

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

**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND EVENTS**

**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*

**Monday December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38*

7:00 am Mass for HDO at St Catherine - *d. Eileen Gano*

8-9 am Holy Hour with prayer at OLV

8:30 am Mass for HDO at St Anne (LS) - *People of Our Parishes*

5:00 pm Flame of Love Rosary at St Catherine (note time)

5:15 pm Mass for HDO at St Anne - *d. Mark Schilling*

6:45 pm SHE at St Catherine

**Tuesday December 9**

*Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14*

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

**Wednesday December 10**

*Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30*

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

6:30 pm Family Advent Party at both parishes

**Thursday December 11**

*Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15*

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

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

**Friday December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38*

7:30 conf/8:00 am Mass at St Catherine - *d. Richard & LaMay Drexler*

**Saturday December 13: Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

*Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13*

9:00 am Rosary and Adoration at St Anne

3:30 pm Confession/4:00 pm Mass at St Anne - *d. Werner, Jim & Ron Fischer*

6:00 pm Mass at St Catherine (LS) - *d. Michael Wagner*

**Sunday December 14: Third Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11*

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

10:00 am Mass at St Anne (LS) - *I&D Descendants of the Joe & Margaret Schilling family*

4-5 pm Adoration at St Catherine

**St Anne**

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 Parish Office 507-342-5190  
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**St Anne School**

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ahesse@dnu.org

**Deacon Ryan Pope**

rpope@dnu.org

Please see website for other staff!

## Message from Fr Tony Hesse:

Last weekend I mentioned not leaving Mass too early. Again, out of respect and gratitude for our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, I encourage us to stay till the end. However, this weekend I would like point out what happens before Mass. I want to thank and encourage those who are beginning the Rosary early enough so that we have about 10 minutes before Mass for silent prayer. Although there are times when we pray certain prayers right before Mass (like the Prayer for a Good Harvest), ideally, we should be done 10 minutes before Mass. Just like Jesus who was upset with the money changers in the temple who were making His Father’s House a den of thieves and not a place of prayer, we need to also make sure that we have the time before Mass set aside for prayer as well. And yes, the Rosary and the Harvest Prayer are prayers, but Jesus was also upset with the money changers because they were selling items for the Jewish sacrifices in the Gentile quarters of the temple. In other words, they were denying the Gentiles their prayer places for prayer. Likewise, we should not deny people of their personal prayers either with public prayers but we can allow for both. Again, thanks for beginning the Rosary early enough so that we have the 10 minutes of silence before Mass. And secondly, please come early for this time of prayer as well. Our day is so bombarded with events, and we find ourselves so busy doing so many different things and running to so many different events, please come early and spend some quiet time with our Lord.

Because I guarantee, He wants to spend it with us!

## 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:

- 12/8: Logan Wagner, Jordan Warnke
- 12/9: Jacob Weddle, Johnny G
- 12/10: Jaydan Baune, Frank Bryson
- 12/11: All Veterans
- 12/12: Those considering the military
- 12/13: Walker Clark II, Logan DeBeer
- 12/14: Jack Frank, James Frank

### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

- 12/8: Fr Nathan Hansen, Fr Tony Hesse, Noah U’Ren
- 12/9: Fr John Hayes, Fr Jeffrey Horejsi, Fr Ronald Huberty, Matthew Collins
- 12/10: Fr Jeremy Kucera, Fr Dennis Labat, Aaron Gnerer
- 12/11: Msgr Eugene Lozinski, Fr Mark Mallak, David Rabaey
- 12/12: Fr Brian Mandel, Fr Gerald Meidl, Mark Schommer
- 12/13: Fr Andrew Michels, Fr Robert Mraz, Dcn Anthony Grack, Brent Sundve
- 12/14: Fr John Nordick, Fr Brian Oestreich, Dcn John Hansen, Noah U’Ren

### 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:** Linda, Blaine Kleinwachter, Casey G., Mike O. Ron W.
- Week 2:** Craig VanLoy, Jan, Theresa M, Helen G
- Week 3:** Terry & Laurie Ourada, Gina, Pat Moritz

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 22/23	St Anne	St Catherine
DMA Appeal - 2026			Adult Envelopes	\$3,562.00	\$3,832.00
Goal	\$23,730.67	\$36,957.61	Students envelopes	\$15.00	\$2.00
Rec'd DNU Ministries	-	-	Loose plate	\$617.00	\$560.00
Variance	-	-	All other	\$686.00	\$2,066.00
Number of Donors	-	-	Total	\$4,880.00	\$6,460.00
Total Cash & pledges	-	-	YTD Actual	\$512,251.31	\$362,233.93
			YTD Budget	\$569,230.94	\$372,308.04

# AFC Events and News, Cont.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

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" (6:45 pm)  
Dec 11 - **Deadline for 12/21 Bulletin**  
Dec 13/14- Fudge Sales-Catholic Heart Work  
Dec 17 - St Anne Christmas Program 1:45 & 7:00  
Dec 19 - **Deadline for 12/28 Bulletin**

## **Father Tony Farewell Party**

Come and join us at St. Anne's as we bid farewell to Father Tony on Sun, 12/14 following 10a Mass. A Free Will BBQ Meal will be served in the Church Basement. Anyone interested in helping with this event please contact the St. Anne's Parish Office.

## **Wanda Holiday Craft & Vendor Event**

The Wanda Holiday Craft & Vendor Event is being held on Sun 12/14 from 10a-1:30p at the Wanda Legion Hall. There will be 20 local vendors with so much to offer - a one-stop place to shop! Santa will visit from Noon - 1p. Wanda Catholic Heritage Foundation will sell coffee & rolls all day, and lunch from 11a - 1p.

## **Diocesan Ministries Appeal**

Thanks to all who've given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Your contributions 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 made 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 in the mail. You may also go online: <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure.

## **My Catholic Will**

The New Year is coming - time to check off a big resolution...wrap your family in the gift of security! Planning ahead shows love in a big way, ensuring your wishes shine through, no matter what. A Last Will & Testament is the heart of any estate plan. Using our partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can create yours for free, from home. It's guided, simple, and perfect for most adults and families. Head over to [www.MyCatholicWill.com/DNU](http://www.MyCatholicWill.com/DNU) to get started. Pick guardians for your children, ensure a Catholic funeral, and share your assets with the people and causes closest to your heart.

## **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 information on Wedding Planning:](#)*

*Go to Worship, Sacraments, About Matrimony. There are links to readings, music, and everything you need to plan your wedding.*

## **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.*

## **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!

## **Seaforth Santa Day**

Seaforth Santa Day will be held on Sat 12/13 at 12p at the Seaforth Legion Building.

Those attending are asked to bring non-perishable food items (donations will be given to a local food shelf).

## **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.

## **Stocks & Mutual Funds:**

Do you hold stocks or mutual funds that have grown in value? Consider donating them directly to the parish. You'll avoid capital gains tax, plus receive a charitable deduction - for the FULL value, and your gift will make a lasting impact on our mission. To learn more about the benefits of charitable giving of assets, please contact the parish office.

## **Donor Advised Fund:**

Did you have an event resulting in higher taxable income this year? Maybe it the sale of stock, or a payroll bonus. A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a charitable giving account allowing you to make donations today, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants to our parish and charities over time. Meanwhile, your DAF is invested and grows tax free. For more info on a DAF, call the parish office.

# AFC Faith Formation

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## December 2025:

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

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

## January 2026:

**7th:** FF Class

**11th:** Confirmation Retreat at St. Anne

**14th:** FF Class

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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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faithformation@mystcatherines.org  
507-430-9955

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

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

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Faith Formation invites you  
**Family Advent Christmas Party**  
Welcome to Bethlehem  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:30p St. Anne's, Wabasso  
6:30p St. Catherine's, 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!**

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## St Anne

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### 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.

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### 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!*

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### Senior Dining Drivers

Senior Dining Drivers needed for Wabasso deliveries. Please call Joyce First if interested:  
(507) 342-5562 or (507) 430-6784

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### St. Mary's Cemetery Update

Take a look! A bench has been added by the St. Mary's statue at St. Mary's Cemetery.

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### Stuff the Sack Thank You

St. Anne's CCW thanks all who donated items this year for our "Stuff the Sack" campaign for the Redwood County Share the Spirit! Your generosity is overwhelming - this year we received the largest numbers of items ever! Thank you again and again!

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### Christmas Flower Donations

If you'd 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 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.

**Christmas Flower Request Deadline: December 16th**

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## St Anne's School

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### St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

December 1: Jon Beadel  
December 2: Neil Eichten  
December 3: Barb Bernardy  
December 4: Justin Stoks  
December 5: Paul Patton  
December 6: Barb Larson  
December 7: Agnes Hertling

### 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.

# 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. **Deadline is Tues., Dec. 16th.**

## 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 are having a bake sale after the 6p Mass on 12/6 & after the 8a Mass on 12/7.

Proceeds go to the Redwood Co MN Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) - to help secure protection for human life from conception to natural death.

### St. Catherine's Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

Mon., Dec 8 \$75 Bob Swoboda

Wed., Dec 10 \$25 Bonnie Green

Fri., Dec 12 \$50 Peter Altermatt

Sun., Dec 14 \$50 Jason Steffl

*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".

## 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.

## Red Cross Bloodmobile

St. Catherine's is hosting the bloodmobile on Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at the RACC. Workers and bars needed, please sign up to help. Share the gift of life!

## St. Catherine's Shepherds of the Field for 2025-2026

### Fr. Paul Wolf

DOB: Aug 23, Ordination date: 6-11-1983

Church of Anastasia

460 Lake St. SW,

Hutchinson, MN 55350-2349

### Deacon Kenneth Noyes

DOB: Aug. 3, Ordination: 4-21-2018

1119 Sunset Circle

Marshall, MN 56258-2910

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