



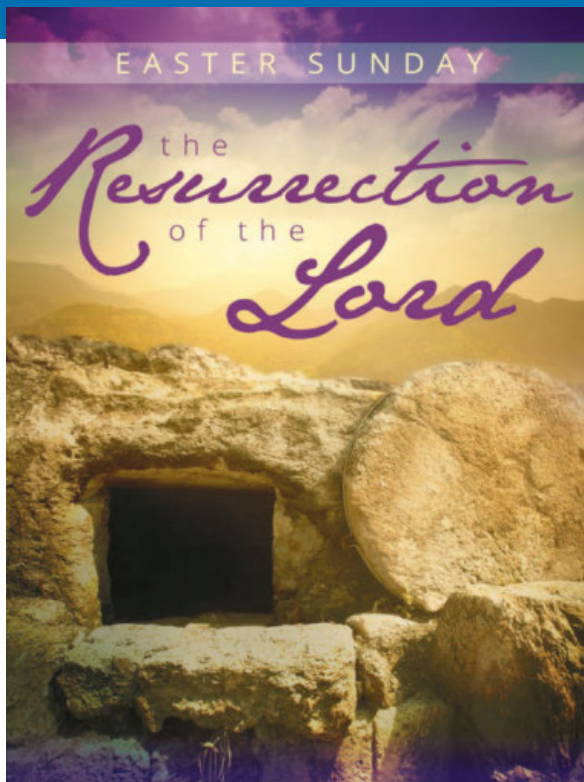
# Mary

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

April 17, 2022



## EASTER WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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

Sunday Mass at 8:00am at St. Joseph  
Sunday Mass at 8:00am at St. Hubert  
Sunday Mass at 8:00am at Assumption of Our Lady  
Sunday Mass at 8:00am at St. Frederick  
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at St. John The Baptist  
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at St. Michael  
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at Sacred Heart  
Sunday Mass at 10:30am at St. Ann

## 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

## 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.

## FIND US ONLINE AT

 [www.marysacc.org](http://www.marysacc.org)  
 [facebook.com/marysacc](https://facebook.com/marysacc)

## Sacred Heart School:

[sacredheartareaschool.org](http://sacredheartareaschool.org)  
[www.facebook.com/sacredheartareaschool](https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartareaschool)

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS BY OUR WITNESS OF A LIVING FAITH

# PARISH CONTACTS

from the pastor's desk

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

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Secretary: Mary Murray  
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218-445-5204  
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## St. Ann, St. John the Baptist, and St. Joseph

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Business Manager: Barb Piecek  
Office Hours: M-F 8am - 4pm

## For April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen! Truly, he is risen! The story of Jesus is not a myth, but rather, it is our family tradition and long-held belief. Our ancestors, either by blood or by faith, have passed down through the ages an account of meeting Jesus risen from the dead.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I visited the Holy Land and was able to see the famous biblical sites: Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee and its shoreline of many markers of miracles, Capernaum, the Jordan River, the City of Jerusalem, and the plethora of holy sites commemorating Jesus having been there, prayed there, taught there, betrayed there, tortured there, crucified there, died there ... and risen from the dead there. The Holy Land is a kind of fifth gospel, because it speaks the narrative of encounters with Jesus by seeing it.

But the gospel is not a collection of visitable sites. It is the personal recounting of faith by disciples, people who are convinced that they have met the living God in the person of Jesus Christ, that they believe him to be everything he said he was and is. Thus they mark the ground where they encountered him.

One special element as a Catholic visiting the holy sites, was seeing a tabernacle at each of the churches that marked the spots where Jesus was. In fact, Jesus is still at those places, albeit in eucharistic form. Likewise, after returning home, it was inspiring to see that Jesus is still inhabiting our parishes as well, eucharistically present in the tabernacle, making appearances in Word and Sacrament to the faithful at each Mass that we celebrate. We do not need to travel far away to encounter him. He has come to us! He is risen, and we are able to see him!

How does your life tell the story of your encounter with Jesus! How are you being a witness of a living faith in Jesus Christ? Did you know that you are the fifth gospel? By Baptism, each of us has been indelibly marked with the Holy Spirit and sent into the world to be witnesses of a living faith. Prayer unites us to Jesus. Prayer with the Community at Mass unites us as the Body of Christ. When we learn something new about our Catholic faith, we ought to find opportunities to share those graces with all around us. People need to know that God matters to you.

Our world is progressively losing contact with the real Jesus, replacing him with a moral-therapeutic deism (look that up) or watered-down ideas of 'being a good person' as a kind-of lowest denominator of being Christian. Let's be committed to living out our faith in a full way, constantly growing in prayer and life with the Church, which is how Jesus continues to communicate himself, especially in the Eucharist. He is risen, and we have seen him!



# PRAYER

## MASS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY**  
**19**

9:00 am *St. Frederick*  
† **Deceased Members of the Zetah Family**  
6:30 pm *St. Michael*  
† **Kathy Angus**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**20**

8:00 am *St. John the Baptist*  
† **Dorothy Endres**  
9:00 am *St. Hubert*  
† **Audrey Pickar**

**THURSDAY**  
**21**

8:30 am *Sacred Heart*  
† **Don Dravis**  
7:00 pm *St. Joseph*  
† **Pickar Family**

**FRIDAY**  
**22**

8:00 am *St. Ann*  
† **Dennis Steuck**  
8:30 am *Sacred Heart*  
† **Mary Lou Hoemberg**

**SATURDAY**  
**23**

4:30 pm *St. John the Baptist*  
† **Sylvester & Cecelia Heltemes**  
5:00 pm *St. Frederick*  
**Pro-Life**  
7:00 pm *St. Michael*  
**Dick & Josie Melhorn**  
7:30 pm *Assumption of Our Lady*  
† **Mark & Shirley Kern**

**SUNDAY**  
**24**

8:00 am *St. Joseph*  
**For the People**  
8:30 am *Sacred Heart*  
† **Maria Kangas Regier**  
10:00 am *St. Ann*  
† **Alfred & Florida Ploehn**  
10:30 am *St. Hubert*  
† **David Stigman**

## 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)

## Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt  
28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk  
16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-  
11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

## Observances for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Easter Sunday  
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter  
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter; St.  
Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day  
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter; St. George,  
Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St.  
Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr



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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.



## DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

### St. Hubert, Assumption of Our Lady and St. Frederick

Director of Discipleship: Kate Waln

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### St. Ann

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### St. Joseph

Director of Discipleship: Stephanie Heinze

Email: [sheinze@marysacc.org](mailto:sheinze@marysacc.org)

### St. John The Baptist

Director of Discipleship: Martha Ray

Email: [mray@marysacc.org](mailto:mray@marysacc.org)

### Sacred Heart and St. Michael

Director of Discipleship: Nicole Fink

Email: [nfink@marysacc.org](mailto:nfink@marysacc.org)

Assistant Director of Discipleship: Abbie Detloff

Email: [adetloff@marysacc.org](mailto:adetloff@marysacc.org)

## Steubenville

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](mailto:nfink@marysacc.org) or 612-597-2825

# HE IS RISEN

## Mary's ACC Youth Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

HOSTED BY ST. HUBERTS - BLUEGRASS

(22008 Co Rd 23 - Sebeka)

6pm - 8:30pm Grades 6-12

JOIN US FOR FAITH, FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP



Any Questions? Please contact one of our ACC Discipleship Directors

Nicki Fink - [nfink@marysacc.org](mailto:nfink@marysacc.org) \* Martha Ray - [mray@marysacc.org](mailto:mray@marysacc.org) \* Stephanie Heinze - [sheinze@marysacc.org](mailto:sheinze@marysacc.org)

### 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

# NEWS FOR ALL

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES *find your calling*

**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](mailto:deaconrandy@marysacc.org) or call 218-631-7315.

Sacred Heart Area School Principal  
William Liedl: 218-894-2077  
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Secretary/Health Aide  
Jessica Alexander: 218-894-2077  
[sacredheartareaschool@staplesnet.com](mailto:sacredheartareaschool@staplesnet.com)

### 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.

## 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 \_\_

### St. Joseph, Bertha

Ginger Gilbert 218-296-1531  
Kathy Harren 218-738-3558

### St. Hubert, Bluegrass

Shirley Malone 218-640-6113

### 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 Skov 218-894-3922  
Rose Deering 218-894-2267

### St. Frederick, Verndale

Bonnie Richter 218-640-2408

### St. Ann, Wadena

Rose Johnson 218-631-3142

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## 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](http://TheCenterForFamilyCounseling.com)

# NEWS FOR ALL

## 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](mailto: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.



Mary, Mother of the Church  
Area Catholic Community  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
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

YES, I WILL SPEND ONE HOUR EACH WEEK WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer: (select one)  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

I prefer:  Morning (4:00 am to Noon)  Afternoon (Noon to 6:00 pm)  Evening (6:00 pm to 11 pm)  Specific Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information:  
 I may need transportation  
 I am willing to be a substitute

**CELEBRATE Miracles**  
One step at a time

**Walk for Life**  
**Saturday, April 30th**

Walk starts and ends at Downtown clinic  
(located at 305 5th Avenue South, #170)

Check-in/Registration begins at 9:00am  
Walk begins at 10:00am  
Register Today:

ONLINE: [www.PregHelpFriends.com](http://www.PregHelpFriends.com)  
CALL: 320-253-5333  
STOP IN: Weekdays 10-5 pm  
Pre-registration requested no later than April 24th.

Your prayers, support, and fundraising allow Pregnancy Resource Center to provide services FREE of charge.

- Pregnancy and STD Testing
- Ultrasounds
- Education Classes
- Post-Abortive Support

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral  
All are invited to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, April 24, from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Chapel of Divine Mercy will be offered along with several speakers presenting on the hour.

1:00 pm Fr. Leroy Scheierl,  
2:00 pm Fr. Scott Pogatchnik,  
3:00 pm Kelli Kleinschnitz.

St. Mary's Cathedral, 25 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud, 320-251-1840, [stmarystcloud.org](http://stmarystcloud.org).

**DIVINE MERCY**  
*Sunday*  
**April 24, 2022**

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**



**St. Michael's  
Building Project  
Fundraising Concert**

Friday, May 13th @ 6:00pm | Doors open @ 5:00pm  
Timbers Event Center | Staples, MN

**Tickets are NOW available:  
\$25 in advance | \$30 at the door**

Purchase at: Timbers Hotel, First International  
Bank & Trust (Motley),  
Mid-Central Federal Bank (Staples)  
or at both ACC Parish Offices



**All are invited to Mary's ACC Quilters**

Come for coffee and stay for tying  
charity quilts starting at 9:45 a.m. on  
Monday, April 25, at St. Ann's parish  
center, in Wadena. We'll start off the day with  
social time before getting to work. Many quilts are  
ready to be tied, and you can stand or sit as you  
work and get to know others from the ACC. Bring a  
pair of scissors to cut thread and a dish to pass for  
a potluck lunch. We'll work until 2 p.m. For more  
information contact Dee at 218-640-7453.

**Picnic committee**

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Vonnie Perius      | Sara Hoemberg   |
| Judy Harthun       | Emily Radniecki |
| Lori and Jim Baron | Grace Radniecki |
| Ella Stroeing      | Larry Beckner   |
| Jade Benning       |                 |

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**WHAT:** First Annual ACC Summer Picnic

**WHEN:** August 28th, 2022

**WHERE:** Wadena Fair  
Grounds



**This is a free event for all ages.**

Schedule for the day

2:00-4:30 outdoor games with prizes, with Bingo in the 4-H building

Snacks and Beverages served outdoors

Hotdogs, Chips, Beans, Bars

St Joseph snow cones, Sacred Heart popcorn, St John's Lemonade, St Frederick veggies

5:00-6:00 Guest Speaker Alyssa Bormes

6:00-7:00 Food is served 4H Building

7:00-9:00 Live Music Outdoors

## 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 . Limited seating! Daycare is available. Pre-register by calling the business office at 218-632-7309.

**The online auction is open and bidding has begun. Bidding closes Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss out! Join us virtually, if not in person.**

Find us online at:

<https://app.bidbeacon.com/#!/auction/SPRINGFEST2022/details>

**Invite Code**  
SPRINGFEST2022  
**Invite QR Code**



### Wine Pull

We are adding a wine pull to Springfest this year! For just \$10 you get to select a bottle of wine from our "wine cellar". These bottles will be in unmarked bags, so you won't know exactly what you are getting, which is part of the fun surprise! If you have bottles of wine you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office by Friday, April 15th. This will be a fun new addition to our fundraiser!

### Father's Wallet

This is a fun live auction item of the night! Father's Wallet is where the attendees stuff the wallet with all sorts of gift cards and certificates and cash...then we auction it off! This year we will have two, Father Aaron's wallet and Father Gabriel's wallet. If you have gift cards, certificates or cash you would like added to the wallets, you choose which wallet to fill, please drop off donations at the church office by Friday, April 15th. Otherwise you may add to the wallets the night of Springfest! With your help we will stuff the wallets!



### SAINT ANN, Wadena

514 First Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482

**The Red River Valley Veteran's Concert Band** from Fargo, ND is coming to Wadena to give a free concert to honor our Veterans on Thursday, April 28, 7:15 p.m., Wadena Memorial Auditorium, 600 Colfax Ave SW, Wadena. This is a free event. Help us celebrate America! Veteran or not, come and support and salute our veterans.

**ACC Quilter's meet** in the parish hall, Monday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. All are invited.

**Looking for volunteers** to help with Springfest set-up on Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21 late afternoon and evening. Will also need volunteers on Saturday morning 9 a.m. - noon for clean-up. Thank you to all who have helped in any way to make this a successful event for our parish.

**Finance Council Meeting** Wednesday, April 27 at 4:00 PM in the parish hall at St. Ann's.



### SAINT HUBERT, Bluegrass

22008 CTY Rd 23, Sebeka, MN 56477  
Mail: PO Box 177 Staples, MN 56479

**Finance Council Meeting** at St. Hubert on Friday, April 29 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.



### SAINT MICHAEL, Motley

280 1st Ave. S., Motley, MN 56466  
Mail: PO Box 177, Staples, MN 56479

**Parish Life Committee** - next meeting will be Thursday, April 21st at 6pm in the basement of the church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Finance Council Meeting** at St. Michael on Thursday, April 28 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.





## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Bluffton

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

**Christian Mothers Meeting** Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement. All are encouraged to attend.

**Finance Council Meeting** Wednesday, April 27 at 5:00 PM in the parish hall at St. Ann's.



## SACRED HEART, Staples

310 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479  
Mail: PO Box 177 Staples, MN 56479

**Finance Council Meeting** at St. Michael on Thursday, April 28 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

**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** meeting is Sunday April 24th after mass in the church basement. All parish members are welcome to join and be part of the church life. We are looking for new members.



### NEWS FOR ALL

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

Come join us for a spring gardening (and spiritual gardening) session!!  
Sponsored by the Northwestern Deanery

### Council of Catholic Women

Saturday, April 30, 2022  
9:00am General Meeting  
10:00am Gardening Tips & Workshop  
Lunch After  
Door Prizes

Holy Cross Catholic Church  
54216 County Rd 148  
New York Mills, MN

RSVP Requested to  
Sheri Streasick (email: slstreasick@gmail.com or  
leave message at 320-805-0010)  
\$5 per person at the door to cover meal expenses



## SAINT FREDERICK, Verndale

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

**Finance Council Meeting** at St. Hubert on Friday, April 29 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

### Steubenville Fundraiser RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, April 29th 4-8 and 30th 8-2 at St Frederick church basement. Free Will Offering.

**Students** welcome to help.

### Parish Directory Updating

Someone will be calling to update the parish directory and see how you are doing. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this process.



## SAINT JOSEPH, Bertha

201 Cherry Street  
Mail: PO Box 158, Bertha, MN 56437

### Food & Fellowship Potluck

Please join us Sunday, April 24, after the 8 a.m. Mass for Food & Fellowship. Group B will host. All are welcome!

**Thank you!!** Stations of the Cross and the Soup Suppers were a time of beautiful prayer, fun fellowship and delicious soups! We at St. Joseph's want you to know that we are so grateful for all of you! We had breadsticks, sandwiches and a total of 14 different soups that were made by some very talented and generous volunteers. Each meal, we served between 22-35 people and had 35-45 attending Stations of the Cross. That's amazing! Thank you so very much to all who participated, and helped in any way. Volunteers are special. We appreciate you and everything you do!

### Parish Festival Planning Meeting -

This years parish festival will be August 7, 2022. Please join us in the church basement after Mass on May 15th to help plan this years event.

**Finance Council Meeting** Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 PM in the parish hall at St. Ann.



## ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, Menahga

113 Aspen Ave. NW Menahga, MN 56464  
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**Finance Council Meeting** at St. Hubert on Friday, April 29 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

**St. Ann, Wadena**

Needed Weekly \$10,800.00  
 Needed to Date \$432,000.00  
 Collected 4/10 **not available**  
 Received to Date \$447,185.66  
 Surplus/Deficit \$15,185.66

**St. John the Baptist, Bluffton**

Needed Weekly \$3,015.00  
 Needed to Date \$120,600.00  
 Collected 4/10 **not available**  
 Received to Date \$140,647.46  
 Surplus/Deficit \$20,047.46

**St. Joseph, Bertha**

Needed Weekly \$2,400.00  
 Needed to Date \$93,600.00  
 Collected 4/03 **not available**  
 Received to Date \$87,362.14  
 Surplus/Deficit **(\$6,237.86)**

**St. Hubert, Bluegrass**

Needed Weekly \$2,020.00  
 Needed to Date \$80,800.00  
 Collected 04/03 \$1,953.00  
 Received to Date \$94,224.50  
 Surplus/Deficit \$13,424.50

**St. Frederick, Verndale**

Needed Weekly \$1,615.00  
 Needed to Date \$64,600.00  
 Collected 04/03 \$1,969.00  
 Received to Date \$72,339.17  
 Surplus/Deficit \$7,739.17

**Assumption of Our Lady, Menahga**

Needed Weekly \$1,100.00  
 Needed to Date \$44,000.00  
 Collected 04/03 \$820.00  
 Received to Date \$47,879.66  
 Surplus/Deficit \$3,879.66

**Sacred Heart, Staples**

Needed Weekly \$6,925.00  
 Needed to Date \$277,000.00  
 Collected 04/03 \$7,591.32  
 Received to Date \$308,018.05  
 Surplus/Deficit \$31,018.05

**St. Michael, Motley**

Needed Weekly \$3,075.00  
 Needed to Date \$123,000.00  
 Collected 04/03 \$2,781.63  
 Received to Date \$102,333.63  
 Surplus/Deficit **(\$20,666.37)**

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**Bishop’s Annual Appeal:** The Lord is risen! Blessings to you and those you love on this most holy of days.

**Leave It in the Tomb — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS**

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

“I see you hiding in that tomb,” he says. “I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice.”

He says it a little more elegantly, I’ll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you’d better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, “Great idea, Paul — but I’m pretty comfy here.” Because sometimes, it’s just easier to stay in the tomb. It’s easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there’s anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It’s a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn’t rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

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