

MOTHER OF HOPE

AFC

St Anne - Wabasso and St Catherine - Redwood Falls

MARCH 22, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain.

And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him. It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot.

Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44)**.

This is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten Challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them.

If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

ST ANNE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

950 North Street, PO Box 239
Wabasso, MN 56293
507-342-5190

saparishoffice@wabassostannesschool.com
www.lowafc.org

ST ANNE SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1052 Cedar Street, PO Box 239
Wabasso, MN 56293
507-342-5389

stannesschool@wabassostannesschool.com
www.wabassostannesschool.com

ST CATHERINE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

900 East Flynn Street, PO Box 383
Redwood Falls, MN 56283
507-644-2278

stcath@mystcatherines.org
www.lowafc.org

**PARISH
COMMUNITY
CLERGY**

FR. PAUL WOLF

frwolf@mystcatherines.org
(507) 829-0965

DCN RYAN POPE

rpope@dnu.org

**OUR STAFF
PARISH COMMUNITY STAFF**

AFC Business Administrator

Kris Tetrick

kris@mystcatherines.org

School Principal

Mary Franta

stannesschool@wabassostannesschool.com

AFC Worship Director

Erica Pope

erica@mystcatherines.org

AFC Faith Formation Director

Monica Simmons

faithformation@mystcatherines.org

School and Parish Secretary-St Anne

Mariah Zeug

mzeug@wabassostannesschool.com

Parish Secretary-St Catherine

stcath@mystcatherines.org

**Ministry Schedules are
available on our Website**

Holy See

Question: Why is the Vatican sometimes called the “Holy See?”

Answer: A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope.

Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in its teaching authority. The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is “sedes.” So each diocese can be referred to as a “see.” Most people think that St Peter’s is the cathedral of Rome, but St John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope’s seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope’s Chair. ©LPI

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SA-St Anne; SC-St Catherine;

Saturday March 21

5:00pm | SC | d. Rita Irlbeck

Sunday March 22

8:00am | SA | d. Lorraine Mertens (LS)
10:00am | SC | People of Our Parishes (LS)
5:00pm | SA | Blessings on the Confirmation Students

Monday March 23

5:00pm | SC | d. Lewis Swoboda

Tuesday March 24

7:00am | SC | d. Greg Bitker
8:30am | SA | Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday March 25

7:00am | SC | l&d Roscoe & Tillie Keller family
6:30pm | SA | d. Nick Guetter

Thursday March 26

7:00am | SC | d. Sandy Jensen
8:30am | SA | SA Teachers & Staff

Friday March 27

7:00am | SC | d. Florence Dunlevy
8:30am | SA | l&d Lorraine Mertens family

Next Saturday March 28

5:00pm | SC | d. Madonna, Dale, Jordan & Sue Baune

Next Sunday March 29

8:00am | SA | People of Our Parishes
10:00am | SC | Ernest & Theresa Wabasha
5:00pm | SA | d. William “Bill” Pistulka

CONFESSION AND ADORATION

Confession

½ hour before Masses
Other times by appointment

Sunday-Adoration

4:00pm - 5:00pm | SC

Thursday-Adoration

9:00am-6:00pm | SC

Saturday-Adoration

8:30am-9:30am | SA

BAPTISM SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

April 13 - 7pm St. Catherine's (SC)
Contact the Parish Office for more info.

WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF MARCH 22-29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 th Sunday of Lent	Daniel 13:1-9,	Numbers	Solemnity of the	Genesis 17:3-9	Jeremiah	Ezekiel	Palm Sunday
Ezekiel 37:12-14	15-17,19-30,	21:4-9	Annunciation of the	John 8:51-59	20:10-13	37:21-28	Isaiah 50:4-7
Romans 8:8-11	33-62 or	John	Lord		John	John	Philippians 2:6-11
John 11:1-45	13:41c-62	8:21-30	Isaiah 7:10-14;		10:31-42	11:45-56	Matthew
	John		8:10				26:14-27:66
	8:1-11		Hebrews 10:4-10				
			Luke 1:26-38				



Sunday

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 3/8/26

St Anne

Weekly Total	\$4,426.74
DMA Goal	\$23,730.67
DMA Pledged	\$31,987.47
DMA Difference	\$8,256.80

St Catherine

Weekly Total	\$5,964.80
DMA Goal	\$36,957.61
DMA Pledged	\$41,711.00
DMA Difference	\$4,753.39

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish Community!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

MILITARY

- 3/23: All Veterans
- 3/24: Soldiers who lost their lives
- 3/25: Those considering the military
- 3/26: Those in the Navy
- 3/27: Those in the Army
- 3/28: Those in the Marines
- 3/29: Those in the National Guard

VOCATIONS

- 3/23: Fr Craig Timmerman, Dcn Ryan Pope, David Rabaey
- 3/24: Fr Paul Timmerman, Dcn Barry Reindl, Mark Schommer
- 3/25: Fr Paul vandeCrommert, Dcn Steven Spilman, Brent Sundve
- 3/26: Fr Steven Verhelst, Dcn Michael Thoennes, Noah U'Ren
- 3/27: Fr Matthew Wiering, Dcn Paul Treinen, Matthew Collins
- 3/28: Fr Paul Wolf, Dcn Travis Welsch, Aaron Gnerer
- 3/29: The Women Religious in the Diocese

THE SICK

- Week 1:** Linda, Pam, Theresa, Paula, ATL, Bob, Joe McMullen
- Week 2:** MS, Craig VanLoy, Patty R, Blaine Kleinwachter, Beth Irlbeck
- Week 3:** Jane L

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.

Calendar of Events

Sunday
3/22

- 2p SA Confirmation Mass
- 4p SC Adoration
- 6p SA Mysteries of the Rosary

Monday
3/23

- 8a OLV Rosary/Prayer
- 8:30a SA School Stations
- 8:30a OLV Adoration until 7p
- 4p SC Flame of Love Rosary
- 5:30p SC Griefshare
- 6p SC SHE

Tuesday
3/24

Wednesday
3/25

- 5p OLV Stations
- Faith Formation Classes

Thursday
3/26

- 9a SC Adoration
- 7p Chrism Mass-St Mary's, New Ulm

Friday
3/27

DEADLINE FOR 4/5 BULLETIN
5:30p Stations of the Cross

Saturday
3/28

- 8:30a SA Adoration
- 8:30a St. Mathias Stations
- 6p SC Mysteries of the Rosary

New to our Parishes? Register below

Name(s) _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____

Parish Preference *St Anne* *St Catherine*

Visit from priest Yes No

Faith Formation Information Yes No

Ministry Volunteer Yes No

Registration can also be done on our website: www.lowafc.org

St. Mary's - Bird Island, Fish & Shrimp Fry

Friday 3/27 4-7pm

Adult & Carry Outs \$16, Children 6-12 \$10,
Maximum family cost \$45

Catholicism Series

The final 2 sessions of the Catholicism Series will be offered on Sundays, after the 10a Mass, at SC.



CHRISM MASS
Annual Consecration of Holy Oils & Renewal of Priestly Promises
Thursday ♦ March 26, 2026 ♦ 7:00 p.m.
Church of St. Mary
417 S. Minnesota St., New Ulm

Easter Flowers Donations

If you'd like to donate toward Easter flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, please drop your donation off at the parish office or in the collection basket and mark the envelope "Easter Flowers". Be sure to list the name(s) you want remembered.

St Michael - Milroy, Pork Loin Dinner

Sunday 3/22 11a-1p



United with Christ this Lent

Listen to Bishop Chad Zielinski's Lenten reflection here:

<https://www.dnu.org/from-the-bishops-desk>

Church Directory

Scan the QR code below, or go to ucdir.com to schedule your appointment for our new Church Directory.

Upon Log-In you will need the following information:

Church Code: MN638

Password: MNparish638

Appointment Location: St. Catherine's - A, St. Anne's B



Appointment Availability:

St Catherine's (Location A):

Wednesdays - 5/20, 6/3, 6/17

Thursdays - 5/21, 6/4, 6/18

Fridays - 5/22, 6/5, 6/19

Saturdays - 5/23, 6/6, 6/20

St. Anne's (Location B):

Wednesdays - 5/13, 5/27, 6/10

Thursdays - 5/14, 5/28, 6/11

Fridays - 5/15, 5/29, 6/12

Saturdays - 5/16, 5/30, 6/13

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions, or for assistance with scheduling.

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

St Anne School CUF

Calendar Raffle Winners

- March 16 - Dani Ourada
- March 17 - Rachael Krueger
- March 18 - Abby Gronli
- March 19 - Angie Traxler
- March 20 - Florence Salfer
- March 21 - Bert Baune
- March 22 - Lauren Mathiowetz

Salfer's Receipts

REMINDER: Save your Salfer's receipts & turn them into the school!

Receipts collected until 3/31/26.

Please drop them off at the school office to be tallied.

Last year over \$1,000 was donated

- Thank You Holden & Jim at Salfer's Store for their support.

ST ANNE

Bridal Shower

Come and Go Bridal Shower honoring Amanda Meyer, daughter of JoAnn and David Meyer of Paynesville, Bride-to-be of Nicholas Irlbeck, son of Vicki and Craig Irlbeck of Lambertson, will be held at St. Anne's church basement in Wabasso from 10a-11:30a on 3/28/26.

The couple is registered at Amazon.

Online information available at theknot.com

Coffee and Rolls

SA Knights of Columbus will serve Coffee and Rolls on 3/29 after Mass.

Farm-Fresh Chicken Fundraiser

Order chickens + support St. Anne's School & CHWC. To order, contact Jane 507-317-2916.

2nd Banns of Marriage

2nd Banns of Marriage for Megan Irlbeck & Jason Veenstra to be married at St. Anne's. Please keep them in your prayers.

Support Local Food Shelves

The MN Food Share invites you to support our local food shelf during their March campaign. *You are encouraged to donate to our local food shelf, WAFER, during the dates of March 1st - April 6th.*

ST CATHERINE

St Catherine Calendar Raffle Winners

March 18 - Dan Menk
March 20 - Laurie Dolan
March 22 - Debra Wertish

Job Opportunity

Administrative Assistant position in the St Catherine Office. General reception & secretarial duties as needed. Please provide resume to the St Catherine Office.

CCW Bakeless Bake Sale - San Lucas

St. Catherine's CCW is hosting a "bakeless" Bake Sale during Lent. Leave donations in the designated box in the gathering space! Money collected benefits mission in Guatemala.

AFC FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Dates

Mar 22: Confirmation 2026 – 2p at SA
Mar 25: FF Class with Youth Stations of the Cross - *both parishes*
Apr 8: FF Class
Apr 15: Easter Celebrations at Classes
Apr 22: Final FF Class



faithformation@mystcatherines.org
507-430-9955
WEBSITE: www.lowafc.org

Youth Stations of the Cross

Both Parishes will have a time where youth lead the Stations of the Cross.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN!

3/25 - SC, 7p (led by Confirmation Students, Shadow Stations)

-UPDATED-

3/25 at SA at 7p, led by 8th Grade

By the grace of the Holy Spirit, may you do Christ's will, follow in His ways, and live by His word. Amen.



Congratulations to our Confirmation Classes of the Mother of Hope AFC.

May this be just the beginning of your seeking God's plan for your life. As your faith community, we journey with you.

St. Anne:

Jack Burns	Madelyn Fogelson	Caden Frericks
Sophia Irlbeck	Kayleigha Johnson	Chase Lensing
Nolan Leopold	Gavin Marotzke	Elizabeth Morin
Cason Olson	Isabel Plaetz	Cadence Pope
Nathan Riley	Joseph Rohlik	Anthony Ubl

St. Catherine:

Lydia Bruns	Dylan Curry	Richard Green III
Joshua Gunderson	Victoria Johnson	
Benjamin Jorgenson	Kimberlyn Miketey	
Kynedi Plaetz	Ellery Larsen	Clayton Salmon
Landon Stoneberg	Addison Sullivan	Kody Wenisch