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St Anne - Wabasso and St Catherine - Redwood Falls

APRIL 26, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11*

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing.

Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files."

She would have called a psychiatrist - or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel:

**"I am the good shepherd...I lay down my life for the sheep."**(John 10:11)

It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand.

Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them*. The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher.

If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic - a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but the the willingness to suffer unto death.

That Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense.

He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep - for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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**Exaltation of the Cross**

**Question:** What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

**Answer:** Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated. The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death. ©LPi

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

SA-St Anne; SC-St Catherine; WRTC-Wabasso Treatment Center

**Saturday April 25**

5:00pm | SC | People of Our Parishes

**Sunday April 26 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00am | SA | d. Lorraine Mertens

10:00am | SC | d. John Sands

5:00pm | SA | d. David Kramer

**Monday April 27**

5:00pm | SC | d. Donald Frank

**Tuesday April 28**

7:00pm | SC | d. Jeff Klinker

8:30am | SA | d. William Pistulka

**Wednesday April 29**

8:30am | SA | Souls in Purgatory

6:30pm | SC | d. M/M George Maher & sons George Jr and Don

**Thursday April 30**

7:00am | SC | d. Theresa Zins

8:30am | SA | l&d Louis & Lucille Plaetz family members

**Friday May 1**

7:00am | SC | d. Ron Wertish

8:30am | SA | d. David Kramer

**Next Saturday May 2**

8:00am | SA | l&d SA CUF members

5:00pm | SC | d. Mel Liebl

**Next Sunday May 3**

8:00am | SC | d. Margie Seidl

10:00am | SA | d. Mark Schilling

5:00pm | SA | People of Our Parishes

**CONFESSION AND ADORATION**

**Confession**

1/2 hour before Masses - *Other times by appointment*

**Saturday-Adoration**

8:30am-9:30am | SA

**Sunday-Adoration**

4:00pm - 5:00pm | SC

**Thursday-Adoration**

9:00am-6:00pm | SC

**BAPTISM SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**May 11 - 7pm St. Anne's (SA) - Contact the Parish Office for more info.**

Ministry Schedules are available on our Website

**WEEKLY READINGS**

**WEEK OF APRIL 19-25**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts	Acts	Memorial of St Catherine of Siena	Acts	Acts	Memorial of St Athanasius	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41	11:1-18	11:19-26	Catherine of Siena	13:13-25	13:26-33	St Athanasius	Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:20b-25	John	John	Acts	John	John	Acts	1 Peter 2:4-9
John 10:1-10	10:11-18	10:22-30	12:24-13:5a	13:16-20	14:1-6	13:44-52	John 14:1-12
			John			John	
			12:44-50			14:7-14	



Sunday

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 4/12/26

### St Anne

Weekly Total \$8,921.35  
 DMA Goal \$23,730.67  
 DMA Pledged \$33,167.47  
 DMA Difference \$8,841.80

### St Catherine

Weekly Total \$13,304.20  
 DMA Goal \$36,957.61  
 DMA Pledged \$46,851.00  
 DMA Difference \$8,018.39

*Thank you for your generous support of our Parish Community!*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

### MILITARY

4/27: Those in the Army  
 4/28: Those in the Marines  
 4/29: Those in the National Guard  
 4/30: Those in the Coast Guard  
 5/1: Johnny G, Jaydan Baune  
 5/2: Frank Bryson, Walker Clark II  
 5/3: Logan DeBeer, Jack Frank

### VOCATIONS

4/27: Fr Matthew Wiering, Dcn Paul Treinen, Matthew Collins  
 4/28: Fr Paul Wolf, Dcn Travis Welsch, Aaron Gnerer  
 4/29: The Women Religious in the Diocese  
 4/30: All Men & Women Whom God is Calling to Priesthood or Religious Life  
 5/1: Pope Leo XIV  
 5/2: Bishop Chad Zielinski  
 5/3: Fr Joshua Bot, Fr James Barry, Dcn Arthur Abel, Matthew Collins

### THE SICK

**Week 1:** Craig VanLoy, Carole Remiger, Tera Guetter, Blaine Kleinwachter  
**Week 2:** Patty R, Jeff, Patricia Schmidt  
**Week 3:** Marlene, Don, Al, Jim, Gary

*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**  
**4/26**

10a SC First Communion  
 4p SC Holy Hour

**Monday**  
**4/27**

DEADLINE FOR 5/3 BULLETIN  
 8a OLV Rosary/Prayer  
 4p SC Flame of Love Rosary  
 5:30p SC Griefshare

**Tuesday**  
**4/28**

**Wednesday**  
**4/29**

**Thursday**  
**4/30**

9a SC Adoration

**Friday**  
**5/1**

7:30a SC Coffee/Rolls after Mass

**Saturday**  
**5/2**

8:30a SA Adoration  
 10a SA 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practice

### 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](http://www.lowafc.org)

**Memory Scrapbook -**

We are seeking entries for a memory scrapbook for the 25th Anniversary of Father Tony's Ordination in June. Anyone who'd like to contribute *please submit entries to Dani O - drourada@gmail.com or Tammy H - dthoule@hotmail.com by 5/1*

**Come and Go Bridal Shower**

Come and go bridal shower honoring *Emma Wahl*, Daughter of Chad Wahl and Tiffany Wahl (Westbrook) and *Colby Wall*, son of Jeff Wall (Vesta) and Danielle Jacobson (Redwood Falls) on Saturday May 2nd from 10-1 at the Wabasso Community Center. The couple is registered at Amazon and Target.

*Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse by a priest / another person in Church ministry is encouraged to report abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of occurrence, if it hasn't yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement & child protection agencies w/in the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan website: <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>. Victims & survivors of abuse by clergy are encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or call 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.*

**Congratulations, Saint Catherine's 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders!**  
 Congratulations to the Saint Catherine 2nd Grade students who made their First Communion this weekend:



*Colton Anderson  
 Carole Berggren  
 Holden Bruns  
 Cal Buyck  
 Kace Iverson  
 Karver Prodoehl  
 Jayden Williams*



**Church Directory**

Scan the QR code below, or visit [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com) to schedule your Church Directory appointment.

*Upon Log-In you will need the following info:*

**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.*



Join **Bishop Zielinski** for  
**Adoration at the Capitol**  
 Bus Pilgrimage from the **Diocese of New Ulm**  
*Join fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of New Ulm for a bus pilgrimage to the Minnesota State Capitol, culminating in a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Chad Zielinski.*  
**May 1, 2026 | 10:30-11:30 AM**  
 MN State Capitol - Vault Room B15

**Bus Departures:**  
 Holy Redeemer, Marshall - 5:30 AM  
 St. Aloysius, Olivia - 6:30 AM  
 Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm - 8:00 AM  
 Return Departure - 2:00 PM

**Additional Information:**  
 Please bring a sack lunch  
 Free will offering accepted for transportation  
 (Offering may be given to the organizers on the bus)

**Registration Required**  
 Please register for the bus at:  
[www.dnu.org/adoration-capitol](http://www.dnu.org/adoration-capitol) or scan the QR code

**Questions? Contact:**  
 Office of Family Life at [cfier@dnu.org](mailto:cfier@dnu.org) or 507-233-5328  
 Office of Social Concerns at [tdolan@dnu.org](mailto:tdolan@dnu.org) or 507-233-5326

**ST ANNE'S SCHOOL**

**St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners**

- April 20: Julie Salfer
- April 21: David Neumann
- April 22: Janell Frank
- April 23: Brian Dolan
- April 24: Charlie Rohlik
- April 25: Joe & Holly Rohlik
- April 26: Kelly Salfer

**Thank You**

Thank you for giving your time, patience & talents to help our students sew their quilts. Your guidance, encouragement, and willingness to work alongside the children made this project a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Because of your help the students were able to learn new skills, build confidence, and create something they can be proud of for years to come. Your kindness and support truly made a difference, and we would not have done this project without you. *Thank you again for sharing your time and making this special project a success.* - Mrs. Knott

## ST ANNE

### Wabasso Legion Auxiliary Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Wabasso Legion Auxiliary will be held on Monday, 5/4 at 6:30p at the Wabasso Community Center. Poppy Poster Judging will be held prior to meeting. Anyone interested in Judging should arrive by 6p.

### St. Anne CCW Spring Cleaning

St. Anne's CCW Spring Cleaning will be held Mon 4/27 Schedules are available in the church foyer and online at [lowafc.org/ccw-information](http://lowafc.org/ccw-information). As always, if you complete your task early, please check your name off the master list. If you are unable to make it, please find a sub. Thank you for helping keep our church clean!

### Congratulations, Zahkkarii Jaymez!

Congratulations to Zahkkarii Jaymez Burke, son of Alonna Baune and Ermaine Burke, who was baptized at St. Anne's this weekend!

### Church Directory - Picture Day Host/ Hostess, Volunteers Needed!

Needed: Picture Day Host/ Hostess for our new Church Directory! Tasks include checking people in for their scheduled time slots and verification of names, addresses & phone numbers.

We have 24 total volunteer time slots available. There are 2 time slots open for each of the SA photo dates listed on page 4. Time slots vary between morning, afternoon and evening.

To sign up, or for more info: Chris Frank (507) 829-4765

### Bridal Shower

Open House Bridal Shower honoring Halle Huhnerkoch, *bride to be of Austin Frank*, at The Golden Rule Coffee House in Redwood Falls on Sunday 5/3 from 1-3. She's registered at Target and Amazon.

## ST CATHERINE

### St Catherine Calendar Raffle Winners

April 22 - Penny Guetter April 24 - Rosy Brau  
April 26 - Liz Burnette

### Softball League

The City of Redwood Falls is now accepting team registrations for their Summer Softball League.

Cost: \$450/team; Registration Deadline: 5/15  
Monday Night League Games Start June 2

Register Online: [redwoodareacommunitycenter.com](http://redwoodareacommunitycenter.com)

Choose "Pay Later" at Check-Out if you are dropping off a check or cash at the RACC.

Questions? Contact Tim Prah (507) 616-7444

### Job Opportunity

Now Hiring: St. Catherine's Administrative Assistant  
General reception and secretarial duties.  
Please provide resume to the St Catherine Office.

### Request: Food Shelf Donations

The Redwood Falls Food Shelf is urgently requesting donations to their Food Shelf.

### Congratulations, Alora Michelle!

Congratulations to Alora Michelle Arredondo, daughter of Shelby and Cortez, who was baptized at St. Catherine's this weekend!

### Cub Scouts of Redwood Falls

The Cub Scouts of Redwood Falls invites you to their upcoming *Adventure On Event* on 4/27 at the Redwood Valley Elementary School at 6p

### St. Catherine-CCW Salad Luncheon

The St. Catherine's CCW invites you to their Salad Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, May 5 from 11a – 1p.

*Delicious salads and desserts!*

Adults: \$10, Kids: 6-12 \$4, 5 & Under: FREE

### St. Catherine's CCW & KCs Clothing Drive

St. Catherine's CCW & KCs, will be hosting a Clothing Drive from 4/27-5/4. Bring bags of clean clothing to the garage behind the church. *Only accepting clothing!*

## AFC FAITH FORMATION



### VBS

*Come join us in Rainforest Falls!*

May 26-29<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday - Friday) Wabasso: 12:30-3:30p (ages 4-9)

June 8-11<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Thursday) Redwood: 8:30-11:30a (ages 4-9)

Registration Information is available on the Parish and School Websites, or for pick up at the School/Parish Offices.

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