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October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRIESTHOOD Sunday

Weekend Mass Schedule

4:30 p.m. St. John the Baptist,
Bluffton
5:00 p.m. St. Frederick, Verndale
7:00 p.m. St. Hubert, Bluegrass
7:30 p.m. Assumption of Our Lady,
Menahga

Sunday

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph, Bertha
8:30 a.m. Sacred Heart, Staples
10:00 a.m. St. Ann, Wadena
10:30 a.m. St. Michael, Motley

Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesdays: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Wadena
after 6:30 p.m. Mass, Motley

Thursdays: 6:00 - 6:50 p.m. Bertha

Fridays: after 8:30 a.m. Mass, Staples

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Bluffton
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Verndale

Mass Intentions

Monday

1

8:30 a.m. † Bob Weishalla
Sacred Heart, Staples
6:00 p.m. † Brian Goeden
St. Ann, Wadena

Tuesday

2

8:30 a.m. † For the Deceased
Sacred Heart, Staples
6:00 p.m. † Andrew Radermacher
St. Ann, Wadena

Wednesday

3

8:00 a.m. † Mary Ann Haman
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
9:00 a.m. † Bob Trout
St. Hubert, Bluegrass

Thursday

4

8:30 a.m. † Jean Koppes
Sacred Heart, Staples
6 - 6:50 p.m. Adoration & Confession
7:00 p.m. † Ryan Colakovic
St. Joseph, Bertha

Friday

5

8:00 a.m. † Lucille Zeta
St. Ann, Wadena
8:30 a.m. † Vernon (Mike) & Janice Reger
Sacred Heart, Staples

Saturday

6

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Adoration & Confession
4:30 p.m. † Marvin & Mary Wegscheid
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
5:00 p.m. † Joseph Perish
St. Frederick, Verndale
7:00 p.m. † Bob Kern & Ernestine Kern
St. Hubert, Bluegrass
7:30 p.m. For the People
Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday

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8:00 a.m. † MaryAnn Filzen
St. Joseph, Bertha
8:30 a.m. † Jerry Wonders
Sacred Heart, Staples
10:00 a.m. † Vernon Wiederich
St. Ann, Wadena
10:30 a.m. † Jonah Kletsch
St. Michael, Motley

From the Pastors Desk



This week's readings give us the famous "Shema Israel," (Hebrew for "Hear, O Israel"). It is a traditional prayer recited every day by faithful Jews, recalling Moses' teaching to the Israelites: Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). It is also the conversation point between Jesus and one of the scribes in the gospel of Mark 12:28b-34, in which Jesus speaks of God's kingdom in relation to the Shema Israel. God's kingdom, heaven, grace, divine life with God is full, free, faithful and fruitful love. We are to love God with everything of our person and our neighbor as we love ourselves. The first three of the Ten Commandments center on our relationship with God: having no other gods but God, not using God's name in vain, and keeping holy the Sabbath. The remaining seven commandments concern our relationships with other human beings: honor of parents, murder, adultery, stealing, false testimony, and covetousness of another's spouse or goods. These ten provide a foundation for relationship but do not describe a flourishing relationship to God and neighbor. Love is more than following rules. The kingdom of God has rules, but the heart must be properly ordered in 'love' for those rules to matter. We must be converted in our hearts, using our intellect to think about "What does God want me to do?", and activating our free will to cease doing evil, learn to do good (Isaiah 1:16-17).

Our love must be a full gift of ourselves to God and neighbor: "Lord, I give my life to you today. What would you like me to do for you? How may I be your image and likeness today for others?" - To grow in fullness, I recommend praying an Act of Love on USCCB.org.

Our love must be a free gift of ourselves to God and neighbor: "Lord, I do not put limits on you. I trust you. Ask me to do anything, and I will do so freely and without reservation. I trust that any trial or tribulation is part of your plan. Any temptation or evil is not from you, but you tolerate it so that I may rise to the occasion as a witness of your love." - To grow in freedom, I recommend praying the Litany of Trust at www.SistersofLife.org. Our love must be faithful: "Lord, I give you my life in this moment, just as I gave it yesterday, and as I hope to give it tomorrow. May I be your servant in all things." - To grow in faithfulness, I recommend the Prayer to be Faithful of Serving God at www.catholic.org.

Our love must be fruitful, meaning that it needs to be ordered toward unity and the flourishing of my soul and that of my neighbor, so that God's grace can live and move and have its being within us (Acts 17:28). - To grow in fruitfulness, I recommend the Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Universal Renewal at www.acatholic.org.

Every day, we must think about heaven and the love God desires to fulfill in us.

Fr. Aaron Kuhn

Mass at Sacred Heart and St. Ann for All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Sacred Heart, Staples 8:30am on November 1st and November 2nd.
St. Ann 6:00pm on November 1st and November 2nd.

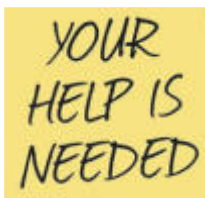


SAINT FREDERICK, Verndale

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of sacristans who prepare what is necessary for the celebration of the Mass. A sacristan comes about ½ hour early before Mass and has everything ready for Father to celebrate Mass. Please consider volunteering for this important job.



No Mass and Adoration on November 2



ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, Menahga

113 Aspen Ave. NW Menahga, MN 56464
Mail - P.O. Box C Verndale, MN 56481

Christian Women's: The next meeting will be November 22, 2021 at 2:30 at Assumption of Our Lady.



SAINT ANN, Wadena

514 First Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482

Springfest planning meeting: Wednesday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room.

Parish Council Meeting Thursday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Wadena Area Wellness Meeting Thursday, November 4 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room.

ACC Quilters Workday

Members of all churches in the ACC are invited to a quilting workday on Monday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Ann's parish center in Wadena. We will work on quilts for Zambia, lap quilts for the local Hospice and quilts for children. You don't need to know how to sew — we need people to iron, make "quilt sandwiches" and tie quilts. Or bring your mats and rotary cutters to cut blocks, or your sewing machine if you want to sew.

Bring a dish to pass for lunch and enjoy the fellowship — in addition to making something useful!



SAINT MICHAEL, Motley

280 1st Ave. S., Motley, MN 56466
P.O. Box 177, Staples, MN 56479

Families of Faith - Sunday Fun Days first gathering will be **today**, Sunday, Oct. 31st from 2-4pm at St. Michael's Church in Motley. Come have some fall fun, build community, and have a cookie and a cup of hot cider. All ACC families are welcome at this free event. See the bulletin or our Facebook page for more information.

No Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation on November 2



SAINT HUBERT, Bluegrass

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Please disregard the notice in last weeks bulletin referring to online giving for St. Hubert. We will keep you posted as to when it may be available.

It's seminarian care package time! Please leave you donations in the tote in the narthex. We will be packing the packages on November 20th, after the 7PM mass in the church basement. All are welcome to come and help-many hands make a job go quickly. Any questions call Rosie @ 445-7004.

Thank you and GOD bless you



SAINT JOSEPH, Bertha

201 Cherry Street
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Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that I have decided to resign from my Secretary/Bookkeeping position at St. Joseph's, Bertha. My last day will be October 31, 2021. I thank you for the opportunity to have been able to serve all of you. You and this job have brought great joy into my life. I thank you for trusting me to take care of your parish and all of your needs. I have made many friendships, and have learned so much along the way. You have taught me that God is really in charge of everything and that He will take care of all of us, all we have to do is trust Him and allow Him to do so. I will cherish all of the laughs and memories that were created and will patiently wait to see what God has in store for all of us next. Please know that you are a blessing from God, and an amazing gift to this parish and I look forward to seeing you at weekend Masses and parish functions.

God bless,
Karen Sakry

St Joseph Parish Council Meeting Thursday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall at St Ann.



SACRED HEART, Staples

310 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479
P.O. Box 177 Staples, MN 56479

THANK YOU to all that assisted with the Fall Dinner/Raffle/Bingo/Bazaar. We could not been able to do this without you. Also, THANK YOU to all who donated!



If anyone is interested in helping out with faith formation meals in any way, please contact Nicki at nfink@marysacc.org or Abbie at adetloff@marysacc.org.



LOOKING FOR HELPERS for the children of Sacred Heart Area School in making their own **APPLE PIES**. Men & women are needed, no talent required!

Just show up in the church basement at 8:30am on Wednesday, Nov 16th. (It takes about 2-3 hours) Come and have fun. Any questions, call Marge Meyer at 894-1972.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Bluffton

310 Main Street
P.O. Box 36, Bluffton, MN 56518

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MEETING

November 3, 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. We will be discussing the St. Nicholas Party. Please come and help us plan.

HELP NEEDED

Looking for individuals or a group who are willing to use your God given talents to decorate the church for the liturgical seasons. Please contact the Wadena office 218-631-1593



The Family of Kenneth (Fred) Dykhoff wishes to thank you for providing such a great service to honor his memory. We do appreciate the way the church community came together to provide music and food after the service.

St John the Baptist Parish Council Meeting Thursday, November 11 at 7:00p.m. in the parish hall at St. Ann.

St. Mary Mission Group meets Tuesday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement.



What is a Pilgrimage?

Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God. Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

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Conditions to obtain a plenary indulgence:

- Be in the state of Grace
- Have recently gone to confession
- Received the Holy Eucharist
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope
- Pray for those to receive the indulgence



Sacramentals

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Those seeking Baptism should contact the parish office.

ANNOINTING 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.

MARRIAGE PREPERATION

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the bulletin is noon on Monday's.

Please submit all content to Mary Murray at:
mmurray@marysacc.org

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Observances for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday;

All Hallows Eve

Monday: All Saints

Tuesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed;

All Souls' Day

Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

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Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Wadena)

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Verndale)

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Motley)

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Menahga)

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. (Bertha)

First Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Staples)

Saturday, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Bluffton)

St. Charles Borromeo | Feast Day November 4

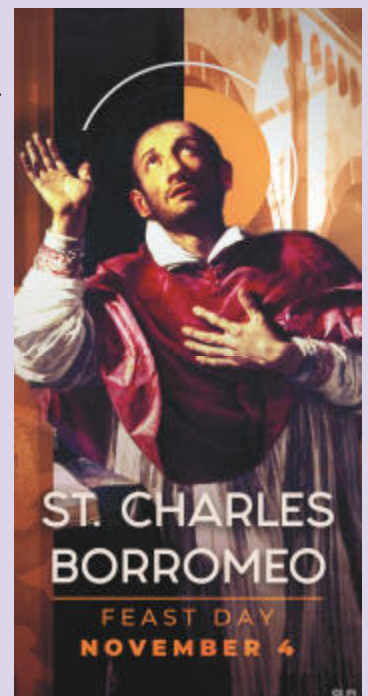
St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.

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STEWARDSHIP

Sharing God's Gifts

St. Joseph

Started July 1
 Needed weekly \$2,555
 Needed to Date \$41,435
 Collected 10/24 \$2,698.86
 Rec'd to Date \$29,111.63
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$12,323.37)

St. Hubert

Started July 1
 Needed weekly \$1,820
 Needed to Date \$29,120
 Collected 10/17 \$1,626.01
 Rec'd to Date \$27,574.56
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$1,545.44)

Assumption of Our Lady

Started July 1
 Needed weekly \$1200
 Needed to Date \$19,200
 Collected 10/17 \$596.01
 Rec'd to Date \$17,938.61
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$1,261.39)

St. Michael

Started July 1
 Needed weekly \$2,960
 Needed to Date \$47,360
 Collected 10/17 \$2,126.50
 Rec'd to Date \$40,312.33
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$4,087.67)

Sacred Heart

Started July 1
 Needed weekly \$5,177
 Needed to Date \$82,832
 Collected 10/17 \$4,872.78
 Rec'd to Date \$87,277.04
 Surplus (Deficit) \$4,445.04

St. Frederick

Started July 1
 Needed weekly \$1,600
 Needed to Date \$25,600
 Collected 10/17 \$1,617
 Collected 10/9 \$920
 Rec'd to Date \$23,370.52
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$229.48)

St. Ann

Started July 1
 Needed weekly \$11,180
 Needed to Date \$190,060
 Collected 10/24 \$6612.05
 Rec'd to Date \$119,528.79
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$70,531.21)

St. John the Baptist

Started July 1
 Needed weekly \$3,092
 Needed to Date \$49,472
 Collected 10/23 \$796.25
 Rec'd to Date \$36,144.08
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$13,327.82)

Parish Registration

Are you new to the Parish or a current member with an address change? Please complete this form and drop it in the offering.

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Phone Number (____) _____

E-Mail _____

I am new to the Parish _____

Update my information _____

St. Joseph ____ St. Hubert ____

St. John the Baptist ____ St. Ann ____

Assumption of Our Lady ____ St. Michael ____

Sacred Heart ____ St. Frederick ____

Inspiration for the week

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?

What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 St. Joseph's,
 St. Michael's &
 Sacred Heart

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed members of our Parishes!



St. Joseph, Bertha

Jade Benning, Isaac Blashack, Troy Brandsma, Caroline Bulcher, Dale Bulcher, Jedd Bulcher, Pascal Bulcher, Jonathan Freyholtz, Luke Sakry

St. Hubert, Bluegrass

Chad Dickey, Danielle Dickey, Eva Erickson, Ivory Haman, Carson Kern, Maria Lajeunesse, Eric Malone, Cal Olsson, Eli Olsson, Zak Olsson, Wyatt Richter, Rachael Smith, Levi Stevens

St. John the Baptist, Bluffton

Allison Anderson, Derek Anderson, Kadance Brauch, Jacob Guck, Breydon Holtti, Hunter Holtti, Audrey Irons, Ashley Kassa, Izzabelle Nesland, Ally Pavek, Michael Tougas, Reagan Weniger, Kaylynn Zerr

St. Ann, Wadena

Jamie Barthel, Madison Carsten, Kaylin Lupkes, Kayla Meeks, Kelly Muckala, Summer Pettit, Zoey Rousslang, Ella Stroeing

Prayer for hunters:

May the Lord God make you an honorable hunter who respects fellow hunters, the animals, and all creation; May He keep safe you and all who share the field or the forest; May He make all hunters proud of their kill, generous with their meat, and thankful in all circumstances.

St. Hubert, Pray for us.

Amen.

CATHOLIC SAINTS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK!

Take a few minutes this week to look up these fantastic saints and learn about them.

- **01 November- All Saints Day**
- **02 November-All Souls Day**
- **03 November- St Martin de Porres, Religious**
- **03 November- St Malachy, Bishop**
- **04 November- St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
- **06 November- All the saints of Ireland**



Sacred Heart, Staples

Morgan Becker, Chandler Braith, Topanga Braith, Andria Dolezal, Brent Hansen, Corrine Japke, Emma Kalk, Mitch Lisson, Landon Mertens, Jack Storry, Reese Thompson, Joe Tyrrell

St. Frederick, Verndale

Brooke Anderson, Keara Kern, Mary Kern, Dilan Orlando, Dan Richter, Connor Schmitz, Madison Schmitz

St. Michael, Motley

Hannah Eastman, Tessa Eastman, Owen Pantzke, Jason Trantina, Colby Zetah

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Youth grades 7-12 are invited to join us for First Friday Adoration on November 5th at St. Ann in Wadena. Adoration begins at 7pm, followed by food and fellowship at 8:00. RSVP to Autumn Hopp, autumnhopp@yahoo.com or 763-229-5533



All Souls Day

(an excerpt from Kendra Tierney, author of 'Catholic All Year')

On All Souls' Day (and for the whole month of November) we focus on the Church Suffering:

the Holy Souls in Purgatory, who are guaranteed to one day be in heaven, but who are now suffering and need our prayers.



The souls in purgatory can no longer pray for themselves, or make sacrifices, or do good works, so they need us, the living, to do these things for them. Especially on the Feast of All Souls, and in the month of November, Catholics pray for and make sacrifices for our beloved dead, and for the other souls in purgatory who need our prayers.

One of the best ways we can do this is by gaining indulgences. An indulgence is a way that the Church uses the authority given by Jesus to bind sins and to loose them. It's a way to encourage the faithful in prayers, practices, and devotions that will be beneficial to our souls and to the souls in purgatory.

Indulgences can be plenary, which means full, or partial. A plenary indulgence will release us, or a soul in purgatory, from the temporal punishment due to sins.

Every year, from November 1-8, we can obtain a plenary indulgence each day, applicable only to the holy souls in purgatory, and subject to the usual conditions, for praying for the Holy Souls in a cemetery.

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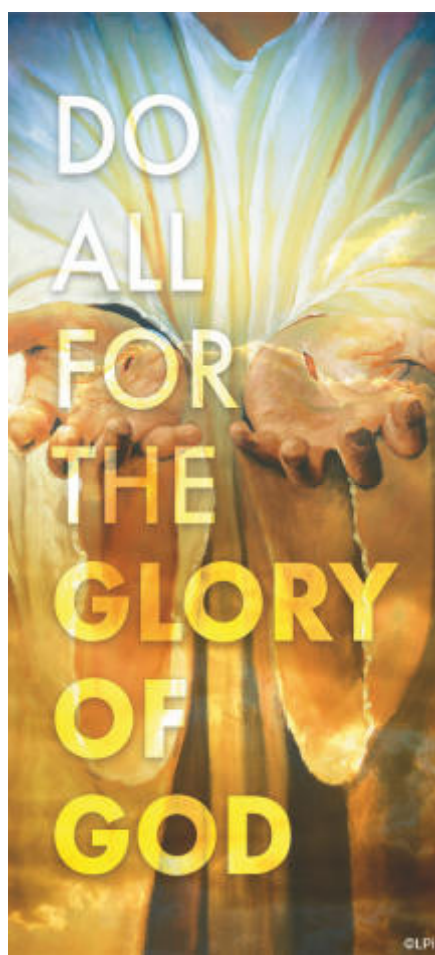
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Paula Johnson, MS, MA, LMFT

Christian Counseling - Tuesdays

at St. Ann's in Wadena.

Call 844-816-1847 or 320-253-3540

to schedule an appointment or for more info.:

TheCenterForFamilyCounseling.com

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There was a necklace found during the cleanup after the breakfast at the Verndale civic center on Oct 3rd. Please call the Staples office to claim.



ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus will collect aluminum cans for Seminarians on the weekend of October 30th, and 31st. A trailer (with signs) will be parked at the south end of St. Ann's parking lot in Wadena from noon on Saturday the 30th till 4:pm. on Sunday the 31st. Please fill it up!! We Thank-you for your cans!



Did you know that K - Yes radio has added an AM and FM radio station out of Verndale with the potential to reach 250 thousand MORE people with the good news of Jesus Christ! Check out AM 1070 if you are in that direction and do not get AM 1180 in clearly. They will also be going non-commercial next year, which means no more political ads.



R.C.I.A. will be starting up Thursday, November 4 at 7pm. We will meet in the church basement of Sacred Heart in Staples. Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about Catholicism, please RSVP to the church office at 894-2296.



I will never leave you or forsake you...Hebrew 13:5 If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is November 5-7, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@vineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

Families of Faith – Sunday Fun Days

MISSION: Come build community and have a little fun with your family on the Lord's Day!

WHEN: One Sunday a month from 2-4pm, different event each month around the Motley area

COST: A one time free will offering (\$10 per family recommended) for paper products. Might be an additional small fee depending on event & location.



Friendsgiving

Laser Tag

Sunday, Oct. 31st 2-4pm @ St. Michael's Church in Motley. Costumes welcome, yard games, fun, fellowship, cookies & hot apple cider



MORE INFORMATION: Check the Bulletin and our Facebook page at: Families of Faith -

Sunday Fun Days

Jenn: #701-851-0118 or

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Cookie Party

FOR WHO: All ACC (Area Catholic Community) families with kiddos 0-18 years old are welcome!

CREMATED REMAINS COLLECTION & BURIAL



Press Release:

Do you have cremated remains of a family member in your possession that you would like to have laid to rest in a sacred place? Proper burial helps us grieve and find closure while we show respect for the life and remains of our beloved dead. As a free service to our community and those who have died, the Church of St. Ann in Wadena, MN, and Sacred Heart, Staples, MN are collecting cremated remains of deceased family members who

have not yet been buried. On November 2, 2021 at St. Ann's at 8:00 a.m. and Sacred Heart at 6:00 p.m., we will have a Memorial Mass for all the dead and special prayers for the collected remains and then a private burial of the remains at our cemetery. Our church will absorb the cost of burial, so this service is free to you. Cremated remains must be more than 18 months past date of death, need not be Catholic or from the area, and must be accompanied with paperwork. For more information contact Barb at St. Ann's office 218-632-7309 or bpiecek@marysacc.org or Mary Murray at Sacred Heart office at 218-894-2296 or mmurray@marysacc.org

Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity

We are excited to announce plans to frame and raise the walls at Brandon and Tiffani York's home in Sebeka! We invite your church to come and build with us. You can be the hands and feet of Christ right in your own community.



These volunteer positions are available:

- Greeter - one or two people needed at the start of each shift to greet volunteers and collect volunteer forms and waivers. This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to be on-site but not "hands-on" during construction. Training provided.
- Construction Volunteer - no experience necessary! Tools and training are provided. Tasks vary. Come and work side by side with our partner family and other volunteers!

Framing is set to begin on Tuesday, November 2nd. We are scheduling volunteers Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (November 2nd, 3rd and 4th), 8:00 to noon, 12:30 to 4:30, or all day. **If you have questions or would like to sign up, reply to this email or call Cathy Wells at 218-454-7027.**

Since we are working outside, weather may be a factor. We will do our best to inform you of last-minute changes. We look forward to partnering with you!



ADORATION CHAPEL UPDATES:

Location: St. Fredrick's in Verndale

Hours: 4 am-11pm Monday-Thursday. 4 am-3 pm Friday. If there is enough interest in overnight hours, we may begin to add hours.

Financing: We will accept donations for the Adoration Chapel to pay for installation of the keypad and the building/purchase of a stand and housing for the monstrance. Please make a note that you wish to donate to the Adoration Chapel on check or envelope. Extra funds will be used to update or purchase other items for the Chapel as needed.

Timeline: As soon as the stand and housing for the monstrance is completed and the keypad is installed, we should be ready to begin Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel. We will communicate clearly about when that will happen.

Contact: For now, Martha Ray (mray@marysacc.org or 651-253-7291) is the main contact for signing up or with questions or concerns. Leadership will be transferred to a volunteer in the future, with support from staff as needed. If you or someone you know is interested in leading or co-leading, please contact Martha for more information.

Needs: We are looking for a cabinet maker to help build a special altar and cabinet for the monstrance. Please contact Father Aaron Kuhn.

November & December NFP Announcements

Do you know God's plan for your marriage? Natural Family Planning is a reliable and trustworthy way to regulate fertility, is easy to learn and can be a source of unity for couples.

A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in:

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