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St Anne - Wabasso and St Catherine - Redwood Falls

JULY 26, 2026 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not.

The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lost farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging.

He announces, "**The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.**"

He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place.

What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life.

The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map.

Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places?

How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us?

If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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The Giving of Treasure

Question: *Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?*

Answer: Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God. Today, the practice of tithing - giving 10 percent - is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees. How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10). ©LPi

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SA-St Anne; SC-St Catherine;

Saturday July 25

5:00pm | SC | People of Our Parishes

Sunday July 26

8:00am | SC | d. Gene Kohout

10:00am | SA | d. Adolph Bernardy

5:00pm | SA | d. Cyrilla MacDonald

Monday July 27

5:00pm | SC | d. Melanie Ochs

Tuesday July 28

7:00am | SC | d. Maurice & Donna Kramer

8:30am | SA | d. MaryAnn Woelfel

Wednesday July 29

8:30am | SA | Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm | SC | d. Donald Frank

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

August 10- 7pm St. Anne's (SA) - Contact the Parish Office for more info.

Ministry Schedules are
available on our Website

WEEKLY READINGS WEEK OF JULY 26-AUGUST 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jeremiah	Jeremiah	Memorial of Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Jeremiah	Memorial of St Ignatius	Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings	13:1-11	14:17-22	Jeremiah	18:1-6	Jeremiah	Jeremiah	Isaiah
3:5, 7-12	Matthew	Matthew	Jeremiah	13:47-53	26:1-9	Jeremiah	55:1-3
Romans	13:31-35	13:36-43	15:10, 16-21		Matthew	26:11-16, 24	Romans
8:28-30			John		13:54-58	Matthew	8:35, 37-39
Matthew 13:44-52			11:19-27			14:1-12	Matthew 14:13-21



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 7/12/26

St Anne

Weekly Total	\$22,576.53
DMA Goal	\$23,730.67
DMA Pledged	\$34,017.47
DMA Difference	\$9,906.80

St Catherine

Weekly Total	\$5,369.02
DMA Goal	\$36,957.61
DMA Pledged	\$47,901.00
DMA Difference	\$9,723.39

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish Community!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

MILITARY

7/27: Those in the Army
 7/28: Those in the Marines
 7/29: Those in the National Guard
 7/30: Those in the Coast Guard
 7/31: Those in the Space Force
 8/1: Johnny G, Jaydan Baune
 8/2: Frank Bryson, Walker Clark II

VOCATIONS

7/27: Fr Matthew Wiering, Dcn Paul Treinen, Matthew Collins
 7/28: Fr Paul Wolf, Dcn Travis Welsch, Aaron Gnerer
 7/29: The Women Religious in the Diocese
 7/30: All Men & Women Whom God is calling to Priesthood or Religious Life
 7/31: All Deceased Priests & Deacons
 8/1: Pope Leo XIV
 8/2: Bishop Chad Zielinski

THE SICK

Week 1: Craig Palan, Paula, Theresa, Jared, Yvonne, Jean, Al, Gary & Jim
Week 2: Craig VanLoy, Alicia, Theresa M, Paula, Elaine
Week 3: Patty R, Marlene S, Jean, Jon K, Patrick Guetter

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
7/26**

4p SC Holy Hour

**Monday
7/27**

8a OLV Rosary/Prayer
 4p SC Flame of Love Rosary

**Tuesday
7/28**

**Wednesday
7/29**

**Thursday
7/30**

9a SC Adoration
 (Rooms 9 & 10)

**Friday
7/31**

**Saturday
8/1**

8:30a SA Adoration
 3p SA Huhnerkoch/Frank
 Wedding

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.lowa.fc.org

Faith Forward: Keeping Young Catholics Connected

Did you know that nearly 80% of Catholic high school seniors drift away from their faith after graduation? Many don't reject their faith — they just never get connected to a new Catholic community to help sustain their faith.

That's why our parish is participating in the Newman Connection Faith Forward movement, a national initiative ensuring every Catholic high school senior enters college with faith, not fear.

Here's what's happening:

Are you a high school senior or parent?

Sign up today to make sure you (or your child) stay connected to a Catholic faith community after graduation!

Parishioners, want to help? Join us in praying for our seniors and encouraging them to stay connected.

Visit www.connection.newmanministry.com/faith_forward_movement to learn more!



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**Monday, August 17, 2026
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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ST CATHERINE

CCW Reverence Life Coordinator and/or Spirituality Commission Board Member Needed

All women of the parish are invited to be involved with CCW! We are here to support, encourage and enjoy friendship through the love of Jesus. Together we are led as women of faith and action, to serve with purpose, walking beside our sisters with grace.

We currently have some special needs on our board as we are in need of someone to take the role of Reverence Life Coordinator and/or Spirituality Commission. Please pray and consider if you would be led to serve in either of those roles. Contact Tammy Houle for more information on what those positions entail.

St Catherine Calendar Raffle Winners

July 22 - William Simmons

July 24 - Jerry Fix

July 26 - Dennis Kahn

St. Catherine's Fall Festival

Reminder: start saving your clean plastic or glass jars for the jar game.

Also, for the prize table, we will be accepting new or gently used toys of any sizes, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, small trinket-sized toys to stuff jars, large reusable water bottles, etc.

Drop off for donations will start 8/1.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to two newly baptized children that were recently welcomed into the family of God at SC:
Ellis Michael Fischer, Son of Christopher and Sierrah (Blaine) Fischer, Baptized by Father Paul on July 18, 2026

Eli Benjamin Rohlik, Son of Thomas and Amanda Rohlik, Baptized by Father Paul on July 18, 2026

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

School Building Project - Parking Lot Update

As our school building project continues to move forward, the parking lot will be used for construction materials and equipment staging. Until further notice, visitors to the church and school are asked to use available street parking. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work toward this exciting improvement. Thank you for your continued support, and please keep this project in your prayers as construction progresses.

St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

July 20: Evie Loe
July 21: Dawn & Karl Guetter
July 22: Marley Guetter
July 23: Brian Baune
July 24: Glen Bernardy
July 25: Jeremy Wold
July 26: Candy Sobocinski

ST ANNE

St. Anne's Fall Festival

The St. Anne's Fall Festival Committee is looking for individuals willing to take over the following roles for the 2026 Fall Festival:

--General Co Co Chair --Dining Room Co-Chair

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

We've kicked off the General Raffle. If you haven't donated and would like to, let us know.

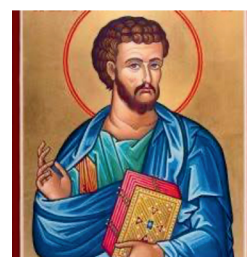
CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question:

What Gospel writer and evangelist was a physician by trade?

Answer:

St Luke



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