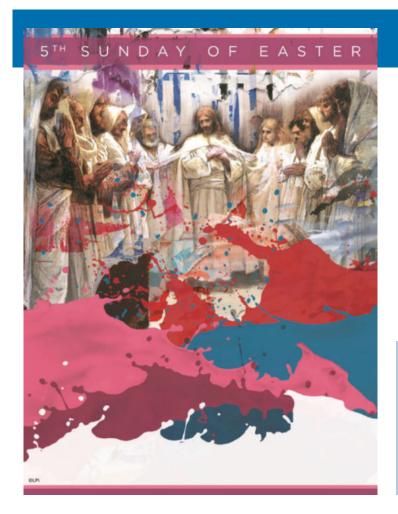


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Dear Visitors:

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.

May 15, 2022

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:30 pm - Bluffton (St. John the Baptist)

5:00 pm - Verndale (St. Frederick)

7:00 pm - Bluegrass (St. Hubert)

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)

*Highlighted Mass times are livestreamed

10:30 am - Motley (St. Michael)

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE by noon on Monday of each week:mmurray@marysacc.org

Early deadline announcement

Bulletin for June 5th is due on May 25th.

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Jessica Alexander: 218-894-2077

sacredheartareaschool@staplesnet.com

Last week, I wrote about giving our family the first fruits of our time while on earth. Likewise, God is part of our family, so we should all want quality time with God with whom we will be spending eternity.

God loves you right now, with an infinite and personal love, as if you were the only one he ever created. God desires not only a relationship sometime in the future, but one that is here and now. Prioritize God, and soon the communion you desire will be yours.

"I will praise your name forever, my king and my God" (Psalm 145, from today's readings at Mass). Praising God, thanking God, repenting to God, and asking God are the four kinds of prayer we should regularly incorporate into our communication with God. Praise is the first, the way to initiate a relationship. Think of meeting your favorite celebrity: most of us would start off by telling them how much they mean to us. "You are the greatest! You are my favorite! Wow, it is so great to meet you!" The same applies to every relationship, with family and with God. Spouses ought to praise one another frequently, since we know each other better than anyone else. Similarly, praising God is a learned habit, formed by repetition and intention. All day long, we can praise God for things.

"I thank you Lord, with all my heart" (Psalm 138:1). Gratitude is an ointment to many wounds. When we initiate gratitude for something someone has given us, it transforms us from self-orientedness toward otherorientedness. God is the great giver of all that is good. Nothing good can exist apart from God, since God is "that which is good." God's essence is goodness, truth, beauty, love, holiness, etc. When we sit down for a meal, we are to thank God, like the Israelites who prayed for their "daily bread" come down from heaven (Exodus 16:31, John 6:31). All day long, we can thank God for things.

"Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love" (Psalm 51:3). Repentance is important in our spiritual life. The wage of sin is death (Romans 6:23), and if left unreconciled, it will carry with us for eternity. One way to think of hell is eternal unrepentance, an unwillingness to seek or grant forgiveness and mercy. God is love, so that makes heaven the state of eternal beatitude in mercy and forgiveness. Thus, to enjoy heaven, we must repent of every sin, thus claiming Jesus as Lord of all and Savior from sin and death. All day long, we can repent to God for our sins.

"Ask, and it will be given to you" (Matthew 7:7). God, like a good parent, loves to be asked for assistance. If it is in

accord with God's will, it will certainly be granted to us at the right time. If not, then God will show us why he waited to resolve it a different way. We can trust God, for He is a good Father. All day long, we can ask God for things.

PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY

9:00 am St Frederick

17

† David Stigman 6:30 pm St. Michael † Mary Lou Hoemberg

WEDNESDAY 8:00 am St. John the Baptist

18

† Mary Ann Haman 9:00 am St. Hubert **† Gregory Carter**

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THURSDAY 8:30 am Sacred Heart † Mary Lou Hoemberg 7:00 pm St. Joseph **Adryan Bramantae**

FRIDAY

8:00 am St. Ann

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† Martin Malone 8:30 am Sacred Heart † Pearl (Gertie) Domeno

SATURDAY 4:30 pm St. John the Baptist

21

† Caroline Macho 5:00 pm St. Frederick

† Duane, Leo & Delores Schwartz

7:00 pm St. Hubert

† Terry & John Flach

7:30 pm Assumption of Our Lady

† Robert Feuer

SUNDAY

8:00 am St. Joseph

22

† Deceased Pickar Family Members

8:30 am Sacred Heart

† Janis Goff

10:00 am St. Ann

For the People

10:30 am St. Michael

† Bob Weishalla

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Thursday4 am-11 pm (Verndale) Fridays 4 am-3 pm (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 May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Observances for the week of May 15, 2022

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore Wednesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest Saturday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious



Wedding Banns III

Dylan McManigle & Bailey Blessing; Matthew Johnson & Lacy Blowers; Tvler Odden & Brandi Schafani

Wedding Banns II

Anthony Snyder & Rhonda Thomas

REST IN PEACE





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



Alan Jeffery Pettit

The ACC Adoration Chapel located in the main sanctuary at St. Frederick in Verndale has now begun!

- 1) Contact Martha 651-253-7291 or mray@marysacc.org
- 2) Sign up online through Sign-up Genius https:// www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948ACAB22A5FA7adoration

DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

Congratulations to these 47 youth from our ACC who received their First Holy Eucharist in May!

Crew Anderson, Emily Beard, Kaiya Brenna, Isaiah Detloff, Adalynn DeWald, Claire Dolezal, Charlee Dukowitz, Samuel Duncan, Isaac Erickson, Caleb Freyholtz, Natalie Freyholtz, Emma Gerads, Mary Gilligan, Eva Greenwaldt, Kaylynn Guevara, Jaxon Hansen, Brodi Herdina, Owen Hess, Lillianne Imrick, Finlay Jensen, Brady Kerkaert, Devon Kneisl, Margaret Lajeunesse, Evan Lehner, Riley Lothson, Gracie Lusti, Cole Malone, Kai Martin, Taven McManigle, Ethan Mertens, Darbee Nelson, Jace Odden, Emma Ray, Liam Roeder, Ephraim Roiko, Roman Ross-Sullivan, Hunter Schmidt, Elizabeth Shepersky, Bennett Sonenstahl, Finnley Sworski, Teagan Trombley, Josh Uselman, Zara Vogel, Rylan Wegscheid, Blake Wirth, Garrett Yungbauer, Joseph Yungbauer

Congratulations to Tim Manning who received who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist on May 6, 2022.









DISCIPLESHIP NEWS









DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

REGISTRATIONS now available! Pick up in the back of all churches.



June 6-10, 6-8pm in Bluegrass June 13-17, 6-8:30pm in Bluffton July 11-15, 9am-12pm in Wadena July 18-22, 9am-12pm in Staples August 1-5, 9am-12pm in Bertha



June 19-24 All grades in Wadena

Totus Tuus is a program for youth dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people (grades 1st – 12th) grow in their understanding of the faith and love for Jesus and His Church.



SAVE THE DATE YOUTH NIGHT!

Wednesday, May 18th 6-8 PM at St. Joseph

Wednesday, June 8th 6-8 PM at St. John the Baptist

Wednesday, July 13th 6-8 PM at St. Michael

Wednesday, August 10th 6-8 PM at St. Joseph

GRADUATION MASS: Weekend of May 21/22

CONFIRMATION RITE OF CALLING: Weekend of June 4/5

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, October 16th

Confirmation Students: Be sure to get in your Candidate Information and Candidate Covenant forms.

NEWS FOR ALL

Picnic committee

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

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
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 Hotdogs, Chips, Beans, Bars 7:00-9:00 Live Outdoor Music by Cline Connection

JOB OPPURTUNITIES

NEWS FOR ALL

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 218-632-7315.

Sacred Heart School Opportunities

"Feeling called to teach? Sacred Hearts Area School, our ACC's Preschool - 6th grade Catholic school, is looking to fill positions for the 2022-2023 school year. We are currently looking to hire an Elementary Teacher to replace our retiring 5th grade teacher. Also, with our plan to expand our Preschool program we are looking for an additional Lead Teacher and a PreK Assistant. All positions are full-time. Please contact Principal Liedl via phone (218-894-2077) or email (principal@sacredheartareaschool.org) for more information."



Welcome Terri Kangas!

Terri has joined us as the part-time Secretary for the ACC Wadena Parish office.

Parish Office: 218-632-7309 Email:

tkangas@marysacc.org

Office days will be Mon and Fri. 9am to 4pm and Thurs 10am to 4pm

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.

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St. Frederick, Verndale Bonnie Richter 218-640-2408

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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

NEWS FOR ALL

What is the Baby Bottle Campaign? Mother's Day (May 8th) — Father's Day (June 19th)

Bottles will be available at St. Michael, Sacred Heart and St. Ann.

Take an empty baby bottle home and fill with change, cash, or check to LAPS. The bottles are collected at your local church on June 19th and returned to LAPS.

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All are invited to Mary's ACC Quilters

Mary's Quilters

Come for coffee and stay for tying charity quilts starting at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 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.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Bluffton



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

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. Can you help with washing altar linens & altar decorating? Call the Wadena Office if you are interested. Sue Theisen will be retiring from this ministry. **Thank you** Sue for your service!

We are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to help with Vacation Bible School June 13th-17th 6-8:30 pm.

We will be having our annual St. John's Fall Raffle and Bazaar, Sunday, September 25th.

Raffle prizes are needed – If you wish to donate to the raffle, please contact:

Gerry and Linda Imdieke at 218-385-2232, or Carol Wegscheid at 218-385-2767.

Donations can be dropped off in the church collectionplease note on the envelope "Fall Raffle", or mail to: Gerry and Linda Imdieke, 430 Walker Ave S., New York Mills, MN 56567....or call them to arrange a drop off time at their home - or pick-up if needed. Thank You!



SAINT ANN, Wadena

514 First Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482

Saint Ann Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 8-11 and we are now taking donations. Donations may be left in the office building, quilter's room, during business hours. Furniture and large items will be considered, call Yvonne Horstman at 218-371-9478 or Marilou Heltemes at 218-371-6229. Not accepting electronics, exercise equipment, paint or chemical products.

Our Parish Life Committee is undertaking the task of calling all of our parishioners in the next couple of months. The purpose of the call is to check in and update our records. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Springfest Financials: Gross receipts: \$45,445 with 2% going to the Good Samaritan Fund; Expenses to date: \$9,200. Thank you to all of our donors, attendees, volunteers and staff for another successful event. A special thank you to Lori Kneisl for chairing the event and Ryan Damlo, Kaylene Schmitz, Lorie Baron, Marilou Hletemes and Mary Dee Weber for their time in planning Springfest 2022.

SAINT JOSEPH, Bertha

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

Cemetery Clean Up

Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 am, we will be having the spring cemetery clean up. Youth and all who would like to help are invited to meet at the cemetery on County Road 1. Please bring your own gloves. Families are asked to remove any grave decorations before the clean up if they would like to keep them.

Food & Fellowship Potluck

Please join us Sunday, May 22, after the 8 a.m. Mass for Food & Fellowship and to honor our graduating seniors. Group C will host. All are welcome!



SACRED HEART, Staples

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

Coffee and rolls after Mass every Sunday, hosted by Circle 15 for the month of May. Free will donation goes towards kitchen supplies.

Rummage Sale UPDATE: After much discussion and prayers it was decided that there will be **NO** Rummage Sale at Sacred Heart Church in June of 2022 due to conflict of space. Watch for future announcements concerning "Alley Sale" over RR Days in August of 2022.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, Menahga



113 Aspen Ave. NW Menahga, MN 56464

Mail - P.O. Box 177 Staples, MN 56479

The next Christian Mothers meeting In Menahga will be June 6 at 2:30 PM.

SAINT FREDERICK, Verndale

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

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.

Graduation Recognition will be held after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, May 21. Refreshments will be served in the church basement. All are welcome.



SAINT MICHAEL, Motley

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

Got Questions? Got Ideas? Wondering where we are at with the St. Michael's building projects? Please join us downstairs today after mass for a St. Michael's town hall meeting with Father Aaron and Deacon Randy. Light refreshments will be served. ALL are welcome! Come help us grow St. Michael's!

Parish Life Committee Meeting - Thursday, May 19th from 6-7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Updating the Church Directory: You will be receiving a letter in the mail if we were unable to reach you via the phone. Please kindly fill out the letter and return it in the self addressed envelope. If you did not receive a phone call or did not receive a letter please give the office a call to verify we have you listed as a registered member with the correct contact information. Thank you.



SAINT HUBERT, Bluegrass

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

NEWS FOR ALL

Special Guests are coming May 21st at 3pm!

Greg and Mary Kuhn (Fr. Aaron's parents) will be speaking about their books they have written. There will be a light meal provided.

NEWS FOR ALL

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part — Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone who doesn't look like you

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Diocesan TV Mass and parish livestream Masses have been a lifeline for the homebound. Ministries of the Appeal continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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 Needed Weekly
 \$10,800.00

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 \$475,200.00

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 \$11,105.43

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 \$514,344.22

 Surplus/Deficit
 \$39,144.22

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 \$3,015.00

 Needed to Date
 \$135,675.00

 Collected 5/08
 \$1,501.25

 Received to Date
 \$153,451.15

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 \$17,776.15

St. Joseph

 Needed Weekly
 \$2,400.00

 Needed to Date
 \$105,600.00

 Collected 5/1
 \$1,353.78

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 \$97,885.82

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 (\$7,714.18)

St. Hubert

 Needed Weekly
 \$2,020.00

 Needed to Date
 \$88,880.00

 Collected 5/2
 \$2,902.75

 Received to Date
 \$105,037.49

 Surplus/Deficit
 \$16,157.49

St. Frederick

 Needed Weekly
 \$1,615.00

 Needed to Date
 \$71,060.00

 Collected 5/2
 \$1,538.00

 Received to Date
 \$82,027.11

 Surplus/Deficit
 \$10,967.11

Assumption of Our Lady

 Needed Weekly
 \$1,100.00

 Needed to Date
 \$48,400.00

 Collected 5/2
 \$1,075.00

 Received to Date
 \$52,960.27

 Surplus/Deficit
 \$4,560.27

Sacred Heart

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 \$6,925.00

 Needed to Date
 \$304,700.00

 Collected 5/2
 \$6,914.84

 Received to Date
 \$343,874.88

 Surplus/Deficit
 \$39,174.88

St. Michael

 Needed Weekly
 \$3,075.00

 Needed to Date
 \$135,300.00

 Collected 5/2
 \$2,390.42

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 \$116,012.57

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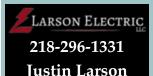
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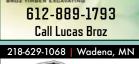


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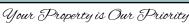




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