

*Mother of Hope AHC*  
**St Anne & St Catherine Parishes**

**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND EVENTS**

**Sunday January 11: Baptism of the Lord**

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17*

- 7:00am Confirmation Retreat at St Anne until 3:00 pm
- 7:30am Confession/8:00 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Helen & George Turbes*
- 10:00 am Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *People of Our Parishes*
- 4-5 pm Adoration at St Catherine

**Monday January 12**

*1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20*

- 8-9 am Holy Hour with prayer at OLV
- 5:00 pm Flame of Love Rosary at St Catherine
- 7:00 pm Baptism Class at St Anne

**Tuesday January 13**

*1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28*

- 4:45 conf/5:15 pm Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. Melanie Ochs*
- 6:00 pm CCW/KC Wine and Cheese Event

**Wednesday January 14**

*1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39*

- 8:30 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Henry and Arlene Groebner*

**Thursday January 15**

*1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45*

- 8:30 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Souls in Purgatory*
- 9-6 Adoration with 12pm Rosary at St Catherine
- 10:00 am Mass at River Valley - *d. Ralph and Jan Revier*

**Friday January 16**

*1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12*

- 8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Michael Wagner*

**Saturday January 17: Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot**

*1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mark 2:13-17*

- 8:30 am Rosary and Adoration at St Anne
- 3:30 pm Confession/4:00 pm Mass at St Catherine - *d. Sandy Jensen*
- 6:00 pm Mass at St Anne (LS) - *People of Our Parishes*

**Sunday January 18: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34*

- 7:30 am Confession/8:00 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Nick Guetter*
- 9:15 am HS Seniors Discussion & Brunch at St Anne
- 10:00 am Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. George Turbes*
- 4-5 pm Adoration at St Catherine

**St Anne**

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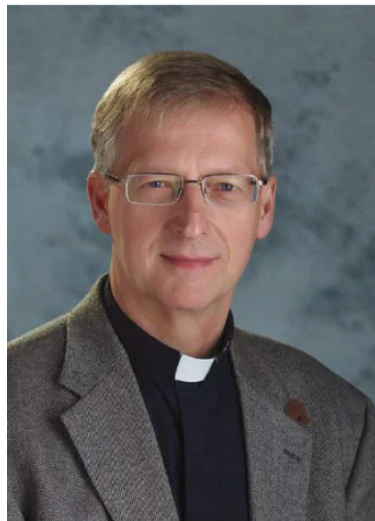
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**Deacon Ryan Pope**  
*rpope@dnu.org*  
 Please see website for other staff!

# Welcome Fr Paul Wolf:



## Join us in Welcoming Father Paul Wolf!!

Father Paul will be serving the Mother of Hope AFC beginning this weekend.

He joins us after recently serving the Hutchinson and Stewart Parish.

We look forward to having his guidance here at St. Catherine's and St. Anne's!

## 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:

- 1/12: Those considering the military
- 1/13: Walker Clark II, Logan DeBeer
- 1/14: Jack Frank, James Frank
- 1/15: All enlisted soldiers
- 1/16: Austin Gunderson, Heidi Imker
- 1/17: Jacob Iverson, Drake Lieser
- 1/18: Alecia Plaetz, Aaron Struntz

### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

- 1/12: Fr Brian Mandel, Fr Gerald Meidl, Mark Schommer
- 1/13: Fr Andrew Michels, Fr Robert Mraz, Dcn Anthony Grack, Brent Sundve
- 1/14: Fr John Nordick, Fr Brian Oestreich, Dcn John Hansen, Noah U'Ren
- 1/15: Fr Jerome Paulson, Fr Samuel Perez, Matthew Collins
- 1/16: Fr Todd Petersen, Fr John Pearson, Aaron Gnerer
- 1/17: Fr Zachary Peterson, Fr Shawn Polman, Dcn Mark Kober, David Rabaey
- 1/18: Fr Germain Rademacher, Fr Brendan Rolling, Fr Keith Salisbury, Mark Schommer

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Names are placed on the prayer list for 3 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, ATL
- Week 2:** Person with brain tumor, Bob, Marvin
- Week 3:** Joe Simon, Dave, Man Having Surgery

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

### ETERNAL REST

Ed Wertish



<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 - Dec 27/28	St Anne	St Catherine
<b>DMA Appeal - 2026</b>			Adult Envelopes	\$6,072.00	\$6,445.24
	<b>St Anne</b>	<b>St Catherine</b>	Students envelopes	\$39.00	-
Goal	\$23,730.67	\$36,957.61	Loose plate	\$761.25	\$841.23
Rec'd DNU Ministries	\$24,357.47	\$33,091.00	All other	\$17,883.75	\$20,462.42
Variance	\$626.80	-\$3,866.61	Total	\$24,756.00	\$27,748.09
Number of Donors	-	-	YTD Actual	\$590,070.15	\$417,184.47
Total Cash & pledges	\$24,357.47	\$33,091.00	YTD Budget	\$607,692.49	\$410,769.59

# AFC Events and News, Cont.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 11 - Confirmation Retreat @ SA 7-3
- Jan 12 - **Deadline for Jan 18 Bulletin**
- Jan 16 - **Deadline for Jan 25 Bulletin**
- Jan 18 - HS Senior Brunch @ SA
- Jan 24 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation @ SA 10am
- Jan 26 - **Deadline for Feb 1 Bulletin**
- Jan 31 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation @ SC 10am

## 2026 Prayer Service for Life & MCCL March for Life:

There will be a Prayer Service for Life at 10:30a on January 22 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul.

The annual March for Life will take place from 12p - 12:30p and program from 12:30p to 1p on the Capitol building steps.

Area CCW and KCs from southwest Minnesota are sponsoring a bus --- there is no cost to attend!

It will leave from Marshall at 6:30a, stop in Redwood Falls at 7:15a, stop in Olivia at 7:45a and Glencoe at 8:30a.

Contact Lori Timmerman at 507-476-0070 to reserve a spot.

## LEARN THE NEW WEBSITE

This will be a weekly blurb helping people learn where to find information on our website: [www.lowafc.org](http://www.lowafc.org)

### How to find what's going on in our AFC

Click on the Calendar page. Here you will find important upcoming events, and the Mass calendar along with the AFC events calendar.

## Enrichment Information for your Faith Journey

Have you made a New Year's resolution to boost your faith journey? Where do you start? One place to start is on the bookshelves in the gathering space at St. Anne's Church and in the library at St. Catherine.

There you will find information that will range from Bible stories to the Catechism of the Catholic church.

There is something for everyone. Many of us have purchased many volumes in our quest for enrichment and information. Take a look at what this 'library' has

to offer – at no cost.  
'Try it, you will like it!'

## Marriage Enrichment Retreat

January 23-25, 2026

Schoenstatt on the Lake - Sleepy Eye, MN

Cost is \$335 per couple for the weekend | Register by January 15, 2026

Hit pause on the daily grind and turn up the joy in your marriage by joining us for an unforgettable Marriage Enrichment Weekend! Whether you are just starting your journey or have decades of love under your belt, this retreat is all about laughter, connection, and spiritual renewal. Enjoy inspiring sessions, meaningful conversations, and plenty of time to relax—without the usual distractions of everyday life. Come away refreshed, recharged, and ready to celebrate your love and faith like never before!

### Presenters:

Roger & Deborah Schroeder

The Schroeders are approved presenters in the Diocese of New Ulm, serving pre-marriage retreats for over 20 years. The Schroeders blend experience and theology in genuine tones with their wit and wisdom; encouraging and empowering married couples.



For more info and registration, scan the QR code or visit:



[www.dnu.org/familylife](http://www.dnu.org/familylife)



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Office of Healing Ministry  
Office of Evangelization

## 2026 Forgiven Retreat

### The Healing Power of Reconciliation

Find the date and location that works best for you:

Jan. 11	Mar. 8	Apr. 19
Minneota St. Edward	Willmar St. Mary	Fairfax St. Andrew

For resources and to register for free:

# AFC Faith Formation

## January 2026:

11<sup>th</sup> - **Confirmation Retreat:**  
St. Anne 7:15am-3pm  
*Please pray for us!*

14<sup>th</sup> - FF Classes

18<sup>th</sup> - **Where do I go now?**  
HS Seniors/Friends - St. Anne  
9:15am (after 8am Mass)



faithformation@mystcatherines.org  
507-430-9955

WEBSITE: [www.lowaafc.org](http://www.lowaafc.org)  
2025-2026 FF/YM Calendar

*Always subject to change. Watch the Web Page.*

## Where do I go now?

AFC HS Seniors:  
Conversation & Brunch this month,  
1/18/26 St. Anne at 9:15a  
(after 8a Mass)

**ANY SENIOR OR  
COLLEGE STUDENT ARE  
WELCOME TO JOIN US**

## Join us in PRAYING for our First Reconciliation Students:

### Receiving on January 24th:

*St. Anne's*  
Jax Janero-Dolan  
Arya Lemke  
Porter Reyes  
Kolton Schroepfer  
Dawson Welch  
Harrison Welch

### Receiving on January 24th:

*St. Anne's*  
Maecy Altermatt  
Cora Baune  
John Dolan  
Elway Eichten  
Eliana Guetter  
Adley Hentges  
Lucas Knott  
Liam Mathiowetz  
James Prowatzke  
Celia Salfer  
Magdalen Salfer  
Briggs Samyn  
Lincoln Traxler  
Amelia Wyffels

### Receiving on January 31st:

*St. Catherine's*  
Colton Anderson  
Carole Berggren  
Holden Bruns  
Cal Buyck  
Knoxlee Daub  
Kace Iverson  
Karver Prodoehl  
Jayden Williams

## St Anne

### **Bridal Shower Honoring Megan Irlbeck**

There will be an Open House Come and Go Bridal Shower for Megan Irlbeck, Bride-To-Be of Jason Veenstra, on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 1p-3p at the Seaforth Legion. The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.

### **Free Throw Contest at St. Anne**

Wabasso Area Knights of Columbus Council #15507 Annual Free Throw Contest will be held Sunday, 1/18 at Noon at St. Anne's School. *Boys and girls ages 9-14 are encouraged to participate.*  
For more details, contact Matt Samyn 507-430-2890.

### **St. Mathias Cemetery Facebook Page**

*St. Mathias Catholic Cemetery now has its very own Facebook page!*

The St. Mathias Catholic Cemetery page is your place to get information about the cemetery, to ask questions, to give suggestions, and to give the cemetery board members feedback.

The page has information about buying burial rights, a copy of our policies and a map of the cemetery. The cemetery board will use the Facebook page to hear your thoughts about ongoing or possible future projects.

In addition, you can privately message a board member if preferred.

*Search for the Facebook group: "St. Mathias Catholic Cemetery" and become a member today!*

# St Catherine

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## CCW Scholarship Program

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NUDCCW) Scholarship Program gives scholarships to volunteers in parish ministry.

*If you are planning to attend, or have attended a workshop, conference, seminar or class that helps you in your ministry you can apply for a scholarship!*  
Scholarship applications are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
and are available at the parish office.

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## CCW & KC Wine & Cheese Evening

CCW & KC's invite all women & men of St. Catherine's to attend the Wine & Cheese Evening on Tuesday, 1/13/26 following the 5:15p Mass.

Guest Speakers from **Protects** - a non-profit group started by spouses & friends of our local police force that support Redwood Area Law Enforcement & beyond.  
CCW board meeting to follow

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## Prayer Blanket - St. Catherine

The prayer blanket group will meet on Monday, 1/18 from 1-4 pm at St. Catherine's. If you like to do prayer blanket quilts, please come and join in the fun. If you want a prayer blanket for someone to comfort them stop at the St. Catherine's office.

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## Called to Eternal Life

Our Sympathy and prayers go to the family and friends of Edward "Ed" Wertish.  
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.*  
May he rest in peace.

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## Thank you!

The St. Catherine's Parish Staff would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words, gifts and treats that we have received at Christmas time. We feel very blessed to have so many thoughtful parishioners.

## Calendar Raffle Tickets - St. Catherine

You can purchase tickets until 2/5/26 by stopping in the parish office. Each ticket is \$25.

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## Job available - St. Catherine Rectory Cleaning

St. Catherine's is looking for someone to do some light house cleaning in the rectory. If you are interested in this job, please call the parish office at 507-644-2278.

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Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of the Lord is a significant event in the Catholic Church, marking the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It is celebrated on the first Sunday of Ordinary Time and serves as a bridge to the Christmas season. The readings and reflections on this event highlight the themes of righteousness, the coming of the Messiah, and the importance of baptism as a sacrament of faith. The Gospel of Matthew 3:13-17 is the primary scripture for this event, where Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist, and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him, proclaiming Him as the Son of God.