

Mother of Hope AHC
St Anne & St Catherine Parishes
MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

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

7:30am 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 Reconciliation Service with Adoration at St Catherine

Monday December 29: Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

8-9 am Holy Hour with prayer at OLV

5:00 pm Flame of Love Rosary at St Catherine

Tuesday December 30: Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

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

Wednesday December 31: Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

4:00 pm Mass at St Anne for HDO - *d. Robert Taylor*

6:00 pm Mass at St Catherine for HDO - *d. Donald Frank*

Thursday January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

8:00 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Jerry Guetter*

10:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Don Schumacher*

Friday January 2: Memorial of Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs. of the Church

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Richard Jacoby*

Coffee and Rolls following Mass

10:00 am Mass at Garnette Gardens - *d. John Lensing*

Saturday January 3

1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

8:00 am Mass at St Anne - *d. David Kramer*

8:30 am Rosary and Adoration at St Anne

2:00 pm Wedding of Alison Curry and Alex Miller at St Catherine

3:30 pm Confession/4:00 pm Mass at St Catherine - *d. Dan and Tim Hennen*

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

Sunday January 4: Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

7:30 am Confession/8:00 am Mass at St Anne - *d. Sandra Vlasak*

10:00 am Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. Aelgene and Suzanne Hoffman*

11:00 am Farewell party for Fr Tony at St Catherine

4-5 pm Adoration at St Catherine

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Message from Fr Tony Hesse:

This coming Thursday is New Year’s Day. Oftentimes, people make a resolution to change their lives and hopefully make them better for themselves and/or for others – like exercising more, saving money, learning a new skill, spending quality time with family, reducing stress (like getting better sleep or journaling), or decluttering/organizing your life. Although about 40-50% of people make New Year's resolutions, the success rates are low, with studies showing only 6% to 9% actually achieve them, while most quit within the first month (around 25% by 30 days) due to lack of clear plans or making them too ambitious.

But what about making a Catholic New Year’s Resolution? I’m calling it CNYR. A CNYR focuses on spiritual growth and drawing closer to God, rather than the goals I mentioned earlier. A CNYR embraces faith-based practices like daily prayer (Rosary, devotions, or novenas, etc.), regular sacraments (Confession, daily Mass), serving others through Works of Mercy (help the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, or give shelter to the homeless; comfort the afflicted, forgive an enemy, or teach others; volunteer in parish outreach programs or doing various parish ministries), reading scripture or other spiritual books, living out virtues like forgiveness, ending the day reflecting on God’s presence and your actions through doing an examination of conscience, establishing a family prayer routine or celebrate saints feast days, performing “invisible” acts of charity or random prayers for others – basically aiming to live out one’s faith more fully and transforming the world through Christ. Although the success rates for “normal” resolutions are low (because their plans are not clear or too ambitious and not realistic), with God’s grace let us pray that we might be successful in changing our lives and the lives around us by making a good, holy, and attainable CNYR.

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:

- 12/29: Those in the National Guard
- 12/30: Those in the Coast Guard
- 12/31: Those in Space Force
- 1/1: Johnny G, Jaydan Baune
- 1/2: Frank Bryson, Walker Clark II
- 1/3: Logan DeBeer, Jack Frank
- 1/4: James Frank, Austin Gunderson

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

- 12/29: The Women Religious in the Diocese
- 12/30: All Men & Women God is calling to the Priesthood or Religious Life
- 12/31: All Deceased Priests and Deacons
- 1/1: Pope Leo XIV
- 1/2: Bishop Chad Zielinski
- 1/3: Fr Joshua Bot, Fr James Barry, Dcn Arthur Abel, Matthew Collins
- 1/4: Fr David Breu, Fr Eugene Brown, Dcn Russell Blaschko, Aaron Gnerer

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:** Joe Simon, Dave, Man Having Surgery
- Week 2:** Craig VanLoy
- Week 3:** Pat Moritz, ATL, Bob

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

ETERNAL REST
Ron 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 13/14	St Anne	St Catherine
			Adult Envelopes	\$18,287.00	\$4,634.25
			Students envelopes	\$14.00	\$28.00
			Loose plate	\$843.01	\$1,765.80
			All other	\$1,755.00	\$1,885.00
			Total	\$20,899.01	\$8,313.05
			YTD Actual	\$548,438.20	\$382,028.38
			YTD Budget	\$592,307.87	\$395,384.97
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

Dec 31 - Holy Day Mass (4pm SA, 6pm SC)

Jan 1 - Holy Day Mass (8am SA, 10am SC)

Jan 4 - Fr Tony Farewell Party at SC

Jan 5 - **Deadline for Jan 11 Bulletin**

Jan 12 - **Deadline for Jan 18 Bulletin**

Jan 16 - **Deadline for Jan 25 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 Parish Committees

Go to AFC Parish Life.

Scroll down and find information on various committees and organizations.

You will also find community events on this page at the bottom under the community events box.

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.

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs)

-A CGA is a simple contract with a charity:

you make a gift, and in return, the charity pays you a fixed lifetime income.

-Payments are based on your age at the time of the gift.

-At your passing, the remaining funds support the parish.

-Immediate charitable impact, guaranteed income, and possible tax advantages.

For more information about Charitable Gift Annuities please contact the parish office.

AFC Faith Formation

January 2026:

7th - FF Classes

11th -

Confirmation Retreat:

St. Anne 7:15am-3pm

14th - FF Classes

18th -

Where do I go now?

HS Seniors - St. Anne
9:15am (after 8am Mass)



Upcoming Sacramental Events:

Confirmation Retreat - 1/11/26

7:15am-3pm with Mass

First Rec. at St. Anne - 1/24/26

10:00am with Parents

First Rec. at St. Catherine - 1/31/26

10:00am with Parents

**Parents/Guardians:
Watch for emails & text
for specific information.**

faithformation@mystcatherines.org

507-430-9955

WEBSITE: www.lowafc.org

2025-2026 FF/YM Calendar

Always subject to change. Watch the Web Page.

St Anne

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that attended or live streamed Nick's Funeral. All of the cards I received, donations, plants, trees, plaques, food brought to the house, and all the kind words to me and the family. You are all special.

St Anne's School

St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

December 22: Tyler Knott

December 23: Rachel Krueger

December 24: Matt Guetter

December 25: Ed Wertish

December 26: Kris Andersen

December 27: Janet Prowatzke

December 28: Edie Irlbeck

St Catherine

Father Tony A Memorable Farewell

Lets all come together to celebrate someone who has meant so much to our parish! Sunday, 1/4.

Brunch served in Rademacher Hall at St. Catherine's following 10a Mass.

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

First Friday Coffee & Rolls - St. Catherine

We will have First Friday coffee & rolls following the 8a Mass on Friday, 1/2. *All are welcome!*

Prayer Blanket - St. Catherine

The prayer blanket group will start meeting again on Monday, 1/4 from 1-4p at St. Catherine's.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest!

Boys and Girls ages 9-14 come to the KC Free Throw Contest being held at the Redwood Area Community Center on Sunday, January 4th - with registration at Noon. *Registration forms can be picked up at the event.*

Third Banns of Marriage

Third Banns of Marriage for Alison Curry and Alex Miller to be married at St. Catherines.

Please keep them in our prayers.

Called to Eternal Life

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

Calendar Raffle Tickets - St. Catherine

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

St. Anne's Scrip Cards

St. Catherine's has some scrip cards to sell for St. Anne's school. We have Dairy King, Redwood Nursery, The Market & Runnings. Call if you want to purchase a card & we will let you know what we have available. These are great gifts, and a portion will go toward supporting St. Anne's school.

St. Catherine's Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

Wed., Dec 31 \$25 Stan Dworshak

Wed., Dec 31 \$125 Valerie Wagner

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

Holiday Office Closure

Please note: the St. Anne's and the St. Catherine's Parish Office will be open from 8am-Noon on Monday 12/29, Tuesday 12/30 and Wednesday 12/31.

The St. Anne's and the St. Catherine's Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 1/1, and Friday 1/2.

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