

Mother of Hope AHC

St Anne & St Catherine Parishes

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Sunday January 18: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- 7:30am 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

Monday January 19

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

- 8-9 am Holy Hour with prayer at OLV
- 5:00 pm Flame of Love Rosary at St Catherine
- 5:00 pm Mass at St Catherine - *M/M George Maher & sons Donald & George family*

Tuesday January 20

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

- 7:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Eileen Gano*
- 8:30 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Jerry Guetter*
- 2:00 Mass at WRTC - *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday January 21: Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

- 8:30 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Werner, Jim & Ron Fischer*
- 10:00 am Mass at Belview - *d. David Kramer*
- 6:00 pm Mass at St Catherine - *d. Jerome, Daniel & Mary Lipetzky*

Thursday January 22: Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children

1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

- 7:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *I&d St Catherine CCW members*
- 8:30 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *d. Mark Schilling*
- 9-6 Adoration with 12pm Rosary at St Catherine

Friday January 23

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

- 7:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Fr Gordon Buckley*
- 8:30 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Gene Heiling*

Saturday January 24: Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

- 10:00 am First Reconciliation at St Anne
- 3:30 pm Confession/4:00 pm Mass at St Catherine - *People of Our Parishes*
- 6:00 pm Mass at St Anne (LS) - *d. Francis Goblirsch*

Sunday January 25: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

- 7:30 am Confession/8:00 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Mike & Eileen Schueller*
- 10:00 am Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. Frank Munshower*
- Coffee & Rolls Catholic School Week Kickoff after Mass*
- 4-5 pm Adoration at St Catherine

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves. The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir
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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:

- 1/19: Blaine Stoltenburg, Logan Wagner
- 1/20: Jordan Warnke, Jacob Weddle
- 1/21: All enlisted soldiers
- 1/22: Soldiers serving overseas
- 1/23: All Veterans
- 1/24: Soldiers who lost their lives
- 1/25: Those considering the military

ETERNAL REST
Ed Wertish



PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

- 1/19: Fr Beschi Savarimuthu, Fr George Schmit, Dcn Mike McKeown, Brent Sundve
- 1/20: Fr Philip Schotzko, Fr Paul Schumacher, Dcn Jason Myhre, Noah U'Ren
- 1/21: Fr Joseph Steinbeisser, Fr Mark Steffl, Dcn Kenneth Noyes, Matthew Collins
- 1/22: Fr Bernie Steiner, Fr Tanner Thooft, Dcn Roger Osborne, Aaron Gnerer
- 1/23: Fr Craig Timmerman, Dcn Ryan Pope, David Rabaey
- 1/24: Fr Paul Timmerman, Dcn Barry Reindl, Mark Schommer
- 1/25: Fr Paul vandeCrommert, Brent Sundve, Dcn Steven Spilman

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:** Jan, Man having surgery, Brad, Evelyn, Andrea, special intention, Marian, Char, Kathy
- Week 2:** Craig VanLoy, ATL
- Week 3:** Person with brain tumor, Bob, Marvin

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

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.			Donations - Jan 3/4	St Anne	St Catherine
Adult Envelopes				\$7,291.00	\$4,944.00
Students envelopes				-	\$2.00
Loose plate				\$1,743.61	\$859.00
All other				\$1,590.75	\$2,460.00
Total				\$10,625.36	\$8,265.02
YTD Actual				\$600,695.51	\$425,449.49
YTD Budget				\$615,384.80	\$418,461.90
DMA Appeal - 2026	St Anne	St Catherine			
Goal	\$23,730.67	\$36,957.61			
Rec'd DNU Ministries	\$24,357.47	\$33,091.00			
Variance	\$626.80	-\$3,866.61			
Number of Donors	-	-			
Total Cash & pledges	\$24,357.47	\$33,091.00			

AFC Events and News, Cont.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 18 - HS Senior Brunch @ SA
Jan 18 - DNU Ecumenical Prayer Service
3pm @St Mary's in Willmar
Jan 24 - 1st Reconciliation @ SA 10am
Jan 26 - **Deadline for Feb 1 Bulletin**
Jan 31 - 1st Reconciliation @ SC 10am
Feb 2 - **Deadline for Feb 8 Bulletin**

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 New Parishioner Registration

On the homepage and scroll to the bottom. Click the button that says New Parishioner Registration. This will take you to a form to fill out.

SHE - 1/26/26

SHE is back with a new theme! *"Restored to Radiance"*

We will meet 1/26 at 6p at St Catherine's in classroom 9-10.

Katie Hartfiel will talk about being "Awake". Join us for a video presentation and discussion!

2026 Prayer Service for Life & MCCL March for Life:

There will be a Prayer Service for Life at 10:30a on 1/22 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. The March for Life will take place from 12p-12:30p and program from 12:30p-1p on the Capitol building steps. Area CCW and KCs from SW MN 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 at 507-476-0070 to reserve a spot.*



Exceptional Formation:
Navigating Neurodivergence with Faith and Joy

Webinar

Diocese of New Ulm

January 28, 2026 1:00 pm

QR code for registration



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

DIocese of NEW ULM

QR code for registration

AFC Faith Formation

January 2026:

14th - FF Classes

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

21st - SC, Regular FF Class
SA, FF *Class & Vocations*

24th - **FIRST RECONCILIATION**
at St. Anne's, 10a

28th - SA, Regular FF Class
SC, FF *Class & Vocations*



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WEBSITE: www.lowafc.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 weekend,
1/18/26 St. Anne at 9:15a
(after 8a Mass)

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

Calendar Alert:
CONFIRMATION will be held
on March 22nd!

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 18th 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.

KOC Breakfast 1/25

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for a light breakfast following 8a Mass at St. Anne's on Sunday, 1/25 to be held in the Church Basement.

St. Anne's Quilting Group

Interested in a new hobby for the new year? How about tying quilts?
We will continue tying quilts on Tuesday's at 8:30a.
Come join us!

Birthday Wishes

Please join us in wishing Arnie Goblirsch a Happy 90th Birthday! Arnie turns 90 on January 20th.

St Catherine

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 1st, 2026 and are available at the parish office.

Prayer Blanket - St. Catherine

The prayer blanket group will meet on Monday, 1/19 from 1p-4p 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 to comfort someone stop at the St. Catherine's office.

Calendar Raffle Tickets - St. Catherine

You can purchase tickets until 2/5/26 by stopping in the parish office or give us a call at 507-644-2278.
Each ticket is \$25.

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.

St Anne's School

St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

January 12: Agnes Hertling

January 13: Conner Goche

January 14: Bob Dolan

January 15: Tom Daub

January 16: Jon Tauer

January 17: Mike Rohlik

January 18: Emma Salfer

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 25 through February 1.

We at St. Anne's School believe that Catholic education is a gift that helps us grow in faith, service and community.

Please join us as we celebrate all the wonderful things about our school, students, staff and families!

Sunday, 1/25 - Opening Mass

(KC Breakfast at St. Anne's following 8 am Mass)

10a Student Led Mass at St. Catherine's Redwood Falls (Reception to follow-Rademacher Hall)

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Evening Blujet Basketball Night w/ concessions (6p)

Sunday, 1/1 - Closing Mass

8a Student Led Mass at St. Anne's - Wabasso

Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Alex and Alison (Curry) Miller on receiving the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, January 3, 2026.

May your marriage always be centered in God and may your love grow with each passing year.



Thank you

A sincere thank you to Fr. Tony, the CCW ladies who prepared and served the luncheon, the lay ministers who came weekly to River Valley for Communion serves and all who expressed words of sympathy and support to Lori and I after Ed's passing.

~ Theresa & Lori Wertish