Good Shepherd." Thinking of Jesus as the "Good Shepherd" helps us remember Jesus' love for us. Jesus describes the secure and lasting relationship He has with His sheep, those who truly hear Him and believe. Sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. We, as the flock of Jesus, hear and recognize Jesus' voice.

**Adults:** When do you hear the voice of Jesus? How do you recognize it? What can you do to show that you have truly heard the Good Shepherd's voice?

**Children:** Jesus promises to care for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep. How do you experience the loving care of Jesus in your life?

# No one has ever become poor by giving.

-Anna Frank

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Monday, Apr 18**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, Apr 19**

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

### **Wednesday, Apr 20**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) † Engelke Family Members  
Sacristan: Marge Harrison  
Comm: Marge Harrison, Dick Tougas

### **Thursday, Apr 21**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) † Barbara & William Lennon  
Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

### **Friday, Apr 22**

9:30 a.m. Mass (Fair Oaks) † Mike Fraune

### **Saturday, Apr 23**

5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) For the People  
Sacristan: Mike Pete  
Comm: Lorie Baron, Cathy Edinger, Lucille Belch, Mary Drkula,  
Barb Richter, Therese Pavek, Annamarie Tabery, Sandie  
Rentz  
Lector: Mary Drkula  
Greeters: Mark & Bonnie Sperling, Deb Uselman  
Gifts: Lupkes Family  
Servers: Kelly Muckala, Faith Koning, Ben Keppers

### **Sunday, Apr 24 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) † Don Tabery  
Sacristan: Mike Pete  
Comm: Phil Thoennes, Donna Haman, Karlene Snyder, Lori  
Meeks, Shelagh Carlson, Joel Haverkamp, Carmen Pederson,  
Dorothy Beyer  
Lector: Carmen Pederson  
Greeters: Dave & Sharon Mertens, Virginia Zeta  
Gifts: Mertens Family  
Servers: Tiffany, Zachary & Kayla Meeks

### **10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † Harold & Mary Tigges**

Sacristan: Don & Brenda Weniger  
Comm: Jackie Vandermay, Don & Brenda Weniger, Trudy Irons,  
Ellen Wallgren  
Lector: Jackie Vandermay  
Ushers: Blaine & Lisa Novak  
Servers: Carter Haman, Jackson Weniger

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thu: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sun: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Last week at Mass I spoke about the “obedience of the heart” that God desires from us, that we choose God above all in our dealings with the world, even if it means being threatened by others. As Peter stated to the people of his day, “We must obey God, rather than men” (Acts of the Apostles 5:29).

So too, God also wants the obedience of our hearts above what we want for ourselves. This week, we hear about Jesus the good shepherd calling us to communion with the Father. “The works I do in my Father’s name testify to me ... My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me ... The Father and I are one” (John 10:25, 27, 30). Jesus’ whole life on earth was lived with perfect obedience to the Father’s will for him. It is this union of Father and Son into which we are invited. It is where the shepherd’s voice leads us “to life-giving water” in heaven. “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress ... they stand before God’s throne and worship him ... The Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water” (Revelation 7:14, 15, 17).

Our culture today in the US is focused on the deity of self. It holds above all laws and mores the narcissistic tome, “do whatever you want, as long as it doesn’t bother anyone else. If what you do does bother someone, tell them not to be so judgmental.” In other words, the culture rejects the notion of “sin” against God and neighbor. It prefers to see sins as “difficulties” or “struggles” to be tolerated. It justifies any action that brings pleasure as welcome and forbids labeling anything as taboo. And although this pleasure stream of caffeinated sugar-water is sweet at first, we know as Christians that it only brings diabetes of the soul and eventual decay of all that was once good. As oppressive as our Catholic faith may seem to the soul who has “freed himself from the tyranny of religion,” the truth is that radically submitting our intellect and will to the way of Jesus brings life to our soul, not oppression and death. It is the choosing of a healthy lifestyle, free from sin, by the taming of our inordinate desires of pleasure, power, and wealth, by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, that we learn this obedience of heart. The obedience of our heart to whatever the Father asks of us—even if it means accepting sacrifices and sufferings, persecutions and misunderstandings from those around us—is the narrow way. “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few” (Matthew 7:13-14).

Having seen and conversed with the resurrected Jesus, the first disciples knew that they could no longer live the same way in the world. The world had rejected Jesus and would continue to do so. The disciples—because they now understood Jesus was waiting in heaven for them and would some day judge each of them much more than any judgement they may receive from the world—were convinced of Jesus’ way.

We have perhaps, as Americans, been conditioned to avoid conflict by keeping our faith private and subdued, so as not to seem “holier than thou” or “judgmental” by the world. But a Catholic life, when lived according to the commandments and teachings of Jesus in his Church, is going to be counter-cultural. Read these, and ask yourself, Am I ready to testify to the world *why Jesus matters? Don't they deserve to hear the good news* from me? Matthew 6:19-34 & 7:12-23 & 10:16-42; Acts 3-5.

# NEWS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Apr 20  
Classes as usual

**Confirmation** is scheduled for  
May 12<sup>th</sup> in Browerville.

**SA Religious Education  
Students** raised \$233.12 for  
the CRS Rice Bowl. Thank  
you.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>  
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.

**Bible Study:** Monday

**Springfest Set-up** Tuesday,  
Apr 19 after morning Mass,  
Wednesday, April 20 starting  
late afternoon and evening in  
the parish hall. Volunteers are  
welcome to join us. **Tickets  
are available** at St. Ann's  
business office, Thrifty White  
Drug and Weber's Hardware,  
and **after weekend Masses**  
\$25 each. 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 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.

**The daily Mass Thursday,  
April 21** will be at St. John the  
Baptist Church in Bluffton.

**Baptism:** We warmly welcome  
into our Christian family

Conner Harold McManigle,  
baptized here. May the  
Heavenly Father fill him with  
the Holy Spirit, so that he may  
always walk in the way of  
Christ Jesus.

## SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

**Parish Council Meeting:**  
Tuesday, Apr 19, 6:30 p.m. in  
the church meeting room.

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.

## 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.

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  
20<sup>th</sup> for a \$200 discount.

Fr. Omar is leading a  
pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our  
Lady of Guadalupe in La  
Crosse, Wisconsin on  
Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:sholzer4@gmail.com).

## **Pastors Appreciation**

**Breakfast:** Mayor George  
Deiss has declared the week  
of May 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 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.