

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

**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND EVENTS**

**Sunday December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24*

7:00am Confession/8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Dale & Madonna, Jordan & Sue Baune*

9:15 am High School Seniors Discussion and Brunch at St Catherine

10:00 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *People of our Parishes*

4-5 pm Reconciliation Service with Adoration at St Catherine

**Monday December 22**

*1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56*

8-9 am Holy Hour with prayer at OLV

5:00 pm Flame of Love Rosary at St Catherine

**Tuesday December 23**

*Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66*

4:15 conf/5:15 pm Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. Caroline and John Buckley*

**Wednesday December 24: Christmas Eve**

*Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20*

4:00 pm Mass at St Anne - *d. Helen Marotzke*

4:00 pm Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. Vern and Marian Schroepfer*

6:00 pm Mass at St Anne - *People of Our Parishes*

**Thursday December 25: Christmas Day**

*Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20*

8:00 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *d. William and Marian Stern*

10:00 am Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. Ralph and Jan Revier*

**Friday December 26: Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr**

*Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22*

No Mass

**Saturday December 27: Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist**

*1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a and 2-8*

9:00 am Rosary and Adoration at St Anne

3:30 pm Confession/4:00 pm Mass at St Anne - *Souls in Purgatory*

6:00 pm Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *People of Our Parishes*

**Sunday December 28: Feast of the Holy Family, Mary and Joseph**

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

7:30 am Confession/8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Tom and Ann Westbrook and Jerry Christopherson*

10:00 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *d. Nick Guetter Jr.*

4-5 pm Adoration at St Catherine

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# Message from Fr Tony Hesse:

This weekend, along with my blurb, we are including some of our Self-Study information that we send to the pastoral Center. **Please see this information on the bottom of page 3.**

Every year, we are to submit our numbers. And now, after the recommendation from our diocesan leaders, we are being asked to publish those numbers so that our parishioners know where we are at with number of parishioners and people in attendance. We decided to include three sets of numbers (2024-2025/2020-2021 and 2014-2015) – this way you have an idea where we are currently and where our numbers were a few years ago.

These numbers help explain where we are coming from and give us an idea of where we might be going in future planning. As you look at these numbers, they don't really give us a clear picture of where we are at as an AFC. Because of the recent merging and closings these last few years, we have many people who have joined other parishes, have not decided what parish they want to join, or sadly have left the Catholic Church. As you will see in the End-of-the-Year Report, we have an AFC Pastoral Council who not only helped work on putting our AFC name together (Mother of Hope AFC), but we have started working at looking into a picture directory and getting our registrations accurate with those parishioners from these closed and merged parishes. God-willing, we will be able to move forward as an AFC, while still being compassionate to those who are still grieving the merging/closing.

If you have questions with these numbers, please let us know at the office.

*As we gather in numbers and family, I wish you all a very blessed Christmas!*

## 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:

- 12/22: Soldiers serving overseas
- 12/23: All Veterans
- 12/24: Soldiers who lost their lives
- 12/25: Those considering the military
- 12/26: Those in the Navy
- 12/27: Those in the Army
- 12/28: Those in the Marines

### Eternal Rest

Delores Hogen, Nick Guetter, James Daun, and Donald Gunelson

### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

- 12/22: Fr Bernie Steiner, Fr Tanner Thooff, Dcn Roger Osborne, Aaron Gnerer
- 12/23: Fr Craig Timmerman, Dcn Ryan Pope, David Rabaey
- 12/24: Fr Paul Timmerman, Dcn Barry Reindl, Mark Schommer
- 12/25: Fr Paul vandeCrommert, Brent Sundve, Dcn Steven Spilman
- 12/26: Fr Steven Verhelst, Dcn Michael Thoennes, Noah U'Ren
- 12/27: Fr Matthew Wiering, Dcn Paul Treinen, Matthew Collins
- 12/28: Fr Paul Wolf, Dcn Travis Welsch, Aaron Genfer

### 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
- Week 2: Pat Moritz, ATL, Bob
- Week 3: Linda, Mike O., Blaine Kleinwachter, Casey G.

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 - Dec 6/7	St Anne	St Catherine
DMA Appeal - 2026			Adult Envelopes	\$3,877.00	\$4,495.00
Goal	\$23,730.67	\$36,957.61	Students envelopes	\$14.30	-
Rec'd DNU Ministries	\$6,549.00	\$11,526.00	Loose plate	\$1,571.00	\$567.00
Variance	-\$17,181.67	-\$25,431.61	All other	\$3,697.58	\$1,332.00
Number of Donors	-	-	Total	\$9,159.88	\$6,394.00
Total Cash & pledges	\$6,999.00	\$12,526.00	YTD Actual	\$527,539.19	\$373,715.33
			YTD Budget	\$584,615.56	387,692.66

# AFC Events and News, Cont.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 21-9:15am @SC Discussion & Brunch  
 Dec 23 - [Deadline for Jan 4 Bulletin](#)  
 Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Mass(4pm both, 6pm SA)  
 Dec 25 - Christmas Day Mass (8am SA, 10am SC)  
 Dec 31 - Holy Day Mass (4pm SA, 6pm SC)  
 Jan 1 - Holy Day Mass (8am SA, 10am SC)  
 Jan 5 - [Deadline for Jan 11 Bulletin](#)

### 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.

### Leave a legacy, receive income, and bless the parish.

Many parishioners want to support our mission while also caring for their own financial needs.

Two planned giving options make this possible:

Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs)

- A CRT allows you to transfer assets (like stocks, real estate, or cash) into a trust.
- The trust pays you (or loved ones) an income stream for life or a set number of years.
- At the end of the trust term, the remaining assets go to charity.
- Potential tax deduction, reduced capital gains tax, and reliable income while leaving a lasting gift.

## 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 family Advent Activities](#)

Go to Worship, Worship Activities. You can also go to the Home page and click on the Advent Activities under the Webpage Highlights.

## 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.*



## Self-Study Information

SELF STUDY DATA - ST CATHERINES

CENSUS DATA	2024-2025	2020-2021	2014-2015
TOTAL ADULTS	1029	1191	1007
TOTAL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN	143	277	180
TOTAL PRESCHOOL CHILDREN	15	52	73
TOTAL POPULATION	1187	1520	1260
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	527	552	662
NUMBER OF ENVELOPE HOLDERS	421	513	698
NUMBER OF \$50.00/+ DONORS	257	280	384
BAPTISMS	12	12	15
FIRST COMMUNIONS	9	14	19
CONFIRMATION	10	18	16
MARRIAGES	7	4	4
FUNERALS	21	24	19
MASS ATTENDANCE -CHRISTMAS	753	339	990
MASS ATTENDANCE -EASTER	772	579	853
TOTAL STUDENTS IN RELIGIOUS ED	157	180	290

SELF STUDY DATA - ST ANNE

CENSUS DATA	2024-2025	2020-2021	2014-2015
TOTAL ADULTS	680	542	522
TOTAL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN	200	130	109
TOTAL PRESCHOOL CHILDREN	16	36	42
TOTAL POPULATION	896	708	673
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	348	261	262
NUMBER OF ENVELOPE HOLDERS	242	261	232
NUMBER OF \$50.00/+ DONORS	188	146	144
BAPTISMS	15	17	13
FIRST COMMUNIONS	17	10	11
CONFIRMATION	14	11	8
MARRIAGES	3	1	1
FUNERALS	9	16	6
MASS ATTENDANCE -CHRISTMAS	688	320	298
MASS ATTENDANCE -EASTER	515	364	285
TOTAL STUDENTS IN RELIGIOUS ED	216	130	114

# AFC Faith Formation

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## January 2026:

7<sup>th</sup>: FF Class

11th: **Confirmation Retreat  
(St. Anne)**

14th: FF Class

21st: FF Class at SC  
Vocations at SA

28th: FF Class at SA  
Vocations at SA



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WEBSITE: [www.lowafc.org](http://www.lowafc.org)

2025-2026 FF/YM Calendar

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

## Confirmation Retreat:

**January 11, 2026**

7:15a-3:00p at St. Anne Parish

**The Holy Spirit is Here:  
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Community**

with Mass at 8am at St. Anne  
Meditations, Service, Prayer

**CANDIDATES, MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

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## St Anne's School

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### St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

December 15: Paul Patton  
December 16: Jaclyn Turbes  
December 17: Cris Knott  
December 18: Levi Salfer  
December 19: Carter Goche  
December 20: Jon Baune  
December 21: Layton Rieder

### 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 should be returned to the school office ASAP.*

Winners will be announced in newsletters and in the bulletin.

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### SCRIP Gift Certificates

Starting your Holiday Shopping? Look no further – SCRIP will save the day! SCRIP is the process of purchasing gift cards & certificates from 100s of vendors who then give a % of each sale back to school.

As a reminder, we are working on phasing out the number of physical gift cards we have on hand for the Scrip Program. Don't worry, some amazing local vendors are here to stay! We are asking supporters to sign up and use RaiseRight to purchase gift cards. ( *Raiseright.com Enrollment Code 1B4186645233* )

The remaining cards listed below are still available for purchase in the school office until gone.

Once these sell, these vendors can be purchased through the RaiseRight app.

#### Local vendors here to stay:

Knott's Corner Roadhouse  
Runnings HyVee  
Redwood Nursery  
Dari King The Market/Tersteegs

#### Gift Cards Still Available for Purchase (Limited Time Only - Until Sold Out):

Aeropostle American Eagle Best Buy Best Western Buckle  
Burger King BWW Cenex Chuck E Cheese Claire's Domino's  
Eddie Bauer Itunes KFC Michael's Office Max Panera Penny's  
Pizza Hut Red Lobster TGIF Wendy's

# St Catherine

## Father Tony A Memorable Farewell

Lets all come together to celebrate someone who has meant so much to our parish! Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Brunch served in Rademacher Hall at St. Catherine's after the 10 am Mass.

Please sign up in the gathering space at the church if able to help celebrate with Fr. Tony.

## Thanks - MCCL Bake Sale

Our thanks to all who generously supported the pro-life bake sale. We made a total of \$861.50 this will be used for diapers and a cash donation to Choices Pregnancy Center. God Bless you!

*Co-chairs: MCCL Redwood County  
~ Laura Rohlik & Barb Tighe*

## Called to Eternal Life

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

## Prayer Blanket - St. Catherine

The prayer blanket group will start meeting again on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-4PM at St. Catherine's.

## Christmas Symbols

The Tree... points to heaven and reminds us that God is eternal.

The Wreath... is a circle reminding us that God's love for us never ends.

The Candle... shines brightly, showing us that Jesus is the light of the world.

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!!*



## Holiday Office Closure

Please note: the St. Catherine's and St. Anne's Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday 12/24, Thursday 12/25, and Friday 12/26.

# St Anne

## Thank You

Thank You for your prayers, thoughts, cards, and memorials at the time of our son and brothers death. They were very much appreciated.  
-The Family of John Lensing

## Second Banns of Marriage

Second Banns of Marriage for Alison Curry and Alex Miller to be married at St. Catherines. Please keep them in our prayers.

## Thank you - Share the Spirit - Angel Tree

St. Catherine's sponsored 5 families this year. We were blessed with so many donations of gifts and food for the 5 families. We would like to extend a big thank you to all who brought gifts, helped wrap gifts, and the Faith Formation kids who brought some of the food items.  
*Way to Share the Spirit!*

We now have white angels on the tree, stop by and say a prayer for someone in need.

## 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.

## Calendar Raffle Tickets - St. Catherine

You can purchase tickets until 2/5/26 by stopping in the parish office. Each ticket is \$25.  
*This would be a nice Christmas present!*

## St. Catherine's Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

Wed., Dec 24 \$25 Kathy Schwartz

Thurs., Dec 25 \$150 Alyssa Salfer

Fri., Dec 26 \$50 Denise Grannes

Sun., Dec 28 \$50 Eric Peterson

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

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