



Mary

Area Catholic Community

Mother of the Church

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

MARCH 27, 2022

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30 pm - Bluffton (St. John the Baptist)
5:00 pm - Verndale (St. Frederick)
7:00 pm - Motley (St. Michael)
7:30 pm - Menahga (Assumption of Our Lady)

Sunday

8:00 am - Bertha (St. Joseph)
8:30 am - Staples (Sacred Heart)
10:00 am - Wadena (St. Ann)
10:30 am - Bluegrass (St. Hubert)

*Highlighted Mass times are livestreamed

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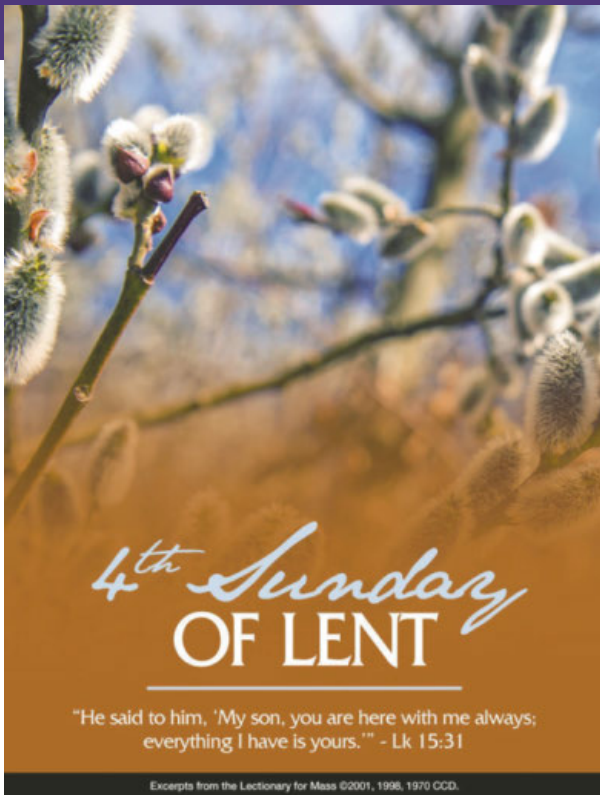
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**Assumption of Our Lady, St. Hubert,
St. Frederick, St. Ann, St. John the Baptist
St. Joseph:** marysacc.org

Sacred Heart & St. Michael:
staplesmotleycatholics.org

Sacred Heart School:
sacredheartareaschool.org
www.facebook.com/sacredheartareaschool



Dear Visitors:

Welcome to Mary, Mother of the Church Area Catholic Community! We are a community of eight parishes united to provide for the pastoral and spiritual needs of all. As an Area Catholic Community, we share resources, talents, and efforts with the hope of reenergizing Catholics so all parishes thrive within the Diocese of Saint Cloud.

Please join us! To become a member, contact us at 218-894-2296 or 218-632-7309 for a registration form.

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS BY OUR WITNESS OF A LIVING FAITH

PARISH CONTACTS

from the pastor's desk

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Deacon

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ACC Business Administrator

Deacon Randy Altstadt
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ACC Communications Director

Dawn Heide has resigned as the ACC Communications Director. We thank her for her time she has spent with us and wish her the best.

Mary Murray has volunteered to process the bulletin in the interim. Please submit all content to her by noon on Monday of each week. mmurray@marysacc.org

Sacred Heart, St. Michael, St. Hubert, St. Frederick, Assumption of Our Lady

Parish Office: 218-894-2296
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Secretary: Mary Murray
Office Hours: T-TH 9am - 4pm

Bookkeeper: Connie DeVault
Mon, Tues, and Thurs
cdevault@marysacc.org

For Bluegrass, Verndale, Menahga
218-445-5204
vbmccatholicbook@wcta.net

St. Ann, St. John the Baptist, and St. Joseph

Parish Office: 218-632-7309
Email: bpiecek@marysacc.org
Business Manager: Barb Piecek
Office Hours: M-F 8am - 4pm

Here is the new schedule for Easter Sunday Masses:

8:00 am, St. Joseph, Bertha
8:00 am, St. Hubert, Bluegrass
8:00 am, Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga
8:00 am, St. Frederick, Verndale

10:30 am, St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
10:30 am, St. Michael, Motley
10:30 am, Sacred Heart, Staples
10:30 am, St. Ann, Wadena

We were able to acquire two retired priests to assist our ACC on Easter Sunday: Father Tom Becker and Father Geno Doyle. Each priest will have two Masses, organized in such a way that they can travel safely and in a timely manner. The times are not ideal, but they will provide for our needs.

Having four priests for Easter is a blessing, one that we will not always have every year, so I want to encourage you to invite as many people to Easter Sunday Mass as possible. Let's fill the churches to maximum capacity, justifying the need to ask for help in the future!

Likewise, the Sacred Triduum—three holy days preceding Easter Sunday—are some of the most sacred days of our faith: the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion & Cross on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday. With eight parishes of people joining together at two to three sites (Bluffton, Staples & Wadena), the pews ought to be full. Please prioritize these days in your calendar every year. Unless there is a major reason not to, every Catholic should participate in the Triduum every year, not just a few times in a lifetime.

In the past, I have encouraged parishioners, "Make sure you attend the Triduum in its totality at least once every three years, so that it remains important and you allow God to speak through those special liturgies." I am now asking more of us. If Catholics do not attend them, we forget who we are, who God is, how much he loved us and sacrificed for us. Celebrating only Christmas and Easter without the fullness of the passion is deceiving ourselves about the gospel.

Furthermore, if we do not rally together as an ACC, and instead we choose to not attend the Triduum resulting in low crowd sizes, it will only justify hosting them in only two locations in the future. We have the choice to fill the pews to overflowing, to share together with joint-choirs, joint-liturgical ministries, joint-prayer, and to celebrate as a Community our faith in Jesus Christ to its fullness.



PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY
29

9:00 am † **Ray & Donna Kern**
St. Frederick, Verndale
6:30 pm † **Jeff Ziegler**
St. Michael, Motley

WEDNESDAY
30

8:00 am † **Willian & Kate Geiser & Family**
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
9:00 am † **Terry Lynn Flach**
St. Hubert, Bluegrass

THURSDAY
31

8:30 am † **Mitchell Koppes**
Sacred Heart, Staples
7:00 pm † **Harold Schlueter**
St. Joseph, Bertha

FRIDAY
01

8:00 am † **Marcella Tabery**
St. Ann, Wadena
8:30 am † **Andrew Radermacher**
Sacred Heart, Staples

SATURDAY
02

4:30 pm † **Frank Lorentz**
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
5:00 pm † **Barbara Malone**
St. Frederick, Verndale
7:00 pm † **Myrna Kisrow**
St. Michael, Motley
7:30 pm † **Arnold Richter**
Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

SUNDAY
03

8:00 am † **Gary Marquedant**
St. Joseph, Bertha
8:30 am † **Elizabeth (Betty) Warn**
Sacred Heart, Staples
10:00 am † **Martin Malone**
St. Ann, Wadena
10:30 am **For the People**
St. Hubert, Bluegrass

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Observances for the week of March 27, 2022

Friday: April Fools' Day
Saturday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesdays: 6:30 - 8:00 pm Wadena
after 6:30 pm Mass, Motley
Thursdays: 6:00 - 6:50 pm Bertha
Fridays: after 8:30 am Mass, Staples
Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:15 pm Bluffton
4:00 - 4:45 pm Verndale



Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Wadena)
Tuesday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am Verndale
Tuesday, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Motley)
Menahga Canceled until April
Thursday, 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm (Bertha)
1st Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Staples)
Saturday, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm (Bluffton)

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Emma Jo Fink
Landon Kern



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for a return to Good Health for
Father Peter Kirchner

Cards may be sent to:

Country Manor Rehab & Nursing Home
Attention: Father Peter Kirchner
520 First Street NE
Sartell, MN 56377

NEWS FOR ALL



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our ACC to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

The App for Catholic Life Every Day™



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to download the myParish App



App Store/iPhone Users



Google Play/Android Users

Parishioners of all ages use smartphones and apps to connect everyday and are ready for their parish to go mobile. Not only can they keep up to date with church events and notifications but they can have prayers, readings, and reflections in their pocket at all times.

“God is Waiting for You...” Pope Francis ~ Healing After Abortion. 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 April 1-3, 2022. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.



Part-time Parish Secretary: St. Ann's Wadena Parish Office. Approximately 20 hours per week.

To apply: Email Deacon Randy at deaconrandy@marysacc.org or call 218-631-7315.

ACC Director of Liturgy & Music:

Church of St. Ann in Wadena, MN seeks to hire Director of Sacred Liturgy and Music.

Full-time. Ideal for either a new graduate seeking to build resume with 2-3 year commitment or someone with extensive experience seeking long-term employment. Requirements include: initiative and fortitude to build music program, form and direct choirs, teach liturgical musicianship to vocalists and instrumentalists, instruct liturgical ministers, and willingness to work on weekends.

For a detailed description, contact Father Kuhn via email at : fatheraaronkuhn@marysacc.org
Subject: Director of Liturgy and Music.

To apply: Contact Fr. Aaron Kuhn at 218-632-7314

ACC Communications Director: Now Hiring

If you are interested please contact Deacon Randy at 218-632-7315 .

NEWS FOR ALL

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 __

Saint Michael, Motley



Thank you to all those that attended the Rosary Rally for Traditional Marriage in Staples.

Saint Joseph, Bertha

Free Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 pm every Friday during Lent, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

Parish Life Committee will meet after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 3rd in the church basement. All parishioners welcome.

Easter flower order forms - If you would like to donate a flower in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please pick up an Easter flower order form in the back of the church. You may drop the order form and donation in the Sunday collection or mail it to St. Joseph Parish. All orders due by April 10, 2022.

Mommy Meals:

St. Joseph of Bertha has a ministry to help families ease the time when a baby joins the family. Parishioners (and sometimes others outside our parish) have been donating their time and energy to make and give a meal to a new mother after she gives birth. This is meant to help give the mother time to rest after she has her baby and to take a load off the family, allowing them to have time to adjust and bond. It has been a successful ministry, one that gives joy to the givers as well as to the receivers. We have served 24 meals to families since we started back in 2014. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please call or text Kathy Wagner at (320) 305-2897 or email her at kathryn-wagner11@yahoo.com to find out more. We would love to have you join our ministry!

Ham Bingo is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th at 7 pm in the church basement. Parishioners with the last names starting with A-K bring sandwiches; last names starting with M-Z bring bars/desserts.

Collecting

New and gently used plastic Easter eggs & bags of candy will be collected in the bin at the back of the church through Sunday, April 10th for the 1st Annual Amy Granby Memorial Easter Egg hunt. Thank you all for your generous donations. This event will be Saturday, April 23rd at St. Michael's. See the announcement on page 10 for further information.

Reminder- someone from the parish will be reaching out to you in the next 3 weeks to update our parish directory and see how you are. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this process. If you are new to the parish or have not registered please call the parish office or fill out the slip in the bulletin and drop it in the collection basket

Our church is in NEED OF VOLUNTEERS for Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, Eucharist Ministers, Altar Servers. We would like to be able to put together a rolling schedule and at this time we do not have enough volunteers to do this. Please call the Staples office if you can help with these ministries.

Saint Ann, Wadena

St. Joseph Society Member Breakfast today after 10 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. All members and a guest are invited.

Bingo Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Door Prizes, First 20 games win a bundle of meat, Final Game Blackout for \$50 cash, \$10 per card, \$30 three cards, refreshment available. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

Saint John the Baptist, Bluffton

Bluffton Lions Pancake Breakfast will be serving from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Bluffton Community Center on April 3rd. Freewill Offering. Proceeds will go toward Bluffton Lion projects.

Sloppy Jo Supper, Saturday, April 2 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Freewill Offering. Everyone welcome.

Sacred Heart, Staples

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, April 3rd after 8:30 am Mass.

Ham Bingo is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th at 1:30 pm in the church basement.

Easter Bake Sale by Circle 15 at Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 10th, following 8:30 mass.

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This event will be Saturday, April 23rd at St. Michael's. See the announcement in the bulletin for further information.

Tuesday, April 5th will be the next Circle 15 meeting. Call the Staples office if interested in joining us.

Saint Theresa Mission will have their April meeting on Thursday the 7th after 8:30 mass .

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KC raffle winner for March is Megan Beard.

Saint Frederick, Verndale

Christian Women's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4th, in the church basement. Rosary at 6 pm with meeting to follow.

Confirmation Preparation Meeting for all ACC students and their parents on March 27th from 1-3 pm in the church basement.

Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

THANK YOU to the volunteers that helped with the Appreciation Fireman dinner.

The next **Christian Women meeting** is April 14th at 2:30pm.

Parish Life meeting will be April 5th at 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome.

Saint Hubert, Bluegrass

St. Hubert Christian Women will have a meeting Wednesday, April 6th after the 9am mass.

St. Hubert Men's Spring Breakfast

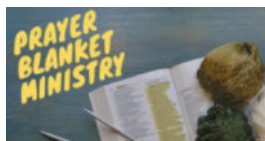
The men of St. Hubert Parish will be serving ham, scrambled eggs, and pancakes in the church basement following the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 3. There will be a free will offering.

Everyone from ALL ACC parishes are welcome.

THANK YOU - Ken Price wants to thank everyone who helped him celebrate his 80th birthday.

THANK YOU to the families that donated pizza for our youth Wednesday night, March 23rd.

NEWS FOR ALL



"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.

DISCIPLESHIP NEWS



Steubenville gatherings

STEUBENVILLE GATHERINGS:

**Wednesday, April 13th
6:00-9:00 pm / Wadana**

Get-To-Know-You event for all Youth and Chaperones who are attending the Steubenville Youth Conference July 29-31.

Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as we get to know each other and Father Gabriel before the big event!

#ICEBREAKER

We only have 1 more spot! Who wants to fill the last seat? Come and join us! For more details or to sign up, contact Nicki at nfink@marysacc.org or 612-597-2825

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:



There will be a meeting for all ACC confirmation students and parents on **March 27th from 1-3 pm** in the basement of St. Frederick in Verndale.

This meeting is **required** to start the preparation for confirmation.

SAVE THE DATE!

YOUTH NIGHTS:

**Saturday, April 23rd
6:00-8:00 pm / St. Hubert**

**Wednesday, May 18th
6:00-8:00 pm / St. Joseph**

FIRST COMMUNION

Retreat:

Weekend of April 23/24

FIRST COMMUNION

WEEKEND:

Weekend of April 30/May 1

GRADUATION MASS:

Weekend of May 21/22

CONFIRMATION RITE OF CALLING:

Weekend of June 4/5

CONFIRMATION:

Sunday, October 16th

SUNDAY / 04.03.2022

AFTER 10:00 AM MASS

ST ANN'S PARISH HALL

TAKE AWAY AVAILABLE

STEUBENVILLE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER





SAINT FREDERICK, Verndale

20 Mason Ave NW, Verndale, MN 56481
Mail: PO Box 177 Staples, MN 56479

Director of Discipleship: Kate Waln
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ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, Menahga



113 Aspen Ave. NW Menahga, MN 56464
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Director of Discipleship: Kate Waln
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SAINT HUBERT, Bluegrass

22008 CTY Rd 23, Sebeka, MN 56477
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Director of Discipleship: Kate Waln
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Bluffton

310 Main Street, Bluffton, MN 56518
Mail: 514 First Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482

Director of Discipleship: Martha Ray
Email: mray@marysacc.org



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.

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

Newly engaged couples must contact the pastor at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

WADENA AREA FAMILY COUNSELING

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



SAINT ANN, Wadena

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SAINT JOSEPH, Bertha

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SACRED HEART, Staples

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Director of Discipleship: Abbie Detloff
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SAINT MICHAEL, Motley

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Director of Discipleship: Abbie Detloff
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St. John the Baptist, Bluffton

Margaret VanErp 218 - 862 - 8400

Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

Sarah Bobst 320-232-9828

St. Michael, Motley

Connie Becker 218-894-1176

Sacred Heart, Staples

Arlene 218-894-3922
Rose 218-894-2267

St. Frederick, Verndale

Bonnie Richter 218-640-2408

St. Ann, Wadena

Rose Johnson 218-631-3142

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NEWS FOR ALL

Springfest is hosting its 19th year at St. Ann's in Wadena. This spring time event brings together community members to support the church in Wadena. Tickets to the event this year will be \$35 per person and will be available in the church office or after mass on certain Sundays. Appetizers, dinner, fellowship and more will make this a great night!

The auction this year will be both online for the silent auction and in person live auction as has been in the past.



St. Ann's Catholic Church Friday, April 22nd

Springfest

Growing Together

No. 309

\$35.00 Donation

5:00 Champagne Reception
Silent Auction
Chance Games Begin

6:15 Plated Elegant Dinner
Salad
Beef Filet with Shrimp and Pork
Wine Demi-Glace
Sumptuous Desert

7:30 Live Auction

Daycare available. Pre-register at 218-632-7309

April 22, 2022 / In-Person Event

Download the app **Bid Beacon** or go to **bidbeacon.com** and use the invite code **SPRINGFEST2022** to view items. Items are being added weekly!

We hope to see you on Friday April 22nd.



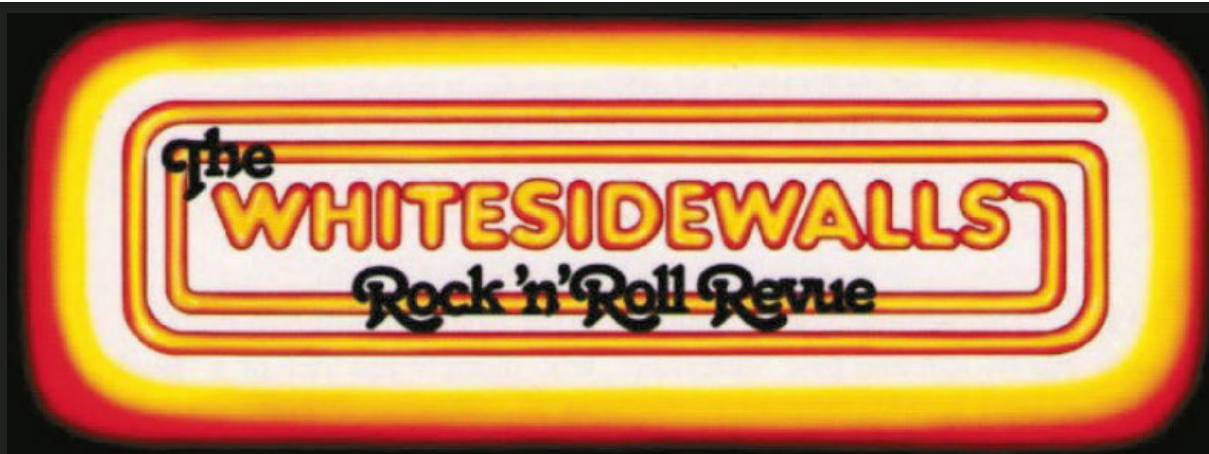
BID BEACON
Welcome!

Email Address*

Password*

Access Code

Sign In



Save the Date: The WhiteSideWalls, a Rock 'n Roll Revue band, will be coming to Timber's Event Center in Staples as a Building Fundraiser for St. Michael's Church. This event will be Friday, May 13th at 6pm. More details and ticket sales to come.

Wine & Cheese

Young Adult Gathering

Father Gabriel will be hosting a wine and cheese social at the St. Frederick's Parish House for singles and couples on Sunday, April 3rd from 1-3 pm.

Please join us! All free will offerings will go towards youth trips and events.

Daycare provided in the church basement.



1 - 3 PM
Sunday / 04.03.2022

SAVE THE DATE!

HAM BINGO COMING IN APRIL!

Sunday, April 10th – 7:00pm
St. Michael
Children's Door Prizes
Sandwiches & Desserts

Sunday, April 10th – 1:30pm
Sacred Heart
Sandwiches & Desserts



Saturday, April 23rd

1st Annual Amy Granby Memorial Easter Egg Hunt

4:30pm



Meet in the parking lot of
St. Michael's Church with your
basket ~ all kids welcome

St. Michael's Parish Grill Out Fundraiser

5pm



Serving: Hamburgers & Hotdogs,
Chips, Baked Beans, lemonade
and cookies

Cost: Donations ~ (suggested \$10 adult, \$5 kids)

Join us afterwards for
Mass at 7pm

KNOTTERS UNITE!

If you can tie a knot, Mary's ACC Quilters would **love, love, love** to have you join them on Monday, March 28, at St. Ann's Parish Center in Wadena, from 10 am to 2 pm to tie quilts.

Members of several of the churches in Mary's ACC have sewn quilt tops for the local Hospice, Zambian orphans and Pine Point School. Many quilts are ready to be tied. All are invited to embrace this opportunity to make new friends with parishioners from all parishes within Mary's ACC as we stand or sit tying quilts!

Bring a pair of scissors to cut thread and a dish to pass for a potluck lunch.

For more information contact Dee at 218-640-7453.

STAPLES AREA FOOD SHELF - MARCH FOOD SHARE MONTH

The Staples Area Food Shelf would like to call attention to the Annual March Food Share Month. During March, Minnesota Food shelves conduct their major campaign for funds and food shelf items. The funds and food collected help determine our budget for the coming year. All funds and food items collected in March help determine the grant amounts available from Hunger Solutions of Minnesota. The non-donated items are purchased from Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank in Brooklyn Park, Ernie's Market and Jon's Family Foods in Staples.

While the COVID Pandemic has also had an impact on our Staples Area Food Shelf, and our usage numbers, have gone down} they are returning to normal and we look forward to assisting all those who experience food insecurities.

Besides the foods, we also provide other household necessities such as toilet paper, laundry and dishwashing soap, and personal hygiene items. In addition, during Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have turkey and ham vouchers available, and we provide milk or monthly milk vouchers to be used at our local food vendors.

The Staples Area Food Shelf is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We are so thankful and appreciative of our food shelf volunteers who have and continue to serve through all of the ups and downs of the COVID pandemic.

While March is our major event, we greatly appreciate the support we receive throughout the year. Donations can be made through your church, or monetary donations can be sent to the Staples Area Food Shelf, PO Box 82* Staples, MN 56479* or by calling 218-894-1935.

Without your help, the Staples Area Food Shelf could not possibly survive. Also, rest assured, that all the Staples Area Food Shelf workers are volunteers, and do not receive any compensation. We want to thank everyone for their past support and we respectfully ask for your continued generosity and support. With your assistance and generosity, the Staples Area Food Shelf will be able to continue providing for those in need.

There is a bin in the entryway of Sacred Heart Church for collecting items plus an envelope for monetary donations.

God Bless each of you for your kindness.
The Staples Area Food Shelf Board.

The [Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign](#) brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$18 million to March Campaign participating food shelves via the Minnesota FoodShare FoodFund. 100% of donations received by Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund.

The 2022 March Campaign will run February 28th – April 10th





STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Bertha	Every Friday at 7:00 pm starting March 4th
Bluegrass	Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm starting March 9th
Bluffton	Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm starting March 9th
Menahga	Every Saturday at 6:30 pm starting March 12th
Motley	Every Friday at 7:00 pm starting March 4th
Staples	Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm starting March 9th
Verndale	Every Friday at 7:00 pm starting March 4th
Wadena	Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm starting March 9th

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The ACC Adoration Chapel located in the main sanctuary at St. Frederick in Verndale will begin

April 18, 2022!

4 am-11 pm Monday-Thursday

4 am-3 pm Fridays

Great News! There is still room for YOU to have an hour each week to spend with Jesus!

There are 3 ways to sign up for a weekly time:

1) Contact Martha 651-253-7291 or mray@marysacc.org

2) Sign up online through Sign-up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948ACAB22A5FA7-adoration>

3) Fill out form located at each of the parishes and drop it in the collection basket.



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Monday – Thursday starts at 4:00 am and ends at 11:00 pm

Friday starts at 4:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm

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Additional Information:
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 I am willing to be a substitute

Early Bulletin Submittal Dates

Wednesday March 30th for the April 10th bulletin

Wednesday April 6th for the April 17th bulletin



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Childcare Offered at SHAS

Sacred Hearts Area School in Staples, MN is offering a summer childcare option for local families. Program starts on June 6th and will end September 2nd with a week off July 4th-8th.

There will be two options available; a Full-Day Option (\$150/week) which will be Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and a Half-Day Option (\$100/week) which will be Monday-Friday from either 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Summer Academy Program will be offered for ages 5-12 and will run under the direction of Ms. Azure Hogate, our current 1st Grade Teacher. Availability is limited and positions will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school by phone (218-894-5400) or email (principal@sacredheartareaschool.org).

C O N T A C T S	Sacred Heart Area School Principal William Liedl: 218-894-2077 principal@sacredheartareaschool.org
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Needed Weekly	\$10,800.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,615.00
Needed to Date	\$410,400.00	Needed to Date	\$59,755.00
Collected 03/20	\$13,099.00	Collected 03/13	\$3,694.45
Received to Date	\$417,760.93	Received to Date	\$67,150.13
Surplus/Deficit	\$7,360.93	Surplus/Deficit	\$7,395.13
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton		Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga	
Needed Weekly	\$3,015.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,100.00
Needed to Date	\$114,570.00	Needed to Date	\$40,700.00
Collected 03/13	\$1,533.00	Collected 01/30	\$1,106.25
Received to Date	\$137,339.82	Received to Date	\$44,832.67
Surplus/Deficit	\$22,769.82	Surplus/Deficit	\$4,132.67
St. Joseph, Bertha		Sacred Heart, Staples	
Needed Weekly	\$2,400.00	Needed Weekly	\$6,925.00
Needed to Date	\$88,800.00	Needed to Date	\$256,225.00
Collected 03/13	\$1,458.70	Collected 03/13	\$4,395.62
Received to Date	\$83,419.49	Received to Date	\$285,377.14
Surplus/Deficit	(-\$5380.51)	Surplus/Deficit	\$29,152.14
St. Hubert, Bluegrass		St. Michael, Motley	
Needed Weekly	\$2,020.00	Needed Weekly	\$3,075.00
Needed to Date	\$74,740.00	Needed to Date	\$113,775.00
Collected 03/13	\$3,225.42	Collected 01/30	\$2,140.00
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