

Mother of Hope AHC
St Anne & St Catherine Parishes

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Sunday November 30: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

7:30 am Confession/8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *People of Our Parishes*

10:00 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *d. Jane Jenniges*

4-5 pm Adoration at St Catherine

Monday December 1

Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11

8-9 am Holy Hour with prayer at OLV

5:00 pm Flame of Love Rosary at St Catherine

6:00 pm SHE at St Catherine

7:30 pm Catholicism Series at St Anne

Tuesday December 2

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

10:00 am Mass at Serenity Suites - *d. Leonard and Vicky Jenniges*

4:45 conf/5:15 pm Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. Melanie Ochs*

Wednesday December 3: Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

8:00 conf/8:30 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *d. David Kramer*

Thursday December 4

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

8:00 conf/8:30 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *d. Donald and John Lensing*

9:00 am-6:00 pm Adoration with 12pm Rosary at St Catherine

10:00 am Mass at Garnette Gardens - *Intentions of the residents of Garnette Gardens*

Friday December 5

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

7:30 conf/8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Judy Hazen*

Coffee and Rolls to follow Mass

Saturday December 6

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Donald Frank*

9:00 am Rosary and Adoration at St Anne

3:30 pm Confession/4:00 pm Mass at St Anne - *People of Our Parishes*

6:00 pm Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. George Turbes*

Sunday December 7: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

7:30 am Confession/8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Joe, Lillian & Jerry Swoboda*

8:30 am St Catherine KC Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *Souls in Purgatory*

4-5 pm Adoration at St Catherine

5:00 pm Mass for HDO at St Catherine - *d. Jerome & Daniel Lipetzky, and I. Mary Lipetzky*

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Message from Fr Tony Hesse:

First of all, I pray that you are having a blessed Thanksgiving Weekend! Secondly, a few weeks ago in my bulletin, I mentioned having additional prayers after the closing hymn after Mass to avoid singling out visitors. However, I also am noticing many people are leaving before Mass is done as well. Now, some are leaving for certain reasons, like they want to get out before the rush, they have to get to work on time, or some are setting up for some parish event after Mass. Nonetheless, I will let you judge the worthiness of your leaving, but if you can stay until the hymn is over, we should. And here is an interesting way to look at it. When we leave Mass early, we are doing similarly to what Judas did at the Last Supper. Judas left the Last Supper early, immediately after receiving bread and before the final cup of blessing was shared. Because he was the first to leave the very first Mass, his act is seen as a precedent for the wrongness of leaving Mass early, a parallel that many Catholic teachings draw upon. Leaving Mass before the final blessing is discouraged because it can be seen as disrespectful to the Eucharist and Jesus, and it is considered a lack of gratitude for what was received. Staying until the end allows for fully participating in the sacrifice and communal worship. Mass is a complete liturgical action. Leaving early is like "taking and running" instead of remaining with Christ as He commands. The Mass is also a communal act, not just a "me and God" event. Staying until the dismissal honors the community and the unity of the Church. Finally, the final blessing is considered an important part of the Mass, and staying for it is essential to fully embrace the grace received in communion. Therefore, next time you are considering leaving early, maybe ask yourself, "Do I have to leave now?" Hopefully the grace of the final blessing and the gathered community in prayer will give you the strength and the grace to do whatever it is that you need to do afterwards. And as a side note, please do not run off right away. Consider sticking around and praying a little bit more. But if you do have to leave, out of respect for those who do want to stick around and pray, please do your visiting in the narthex (the gathering space) or outside and in the church proper. May God bless our community of faith in church and outside of it!!!

AFC Events and News

Please go to the AFC Parish life tab on our website and scroll down to Community Events to learn about events going on in our Community.

MILITARY:

Please pray for our family and friends in the military.
Call the parish office to submit and/or remove names:

- 12/1: Johnny G, Jaydan Baune
- 12/2: Frank Bryson, Walker Clark II
- 12/3: Logan DeBeer, Jack Frank
- 12/4: James Frank, Austin Gunderson
- 12/5: Heidi Imker, Jacob Iverson
- 12/6: Drake Lieser, Alecia Plaetz
- 12/7: Aaron Struntz, Blaine Stoltenburg

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

- 12/1: Pope Leo XIV
- 12/2: Bishop Chad Zielinski
- 12/3: Fr Joshua Bot, Fr James Barry, Dcn Arthur Abel, Matthew Collins
- 12/4: Fr David Breu, Fr Eugene Brown, Dcn Russell Blaschko, Aaron Gnerer
- 12/5: Fr Patrick Casey, Fr James Devorak, Dcn Bruce Bot, David Rabaey
- 12/6: Fr Michael Doyle, Fr Cornelius Ezeiloaku, Dcn Rick Christiansen, Mark Schommer
- 12/7: Msgr Douglas Grams, Fr Frederick Fink, Dcn Timothy Dolan, Brent Sundve

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Names are placed on the prayer list for three weeks.
Names can be listed as often as desired but the request must be renewed each time by calling the office
507-342-5190 or 507-644-2278.

- Week 1:** Craig VanLoy, Jan, Theresa M, Helen G
- Week 2:** Terry & Laurie Ourada, Gina, Pat Moritz
- Week 3:** Mary Beth Baumann, Natalia Orthaus, Amanda, Nick Guetter

Prayer Requests - Lists can also be found on our website. Go to worship and click on funeral / prayer to find the lists.

<i>Please Note: If you are making a donation and writing a check to a special collection, please make the check out to the parish you attend). When we get the donations we send them to the Diocese of New Ulm and they will send it out to the special collection.</i>			Donations - Nov 15/16	St Anne	St Catherine
DMA Appeal - 2026					
Goal	\$23,730.67	\$36,957.61	Adult Envelopes	\$3,070.00	\$3,715.00
Rec'd DNU Ministries	-	-	Students envelopes	\$0.15	\$4.00
Variance	-	-	Loose plate	\$241.00	\$1051.00
Number of Donors	-	-	All other	\$390.00	\$1,110.00
Total Cash & pledges	-	-	Total	\$3,701.15	\$5,880.00
			YTD Actual	\$507,371.31	\$355,773.93
			YTD Budget	\$561,538.63	\$364,615.73

AFC Events and News, Cont.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 1 - **Deadline for 12/7 Bulletin**
Dec 1 - SHE at St. Catherine 6p "The Wounded Heart"
Dec 5 - **Deadline for 12/14 Bulletin**
Dec 6/7 - St. Catherine-Holiday Bake Sale
Dec 7 - St Catherine KC Pancake Breakfast
Dec 8 - HDO - watch for Mass times
Dec 8 - SHE at St. Catherine 6p "Woman in Love"
Dec 11 - **Deadline for 12/21 Bulletin**
Dec 13/14- Fudge Sales-Catholic Heart Work

Brand New Church Bulletin!!

We hope you've noticed our new Church Bulletin. This change saves time & money, allows for an expanded bulletin with a professional look, vibrant FULL COLOR inside the bulletin, and business sponsors! **Want more info on advertising?** Contact Gina: (952) 356-6488, or GShaughnessy@4LPi.com
Thank you to our current and new sponsors that made this bulletin possible!

Catholic Heart Work Camp Fudge Sales

Fudge, fudge and more fudge! CHWC participants will be selling fudge 12/13 & 12/14 after all weekend Masses. They make great stocking stuffers and gifts!

Diocesan Ministries Appeal

Thanks to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Your contributions to the DMA reach individuals and families across the diocese, providing family and crisis counseling, emergency assistance, religious and spiritual formation, and supporting our seminarians. If you haven't had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or the back of church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward our parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure - ministries that are vital to our diocesan church.

CCW Rosary Rally

In honor of America needs Fatima, the CCW will be hosting a Rosary Rally on Sat 12/6 at 10a in the Wabasso John Deere parking lot.
Please come and help us keep Christ in Christmas.

Immigration Letter from the Bishop

Bishop Chad has shared with us a Special Pastoral Message expressing deep care and concern for immigrants in our nation.
Printed copies are available for your viewing on the Foyer entry table.

LEARN THE NEW WEBSITE

This will be a weekly blurb helping people learn where to find information on our website: www.lowafc.org

How to find information on Baptism:

Go to Worship, Sacraments, About Baptism. There is form you can fill out to be contacted, and there are also some FAQ's regarding Baptism.

New Bulletin Deadline

With the transition to LPI comes a new bulletin submission deadline: **MONDAY AT NOON**

(Note: w/ holidays the deadline may be earlier)

We'll try our best to keep you informed of deadline changes! Anything that comes in after Monday at noon, will be in the bulletin the week after, or on the website.

22nd Annual "Freezin for Food"

Drop Off Locations for non-perishable food &/or cash donations (12/3-12/5): Weelborg Ford (Redwood), Salfers Food Center (Wabasso), Becker's Super Valu (Morgan) and B & D Market (Olivia).

Food shelves receiving: Redwood Area Food Shelf, Renville Co Food Shelf, Wabasso WAFER, We Care Morgan, Lower Food Agency. Questions? 507-644-2931



Year End Giving

The end of the year isn't far away - it's time to start working on maximizing year-end giving tax benefits! Federal & state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities (like your parish, diocese, schools and other ministries). *Only gifts made by 12/31 can help reduce taxes owed next April.* Consult your professional tax advisor for tax strategies.

Gifts of Cash:

Starting with your 2025 MN tax return, even with taking the standard deduction, you can deduct charitable gifts (up to \$2,000/married couple). Starting in 2026, you can take this deduction on the federal return too.

This means everyone can now receive a tax benefit for giving. Your generosity not only strengthens our parish, it also lightens your tax burden. High income individuals may find greater tax savings from making donations before the end of this year. You must receive an acknowledgement for gifts of \$250 or more. Please contact the parish office for more info.

Gifts of Grain:

Farmers, your harvest can bless our parish! You can avoid income and self-employment tax on grain gifted to your parish. The grain should be delivered to an elevator & the storage ticket given to the parish. To get tax savings the parish must sell the grain. You deduct production costs, but grain value isn't taxable income. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

AFC Faith Formation

December 2025:

3rd: FF Classes -
Catechist's Choice

10th: No Class - AFC Family
Advent Christmas Parties at
Both Parishes

Next FF Classes start Jan.7th
See you at Holiday Masses!

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Please Note: On 12/17

St. Anne's School Christmas
Program is being held
at 1:45p & 7:00p.

We'd Love to see you there -
come and support our School!



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WEBSITE: www.lowafc.org
2025-2026 FF/YM Calendar

Always subject to change. Watch the Web Page.

Faith Formation invites you
Family Advent Christmas Party
Welcome to Bethlehem
December 10th

6:30p St. Anne's Church
Wabasso

6:30p St. Catherine's Church
Redwood Falls

**with Soup & Bread,
Cookies & Cider too!
Games, Singing, Prayer**

*Need some presents?
Treasured Time Christian Books &
Gifts of Marshall will have items for sale.*
All are Welcome!

St Anne

St. Anne's CCW Bake Sale

The St. Anne's CCW Bake Sale will take place the weekend of 12/6 and 12/7 after the 6p and 10a mass times. Please drop off all baked goods in the church foyer. All donations are greatly appreciated.

CUF Annual Meeting / Christmas Party

Catholic United Financial will have their Annual Meeting/Christmas Party on Sun 12/7 in the St. Anne Social Hall after 10a Mass.
All members and their family are invited!

Share The Spirit with St. Anne's CCW

St. Anne's CCW is sponsoring a winter donation drive for Redwood Co Share the Spirit! We're requesting winter clothing item donations – hats, mittens, socks, gloves, scarves, fleece throws, etc. Donations can be placed in the gathering space through November. St. Anne's CCW thanks you! Let's all "Share the Spirit"!

St. Anne's Christmas Choir

Christmas music is one of the best things about Christmas! Come and praise the Lord in song with your voice by joining the church choir for Christmas Eve services. The first rehearsal is Sun 11/30 at 7p in the church. Everyone (juniors or older) is welcome to join.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to donate to the Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, use the Christmas Flower Offering envelope in your box of contribution envelopes or feel free to use the "Christmas Flowers" envelopes in the foyer.

You may put your flower offering in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. Remember to list the name(s) you want remembered. Extra money will go toward our fresh flower displays in church throughout the year.

St Anne's School

St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

November 24: Nicholson Plaetz

November 25: Gladys Salfer

November 26: Matt Krueger

November 27: Kris Tauer

November 28: Madison Guetter

November 29: Rita Johanneck Weimar

November 30: Rachel Krueger

St. Anne's School CUF Calendar Cash Drawing

St. Anne's School students are selling Catholic United Financial sponsored Calendar Tickets.

Each ticket purchased gives you the chance at winning your slice of \$6,380 worth of cash prizes given out.

Weekday Winners: \$15

Sunday Winners: \$30

(4) Holiday Winners: \$50

Please stop by the school office, or let a St. Anne's Student know if you'd like to purchase a ticket!

Tickets must be returned to the school office by 12/12.

Winners will be announced in newsletters and in the bulletin.

Building Campaign Progress

An update on Building Campaign Progress is available on the bottom of the next page!

St Catherine

Christmas Flower Donation

If you'd like to donate to the Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one, leave your donation in the envelope marked Christmas Flower Offering in your contribution envelopes or write "Christmas Flowers" on an envelope and put in collection basket. Be sure to list the name (s) you want remembered. Also, a portion of the donations may be used for Share the Spirit.

Calendar Raffle Tickets - St. Catherine

Next year's raffle tickets have been mailed! You can purchase tickets until 2/5/26 by stopping in the parish office. Each ticket is \$25.

PRO LIFE Holiday Bake Sale - St. Catherine

We will have a bake sale after the 6p Mass on 12/6 & after the 8a Mass on 12/7. *Baked goods are needed!!*

Please bring homemade baked goods to the St. Catherine's kitchen by Noon on Fri 12/5.

Proceeds go to the Redwood CO MN Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) helping to secure protection for human life from conception to natural death. *Questions? Please contact: Laura Rohlik or Barb Tighe*

St. Catherine's Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

Wed., Dec 3 \$25 Curt Meyers

Fri., Dec 5 \$50 Stan Schneider

Sun., Dec 7 \$50 MaryAnn Gray

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub. Thank you for buying a raffle ticket.

Share the Spirit - Angel Tree

St. Catherine's is sponsoring 5 families this year. Take an Angel, purchase the item, and return by 12/12. Place item under the tree with the Angel taped to gift. Faith Formation classes are asked to bring an item of food for the families by 12/17. If you'd like to donate money to Share the Spirit, please bring to parish office or put in collection basket marked "Share the Spirit".

Meals on Wheels

St. Catherine's is doing Meals on Wheels for December, sign-up in the Gathering Space to help!

Coffee & Rolls - St. Catherine

Join us! Coffee & Rolls following 8a Mass at St. Catherines on First Fri - 12/5.

St. Catherine's Food Shelf Drive

During the holidays, consider donating to our food shelf for families in need. Monetary donations may be dropped at the parish office or put in collection basket.

Prayer Blanket - St. Catherine

If anyone wishes to get a prayer blanket for someone needing comfort, please stop by the Parish office.

Thank you - CCW Hot Dish Supper

Thanks to all volunteers who made the Hot Dish Supper a success! Decorating, set-up, serving and clean up. Those who brought hot dishes, salads, desserts and cash donations.. Those who attended.. May God Bless you all! ~ Margie Buckley, Marie Eckstein (Chairs)

Catholic Heart Work Camp Rolls on the Go

CHWC participants will be selling Rolls following both masses at St. Catherine's on 11/29 & 11/30.

St. Anne's School - Building Campaign Progress

We are pleased to share exciting progress on our building campaign. Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, the fundraising portion of the campaign is ahead of schedule. In fact, we have already surpassed our pledge goal, allowing us to move confidently into the design phase of the project.

The Building Committee recently held its third design meeting with our architectural firm. During each session, plans have been refined to ensure we optimize the square footage we need while staying within our established budget. The current design highlights: --A full-size gym --A large multi-purpose room --A media/library center --School and parish office space --Designated tutor spaces --Classroom space to meet current school and faith formation needs with capacity for future enrollment growth

We are now collaborating closely with the architects to evaluate materials and finishing costs. This phase will involve several additional meetings over the next six weeks, after which we hope to receive diocesan proxy approval. If all proceeds as planned, the project will be prepared for bidding, with the goal of breaking ground in Spring 2026.

As the committee continues its work, we want to stress an important requirement: 100% of pledge commitments must be received in order to secure proxy approval. We are very close—97.5% of pledged funds have already been received and are currently earning interest on behalf of the project.

If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, we kindly ask that you do so at your earliest convenience. Every commitment received brings us one step closer to turning our vision into reality. Thank you for your continued support, trust, and enthusiasm for this transformative project.

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