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Mother of the Church

Area Catholic Community



St. Joseph, Bertha | St. Hubert, Bluegrass | St. John the Baptist, Bluffton | Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga
St. Michael, Motley | Sacred Heart, Staples | St. Frederick, Verndale | St. Ann, Wadena

JANUARY 23, 2022

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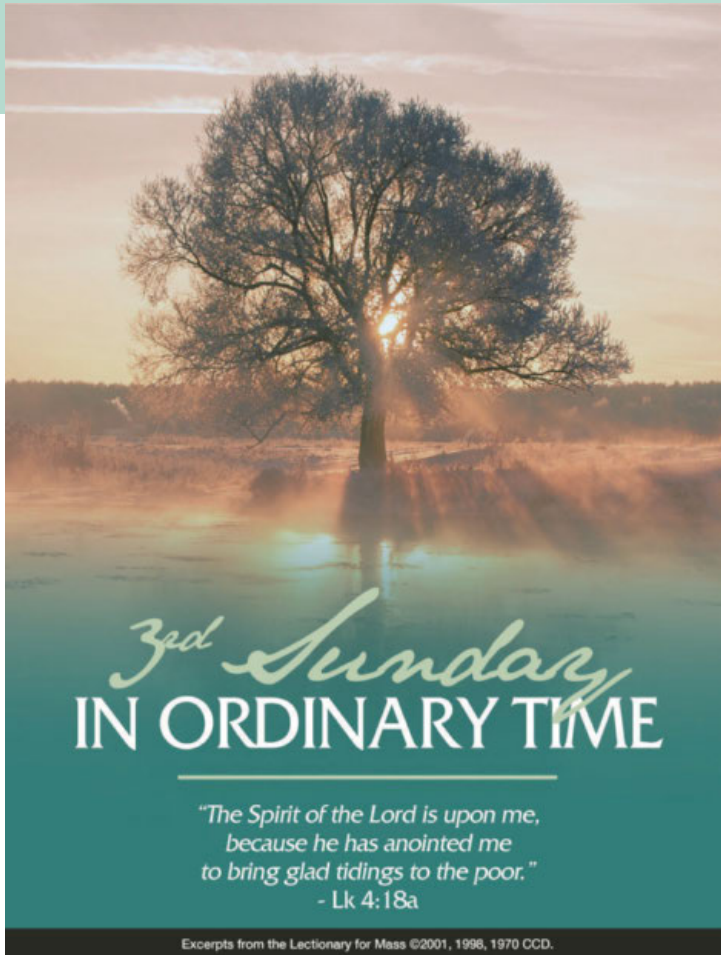
Reconciliation Schedule

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



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:30 p.m. St. John the Baptist, Bluffton

5:00 p.m. St. Frederick, Verndale

7:00 p.m. St. Michael, Motley

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. Hubert, Bluegrass

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS BY OUR WITNESS OF A LIVING FAITH

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY
25

9:00 a.m. † **Lorraine Ludowese**
St. Frederick, Verndale
6:00 p.m. Rosary
6:30 p.m. **Health of Marie Kraves**
St. Michael, Motley

WEDNESDAY
26

8:00 a.m. † **Dorothy Endres**
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
9:00 a.m. **Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name**
St. Hubert, Bluegrass

THURSDAY
27

8:30 a.m. † **Jonah Kletsch**
Sacred Heart, Staples
7:00 p.m. **The Faithful Departed**
St. Joseph, Bertha

FRIDAY
28

8:00 a.m. † **Jeanette Dickey**
St. Ann, Wadena
8:30 a.m. † **Carol Cameron**
Sacred Heart, Staples

SATURDAY
29

4:30 p.m. † **Sylvester & Cecelia Heltemes**
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
5:00 p.m. † **Jan Erickson**
St. Frederick, Verndale
7:00 p.m. † **Lorraine Gallagher**
St. Michael, Motley
7:30 p.m. **For the People**
Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

SUNDAY
30

8:00 a.m. † **John Stancel**
St. Joseph, Bertha
8:30 a.m. † **Charlotte Johnson**
Sacred Heart, Staples
10:00 a.m. † **Joe Stelflug**
St. Ann, Wadena
10:30 a.m. † **Harold & Josephine Malone**
St. Hubert, Bluegrass

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

For January 23, 2022 - Ordinary Time Week Two

This weekend, our readings give us a re-introduction to the mission of Jesus: He came to [the synagogue at] Nazareth ... unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." God desires our good. The Lord wants you and I to flourish and bear fruit, not only for our own good but that of every soul around us: the poor, the blind, the oppressed, and those in need of love. Our mission is Jesus' mission, to go into the world and help save souls from sin.



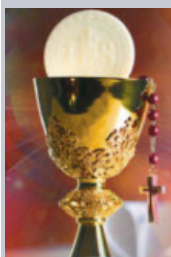
Sin destroys our relationship with God, neighbor and nature. If left untamed, even venial sin can develop into a moment where we more readily commit a mortal sin. All of us know of families that are struggling to get along, where parents are divorced or on the verge, where adult siblings have not talked to one another for lengths of time, or even where emotional and physical violence and abuse are happening. Faith is difficult to maintain when sin goes unhealed. Jesus wants to heal the wounds of sin and division in our families, but he will not force us to change. We have to surrender to him and the divine economy of love that is in heaven and needs to be on earth. The law of love, God's law and way of life, is not out of reach for us, though we can lose sight of what it looks like if we stop practicing our love of God and neighbor. It only takes one generation to stop loving their family, for things to fall apart, and the experience of life to feel like hell on earth. So too, generations can get lazy or passive about loving God and neighbor, such that small decisions to be selfish start adding up, and children become accustomed to a home culture that rejoices in evil while avoiding what is truly good for the soul.

Each of us has mission territory to cover: our relationships with people in our home, our work, and our recreation. It is important to build up habits of outreach, to ask people "what can I pray for," and to then spend time in our day praying for each person and their needs. We should study our faith a little bit every day, whether by reading the scriptures of the day or listening to Catholic radio, etcetera, so that we can then share with others what we have learned.

As we read in Paul's letter to the Corinthians, each of us has a part to play in the mission of the Church (1 Cor 12:12-30). We are all necessary to the mission, and so are the souls to whom we are sent to help make further disciples.

Who did God send you to last week? Who will you be sent to this week? Are you making yourself available for God to use?

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)
Menahga Canceled until April
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)



SAINT FREDERICK, Verndale

20 Mason Ave. NW, Verndale, MN 56481
Mail - P.O. Box 177 Staples, MN 56479



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. This does not require you to be in front of the congregation. Please consider volunteering for this important behind the scenes job.

**Finance Council Meeting
January 23rd at 3:00pm in Staples.**



SAINT HUBERT, Bluegrass

22008 CTY Rd. 23, Sebeka, MN 56477
Mail - P.O. Box 177 Staples, MN 56479

**Finance Council Meeting
January 23rd at 4:00pm in Staples.**

The monthly Grief Support Group at St. Hubert Parish will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the Month, **February 9th** following Mass and fellowship in the church basement. The group is open to all members of Mary, Mother of the Church ACC. This is a support group for all those who are living with grief and a safe place to be honest about their situation and impact on their life. Sponsored and facilitated by Parish Nurses of St. Hubert Parish.

Thank you for the generous donations to the "Baby Jesus Shower". The items will be delivered to the Pine Point Head Start families and elders. May God bless you.

Thank you to everyone who helped put up the Christmas decorations at church and then to assist with removing and storing them after the Baptism of Our Lord. It was great to have so many helpers that included all generations, from the very young to seniors. God bless all of you.



SAINT MICHAEL, Motley

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

**Finance Council Meeting
January 23rd at 6:00pm in Staples.**

The Grow St. Michael and Building Committee will meet before Mass on Saturday, February 12, at 6 p.m. in the church basement to discuss spring plans.

Please join us for a sledding party at the Motley Sledding hill at 4th Ave. S. and Curtis St. on Sunday, Jan. 23rd from 2-4pm. Cookies and Hot Chocolate provided. Please bring your own sled or tube.



SACRED HEART, Staples

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

**Finance Council Meeting
January 23rd at 7:00pm in Staples.**

Circle 15 February meeting will be at Carol Hoffmann's 1502 6th St NE, Staples at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb 1st.

**Kickoff to
Catholic
Schools
Week**



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The fifth and sixth graders of Sacred Heart Area School will be hosting breakfast on Sunday, January 30th beginning at 9:30am, at Sacred Heart Church.

This is a fundraiser for their class trip to Osprey Wild (Audubon Center), an environmental camp near Sandstone, MN.

A Free Will offering will be accepted.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

310 Main Street
Mailing address 514 First Street SE,
Wadena, MN 56482

Christian Mothers Meeting Wednesday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Soup and Sandwich served after Mass Saturday, January 29. Dine in or Take-Out. Freewill Offering. Sponsored by Christian Mothers



SAINT ANN, Wadena

514 First Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482

Need a gift... Stop by the office and pick up a bag of our own "Heavenly Roast" coffee. The cost is \$14 per bag. You can get them as whole beans, or three different grinds: Course, Medium (most regular coffee makers), Fine (Keurig Style). **This coffee sale will be ongoing.**



Springfest Planning Meeting Tuesday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the music room.

Free Community Dinner Thursday, January 27, serving 4:30-6 p.m. To go only. Drive thru St. Ann's parking lot. Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wadena.



ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, Menahga

113 Aspen Ave. NW Menahga, MN 56464
Mail - P.O. Box 177 Staples, MN 56479



BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit all content to Mary Murray
by noon on
Monday of each week:
mmurray@marysacc.org



SAINT JOSEPH, Bertha

201 Cherry Street
P.O. Box 158, Bertha, MN 56437

2022 Envelopes: Please pick up your 2022 envelope packets from the table in the church entry.

Send In Your BID!

St. Joseph of Bertha has recently purchased a new snowblower. Bids are being taken for the used snowblower. The electric start currently does not work, but the pull start does, all other parts are in good working order. Please mail in your name, phone number and bid to: St. Joseph, P.O. Box 158 Bertha, MN 56437. Or drop in the Sunday collection. All bids must be received by February 6, 2022. The highest bidder will be contacted.

News For ALL



ADORATION CHAPEL UPDATES:

The keypad lock has been installed! We are getting closer to the day that we can begin to have Adoration in our Area Catholic Community Adoration Chapel. :)

The Chapel will be in the main sanctuary at St. Fredrick in Verndale and the hours will be 4 am-11 pm Monday-Thursday and 4 am-3 pm Fridays.

Please contact Martha Ray (mray@marysacc.org or 651-253-7291) to sign up for your hour with Jesus!! He is waiting for you! You can also sign up to be a substitute if someone cannot make their scheduled time. Sign up soon to get the time that works best for you.

Please keep praying for the success of the Adoration Chapel and our ACC.




Join us for food, fun and fellowship!
 February 27th
 More information in the coming weeks



Wadena roller rink

NEWS FOR ALL

Would You Pray for a Priest or Seminarian Each Day?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 2022						1 Rev. Thomas Skaja
2 Jean-Claude Duncan St. Ann, Wadena	3 Daniel Ruprecht Assumption, Eden Valley	4 Kevin Soenneker St. Paul, Sauk Centre	5 Nathaniel Daubner St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston	6 Joseph VanDenheuvel St. Joseph, Bertha	7 Tobias Ellis St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud	8 Nolan Lemna St. Mary of the Presentation, Breckenridge
9 Scott Kahler Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls	10 Mark Nosbush St. Louis, Paynesville	11 Jack Tyrrell Sacred Heart, Staples	12 Peter Zabinski St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Isanti	13 Nicholas Daubner St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston	14 Paul Guertin St. Andrew, Elk River	15 Jack Massmann St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta
16 Bishop Donald Kettler	17 Rev. Harold Pavelis	18 Rev. Edwin Kraemer	19 Rev. Richard Leisen	20 Rev. Mark Willenbring	21 Rev. Silverius Schmitt	22 Rev. Roger Botz, OSB
23 Please pray for our deceased priests with January anniversaries (SEE BELOW)	24 Rev. Anthony Kroll	25 Rev. Gregory Lieser	26 Rev. Lurn Virnig	27 Rev. Gerald Dalseth	28 Rev. Gerald Mischke	29 Rev. Kenneth Riedemann
30 Rev. Eberhard Schefers	31 Rev. William Vos	Sponsored by Serra Club of St. Cloud For info on joining SERRA Club call: Joanne Benson 320-654-8386				

NEWS FOR ALL

On **Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 3:30 PM,**

The State of the ACC Address in the parish hall at St. Ann. A Light meal will be served after.

I will present an overview of what has been going on in our ACC over the past year, a glimpse into the future of the year to come, provide an opportunity for Deacon Randy Altstadt to give everyone an overview of our financial status, and then we will have time for you to ask questions about anything relevant to our parishes. All parish members of our eight parishes in our Area Catholic Community are welcome to attend.
Fr. Aaron Kuhn

On **Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 6:00 PM,**

All the parish councils are invited to attend a parish wide "Parish Life Committee" Meeting at St. Ann's Hall. Fr. Aaron will give a presentation on the transition of parish councils to parish life committees.

Marriage 
Encounter

Give the best St Valentine's Day gift possible by signing up for the February 12-13 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org to register, for additional information or call 651.454.3238.



WE STAND FOR
SANCTITY
OF
HUMAN
LIFE 



SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday of January as National Sanctity of Human Life Day.

Pastors, churches and life organizations across the United States use this day to bring awareness to the attacks that are daily waged against human life through the abortion industry.

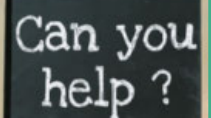
One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by bringing into the light the darkness of abortion, and supporting local Pregnancy Help Organizations who daily reach women and families with messages of hope and life.

For all Parish Life Members (formerly Parish Council):

The ACC planning committee would like to organize an ACC picnic and need your help.

There is a planning committee meeting scheduled for **Monday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Ann's** parish hall and are asking you to attend and participate in the planning process.

The picnic is tentatively set for August 28 at the Wadena County Fairgrounds. Some ideas for the all ACC Picnic: meal, band, Mass, games for all, bingo, and more and we need your help to put this together. For more information or to volunteer to be on the planning committee please contact Vonnie Perius at 218-640-6954.



Can you
help?

GREAT NEWS!

We are excited to announce that we have hired Dawn Heide as the New Communications Director for Mary, Mother of the Church ACC!



Dawn is a hybrid professional, having recently retired from Essentia Health where she worked in a variety of administrative and supportive roles in the healthcare setting for over 27 years. Dawn is passionate about the power of storytelling to advocate for important causes and is excited for the opportunity to apply the skills she has learned over the years to support the mission of the ACC.

Dawn Heide and her husband, Scott, have been members of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley, MN, since 2002. Dawn and Scott live in Pillager, MN, and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary while quarantined during the COVID pandemic. They have two grown daughters, Kailynn and Kelsey.

Please join us in welcoming Dawn to the ACC!

The App for Catholic Life Every Day™

Keep your ears open for upcoming announcements for myParish app.



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Sledding Party



Families of Faith: Sunday Fun Day

What: Please join us for a sledding party in Motley. We will provide hot chocolate and cookies. ALL ACC families are welcome to attend – spread the word.

When: Sunday, January, 23rd 2-4pm

Where: At the sledding hill in Motley. (4th Ave. S. & Curtis St. near Motley's Industrial Park)

Bring: warm winter gear & a sled or snow tub

Cost: FREE



For more information see our Facebook page: Families of Faith Sunday Fun Days or the bulletin.



PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

The mission of the **Prayer Blanket Ministry** is to provide hope, comfort, and healing. It is a unique way of reaching out to people – of any age – in need. A prayer blanket can be seen as a symbolic “hug” from God and is intended to be a reminder of God's ever-present love. They can be used in any circumstance. If you, or someone you know, is in need of a prayer blanket, they are in the back of Sacred Heart Church or contact Janelle Thompson @ 218-894-3127 or Lynnelle Hanson @ 218-894-3497.”

FORMED.ORG - HOW TO SIGN UP

Follow the steps below to create an account, and if you need help please call the church office.

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find your parish using zip code 56479 or Mary's ACC. (All eight churches use the same account, Sacred Heart Church.)
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

(must have an e-mail address to sign-up)

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10). Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part — to share all we have without expecting anything in return.



REST IN PEACE

Eternal rest grant to † Janis Goff

Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Israel Gregory Reese and
Waylon Mark Geiser

Sacred Heart School News



Sacred Heart Area School is looking for a new Pre-K aide for the remainder of the 2022 school year! Position is approximately 40 hours/week and pays between \$13-\$15/hr, depending on experience and subject to a 90 day review. Interested applicants should reach out to Principal William Liedl by phone (218-894-2077), email (principal@sacredheartareaschool.org), or stop in at the school to learn more about the position.

The Challenge Grant is well under way and I am so thankful for the outpouring of support from our many alumni, parents, and all of you who support Catholic schools. I wanted to take some time to give you a quick update on where our fund currently stands. We are so close to finishing up our goal of \$25,000! We currently have a little more than \$21,000 of designated "new money" donated to this cause, so another \$4,000 is all we need to reach our \$25,000 goal before March 31, 2022. Once again I am blown away by the outpouring of love and support from the SHAS community. Many of our alumni sent little notes with their offerings, full of support and thankful-ness for the Catholic education they received. Know that your contribution will help continue that education for our future generation as they grow into lay and religious leaders in our Church. **Deadline is March 31st, 2022. The donation should be 'tagged' as for the Challenge Grant.**



January 30th is the kickoff of our national Catholic Schools Week celebration.

During Masses the weekend of 29th and 30th you may be seeing students representing our ACC's Catholic school by wearing their uniforms and participating in a couple of the Masses.

Also, Sacred Heart Area School families will continue to be available to sell Catholic United Financial Raffle tickets after the weekend Masses across the ACC.

STEWARDSHIP

Sharing God's Gifts

St. Ann

Needed Weekly \$11,180
 Needed to Date \$324,220
 Collected 01/16 not available
 Received to date \$294,804.85
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$18,235.15)

St. Frederick

Needed Weekly \$1,600
 Needed to date \$44,800
 Collected 01/09 \$2,432.36
 Received to date \$47,506.95
 Surplus (Deficit) \$2,706.95

St. John the Baptist

Needed Weekly \$3,092
 Needed to Date \$89,668
 Collected 01/16 not available
 Received to date \$99,075.44
 Surplus (Deficit) \$12,499.44

Assumption of Our Lady

Needed Weekly \$1,200
 Needed to date \$33,600
 Collected 01/09 \$527.10
 Received to date \$37,943.88
 Surplus (Deficit) \$4,346.88

St. Joseph

Needed Weekly \$2,555
 Needed to Date \$71,540
 Collected 01/09 \$1,965.17
 Received to Date \$53,375.41
 Surplus (deficit) (\$17,167.59)

Sacred Heart

Needed Weekly \$5,177
 Needed to date \$144,956
 Collected 01/09 \$4,404.63
 Received to date \$155,872.70
 Surplus (Deficit) \$10,916.70

St. Hubert

Needed Weekly \$1,820
 Needed to date \$50,960
 Collected 01/09 \$1,901.68
 Received to date \$65,643.45
 Surplus (Deficit) \$14,683.45

St. Michael

Needed Weekly \$2,960
 Needed to date \$82,880
 Collected 01/09 \$625
 Received to date \$68,559.07
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$14,320.93)



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Did you know that K - Yes radio has added an AM and FM radio station out of Verdale 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.

Thank You
 For your generosity!

ONLINE GIVING



Available for:
 St. Ann
 St. John
 St. Joseph
 St. Michael
 Sacred Heart
 Soon to come for
 St. Frederick, St. Hubert and
 Assumption of Our Lady

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 ____

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

BUSINESS OFFICES

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shbook@staplesnet.com

For Bluegrass, Verndale, Menahga
218-445-5204
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ST. ANN, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND ST. JOSEPH

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ACC Liturgist & St. Ann's Music Director: Now Hiring

If you are interested
please contact
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