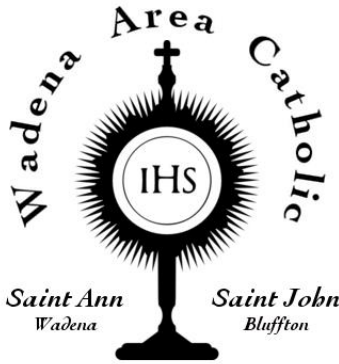


January 31, 2016 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# WadenaAreaCatholic.org



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## New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Aaron Kuhn, after Mass. Register as a parishioner by calling our parish offices.

## Adoration of the Eucharist

Monday 8 a.m. to Saturday 8 a.m. in our Adoration Chapel, at St. Ann

## Join the Choir

Our parishes are always looking for new musicians and singers. Contact the church office for details.

## Wadena Area Family Counseling

Paula Johnson, MS, MA is a licensed psychologist who is available for counseling 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Ann's Church Offices in Wadena. She views therapy as a privilege to journey with others and will provide Christian counseling if desired. Call toll free 844-816-1847 or 320-253-3540 to schedule an appointment.

## Homebound Ministry

Please call the office and let us know if you are homebound and would like a Minister of Holy Communion to visit you.

## Watch Mass Live at St. Ann

The City of Wadena and the Church of St. Ann are working together via [Bebloomin.com](http://Bebloomin.com) to maintain a live-stream video of the church space. Anyone with internet access can now watch any Mass or service when it happens.

## Anointing 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.

## Bulletin Deadline

If you would like something announced in the bulletin it must be submitted to St. Ann's Church Office no later than noon on the Tuesday before publication. Announcements may be delivered by leaving a note in the collection basket, by fax, or by email to [bpiecek@saintanns.net](mailto:bpiecek@saintanns.net)

## Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday at 4:00 PM at St. Ann's Church, or upon request w/ Fr. Aaron Kuhn

## Baptism Preparation

Those seeking baptism for their child should call Deacon Jerry Snyder at St. Ann's Office to sign up for the Baptism Course Schedule: Feb 23, May 23, Sep 12

## Marriage Preparation

In the Diocese of St. Cloud, newly engaged couples must contact their pastor at least six months before the proposed wedding date. In our parishes, all couples must meet in person with the pastor before a date can be set.

## Looking to volunteer?

We need your talents. There are ongoing activities at our parishes that require help from volunteers. Call your church office or watch the bulletin for details.

## Stewardship Last Week

### SAINT ANN

Adult \$3,259.96  
Plate \$516.20  
Youth \$30  
Maintenance \$120  
Good Samaritan \$78.04  
Votive \$12  
Visitor \$36

### SAINT JOHN

Adult \$1,688  
Plate \$219  
Youth \$25.10  
Votive \$23  
Rel Ed \$85

## GROW IN YOUR FAITH – Questions of the Week

This week in the Gospel we learn that the people do not listen to Jesus. They do not really believe He is the Messiah, because to them, Jesus is "Joseph's son" and nothing more. But Jesus doesn't give up, because He knows that His Father is with Him always. To believe in Jesus is to decide He is the Messiah and to share in His mission to show all people God's kindness and favor. To continue Jesus' work may mean facing rejection as He did.

**Adults:** What prophets among us are not accepted today? When have you experienced God's call to speak as a prophet? What do you do when a message you are trying to deliver "falls on deaf ears"?

**Children:** Have you ever felt like "giving up"? How can you remember to be like Jesus? Who do you know that will help you not to give up?

**"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what You want me to be – and becoming that person." – St. Therese of Lisieux**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Monday, Feb 1**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, Feb 2 – The Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Helen Gorghuber*

Sacristan: Duane & Vonnie Moore

### **Wednesday, Feb 3 – Saint Blaise and Saint Ansgar**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SJB) *Rose Johnson*

Sacristan & Comm: Don & Brenda Weniger

### **Thursday, Feb 4**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Werner Roers*

Sacristan: Nellie Wegscheid

### **Friday, Feb 5**

9:30 a.m. Mass (Fair Oaks) † *Helen Balkenol*

### **Saturday, Feb 6**

4:00 p.m. Confessions (SA)

5:00 p.m. Mass (SA) *For the People*

Sacristan: Mike Pete

Comm: Kathy Angus, Annamarie Tabery, Carol Osborn, Lucille

Belch, Joel Haverkamp, Cathy Edinger, Barb Richter, Marilou

Heltemes

Lector: Laura Breid

Greeters: Carmen Pederson, Dan & Carol Osborn, Marilou

Heltemes

Gifts: Carol & Dan Osborn

Servers: Abigail Haman, Ben Keppers, Ella Stroeing

### **Sunday, Feb 7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Mass (SA) † *Loretta Brauch*

Sacristan: Mike Pete

Comm: Carmen Pederson, Lori Meeke, Mary Drkula, Shelagh

Carlson, Dorothy Beyer, Phil Thoennes, Karlene Snyder

Lector: Paul Carlson

Greeters: Carol Rowan & Marladene Heinen, Milt & Delores

Cunningham, Carmen Pederson

Gifts: Ray Family

Servers: Margaret Carlson, Summer Pettit, Jayson Young

### **10:30 a.m. Mass (SJB) † *Duane Heinen***

Sacristan: Billy Schwartz

Comm: Billy Schwartz, Marty Irons, Sue Theisen, Peter Van Erp,

Irene Dykhoff

Lector: Carol Wegscheid

Ushers: LeRoy Ament, Dick Buettner

Servers: Sydney & Luke Weniger

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tue: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

“Love is patient, love is kind, ... not jealous, pompous, inflated, or rude ... it does not seek its own interests, is not quick tempered or brood over injury ... it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Love is a great measure of our relationship with God and our preparedness for heavenly life. We must be purified in God's love here on earth through learning how to love God, our neighbor, and the world around us. Are you a patient person, or do you struggle with being “inconvenienced”? In heaven, I imagine we will still be inconvenienced, but there we will not let it bother us, because we will want to love the other more than ourselves. We may even want to learn to *embrace* inconveniences in our daily life, since they present us opportunities to prove our patience and kindness.

Can you imagine any selfishness happening in heaven? As St. Paul said, love is not jealous, pompous, inflated or rude. It is not self-protective or self-interested. If we suffer from any of these bad attitudes, we ought to see them for what they are: real sins. *Sins?* Yes. The kind of sins that we “call to mind” at the beginning of Mass, since they are evidence of our lack of love under pressure. When we get defensive it can be a slippery slope from “being offended” by others' lack of attention of *our* needs, into sinful reactions of jealousy, arrogance, and rudeness; “if that's the way they are going to act, then I will show them!” Love must never fail in us. It must bear all things.

As children, we were encouraged by our parents to be loving to our siblings, relatives, classmates, etc. How easy it was as a child to feel life was “unfair,” and to brood over injuries and be quick tempered. “When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things” (1 Cor 13:11). And, so as adults we are asked to mature in love beyond how we feel in a given moment, and instead see our lives as ordered toward the good of others, even if it means sacrificing our own wants and desires in order to will the good of others for their sake.

# NEWS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Ann's & St. John's: Feb 3  
Classes as usual  
SJB: First Reconciliation for  
Grade 2

## YOUTH MINISTRY (K-12)

**Wadena Youth Rally:** 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
graders. Every second Sunday  
of the month, 7 p.m. at St.  
Ann's Parish Hall, with  
Vespers at 7:45 and games to  
follow. Next Up: Feb 14, Mar  
13, Apr 10

Mission Trip: **Alive In You  
WorkCamp** in Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin, July 9-17 (\$540) for  
grades 7-12. Alive in You is  
part conference, part service  
camp and 100% Catholic.  
Experience the love of Christ  
through the Eucharist,  
Reconciliation, Mass, service,  
high-energy praise and  
worship, prayer, talented  
speakers, team building,  
games, activities, and small  
faith groups. **Registrations  
due February 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Parents:** Part of the grant that  
we received from the Catholic  
Foundation this year allowed  
us to purchase a copy of  
"Raising Pure Teens" for each  
family. Victoria would like to  
hand deliver these to each  
family and if possible at your  
home. If you would be  
interested in having Victoria  
over one Thursday or Friday  
afternoon or evening for a  
short visit please let her know.

**Castaway:** all 9-12 graders  
are invited to join us for a  
Castaway Retreat March 18-  
20. The theme this year is  
"Follow the Light" as in the  
light of Christ The cost is \$140.  
**Registrations are due Feb  
1<sup>st</sup>.** Contact Victoria for more  
information.

## YOUNG ADULTS (18+)

**First Friday Devotion:**  
7 pm at the first Friday of every  
month, Eucharistic adoration  
w/ some silence and music,  
followed by a social at the  
rectory. Next up: **Feb 5**, Mar 4,  
May 6.

## SAINT ANN'S NEWS

**Bible Study:** Monday and  
Thursday.

**Early Catholic Family Life**  
(ECFL): For families with  
children 0-5 years old. First  
Sunday of the month after 8:30  
a.m. Mass. **Feb 7**, Mar 6, Apr  
3.

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays  
at 7 p.m. in the music room.

**Women's Bible Study:**  
Thursday and Friday

**Planning Parish Activities  
and Liturgies During our  
Remodel Project:** Meeting for  
all leaders of all organizations  
that use the parish hall.  
Tuesday, Feb 2 at 6:30 p.m. in  
the parish hall.

**Stewardship Committee  
Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb 2 at 1  
p.m. in the conference room.

Breakfast will be served after  
the 8:30 a.m. Mass Sunday,  
Feb 7 in the parish hall. All are  
welcome. Freewill offering.

**Ash Wednesday Soup  
Supper: Rice Bowl Benefit:**  
Wednesday, Feb 10. **Serving  
4:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.** Serving  
Meatless Soups, Mac &  
Cheese, Sandwiches and  
Beverage. Freewill Offering. All  
proceeds go towards the  
Catholic Relief Services' Rice  
Bowl. 75% of your donation  
goes to support programs  
around the world and 25%  
stays in our diocese.  
Sponsored by the Stewardship  
Committee.

**Springfest Panning Meeting:**  
Tuesday, Feb 2 at 5:30 p.m. in  
the conference room.  
Springfest is scheduled for  
Friday, April 22, 2016.

**Valentine's Day Dinner:**  
Saturday, Feb 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
in the parish hall. Advance  
tickets; \$8; available by  
contacting Bonnie @ 631-1593  
ext. 202 or Victoria @ 320-  
360-5193

**Parish/Finance Council  
Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb 9 at  
6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

The Wadena Area Crisis  
Pregnancy Center wishes to  
thank the St. Ann's Christian  
Mothers for the annual "Baby  
Jesus Shower".  
WACPC received onesies,  
sleep & play outfits, dress  
outfits, quilts, blankets, blanket  
sleepers, diapers, wipes,  
crocheted items, pj's , and  
miscellaneous items. You can  
be assured that these items  
will be appreciated by our  
Moms and Babies. May the  
Christ Child shower you, and  
all the donors, with blessings  
throughout 2016 as you reach  
out to Jesus' "little ones".

## SAINT JOHN'S NEWS

**Christian Women's Meeting:**  
Wednesday, Feb 3 at 7 p.m. in  
the church basement.

**A Women's Retreat** will be  
held on Saturday, Feb 27  
beginning at 8:30 a.m. in  
Richmond, MN. Speaker will  
be Fr. Don Wagner. Call  
Cheryl Kerzman at 385-3591  
to register or more information.

**St. Mary's Mission Group:**  
Tuesday afternoon, Feb 2 in  
the church basement.

## NEWS FOR ALL

### **Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

5:30 p.m. Saint Ann's  
7:30 p.m. St. John the Baptist

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup> NCYC Shareholders  
dinner and reunion.** All who  
supported our NCYC trip and  
anyone who wants to know  
more about what we did are  
invited to join us Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at 5  
p.m. at St. Ann's parish center  
for a light supper and a  
presentation at 6 p.m. from the  
youth that attended. RSVP to  
Victoria.

**St. Cloud Diocesan Council  
of Catholic Women Annual  
Retreat:** Saturday, Feb 27  
beginning at 8:30 a.m. in  
Richmond, MN. Fr. Don  
Wagner will be the speaker.  
\$15 registration fee. Mail  
registrations to: Irene Burg,  
27212 County Rd 32,  
Paynesville, MN 56362 or call  
320-548-3539

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First Instruction in the Billings  
Ovulation Method will be  
offered in: **Wadena: February  
22 at 5:30 PM**

**Hair Raising Experience:**  
Father Aaron is cutting his hair  
as a fund raiser for building  
projects of both parishes!  
**Saturday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** after the  
evening Mass. Free meal  
provided in St. Ann's Parish  
Hall. Open mic opportunity to  
ask Father any faith questions  
while his hair is being cut. Free  
will donations will benefit both  
parishes.

**The Divine Mercy  
Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be  
held on Sunday, Jan 31,  
starting at 3 p.m. at St. Henry's  
in Perham. This is an  
opportune time during the  
Jubilee Year of Mercy to spend  
time in prayer, meditation and  
listening to Sacred Scripture.

Donors are greatly needed  
when the Red Cross  
Bloodmobile is @ The Wadena  
Elks Lodge, 647 Jefferson  
Street North, Wadena, on  
Monday, February 8, from  
12:00-600 p.m., and Tuesday,  
February 9, from 8:00 a.m.-  
2:00 p.m. Double red blood  
cells will be collected each  
day. Goals are 94 for Monday  
and 79 for Tuesday. Please  
call Sue @ 218-631-7990 to  
make an appointment or for  
more information. Call Barb @  
218-849-6087 the days of the  
Bloodmobile.

