

Mary Mother of the Church

Area Catholic Community



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

May 22, 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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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
- Jn 14:26-27a

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

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Secretary: Mary Murray
Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs. 9am - 4pm

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

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

Parish Office: 218-632-7309
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principal@sacredheartareaschool.org

Secretary/Health Aide
Jessica Alexander: 218-894-2077
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

In 1992, the US Bishops wrote a document entitled: "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response." It provides keen insights into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ as Catholics. I strongly recommend reading it online or ordering a copy to read during your holy hour each week. Even 15 minutes a day of spiritual reading (instead of videos or television) is a great way to grow in one's faith as an adult.

The document begins with three convictions:

1. "Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves."
2. "Beginning in conversion, change of mind and heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action, nor even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life. It means committing one's very self to the Lord."
3. "Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be. They are deeply aware of the truth that 'The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it' (Psalm 24:1). They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another."

My questions to you, as parishioners of our Area Catholic Community of Mary, Mother of the Church:

1. Are you satisfied with the level of maturity of discipleship in our parishes regarding active participation in liturgy, social events, volunteering, and outreach?
 2. Are you satisfied with the quality of our culture in the local Catholic community?
- If not, there are ways for us to change things, but they require sacrifice of our time and talent to do so. A personal commitment to hospitality, prayer, formation, and service as a 'way of life' in Jesus Christ will change the culture. When we are a people fully alive in gratitude to God, "willing the good of the other for their sake" (St. Thomas Aquinas on 'love'), then we will be the kinds of good stewards we know we are called to be.

Start with time. Focus on small habits that build up family life and relationship with God, as I wrote about the last two weeks. Have you been spending quality time with your family and friends? Have you been giving God the first fruits of your day in prayer? Conscious, firm decisions of stewardship make a Christian way of life.



PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY
24

9:00 am *St. Frederick*
Living & Deceased Members of the St. Joseph Society
6:30 pm *St. Michael*
† **Teresa Wagner**

WEDNESDAY
25

8:00 am *St. John the Baptist*
† **Jerry Weller**
9:00 am *St. Hubert*
† **David & Arlis Kern**

THURSDAY
26

8:30 am *Sacred Heart*
† **Dick Lorentz**
7:00 pm *St. Joseph*
Melanie Patron & Her Family

FRIDAY
27

8:00 am *St. Ann*
† **Bernard Pavek**
8:30 am *Sacred Heart*
† **Mark Weishalla**

SATURDAY
28

4:30 pm *St. John the Baptist*
† **Mary Ann Haman**
5:00 pm *St. Frederick*
† **Duane Schwartz**
7:00 pm *St. Hubert*
† **Thomas Merchlewicz**
7:30 pm *Assumption of Our Lady*
For the People

SUNDAY
29

8:00 am *St. Joseph*
† **Clarence Riethman**
8:30 am *Sacred Heart*
† **Myrna Lillian**
10:00 am *St. Ann*
† **Patricia Harrison**
10:30 am *St. Michael*
For our Priests

Readings for the week of May 22, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or

Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/

Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Observances for the week of May 22, 2022

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Thursday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Wedding Banns I

Blake Gerad & Lynnette Kern



Wedding Banns III

Anthony Snyder & Rhonda Thomas

REST IN PEACE

+SARAH HEPOLA

+RONALD BASTIAN



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



Kaleb Anthony Weise

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Thursday 4 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)

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

1) Contact Martha if you have questions or wish to signup 651-253-7291 or mray@marysacc.org

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



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2022 High School Graduates



**Isaac
Blashack**

Son of Matthew
& Carla Blashack

St. Joseph Parish

Bertha-Hewitt
High School &
Central Lakes
College

Having
earned his
Associate of

Arts Degree from Central Lakes
College, Brainerd Campus, Isaac
intends to continue his education
at Concordia College of Moorhead
with a double major in chemistry
and biology. After his education
he hopes to become a medical
doctor, though he is undecided if
he will specialize or not.

“Some of my favorite memories
from my parish are from the years
where I helped at Vacation Bible
School. I enjoy working with
children, whether toddler, middle
schooler, or anywhere in between.
Being able to help these children
to grow and learn in their faith
feels like a way to give back to
those who helped me to grow
and learn in mine.”



Ashley Theresa Kassa

Daughter of Tony & Shelly Kassa

St. John the Baptist Parish

New York Mills High School

Ashley plans to attend The
University of Minnesota Duluth
majoring in Statistics and
Actuarial Science.

“Some of my favorite memories in
the parish are being an altar
server, going to Vacation Bible
School in the summer and
rollerblading in Wadena for the
youth gathering.”



Reese Thompson

Son of Reggy & Amy
Thompson

Sacred Heart Parish

Verndale High School

Reese plans to attend
MState in their Electrician
Program.



**Jamie Lynn
Barthel**

Daughter of Leslie &
Lane Seifert and Reed
Barthel

St. Ann Parish

Wadena-Deer Creek
High School

Jamie plans to
attend Bemidji
State University
majoring in Secondary Education.

“My favorite parish memory was the mission
trip to St. Louis.”



Brent Hansen

Son of Mark & Wendy Hansen

Sacred Heart Parish

Staples-Motley High School

Brent plans to attend
Ridgewater College in
Wilmar, MN and become
an Electrician.

“My memories of the
parish are serving as an

Altar boy for St. Michael’s, my first communion
at Sacred Heart, and my confirmation last fall.”



Emma Kalk

Daughter of Nan Hanson & Matt Hanson and Edward Kalk

Sacred Heart Parish

Verndale High School

Emma plans to attend the University of North Dakota to pursue an Education major in History and Social Studies.



“Attending Sacred Heart Area School through 5th grade I have many wonderful memories helping in our parish. I spent many Sunday mornings after Mass helping serve and clean up bars and coffee. My favorite times were washing dishes during clean up with some of my best friends from SHAS like MaryBeth and Mitch.”

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Zozey Kay Rousslang

Daughter of Nick & Katherine Rousslang

St. Ann Parish

Wadena-Deer Creek High School

Zozey plans to attend the University of Minnesota Duluth.

“My favorite parish memory was having an amazing time on the Confirmation retreat before Confirmation and the entire confirmation process! It was an amazing time getting to learn and grow in my faith.”



Kelly Muckala

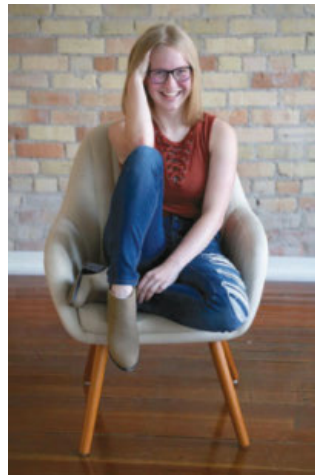
Daughter of Richard Muckala & Karen Otremba

St. Ann Parish

Wadena-Deer Creek

Kelly plans to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead; Majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in American Sign Language.

“My favorite parish memory was the Confirmation retreat bus ride.”



Joe Tyrell

Son of Jim & Jackie Tyrell

Sacred Heart Parish

Staples Motley High School

Joe plans to attend Central Lakes College in Staples in their meat processing program and someday own his own business.

“There was an all day class I attended with my religion class in Bluegrass that I really enjoyed.”



Keara Kern

Daughter of Wade & Kimberly Kern

St. Frederick Parish

Verndale High School

Keara plans to attend MState in Wadena for generals then later transfer

to the University of Minnesota Crookston for a major in Ag Education.

“My friends and I would play dodgeball with pine cones after every religion class. The sap off the pine cones were the worst part.”



Olivia Wagner

Daughter of David & Kathy Wagner

St. Joseph Parish

St. Thomas Aquinas Homeschool & the PSEP program at MState Technical & Community College.

Olivia plans to move to Duluth in June to be near her sisters. As she lives there she hopes to work and gain experience in the administrative field of work.



"My favorite memories at the parish is the time spent as a community in the basement. Whether it was an after Mass potluck or religious education, I really enjoyed spending time with family and friends at those events."

Owen Pantzke

Son of Brian & Jennifer Pantzke

St. Michael Parish

Pillager High School

Owen plans on attending The School of Engineering at NDSU in the fall.

Owen enjoyed his 5 years as an altar server at St. Michael Church. He really enjoyed working with Fr. Joe Korf. Father Joe was a very caring and thoughtful role model for Owen as he went through First Reconciliation and his First Communion as well.



Rachael Smith

Daughter of Tom & Kate Smith

St. Hubert Parish

Sebeka High School

Rachael plans to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead for Nursing.

"My favorite memory from my parish is attending VBS in the summer and now helping at it now that I am older."



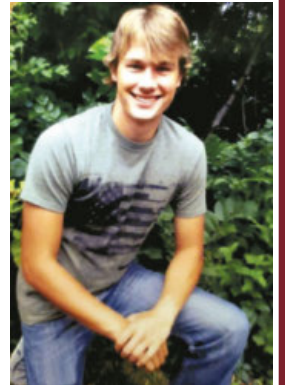
Mitch Lisson

Son of Al & Carol Lisson

Sacred Heart Parish

Staples Motley High School

Mitch plans to work for Voyager in Staples following graduation.



Chandler Braith

Son of Kyle & Jenny Braith

Sacred Heart Parish

Staples Motley High School

Chandler plans to attend The University of Minnesota Duluth for Mechanical Engineering.

"I enjoyed Confirmation."



Josh Dykhoff

Son of Wayne & Stacey Dykhoff

St. John the Baptist Parish

Wadena-Deer Creek High School

Josh plans to attend University of Minnesota Crookston and play baseball.



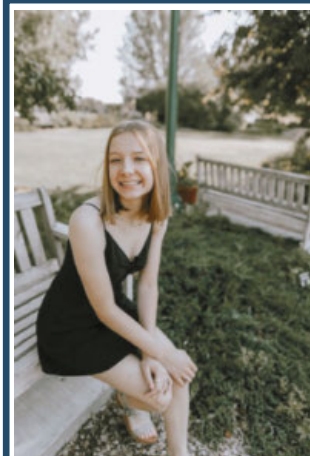
Morgan Becker

Daughter of Steve & Kim Becker

Sacred Heart Parish

Staples Motley High School

Morgan plans to attend Concordia College, Moorhead for Nursing.





Kaylin Lupkes

Daughter of Tammy & Kevin Lupkes
St. Ann Parish
Wadena-Deer Creek High School
Kaylin plans to attend college and major in Elementary Education.

"My favorite memories from my parish were helping at Springfest, the mission trips to St. Louis in 2017 & 2018, and attending NCYC in 2019.

Reagan Weniger

Daughter of Don & Brenda Weniger
St. John the Baptist Parish
Verndale High School
Reagan plans to attend MState in Fergus Falls in their RN program.



Dan Richter



Son of Mark & Bonnie Richter
St. Frederick Parish
Verndale High School
Dan plans to farm with his family after graduation.

"I remember going to St. Ann's School for my kindergarten year. The teachers, Mrs. Steffens and Jackie Tellers were awesome. This was the last year they were open."

We congratulate all of our graduating high school students from our Mary, Mother of the Church Community!

St. Joseph - Bertha

Isaac Blashack
Luke Sakry
Olivia Wagner

St. Hubert - Bluegrass

Carson Kern
Eric Malone
Cal Olsson
Eli Olsson
Zack Olsson
Wyatt Richter
Rachael Smith



Sacred Heart - Staples

Morgan Becker
Chandler Braith
Andria Dolezal
Brent Hanson
Emma Kalk
Mitch Lisson
Reese Thompson

St. John the Baptist - Bluffton

Josh Dykhoff
Jacob Guck
Breydon Holtti
Ashley Kassa
Reagan Weniger

St. Frederick - Verndale

Brooke Anderson
Allison Hammer
Keara Kern
Dilan Orlando
Dan Richter
Madison Schmitz

Assumption of Our Lady - Menagha

No graduating seniors this year

St. Ann - Wadena

Jamie Barthel
Kaylin Lupkes
Kelly Muckala
Summer Pettit
Zooney Rousslang

St. Michael - Motley

Hannah Eastman
Owen Pantzke

God Bless You!

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, 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**

**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, hosted by St. Hubert
Snacks and Beverages served outdoors

St Joseph snow cones, Sacred Heart popcorn, St John's Lemonade,
St Frederick veggies, St. Michael Ice Cream

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

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. Joseph 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.

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.**"

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.

CEMETERY CONTACTS

- Bluegrass:** Brian Wegscheid
218-639-3618
- Bluffton:** LeRoy Haman
218-385-2372
- Menahga:** 218-445-5204
- Verndale:** Dan Schmitz
218-639-1818
- Wadena:** Mike Pete 218-639-2925
- Bertha:** Barb Piecek
218-632-7309

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

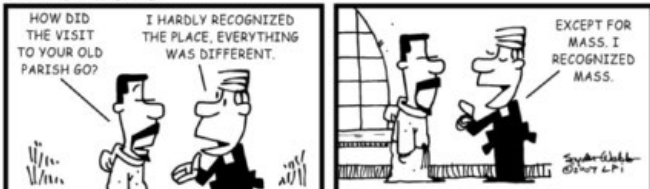
at St. Ann's in Wadena.

Call 844-816-1847 or 320-253-3540

to schedule an appointment or for more info:

TheCenterForFamilyCounseling.com

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



NEWS FOR ALL



The ACC Adoration Chapel located at St. Frederick's in Verndale is OPEN!!
Chapel hours are 4 am-11 pm
Monday-Thursday and 4 am-3 pm Fridays.

There is a key code to the front door to get in, which can be given to any one who would like to stop in to visit with Jesus. We are in need of persons who would be willing to commit to an hour a week with Jesus. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for an hour with Jesus, please contact Jori Church (218-639-6002) or Martha Ray (651-253-7291). One hour a week WILL change your life!



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, 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.

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SAINT ANN, Wadena

514 First Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482



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 collection**please 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 Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 9-11 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.

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated Monday, May 30 at the Calvary Cemetery, Wadena at 8:00 a.m. Bring your own chair. If the weather is bad the Mass will be held at St Ann Church.



SAINT HUBERT, Bluegrass

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





SAINT JOSEPH, Bertha

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



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.

Christian Women meeting on Monday, June 6 in the meeting room. Rosary at 6 PM with meeting to follow. All women 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.

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.

Please pick up your dishes! There are many dishes by the back door of the kitchen that have not been retrieved by the person donating food. Please pick up your dish by July 1st. Those left after this date will be donated. Thank you



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Town Hall Meeting Update: Thank you to Father Aaron and Deacon Randy for joining us last weekend at the St. Michael's town hall meeting; where we talked about the path forward with the building project and growing St. Michael's! Who's excited for main level bathrooms, handicap accessibility and need we mention a larger entryway gathering space?! Please stay tuned for more information to come as we continue to Grow St. Michael's!



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White Side Walls Concert: A big thank you to our very generous sponsors, volunteers and those who purchased tickets to help make this fundraiser a success last Friday night. We were able to raise close to \$4,500 for our upcoming St. Michael's Building Project.

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

Quilt Raffle on Saturday, July 9th after Mass. The tickets are \$1.00 each.

Fellowship will follow Mass on June 4, 2022 in the Church Hall. All are welcome to come for coffee, treats and fellowship.

Parish Directory: If you haven't received a phone call or a letter to update your address, please call Mary in the parish office (218-894-2296) to verify we have your correct contact information and that you are registered. Thank you for your assistance.

NEWS FOR ALL

Stewardship as a Way of Life: “Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid” (John 14:27).

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Have you read The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram? Have you visited the diocesan website for resources? All of these communication tools that inform us of the latest Catholic news are supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



St. Ann

Needed Weekly	\$10,800.00
Needed to Date	\$486,000.00
Collected 5/15	\$8,828.82
Received to Date	\$523,173.04
Surplus/Deficit	\$37,173.04

St. John the Baptist

Needed Weekly	\$3,015.00
Needed to Date	\$138,690.00
Collected 5/15	\$2,163.18
Received to Date	\$155,614.33
Surplus/Deficit	\$16,924.33

St. Joseph

Needed Weekly	\$2,400.00
Needed to Date	\$108,000.00
Collected 5/8	\$1,467.79
Received to Date	\$99,353.61
Surplus/Deficit	(\$8,646.39)

St. Hubert

Needed Weekly	\$2,020.00
Needed to Date	\$90,900.00
Collected 5/8	\$1,554.00
Received to Date	\$106,591.49
Surplus/Deficit	\$15,691.49

St. Frederick

Needed Weekly	\$1,615.00
Needed to Date	\$72,675.00
Collected 5/8	\$1,021.00
Received to Date	\$83,048.11
Surplus/Deficit	\$10,373.11

Assumption of Our Lady

Needed Weekly	\$1,100.00
Needed to Date	\$49,500.00
Collected 5/8	\$1,398.20
Received to Date	\$54,358.47
Surplus/Deficit	\$4,858.47

Sacred Heart

Needed Weekly	\$6,925.00
Needed to Date	\$311,625.00
Collected 5/8	\$5,856.90
Received to Date	\$349,731.78
Surplus/Deficit	\$38,106.78

St. Michael

Needed Weekly	\$3,075.00
Needed to Date	\$138,375.00
Collected 5/8	\$2,129.19
Received to Date	\$118,141.76
Surplus/Deficit	(\$20,233.24)

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Management According to the Apostles

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea — but it sounds like a conference we could all use.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

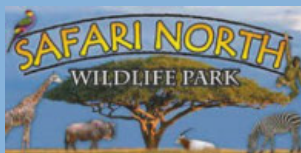
SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Mission Statement

In sharing our Catholic faith in Christ, we foster spiritual and academic formation in a positive and welcoming atmosphere that reflects love and respect for all.



All school field trips will be May 24th. Preschool – 2nd grade will be going to the Safari North Wildlife Park in Brainerd and 3-6th grade will go to Itasca State Park. Permission slips were sent home Tuesday, they need to be returned by Monday, 5/16. *Just to clarify, some information that was on the permission slip for the Preschool-2nd grade trip: Please send only the \$5 for SHAS students. If you are bringing additional children you will pay at the park the day of the trip. You do not need to figure out the tax for the regular admission fee!*



FOURTH GRADE

Happy Spring! (Finally)! This is our last Month of being 4th Graders! That is both exciting, and sad. 4th Grade has had a wonderful year, growing, learning and playing together. But we still have 2 full weeks do some really fun and meaningful learning, so “hang on, kids!”

We are practicing patriotic songs to sing for our friends at the Staples High Rise on May 18, to help them celebrate Memorial Day.

Writing Skills: We finally heard from our Oklahoma pen pals. Their teacher had been in an accident, and had been away from school for a month, so no communication for almost 2 months. Now we will write them one final letter for the year. We also continue to journal to our parents each Friday, and they write back to us. This has been fun and rewarding for all of the students and their parents...with a little hard work added to that mixture.

Reading Skills: We just finished reading “The Magician’s Nephew”, by C.S. Lewis. This was his last Narnia book that he wrote, but it is actually the prequel to the “Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe”, which was the first novel that we read this year. It was fun to see how it all tied together. Now we will be reading and acting out various fairy tales...even performing for one another.

Math Class: We have been studying geometry in Math class. We are currently studying perimeter and Area of polygons (circumference and area in circles), and will be studying “mean, mode, and median” before the year’s end.

Social Studies: We finished studying all 5 regions of the United States, and will spend the final part of our year reviewing all 50 states and their capitals for a final assessment. We can do it, right kids?

Science: We are observing the growth of mold on foods and watching how fast or slow it grows, depending on where it is stored. Variables include: room temperature, moisture level, and light and dark. We are also reading about animals and their habitats.

Religion Class: We are reading about Paul in the Book of Acts, and how the Christians were persecuted for their Faith. We continue to journal about different Bible verses as we memorize them and write how they pertain to our daily lives.

Now we all look forward to our class field trip to Itasca State Park on May 24. We will actually get to wade at the source of our great Mississippi River, as well as take part in various activities throughout the day. Once again...Happy Spring, to all!!!

Pat DiGiovanni
4th Grade Teacher



Show your SHAS spirit and purchase a SHAS hat and a Proud Supporter of SHAS window decal. They are for sale in the office.

Hats: \$20 Decals: \$5



First of all, we would like to say thank you to everyone who made the Spring Blast a success. We are very excited and humbled to announce that at this year’s 2022 Spring Blast we raised over \$70,800!!! It was a fun evening of fellowship and raising money for our favorite cause, Sacred Heart Area School!



- May 24 All School Field Trips
- May 26 6th Grade Graduation
Mass 8:30am
- May 27 Preschool Graduation
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- May 27 Kindergarten Graduation
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- May 27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
- May 30 Memorial Day

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