

MOTHER OF HOPE

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St Anne - Wabasso and St Catherine - Redwood Falls

MARCH 15, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark. Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love.

Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten Challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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Sunday

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 3/1/26

St Anne

Weekly Total \$12,291.59
 DMA Goal \$23,730.67
 DMA Pledged \$31,987.47
 DMA Difference \$8,256.80

St Catherine

Weekly Total \$9,603.30
 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

3/16: Austin Gunderson, Heidi Imker
 3/17: Jacob Iverson, Drake Lieser
 3/18: Alecia Plaetz, Aaron Struntz
 3/19: Blaine Stoltenburg,
 Logan Wagner
 3/20: Jordan Warnke, Jacob Weddle
 3/21: All enlisted soldiers
 3/22: Soldiers serving overseas

ETERNAL REST

Jane Irlbeck

VOCATIONS

3/16: Fr Todd Petersen, Fr John Pearson, Aaron Gnerer
 3/17: Fr Zachary Peterson, Fr Shawn Polman,
 Dcn Mark Kober, David Rabaey
 3/18: Fr Germain Rademacher, Fr Brendan Rolling,
 Fr Keith Salisbury, Mark Schommer
 3/19: Fr Beschi Savarimuthu, Fr George Schmit,
 Dcn Michael McKeown, Brent Sundve
 3/20: Fr Philip Schotzko, Fr Paul Schumacher,
 Dcn Jason Myhre, Noah U'Ren
 3/21: Fr Joseph Steinbeisser, Fr Mark Steffl,
 Dcn Kenneth Noyes, Matthew Collins
 3/22: Fr Bernie Steiner, Fr Tanner Thooft,
 Dcn Roger Osborne, Aaron Gnerer

THE SICK

Week 1: MS, Craig VanLoy, Patty R,
 Blaine Kleinwachter, Peter, Beth Irlbeck

Week 2: Jane L

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
3/15**

2p SA Reconciliation Service
 4p SC Adoration
 6p SA Mysteries of the Rosary

**Monday
3/16**

DEADLINE FOR 3/22 BULLETIN
 OLV: 8a Rosary / Prayer; All
 Day Adoration
 8:30a SA School Stations
 4p SC Flame of Love Rosary
 5:30p SC Griefshare
 6p SC SHE

**Tuesday
3/17**

**Wednesday
3/18**

5p OLV Stations
 Faith Formation Classes

**Thursday
3/19**

9a SC Adoration

**Friday
3/20**

DEADLINE FOR 3/29 BULLETIN
 5:30p Stations of the Cross

**Saturday
3/21**

8:30a SA Adoration
 8:30a St. Mathias Stations
 10a Confirmation Practice
 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

Seaforth Booster Club - Hometown Bingo

Friday 3/20 7p – Seaforth Legion
 Ticket Prices: \$15 for 20 Games. All ages welcome.
 Proceeds benefit Seaforth’s 125th Celebration.

Lucan Lions Scrambled Egg & Ham Breakfast

Sunday 3/15, 9a-Noon – Lucan Community Center
 Free-Will Offering
 St. Patrick’s Parade 1p - Main Street + St. Patrick’s
 Games and Specials at Knott’s Corner Noon-6p

St. Michael’s - Morgan, Spring Matching Grant Rummage Sale and Lunch

Friday 3/20, 9a-6p and Saturday 3/21, 8a-1p
 St. Michael’s Social Hall
 Lunch served both days.

St. Raphael Catholic School and Church - Springfield, Upcoming Events

Sunday 3/15, 5p-7p - Pastor’s Pasta Dinner
 Free Will Donation
 Sunday 4/11, 4:30p-7:30p - Drive Thru Only Dinner
 Meal Price - \$15, Pick Up behind NE corner of school

Church Directory

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):	St. Anne’s (Location B):
<u>Wednesdays</u> - 5/20, 6/3, 6/17	<u>Wednesdays</u> - 5/13, 5/27, 6/10
<u>Thursdays</u> - 5/21, 6/4, 6/18	<u>Thursdays</u> - 5/14, 5/28, 6/11
<u>Fridays</u> - 5/22, 6/5, 6/19	<u>Fridays</u> - 5/15, 5/29, 6/12
<u>Saturdays</u> - 5/23, 6/6, 6/20	<u>Saturdays</u> - 5/16, 5/30, 6/13

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.

SHE - 3/23/26

Mark Hartfiel will be presenting "The Hidden Face of Christ", wrapping up the spring session of SHE.

Catholicism Series

The final 3 sessions of the Catholicism Series will be offered on Sundays, after the 10a Mass, at SC.

St Michael - Milroy, Pork Loin Dinner

Sunday 3/22 11a-1p

St. Aloysius - Olivia, Sausage Breakfast

Sunday 3/15, 9a-1p
 St. Aloysius Church Jubilee Center
 Cost - \$15/Adult; Free Will Offering/12 & Under

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



United with Christ this Lent

Listen to Bishop Chad Zielinski’s Lenten reflection here:

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

AFC FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Dates

Mar 11: FF Class - SC
 All Class Reconciliations - SA
Mar 18: FF Class
Mar 21: Confirmation 2026 Practice
 10a - SA, *Sponsors & Candidates expected*
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: FF Class
Apr 22: Final FF Class



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WEBSITE: www.lowafc.org
 2025-2026 FF/YM Calendar
Always subject to change. Watch the Web Page.

Youth Stations of the Cross

Both Parishes will have a time where the youth lead the Stations of the Cross.
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN!
 3/25 at SC at 7p, led by Evening Students
-UPDATED-
 3/25 at SA at 7p, led by 8th Gr Students

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

March 9 - Charli Plaetz
 March 10 - Cadence Pope
 March 11 - Cris Knott
 March 12 - Katie Mathiowetz
 March 13 - Holden Salfer
 March 14 - Ron Krueger
 March 15 - Isla Plaetz

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 Lamberton, 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

1st Banns of Marriage

1st Banns of Marriage for Megan Irlbeck & Jason Veenstra to be married at St. Anne's.
 Please keep them in your prayers.

Wabasso Lions Spring Breakfast

The Wabasso Lions Spring Breakfast is Sun 3/8 at the Wabasso Community Center, 9a-Noon.
 \$10/adult, \$5/student, Preschool & Under - Free.
 Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, hashbrowns, rolls, juice and coffee. *Take-outs available*

Parish Office Closed

The St. Anne's Parish Office will be closed on 3/19 & 3/20

Coffee and Rolls

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

Chicken Fundraiser

Order farm-fresh chickens and support St. Anne's School & CHWC. *To place order, contact Jane at 507-317-2916.*

CCW Dues

Reminder: CCW dues are due.

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

Lenten Meal

A Lenten Meal to be offered Fri, 3/20 following Stations of the Cross. Free will offering. Proceeds will go to Food Shelf and Choices Pregnancy Center.
Sponsored by CCW.

St Catherine Calendar Raffle Winners

March 11 - Heidi VanderHagen
 March 13 - Kailyn Norby
 March 15 - Alex Busch

SC Prayer Blanket

The next meeting to work on Prayer Blankets at St. Catherine's will be held on 3/16.

Thank You

The Family of Lorraine Mertens would like to thank Fr. Wolf and all who helped with the funeral mass for our mother. We would also like to thank the CCW ladies for preparing and serving the luncheon.
 With sincere thanks, The Family of Lorraine Mertens

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 given to our mission in Guatemala.

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