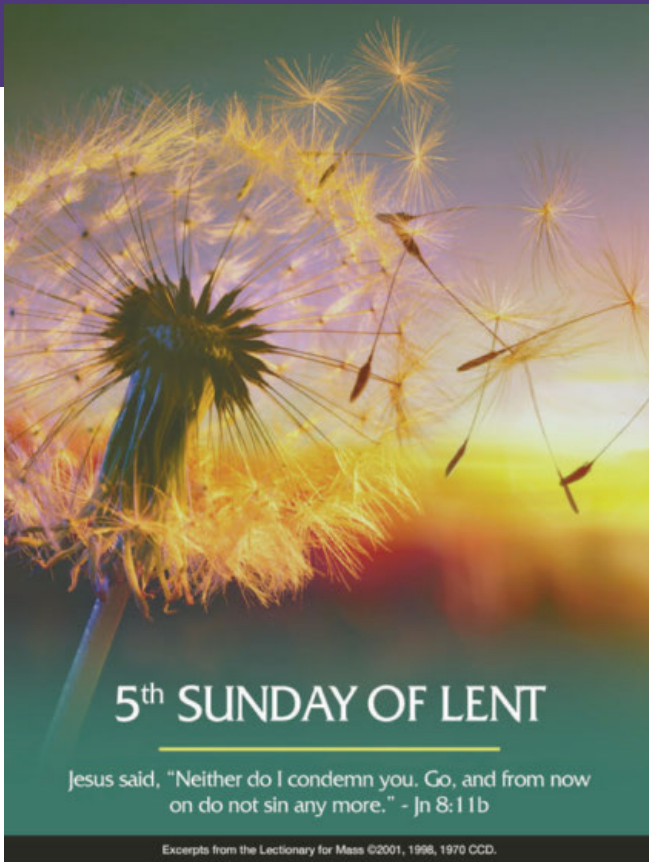




Mary

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



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.

April 3, 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

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

FIND US ONLINE AT

-  www.marysacc.org
-  facebook.com/marysacc

Sacred Heart School:

- sacredheartareaschool.org
- www.facebook.com/sacredheartareaschool

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS BY OUR WITNESS OF A LIVING FAITH

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Early Bulletin Submittal Dates

Wednesday, March 30th for the April 10th bulletin and Wednesday, April 6th for the April 17th bulletin.

Submit bulletin requests to Mary Murray
mmurray@marysacc.org.

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

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For April 3, 2022 - Lent Week Five

Update on the progress of our Area Catholic Community (ACC): the transition from parish councils to Parish Life Committees.

Over the last nine months, our ACC Pastoral Council—made up of two representatives from each parish—has been working hard to organize our leadership for the ACC and its parishes.

– Our ACC Planning Council was transformed into our ACC Pastoral Council.

– Our individual parish Finance Councils have remained intact but are learning how to interact as eight parishes in one ACC.

And that has left us wondering what to do with our eight parish councils. Do they continue alongside the ACC Pastoral Council and eight finance councils—presumably duplicating meeting times, duties, and dissemination of information—or do we help them to evolve to something better suited to our needs?

Some of our parish councils have historically doubled as finance councils and organizational committees.. Most also functioned as a committee more than a council. In the mind of the Church, councils offer advice to the pastor and assist in research of new ways to do things or solve problems. Committees, however, get things done. With this distinction between councils and committees, it is possible to see how some parish councils have actually functioned less like a consultative group for the pastor to learn from so that decisions can be made, and more like a committee that gets updated on parish activities and then focuses on things like going over the financials and making sure annual fundraising efforts are organized and achieved. It is in light of the above that our ACC has been looking to transition our parish councils into parish life committees.

What is a parish life committee? It is a group of parishioners that help us to get things done to positively affect parish life. They assist the pastor and the parish to be invitational, to care for and cultivate relationships with parishioners, and to organize and carry out approved tasks. The parish life committee members serve the parish by contacting every household at least once a year to check in. They help to recognize the needs of parishioners and connect them to resources. They connect talent to ministries and gifts to service. They organize regular pictorial directories, social events, and a comprehensive list of ministries that need to be filled. They have some freedom to meet without having to have the pastor mandatorily present as the other councils are required. And they work hard to build up the life of the parish and help unite the ACC.

Will our new parish life committees be perfect? Probably, but maybe not, which means all of us will need to be patient as our parishes adjust to this new way of being.



PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY
05

9:00 am † **Jerry Nanik**
St. Frederick, Verndale
6:30 pm † **Brian Goeden**
St. Michael, Motley

WEDNESDAY
06

8:00 am † **Wm F. & Hildegard Haman**
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
9:00 am † **Barbara Malone**
St. Hubert, Bluegrass

THURSDAY
07

8:30 am † **Ann Vorgert**
Sacred Heart, Staples
7:00 pm † **Paula Discher**
St. Joseph, Bertha

FRIDAY
08

8:00 am **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
St. Ann, Wadena
8:30 am † **Michael Doyle**
Sacred Heart, Staples

SATURDAY
09

4:30 pm † **Mary Perius & Jim Vetter**
St. John the Baptist, Bluffton
5:00 pm **Pro-Life**
St. Frederick, Verndale
7:00 pm † **Richard Ziegler**
St. Michael, Motley
7:30 pm **For the People**
Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

SUNDAY
10

8:00 am † **Rick Schmitz**
St. Joseph, Bertha
8:30 am † **Delbert Hansen**
Sacred Heart, Staples
10:00 am † **Joe Stelflug**
St. Ann, Wadena
10:30 am † **David & Arlis Kern**
St. Hubert, Bluegrass

Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn
8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-
24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

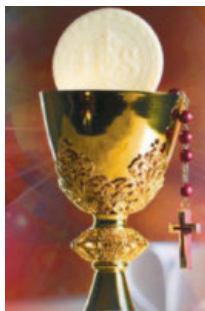
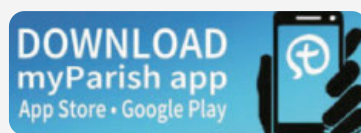
Observances for the week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

The App for Catholic Life Every Day™

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

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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am (Verndale)
Tuesday, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Wadena)
Tuesday, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Motley)
Wednesday, 12:pm to 2:00pm (Menahga)
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)



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

From Fr. Peter Kirchner—**Thank you for the prayers.**

Father has moved into an assisted living apartment on the Country Manor Campus in Sartell and is back on dialysis 3 days a week.

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



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

ACC Discipleship Director: Responsible for coordination, planning, and management of a comprehensive discipleship process for all ages in the Area Catholic Community (ACC). This is a full-time position.

St. Ann's Discipleship Director: Responsible for coordinating parish formation in the faith for children in Grades K-12 under the leadership of the pastor. This is a part-time position.

ACC Communications Director

The Communications Director coordinates, plans and manages a comprehensive print, electronic and social media program for the parishes within the cluster and Area Catholic Community (ACC); this includes publication of the weekly print bulletin, monthly newsletter, publication on social media of relevant events, administration of the website, and working with pastoral staff to communicate programming and information about the mission of Jesus Christ.

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

HAM BINGO

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

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



BINGO

April 3
2:00 pm

St. Ann's Parish Hall
Wadena, MN

Door Prizes
Final Game:
Blackout for \$50 Cash
\$10 Per Card
\$30 Three Cards

Refreshments Available:
Popcorn, Candy, Pop & Water

**First 20 Games:
Win a Meat Bundle**

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 ____

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Saint Michael, Motley

Ham Bingo April 10 - Parishioners with the last names starting with A-K bring sandwiches; last names starting with M-Z bring bars/desserts.

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.

Parish Directory Updating- someone from the parish will be reaching out to you in the next 2 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.

Your 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.

Parish Life Committee - next meeting will be Thursday, April 7th at 6pm in the basement of the church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.

Parish Life Committee, meeting is Tue. April 5, 7-8 pm in the church basement. All parishioners (men and women) are invited and welcome to attend.

Learn the art of palm braiding on Palm Sunday, April 10th. This will be done in the narthex after the 10:30 Mass.

Saint John the Baptist, Bluffton

Thank you to Joe Peluso for all the hard work and effort you put into as our maintenance/custodian at St. John. Joe is stepping down from his position at St. John and Leroy Ament will be the new maintenance person beginning April 1st. Thank you Joe and welcome Leroy! Blessings to both of you.

Sacred Heart, Staples

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.

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.

Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm, will be the next Circle 15 meeting at Gail Honek's home.

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

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Please join us for wine and cheese after Holy Saturday Mass.

The Choir will be singing during the Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday Masses.

Thank you to Mary Kobliska, JoAnn Schornack, and Carol Hoffmann for providing the faith formation meal on March 23rd. It was delicious and very appreciated!

Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

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

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

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.

Parish Life Committee will meet at 5 pm on Monday, April 4th in the church basement. Input is needed for future church activities. All parishioners welcome.

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!

Christian Mother's is inviting everyone to join us after Mass on Palm Sunday to share, teach and/or learn palm braiding skills and for fellowship with Pax (Peace) cakes and pretzels.

Saint Ann, Wadena

Springfest meeting on Monday, April 4, from 7pm to 8pm at St. Ann.

Steubenville gatherings

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

Announcement

There is NO FAITH FORMATION at any site on April 13, 2022

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

DID YOU KNOW?

THE PRINCIPLE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY INCLUDES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS, & HOLY COMMUNION USING HOSTS CONSECRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY.

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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



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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



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St. Ann, Wadena

Rose Johnson 218-631-3142

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Palm Sunday Weekend: April 9/10

Saturday Mass at 4:30pm at St. John The Baptist, Bluffton
Saturday Mass at 5:00pm at St. Frederick, Verndale
Saturday Mass at 7:00pm at St. Michael, Motley
Saturday Mass at 7:30pm at Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga

Sunday Mass at 8:00am at St. Joseph, Bertha
Sunday Mass at 8:30am at Sacred Heart, Staples
Sunday Mass at 10:00am at St. Ann, Wadena
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at St. Hubert, Bluegrass

Holy Thursday Mass: April 14

Thursday at 5:30pm at St. Ann, Wadena
Thursday at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart, Staples



Good Friday Services: April 15

Friday Service at 12:00pm at St. Ann, Wadena
Friday Service at 3:00pm at Sacred Heart, Staples
Friday Service at 7:00pm at St. John The Baptist, Bluffton

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Mass: April 16

Saturday Mass at 8:30pm at Sacred Heart, Staples
Saturday Mass at 8:30pm at St. Ann, Wadena



Easter Sunday Masses: April 17

Sunday Mass at 8:00am at St. Joseph, Bertha
Sunday Mass at 8:00am at St. Hubert, Bluegrass
Sunday Mass at 8:00am at Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga
Sunday Mass at 8:00am at St. Frederick, Verndale
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at St. John The Baptist, Bluffton
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at St. Michael, Motley
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at Sacred Heart, Staples
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at St. Ann, Wadena

FESTIVAL OF FORGIVENESS

Mary, Mother of the Church Area Catholic Community is hosting a "Festival of Forgiveness" during which the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for a 12-hour period. The Catholic faithful, including those who have been away from the sacraments, are warmly invited to participate in this special celebration.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus shares the Parable of the Prodigal Son to illustrate how God rejoices over the one seeking reconciliation. If you have been away from reconciliation for a while or if you have been carrying around the weight of sin for too long, this is your invitation to encounter God's forgiveness!

All are invited to join this celebration any time on April 8 at the Church of Saint Ann from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm



FAITH. HOPE. LOVE

Friday, April 8, 2022

9 am – 9 pm

St. Ann's Catholic Church Wadena

NEWS FOR ALL

Springfest 2022 is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2022 at St. Ann. This is an in-person event with an elegant meal, live auction and a virtual silent auction for all. Tickets are now available at Weber's Wadena Hardware, O'Kane Dental, St. Ann Business Office and from Springfest committee members. Tickets are \$35 or buy a round table for eight, up front and central, for \$300. Limited seating! Daycare is available. Pre-register by calling the business office at 218-632-7309.

Find us online at:

<https://app.bidbeacon.com//#/auction/SPRINGFEST2022/details?inviteCode=SPRINGFEST2022>



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

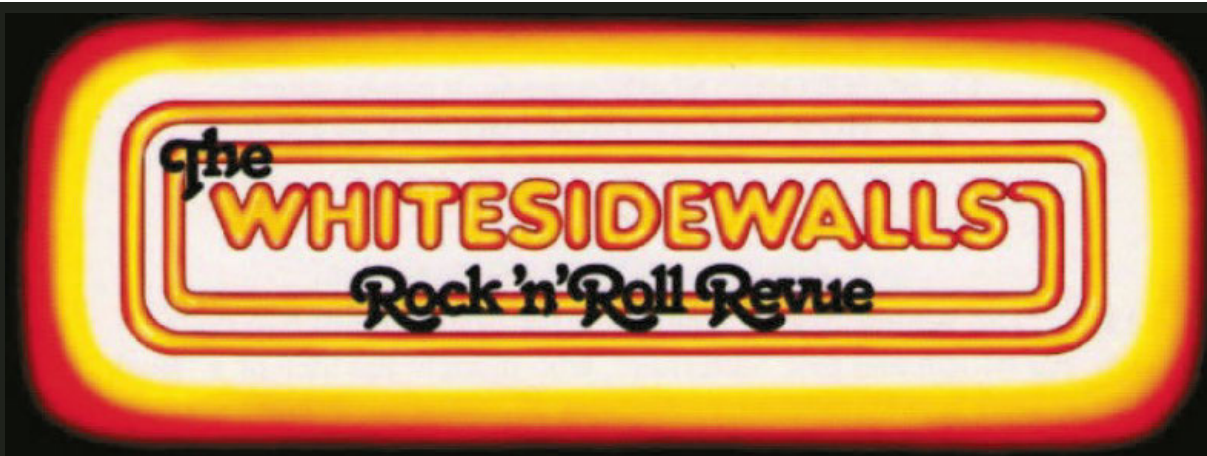
April 22, 2022 / In-Person Event

Invite QR Code



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



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.

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

Over 150 people watch the 10:30am livestreamed Mass between 10:30am and Noon each Sunday



IT'S OFFICIAL!

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
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow. ©LPi



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Needed to Date	\$421,200.00
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Received to Date	\$417,760.93
Surplus/Deficit	\$7,360.93

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Needed to Date	\$61,370.00
Collected 03/20	\$874.00
Received to Date	\$68,024.13
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St. John the Baptist, Bluffton

Needed Weekly	\$3,015.00
Needed to Date	\$117,585.00
Collected 03/27	\$2,211.64
Received to Date	\$139,551.46
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Needed Weekly	\$1,100.00
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Collected 03/20	\$917.00
Received to Date	\$45,749.67
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Needed Weekly	\$2,400.00
Needed to Date	\$91,200.00
Collected 03/20	not available
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Needed Weekly	\$6,925.00
Needed to Date	\$263,150.00
Collected 03/20	\$4,584.14
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Needed Weekly	\$2,020.00
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Collected 03/20	\$2,752.00
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