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St Anne - Wabasso and St Catherine - Redwood Falls

MAY 17, 2026 | ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I recently read a book called “The Defining Decade” by psychologist Dr Meg Jay. She convincingly argues that a person’s 20s are the most impactful decade of one’s life. For example, a twenty-something who waits until she has absolute clarity before making commitments typically drifts and regrets it later. But those who dive into something meaningful - even with doubts and questions - tend to grow and find joy and better outcomes in life.

In other words, it takes courage, not perfect certainty, to move forward.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, that insight comes alive in a new way.

Matthew tells us: **“When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.”** (Matthew 28:17)

Even standing before the risen Christ, the disciples were a mixture of adoration and hesitation.

It is as though they were in their spiritual 20s...

unsure, doubting, but nonetheless called to act in worship and mission.

Here is the key: Jesus does not tell them to wait until they are sure of things.

He sends them anyway: **“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.”** (Matthew 28:19)

The mission of the Church begins not with perfect certainty but with imperfect disciples who wonder and worship. Then they get going. That is us, too. We may feel unsure of ourselves, perhaps full of hesitation about following Christ more fully. But now is not the time to wait for perfect clarity. Now is the time to worship and to go, trusting that he is with us always, even to the end of the age.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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Sunday

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 5/3/26

St Anne

Weekly Total \$6,771.77
 DMA Goal \$23,730.67
 DMA Pledged \$33,167.47
 DMA Difference \$8,841.80

St Catherine

Weekly Total \$5,045.00
 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

- 5/18: Alecia Plaetz, Aaron Struntz
- 5/19: Blaine Stoltenburg, Logan Wagner
- 5/20: Jordan Warnke, Jacob Weddle
- 5/21: All enlisted soldiers
- 5/22: Soldiers serving overseas
- 5/23: All Veterans
- 5/24: Soldiers who lost their lives

VOCATIONS

- 5/18: Fr Germain Rademacher, Fr Brendan Rolling, Fr Keith Salisbury, Mark Schommer
- 5/19: Fr Beschi Savarimuthu, Fr George Schmit, Dcn Michael McKeown
- 5/20: Fr Philip Schotzko, Fr Paul Schumacher, Dcn Jason Myhre, Noah U'Ren
- 5/21: Fr Joseph Steinbeisser, Fr Mark Steffl, Dcn Kenneth Noyes, Matthew Collins
- 5/22: Fr Bernie Steiner, Fr Tanner Thooft, Dcn Roger Osborne, Aaron Gnerer
- 5/23: Fr Craig Timmerman, Dcn Ryan Pope, David Rabaey
- 5/24: Fr Paul Timmerman, Dcn Barry Reindl, Mark Schommer

THE SICK

- Week 1:** Craig VanLoy, Dave
- Week 2:** Patty R, Barbara, David Frank, Al, Jim and Gary
- Week 3:** Barbara, Marlene

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
5/17**

Bacculaureate Masses
 4p SC Holy Hour

**Monday
5/18**

DEADLINE FOR 5/24 BULLETIN
 8a OLV Rosary/Prayer
 4p SC Flame of Love Rosary
 5:30p SC Griefshare

**Tuesday
5/19**

**Wednesday
5/20**

**Thursday
5/21**

9a SC Adoration

**Friday
5/22**

DEADLINE FOR 5/31 BULLETIN
 9:30a SA Mass (note time)

**Saturday
5/23**

8:30a SA Adoration

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

Church Directory

Scan the QR code below, or visit 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 - 5/27, 6/10

Thursdays - 5/28, 6/11

Fridays - 5/29, 6/12

Saturdays - 5/30, 6/13

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



CCW Salad Luncheon

St. Mary's in Cottonwood invites you to their CCW Salad Luncheon on Thursday 5/21.

Serving 11a-1p, take-outs available.

Adults \$12, Ages 6-12 \$6, 5 & Under - Free.
All proceeds to benefit their mission projects.

Choices Pregnancy Center Bottle Campaign

Our church is excited to partner with Choices Pregnancy Center for their Baby Bottle Campaign. Campaign running until Fathers Day. It's an easy way to make a big impact - *just take a bottle home, fill it with spare change, cash, or a check over the next few weeks, and return it by the due date.*

Every dollar helps provide support, resources, and care to individuals and families in our community.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

This Sunday at the Sunday Morning Masses, we recognize our Senior students as they prepare to graduate High School.

We are grateful for the leadership and example they have shared within our communities.

As they take this next step, we send them forth with our prayers and best wishes, trusting that they will continue to live out Christ's call to serve others.

Congratulations, graduates. You will always be a part of our church family.

Please join us in the Social Hall following Mass for a reception.

AFC FAITH FORMATION



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

MAY 26-29 AT ST. ANNE IN WABASSO
JUNE 8-11 AT ST. CATHERINE IN REDWOOD FALLS

Come join us in Rainforest Falls!

Wabasso: 12:30-3:30p (ages 4-9)
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.

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

May 11: Grant Norcutt

May 12: Dallas Dolan

May 13: Ben Jahn

May 14: Theresa Welu

May 15: Mary Erickson

May 16: Patricia Fischer

May 17: Tyler Maertens

ST ANNE

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

We are in need of a Picture Day Host/Hostess for our new Church Directory! Checking people in and verification of names, addresses & phone numbers.

Volunteer(s) needed on Saturday 6/13.

Time slots are 10a-1p and/or 1p-4p.

Contact: *Chris Frank (507) 829-4765*

Open House Graduation

Open house graduation reception honoring Lainey Plaetz will be held Sunday 5/24 12p-3p - 27241 Frontier Avenue Vesta, MN 56292.

All are welcome to come and celebrate Lainey!

Memorial Day Program

Wabasso American Legion Post 263 will have a Memorial Day Program at the Wabasso Community Center at 10a on 5/25. Please bring a hotdish or salad and join a Pot Luck Lunch following the program. Dessert provided! Everyone is invited!

SA Parish Office Summer Hours

SA Parish Office Summer Hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday, 8a-Noon. *No Office Hours on Friday. Effective 5/26 (Closed 5/25 for Holiday).*

Contact the Parish Office for any needs outside of the above listed hours.

Ministries

We are in need of parishioners to help with various church ministries. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped the past year cutting, sewing and tying quilts. Your help is greatly appreciated. Over 100 quilts were finished and sold or donated. Quilts were donated to Vet Hospital, Avera Hospice, Share the Spirit, Eagle's Nest and WeCare. *We are taking the summer off and will begin again in September!* -Jane Baune

ST CATHERINE

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Needed: Picture Day Host/ Hostess for our new Church Directory!

Sign Up for 2hr Time Slot in Church Entry.

Checking people in and verification of names, addresses & phone numbers.

St Catherine Calendar Raffle Winners

May 13 - Darylne Larsen

May 14 - Fr Tony Hesse

May 15 - Theresa Zeug

May 17 - Tom Stotesbery

Thank You

A special Thank You to all who contributed to the Potters Clay Salad Luncheon on May 5th.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

-Salad Luncheon Committee

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Info

Several new scholarships will be available to students who are as of May, 2026:

-Members of St. Catherine Church

-In their Senior Year of High School, or

-A Freshman or Sophomore at College, or

-In their 1st or 2nd year of Vocational Technical College.

Applications can be picked up in the SC Church office. Complete and return to the Church office by 6/5.

Selections made by the KC Scholarship Committee - they will contact you to set up interview.

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