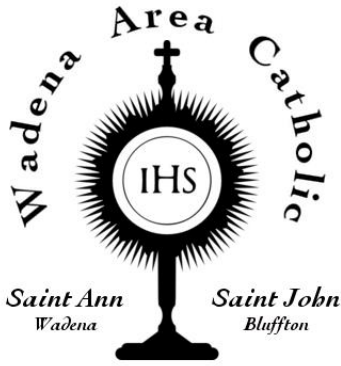


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### New to the Parish?

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 \$6,014.78  
Plate \$1,170  
Youth \$36.76  
Maintenance \$60  
Good Samaritan \$149.22  
Votive \$12  
Visitor \$39  
Flowers \$50  
CRS \$200  
Easter \$180

### SAINT JOHN

Adult \$2,572  
Plate \$337  
Youth \$27.50  
Votive \$29  
Visitor \$39  
Flowers \$30  
CRS \$30

## GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

In this week's Gospel the Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman whom they have caught in adultery. The Law says anyone caught in adultery should be put to death. But Jesus tells them: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." One by one they drop their stones and drift away. Now that they recognize their own need for forgiveness, they are not ready to condemn someone else. This Gospel shows us that God will stand by us, encourage us and forgive us even when we sin.

**Adults:** What does Pope Francis teach about mercy? Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapprove of someone's behavior? When has forgiveness given you a new start?

**Children:** How does Jesus treat the woman in the Gospel story? How does Jesus want us to treat each other when we do something wrong?

**"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." --Blessed Mother Teresa**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Monday, Mar 14**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, Mar 15**

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

### **Wednesday, Mar 16**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Mary Gill*  
Sacristan & Comm: Dick & Kay Tougas

### **Thursday, Mar 17**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Leo Goeden*  
Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

### **Friday, Mar 18**

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

### **Saturday, Mar 19**

4:00 p.m. Confessions (SA)  
5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) † *Bob Gorghuber*  
Sacristan: Mike Pete  
Comm: Sandie Rentz, Theresa Pavek, Annamarie Tabery, Carol Osborn, Lorie Baron, Carmen Pederson, Regina Tellers, Barb Richter  
Lector: Susan Ellingworth  
Greeters: Steve & Robin Wegscheid, Dan & Carol Osborn  
Gifts: Lupkes Family  
Servers: Ella Stroeing, Faith Koning, Colby Schmid

### **Sunday, Mar 20 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) *For the People*  
Sacristan: Mike Pete  
Comm: Carmen Pederson, Duane Moore, Vonnie Moore, Mary Jane Malone, Tom Malone, Phil Thoennes, Nellie Wegscheid, Donna Haman  
Lector: Martha Ray  
Greeters: Milt & Delores Cunningham, Dave & Sharon Mertens  
Gifts: Ray Family  
Servers: Robert & Daniel Ismil, Jayson Young

### **10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Muri McGrane***

Sacristan: Blaine & Lisa Novak  
Comm: Blaine & Lisa Novak, Hank Soenneker, Brian Boe, Karen Goeller  
Lector: Denise Kane & Carol Wegscheid  
Ushers: Marty Irons Family  
Servers: Reagan & Jackson Weniger

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20  
Tue: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30  
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42  
Thu: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42  
Sat: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
Sun: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56

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

Although we are midway through lent, a season that is ripe with spiritual fruits through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, I would like to write here a bit on our sister-parish partnership, since our delegation has recently returned from there.

Our sister-parish is Saints Peter & Paul Parish, in Ntitaru, Kenya (pop. 53,000+, over half of which are Catholic), located close to the Tanzania border. It has seven "outstations," or locations where churches are slowly being built, where Mass is held once a month, and where they hope to grow into parishes of their own. They have four primary schools (K-8) and one secondary (high) school. As an example, one of the primary schools had over 900 children alone, with 13 teachers!

As Wadena County is one of the poorest in our State, so too, Ntitaru is one of the poorest in the Diocese of Homa Bay. The lifestyle is in the middle between tent-camping and a camper with hookups. Most families still walk some distance to find water and carry it home every day. Yet, it is not uncommon with the rapid growth of technology to see many of them with cell phones.

Poverty aside, the culture of Catholicism is not unlike our own. They fight the same challenges we do, to find ways to allow the gospel to change their lives in a personal and lasting way. They struggle to get men to go to Mass on Sundays. They bemoan the secular culture stealing away the hearts and lives of their children. The fast-moving technology, the busyness of work and extracurricular activities, and the social pressures of power, popularity, and wealth, effect the well-being of families in much the same way as ours. The older folks complain that the younger ones are caught up in the bad parts of the secular world. The younger ones feel as though the elders are out of touch with "real life." The Christian faith struggles to take root, because many presume "being a good person" is enough, when the reality is that God wants everything and being faithful to God's ways requires conformity to Christ in all things, especially the cross.

To the positive, there are many faithful people who are striving for holiness. Some of the elders are quick to present their baptismal certificates from their pockets as a show of their lifelong faith. The churches are packed on Sundays, especially with children, who resiliently smile and present hope for the future. There is a faithful core of parishioners who keep everything going and who sacrifice many hours to help the parish grow. Most adults are first or second generation Christians, so their faith is a little raw and zealous. It brings a youthful energy to how they celebrate liturgies.

We have much we can learn from our sister-parish. Our partnership with them is one of relationship-building through prayer and visitation. In 2017, we will again be able to host two of their parishioners as delegates to our parishes. In 2019, we will be able to send two more of our parishioners to Ntitaru. I will speak often now about this partnership and how it can benefit us in our faith. May God bless our "marafiki" (friends).

# NEWS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Mar 16  
Classes as usual  
SJB: **Confirmation**  
As we make our final  
preparations to receive the  
Sacrament of Confirmation on  
May 12<sup>th</sup> we ask the  
parishioners of St. John's to  
remember our Confirmation  
students and their catechists in  
prayer. You will find the names  
of the Confirmation students in  
baskets at the church  
entrances of St. John's. Please  
choose one or more names to  
pray for during these final  
months of preparation. Thank  
you.

## 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: **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.

## 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: Apr 1, May 6.

## SAINT ANN'S NEWS

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

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

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

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

**Springfest Panning Meeting:**  
Tuesday, March 15 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, \$25 each.  
Springfest Committee is still  
accepting donations for the live  
and silent auction. We are  
looking to you for unique  
items. Thank you for your  
continued support.

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

**Bible Study:** Monday and  
Thursday.

**Minnesota Food Share  
March Campaign:** Food shelf  
donation boxes are at the  
church entrance. Monetary  
donations may be sent to:  
Wadena Area Food Shelf, PO  
Box 383, Wadena MN 56482.

**Mother Teresa Mission  
Group:** Wednesday, March 16  
at 1 p.m. in the quilter's room.

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

**KC Breakfast:** after the 8:30  
a.m. Mass Sunday, Mar 20 in  
the parish hall.

**Parish/Finance Council  
Meeting:** Tuesday, Mar 22 at  
6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.  
Sunday, Apr 3: After the 8:30  
a.m. Mass, there will be a  
meeting for all who are  
interested in organizing a one  
(1) day pilgrimage. See  
Sharon Heinen for more  
information.

## SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

The next **Parish Council  
Meeting** will be Tuesday,  
March 15, 6:30 p.m. in the  
church meeting room.

March is Food Share Month.  
You can leave your non-  
perishable food items in the  
church entry. Monetary  
donations should be sent to  
your local food shelf.

**Bluffton Lions Club** is  
sponsoring a Pancake  
Breakfast today, until 12:30  
p.m. at the Bluffton Community  
Center. Freewill offering.  
Proceeds go toward Bluffton  
Lions projects.

## NEWS FOR ALL

St. Edward Catholic Church in  
Henning will be serving Lenten  
Fish Fry Supper: March 18 –  
serving 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Adults:  
\$8.50; Children 6-12: \$5; 5 and  
under Free. Take outs  
available.

You are invited! The Church of  
St. Joseph of Bertha will be  
having a celebration for the  
**Solemnity of St. Joseph** on  
Saturday, Mar 19. Confessions  
at 9 a.m. Chaplet of the Seven  
Sorrows and Seven Joys of St.  
Joseph at 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass  
at 10 a.m. A celebration  
luncheon will be provided for  
all after the Mass. Please bring  
a food item. Donations will be  
blessed, and shared with Area  
Food Shelves. **\*\*A plenary  
indulgence, under conditions,  
is granted to the Christian  
faithful who devoutly make a  
visit to a parish church on its  
titular feast day. This visit**

*should include the recitation of  
the Lord's Prayer and the  
Creed.*

The Franciscan Sisters of Little  
Falls are hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> annual  
Franciscan Girls Camp  
entitled, "Faith and Fun with  
Franciscans," on Tuesday,  
June 14 (10 a.m.) – Thursday,  
June 16 (6 p.m.) in Assisi  
Park, located on the grounds  
at St. Francis Convent, Little  
Falls. Girls who have  
completed grades 6-8 are  
invited to enjoy a variety of  
nature and fun activities,  
campfire, prayer and signing.  
For more information on the  
Franciscan Girls Camp, or to  
register by May 14, contact  
Sister Ange Mayers at 320-  
632-0680 or email  
[amayers@fslf.org](mailto:amayers@fslf.org) or  
[www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org)

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Apr 3,  
2016: St. Henry's Catholic  
Church, Perham, 1 p.m. – 4  
p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and  
Confession, Divine Mercy  
Stations of the Cross and Holy  
Hour Scripture Readings,  
singing of the Divine Mercy  
Chaplet and Benediction.

## **Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays**

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