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St Anne - Wabasso and St Catherine - Redwood Falls

MAY 24, 2026 | PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.*

*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22-23)*

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration:

“Why do I keep confessing the same sins?” It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam.

This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation. In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission.

Jesus does not say to us, “You are forgiven, now go back to your old life.”

He says, so to speak, **“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”**(John 20:21)

This is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing. Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional - not just clean, but consecrated.

**Pentecost Challenge:** After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ’s healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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**Pentecost**

**Question:** Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

**Answer:** The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration. It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples - and every baptized person - receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God. ©LPi

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

SA-St Anne; SC-St Catherine;

**Saturday May 23**

5:00pm | SC | d. Bill Kohout

**Sunday May 24 - Pentecost**

8:00am | SC | d. Richard Jacoby  
10:00am | SA | People of Our Parishes  
5:00pm | SA | d. Adolph Bernardy

**Monday May 25 - Memorial Day**

8:30am | SA | d. Soldiers who lost their lives  
5:00pm | SC | d. Daniel, Jerome & Mary Lipetzky

**Tuesday May 26**

7:00am | SC | d. Marvel Pryor  
8:30am | SA | d. David Kramer

**Wednesday May 27**

8:30am | SA | d. Lorraine Mertens  
5:00pm | SC | d. Ambrose & Lois Kodet

**Thursday May 28**

7:00am | SC | d. M/M George V Maher & sons Donald & George Jr  
8:30am | SA | d. Tony, Margie, Jan & Gary Pistulka

**Friday May 29**

7:00am | SC | Deceased members of Karsky/Stotesbery families  
8:30am | SA | d. LaVonne Bernardy

**Next Saturday May 30**

5:00pm | SC | People of our Parishes

**Next Sunday May 31**

8:00am | SC | d. John Lothert  
10:00am | SA | d. Norbert & Lucy Bernardy  
5:00pm | SA | l&d SA CUF members

**CONFESSION AND ADORATION**

**Confession**

½ 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**

June 8- 7pm St. Catherine's (SC) - *Contact the Parish Office for more info.*

Ministry Schedules are available on our Website

**WEEKLY READINGS WEEK OF MAY 24-31**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Pentecost</i>	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest</i>	1 Peter	1 Peter	1 Peter	Jude	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>
Acts 2:1-11	Genesis	1 Peter	1:18-25	2:2-5, 9-12	4:7-13	17, 20b-25	Exodus
1 Corinthians	3:9-15, 20	1:10-16	Mark	Mark	Mark	Mark	34:4b-6, 8-9
12:3b-7, 12-13		Mark 10:28-31	10:32-45	10:46-52	11:11-26	11:27-33	2 Corinthians
John 20:19-23	John						13:11-13
	19:25-34						John 3:16-18



Sunday

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 5/10/26

### St Anne

Weekly Total	\$4,303.42
DMA Goal	\$23,730.67
DMA Pledged	\$33,167.47
DMA Difference	\$8,841.80

### St Catherine

Weekly Total	\$8,406.00
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

- 5/25: Those considering the military
- 5/26: Those in the Navy
- 5/27: Those in the Army
- 5/28: Those in the Marines
- 5/29: Those in the National Guard
- 5/30: Those in the Coast Guard
- 5/31: Those in Space Force

### VOCATIONS

- 5/25: Fr Paul vandeCrommert, Dcn Steven Spilman, Brent Sundve
- 5/26: Fr Steven Verhelst, Dcn Michael Thoennes, Noah U'Ren
- 5/27: Fr Matthew Wiering, Dcn Paul Treinen, Matthew Collins
- 5/28: Fr Paul Wolf, Dcn Travis Welsch, Aaron Gnerer
- 5/29: The Women Religious in the Diocese
- 5/30: All Men & Women whom God is calling to the Priesthood or Religious Life
- 5/31: All deceased Priests and Deacons

### THE SICK

- Week 1:** Roger, Marlene
- Week 2:** Craig VanLoy, Dave
- Week 3:** Patty R, Barbara, David Frank, Al, Jim and 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**  
**5/24**

4p SC Holy Hour

**Monday**  
**5/25**

Memorial Day  
8a OLV Rosary/Prayer  
4p SC Flame of Love Rosary  
5:30p SC Griefshare

**Tuesday**  
**5/26**

12:30-3:30p SA VBS

**Wednesday**  
**5/27**

12:30-3:30p SA VBS

**Thursday**  
**5/28**

9a SC Adoration  
12:30-3:30p SA VBS

**Friday**  
**5/29**

12:30-3:30p SA VBS

**Saturday**  
**5/30**

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

## Church Directory

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 - 6/3, 6/17

Thursdays - 6/4, 6/18

Fridays - 6/5, 6/19

Saturdays - 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 NOTE, ST. ANNE'S PHOTOS ARE BEING TAKEN AT THE SUNSET FUNERAL HOME ON MAIN STREET IN WABASSO - PLEASE REPORT TO THAT LOCATION AT YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT TIME**

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

## 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.

## Father Anthony Hesse 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Celebration

25th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration for Father Tony will be on June 28th at St. Anastasia in Hutchinson at 3p with Mass and reception to follow.

## Catholic Communications Campaign Collection

A special collection will be initiated soon to benefit The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).

The CCC is a U.S. bishops' initiative that uses media to spread the Gospel and advance the Church's mission.

Supported by an annual diocesan collection, the CCC funds Catholic journalism, digital outreach, television programs, and podcasts on both a local and national level.

*We encourage your generosity!*

## 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 18: Kylee Samyn  
May 19: Bram Schilling  
May 20: Joyce First  
May 21: Donna Christensen  
May 22: Dianne Jenniges  
May 23: Peyton Goblirsch  
May 24: Cris Knott

## ST ANNE

### SA Parish Office Summer Hours

SA Parish Office Summer Hours are as follows:  
**Monday - Thursday, 8a-Noon. No Office Hours on Fridays. Effective 5/26 (Closed 5/25 for Holiday).**

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

### 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!*

### OLV Memorial Day Rosary

Wabasso American Legion Auxilliary is sponsoring Carlson's Pillow Cleaning on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 2p-6p at Wabasso Community Center.  
*Please help support your local ALA!*

### 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!

### Ministries

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

### OLV Memorial Day Rosary

There will NOT be a Prayer and Adoration Hour at OLV on Monday 5/25. Instead, everyone is welcome at the OLV Cemetery at 10a to pray the rosary. In the event of inclement weather the rosary will be prayed at Our Lady of Victory Church.

## ST CATHERINE

### 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 applications to the Church office by 6/5.

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

### St Catherine Calendar Raffle Winners

May 20 - Edward Walter  
May 22 - Mark Jacoby  
May 24 - Betty Lange

### Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

The KOC Tootsie Roll Fundraiser will be held 5/30-5/31. *Your support is appreciated!*

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

Needed: Picture Day Host/ Hostess for our new Church Directory!  
*Sign Up for 2hr Time Slot in Church Entry.*

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