

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

June 5, 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



Pentecost

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. We look forward to your call.

NEW

BULLETIN DEADLINE
by noon on Monday of each week:
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MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS BY OUR WITNESS OF A LIVING FAITH

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NEW

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

Parish Office: 218-894-2296

Email: mmurray@marysacc.org

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

Email: tkangas@marysacc.org

Secretary: Terri Kangas

Office Hours: Mon, Thurs, and Fri. 9am - 4pm

Business Manager: Barb Piecek

Email: bpiecek@marysacc.org

Phone: 218-632-7318

Office Hours: M-F 8am - 4pm

From the Pastor's Desk

June 5, 2022 - Pentecost

Continuing my reflection on the US Bishops' document, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response* (quotes below are from page 14). Last week we learned about the disciple's vocation, one who is called by God to be a witness of a living faith, through holiness, marriage or consecrated life, and those opportunities granted to us by God to serve God and our neighbor.

This week, we reflect on our response to the call from God. *Jesus not only calls people to him but also forms them and sends them out in his service. Being sent on a mission is a consequence of being a disciple ... Jesus' call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future but here and now—at this moment, in these circumstances.*

So often, we live in the past or for the future, not willing to stay focused on the here and now. It is as if we are telling ourselves that, "one day I will pray more," rather than taking the moment to pray more *right now as one recognizes the desire to pray. "One day I will ... work on that ... spend more time with them ... find the time ... read that ... listen to that ... respond to that call." Meanwhile, days and months and years pass living in a delusion of what might be, rather than what is.*

The call to help save the soul of our neighbor is always immediate, even in situations that seem non-threatening. The recent tragedy of murder in Texas remind us that any day could become life-threatening, and more importantly soul-threatening. If you knew it was your last month, week, or day to get anything accomplished for the Lord or your family would you live differently? The radical nature of God's call to holiness and service is that it is immediate, not some day in the future. What am I doing *now* to serve God, my family and the Church?

A person can say no to God simply by neglect. A person can say no by rejecting what God is offering. A person can say no by choosing yes to something else that we know is less good. *But a person can say no to Christ. Consider the wealthy and good young man who approaches Jesus asking how to lead an even better life. Sell your goods, Jesus tells him; give to the poor and follow me. "When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad, for he had many possessions" (Matthew 19:22). Attachment to possessions is always more or less a problem, both for individuals and for the community of faith... Dorothy Day recalls the 'scandal' of encountering a worldly Church—or more properly, the worldliness of some Catholics: "businesslike priests ... collective wealth... lack of sense of responsibility for the poor." She concludes: "There was plenty of charity but too little justice."*

Our response to God's call is a true stewardship, a responsibility on our part to think through how blessed we are, and how we have the opportunity to bless God and others.



Mary, Mother of the Church ACC

Patronal Mass

*In Honor of our ACC's Patroness,
Mary, Mother of the Church*

6 pm at St. Ann

With ACC Choir

Reception Follows

Monday, June 6th

Patronal Feast Day



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Procession

*Liturgy, Procession of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction*

Launch of USCCB Eucharistic Revival

3:30 pm Verndale

Celebration Follows

Sunday, June 19th

Corpus Christi



PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tuesday**
7
9:00 am *St. Frederick*
† **Delores Schwartz**
6:30 pm *St. Michael*
† **Teresa Wagner**
- Wednesday**
8
8:00 am *St. John the Baptist*
† **Dorothy Endres**
9:00 am *St. Hubert*
† **Arlis Kern**
- Thursday**
9
8:30 am *Sacred Heart*
† **Janet Nagal**
7:00 pm *St. Joseph*
† **Luella Wegscheid**
- Friday**
10
8:00 am *St. Ann*
† **Joseph Andrew Moore**
8:30 am *Sacred Heart*
† **David & Genevieve Sweeney**
- Saturday**
11
4:30 pm *St. John the Baptist*
† **Mary Perius & † Jim Vetter**
5:00 pm *St. Frederick*
† **Ken Becker**
7:00 pm *St. Hubert*
† **Bob, Ernestina & Kem Kern**
7:30 pm *Assumption of Our Lady*
For the People
- Sunday**
12
8:00 am *St. Joseph*
† **Poor Souls in Purgatory**
8:30 am *Sacred Heart*
† **Veronica Kempe**
10:00 am *St. Ann*
† **Martin Malone**
10:30 am *St. Michael*
† **Healing of Steve Lorber**

Readings for the week of June 5, 2022

- Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/ Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/ Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/ Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Observances for the week of June 5, 2022

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; St. Norbert, Bishop
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:**
- Saturday:** St. Barnabas, Apostle
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity



Wedding Banns III

Blake Gerad & Lynnette Kern

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)

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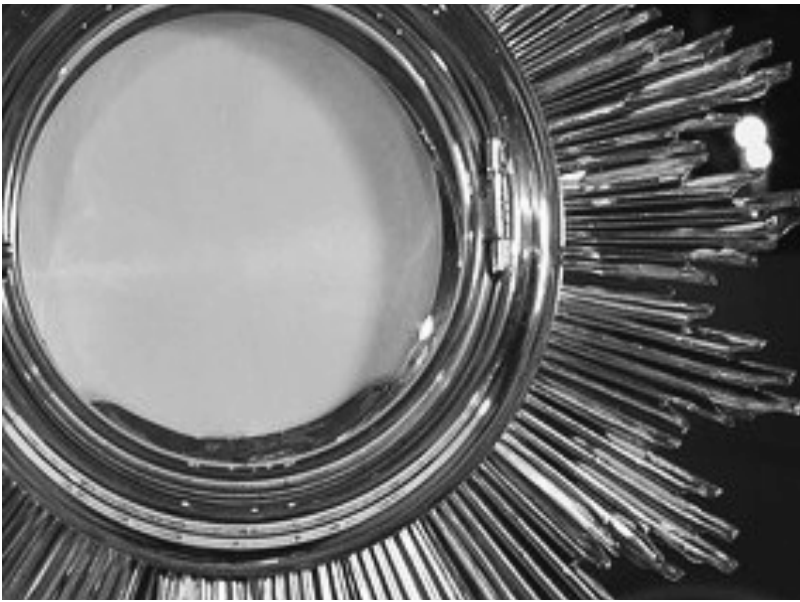


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Sacred Heart School:

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

Adore Christ As Your Schedule Allows!

4 am-11 pm Monday-Thursday

4 am-3 pm Fridays

Those wanting to spend a dedicated hour with Jesus are invited to sign up for a weekly time:

- 1) Contact Martha 651-253-7291 or mray@marysacc.org
- 2) Sign up online through Sign-up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948ACAB22A5FA7-adoration>

ACC Rosary Rally

to honor

The Sacred Heart of Jesus



Saturday, June 11th at 12 noon

St. Ann Church Parking Lot

(If it's raining it will be moved into the Church Hall)



SAINT HUBERT, Bluegrass

22008 CTY Rd 23, Sebeka, MN 56477

Mail: PO Box 177 Staples, MN 56479



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Bluffton

310 Main Street, Bluffton, MN 56518

Mail: 514 First Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482

The Parish Life Committee is updating the contact information for parishioners. Please find the letter addressed to your family on the table in the church entry. Please complete the enclosed form and return it in the collection plate or to the indicated address by June 15th.

Our annual St. John's Fall Raffle and Bazaar is scheduled for 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 in envelopes marked as "Fall Raffle." 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.

The deadline to donate is June 30th. Thank You!

NEWS FOR ALL



SAINT JOSEPH, Bertha

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

Parish Life Committee Meeting Sunday, June 5 after Mass in the church basement.



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 p.m.

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.



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.

Parish Life Committee meeting Sunday June 5th after 8:30 a.m. mass in the church basement. We need new members, all parish members are welcome.

50th Wedding Anniversary Open House for Mike and Rosie Blessing. June 12th, 2-4 pm Sacred Heart Church Basement



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 p.m. with meeting to follow. All women are welcome.



SAINT ANN, Wadena

514 First Street SE
Wadena, MN 56482

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.



SAINT MICHAEL, Motley

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

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SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL NEWS



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Summer Academy

There is still time to sign up for Sacred Heart Area School's Summer Academy program. Sign up spots are still available for full and half-days and there is lots of flexibility for how many days of the week. Students will get to participate in fun and education activities, meant to stave off reading and math loss that occurs during the long summer break.

Teachers Needed

Sacred Heart Area School is looking for a Christ-filled teacher who loves working with young children to fill their PreK Lead Teacher position for the 2022-2023 school year! Call Principal Liedl at 218-894-2077 if you or someone you know is interested in this position.

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



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 1-12) grow in their understanding of the faith and love for Jesus and His Church.

June 19-24
All grades in Wadena



ACC Summer **YOUTH NIGHTS** (For Grades 6-12)

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

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

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

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 (218) 894-2077 or email principal@sacredheartareaschool.org for more information.**"

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 ___

PARISH INFORMATION

CEMETERY CONTACTS

Bluegrass: Brian Wegscheid
218-639-3618
Bluffton: LeRoy Haman
218-385-2372, Jim Vorderbruggen 218-385-3324, Leroy Amendt
218-385-3460
Menahga: Deacon Randy Altstadt 218-632-7315
Verndale: Dan Schmitz
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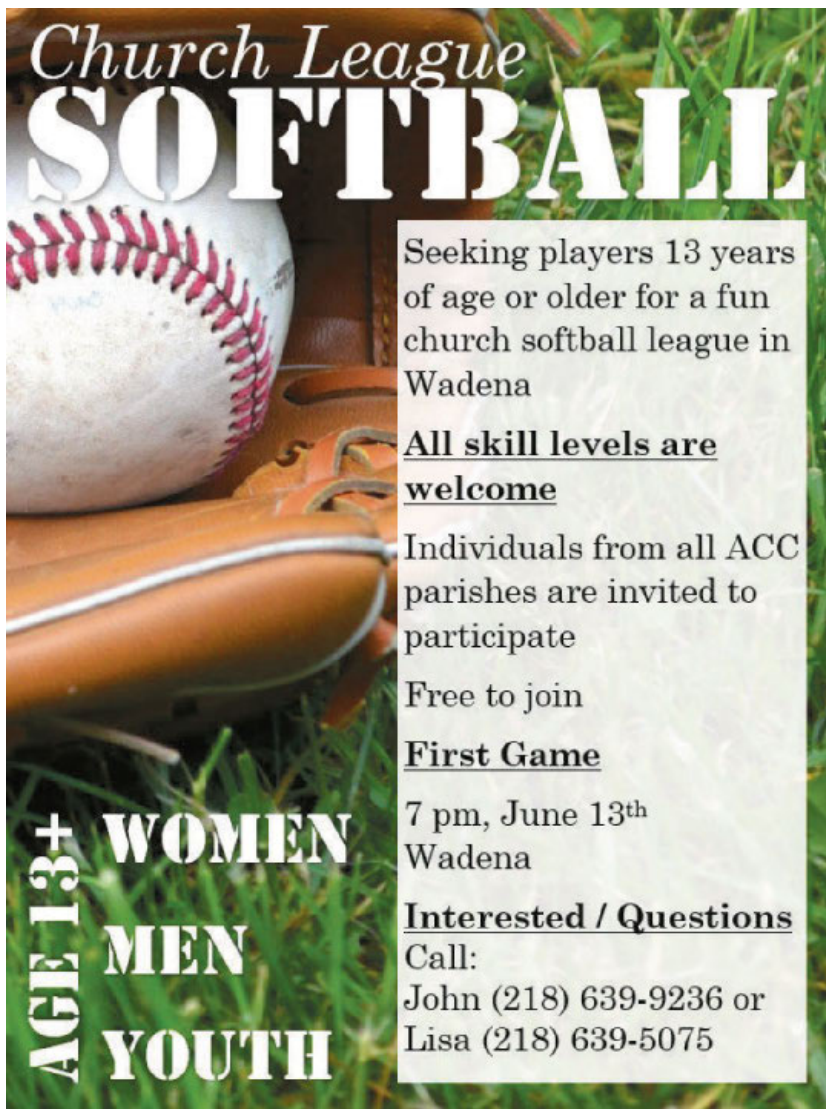
WADENA AREA FAMILY COUNSELING

Paula Johnson, MS, MA, LMFT
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Call 844-816-1847 or 320-253-3540
to schedule an appointment or for more info:
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St. Michael, Motley
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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



Church League
SOFTBALL

Seeking players 13 years of age or older for a fun church softball league in Wadena

All skill levels are welcome

Individuals from all ACC parishes are invited to participate

Free to join

First Game
7 pm, June 13th
Wadena

Interested / Questions
Call:
John (218) 639-9236 or
Lisa (218) 639-5075

**AGE 13+ WOMEN
MEN
YOUTH**

Fires with Father

Wednesday, June 15th
Wednesday, July 27th
Wednesday, August 24th
Youth Grades 9-12
7pm-9pm
St. Frederick Parish
Verndale (20 NW Brown Street)



Do you want to dig a little deeper into your faith? Learn more about the Catholic faith and build community with teens your age? Join Father Gabriel this summer for Fires with Father!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WHAT: First Annual ACC Summer Picnic

WHEN: August 28th, 2022

WHERE: Wadena Fair Grounds



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

This is a free event for all ages.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: “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” (John 14:26).

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

SAVE THE DATE: Diocesan Stewardship Day 2022 is Friday, September 16.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Believe, Celebrate, Live! Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Have you checked out  lately?

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The monthly Grief Support Group at **St. Hubert Parish** will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month following Mass and fellowship in the church basement.

The group is open to all members of Mary, Mother of the Church ACC. This is a support group for all those who are living with grief and a safe place to be honest about their situation and impact of their life. Sponsored and facilitated by the Parish Nurses of St. Hubert Parish.



THANK YOU

Sincere “Thanks” to all who donated to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and to the Rice Bowl program in this challenging time. CRS operates on a grassroots level in over 100 countries around the world and donations like yours continue to make this possible! You also contribute toward local hunger relief with 25% of the Rice Bowl funds being distributed throughout our diocese to organizations like area food shelves. On behalf of those who benefit from your kindness and generosity, our heartfelt gratitude!

St. Ann

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St. Joseph

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St. Frederick

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Assumption of Our Lady

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Sacred Heart

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St. Michael

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NOTICE
 Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, this bulletin was printed early. Therefore, current stewardship numbers are unavailable.

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