# MOTHER OF HOPE

## AFC

St Anne - Wabasso and St Catherine - Redwood Falls

AUGUST 23, 2026 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The first time I stood inside St Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gosepl, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus. — Father John Muir ©LPi

## WEBSITE UPDATE

**Our Area Faith Community Website has an updated domain address!**
**To visit the Mother of Hope Area Faith Community Website moving forward, please visit:**
*https://www.mohafc.org*

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## Ten Commandments

**Question:** *In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.*

**Answer:** Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care-as well as teaching them-are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own. In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too. ©LPi

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SA-St Anne; SC-St Catherine;

**Saturday August 22**
5:00pm | SC | d. Jean Hillesheim

**Sunday August 23**
8:00am | SC | People of Our Parishes
10:00am | SA | d. Gilbert & Kathleen Baune
5:00pm | SA | d. Melvin Welu & Jolene Hjelmberg

**Monday August 24**
5:00pm | SC | d. M/M Merle Thoreson and deceased family members

**Tuesday August 25**
7:00am | SC | d. Richard Jacoby
8:30am | SA | l&d. Bernie & Addison Knott

**Wednesday August 26**
**7:00am | SC |** d. JoAnn Sperl
8:30am | SA | l. Alfred Salfer

**Thursday August 27**
7:00am | SC | d. Donald Frank
8:30am | SA | l. Gabriel Wick

**Friday August 28**
7:00am | SC | d. Cyrilla MacDonald
8:30am | SA | d. MaryAnn Woelfel

**Next Saturday August 29**
5:00pm | SC | d. Jerry, Mary & Daniel Lipetzky

**Next Sunday August 30**
8:00am | SC | d. Paul Pryor
10:00am | SA | d. Virginia "Ginny" Lang
5:00pm | SA | People of Our Parishes

## 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

**September 14**- 7pm St. Anne's (SA) - *Contact the Parish Office for more info.*

## WEEKLY READINGS
### WEEK OF AUGUST 23-30

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time* | *Feast of St Bartholomew* | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17 | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 | *Memorial of St Monica* | *Memorial of St Augustine* | *Memorial of Passion of St John the Baptist* | *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time* |
| Isaiah 22:19-23 | Revelation 21:9b-14 | Matthew 23:23-26 | Matthew 23:27-32 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 | 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 | Jeremiah 20:7-9 |
| Romans 11:33-36 | John 1:45-51 | | | Matthew 24:42-51 | Matthew 25:1-13 | Mark 6:17-29 | Romans 12:1-2 |
| Matthew 16:13-20 | | | | | | | Matthew 16:21-27 |




## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 8/9/26

**St Anne**

| | |
|---|---|
| Weekly Total | $7,626.94 |
| DMA Goal | $23,730.67 |
| DMA Pledged | $34,017.47 |
| DMA Difference | $10,146.80 |

**St Catherine**

| | |
|---|---|
| Weekly Total | $3,996.19 |
| DMA Goal | $36,957.61 |
| DMA Pledged | $48,201.00 |
| DMA Difference | $10,703.39 |

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

### MILITARY

8/24: Soldiers who lost their lives
8/25: Those considering the military
8/26: Those in the Navy
8/27: Those in the Army
8/28: Those in the Marines
8/29: Those in the National Guard
8/30: Those in the Coast Guard

### VOCATIONS

8/24: Fr Paul Timmerman, Dcn Barry Reindl, Mark Schommer
8/25: Fr Paul vandeCrommert, Dcn Steven Spilman, Dcn Brent Sundve
8/26: Fr Steven Verhelst, Dcn Michael Thoennes, Noah U'Ren
8/27: Fr Matthew Wiering, Dcn Paul Treinen, Matthew Collins
8/28: Fr Paul Wolf, Dcn Travis Welsch, Aaron Gnerer
8/29: The Women Religious in the Diocese
8/30: All men and women whom God is calling to the Priesthood or Religious Life

### THE SICK

**Week 1:** Jon K, Lynn M, Jean, Al, Gary, Jim, Craig Palan
**Week 2:** Craig VanLoy, Alexander
**Week 3:** Marlene S

*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 8/23** — 4p SC Holy Hour

**Monday 8/24** — 8a OLV Rosary/Prayer
4p SC Flame of Love Rosary

**Tuesday 8/25**

**Wednesday 8/26** — 4:30p SA Back to School Open House

**Thursday 8/27** — 9a SC Adoration (Rooms 9 & 10)

**Friday 8/28**

**Saturday 8/29** — 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*

# AFC NEWS & EVENTS

## Redwood Area Concert Series

Membership tickets for the '26-'27 Redwood Area Concert Series now available! Enjoy world-class entertainment locally! 4 concerts in Redwood Falls + reciprocity with the concert series assoc. in Windom & Montevideo gives you the opportunity to enjoy additional concerts. Concert samples: redwoodconcerts.com or follow the FB page. All 12 concerts for: $55 (adult), $15 (student) or $125 (family). Get your ticket now by calling Julie P (507-828-5288) or Marsha S (507-640-2004) - first concert is 9/19 in Windom.

## Youth Group

Our mission is to help young people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith, and build lasting friendships rooted in love, respect, and service. Each gathering provides a welcoming and supportive environment where everyone is encouraged to ask questions, share their experiences, and discover how God is working in their lives. To join, here is a link for band which can be accessed on a phone or a computer.

## Religious Education

*Religious Education begins Wednesday 9/9.* Please refer to the Religious Education Handbook 26-27 for information. We will be using *Blest Are We*, RCL Beniger series for Elementary; *Connect*, St Mary's Press for Middle School; *Chosen*, Ascension, for 10th Grade; and *Confirmed in the Spirit*, Loyala Press for Juniors. We are in need of teachers, please consider!! *Registration + tentative calendar online on our website.*

## St. Michaels - Morgan, Fall Matching Grant Rummage Sale and Lunch

St. Michael's in Morgan invites you to their Fall Matching Grant Rummage Sale and Lunch on Fri 8/28 (9a-6p) & Satu 8/29 (8a-1p - Also $2 Bag Sale Day) in the St. Michael's Social Hall. Fresh Baked Rolls and Lunch available both days. Huge selection of clothes and misc items.

# ST ANNE'S SCHOOL




## Wabasso Virtus Session

*A VIRTUS Training Session will be held Wed 9/2 from 6p-9p at St. Anne's Church, Wabasso.* Need a new VIRTUS account? Register on the diocesan Website *https://www.dnu.org/safeenvironment/* (Click on large red button in left margin of Safe Environment Web page) (Individuals with existing pending accounts that haven't registered for a session - log back in to your VIRTUS account using the user id and password you created to register)




## St Anne School CUF Calendar Raffle Winners

August 17: Bernie Knott
August 18: Jeff Turber
August 19: Blaikely Samyn
August 20: Arlene Daub
August 21: Zavier Plaetz
August 22: Brooke Guetter
August 23: Becky Zimmerman

# ST CATHERINE

## SC 2026 Fall Festival Sponsorship Opportunity

Anyone interested in sponsoring a part of the cost of the St. Catherine Fall Festival is now welcome to do so! You may sponsor the entire expense or any part of it. When signing up, please indicate a second and third choice; in the event that all your choices have been taken, your donation will be applied to an expense that needs a sponsor. Also, indicate on the form below if you do not wish to have your name published. Please place the completed form in the collection basket of drop off at the parish office.

Thanks to all who can help!!

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | $40 | Pie Plates | I | $350 | Beer |
| B | $225 | Hot dogs/pulled pork meat | J | $300 | Games & Prizes |
| C | $75 | Chips | K | $500 | Picnic Tables |
| D | $375 | Postage | L | $275 | Misc. supplies |
| E | $150 | Water/pop | M | $300 | Meal supplies |
| F | $200 | Advertising | N | $800 | Laser Tag/Paintball |
| G | $200 | Coffee | O | $1,000 | Printing Cost |
| H | $225 | Milk | P | $4,000 | Dinner meal |

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**St. Catherine Fall Festival**

1st choice: ____ 2nd choice____3rd choice____ Total donation: _____

___check here if you do NOT wish to have your name published

(Name)_____

## CCW Board Member Needed

We are in need of someone to take the role of Reverence Life Coordinator and/or Spirituality Commission. Contact Tammy Houle for more information.

## St. Catherine's Fall Festival

Donations now being accepted:
– any size new or gently used toys, books, puzzles, kids trinkets and gadgets, stuffed animals, juice boxes, wrapped candies, 20oz & 2 liter bottles of pop, dumdum suckers & wrapped snacks for game prizes
– plastic or glass jars
– Quilts, Afghans, silent auction items, theme baskets & country store donations
*Any of these items can be brought in at any time and put in the old social hall.*

Baked items, canned goods, fresh vegetables, plants and homemade crafts are desired as additions to the Farmers Market that will be held at this year's Fall Festival

## Redwood Area Food Shelf

The Redwood Area Food Shelf is in need of both montary donations and physical donations of food items to assist those in our community who are in need. Please call (507) 627-3653 with any questions.

## St Catherine Calendar Raffle Winners

August 19 - Kathy Seidel
August 21 - Veronica Frank
August 23 - Jody Radel

# 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 are including homemade pie with the meal and ask volunteers to sign up for apple or pumpkin pies on the sign up lists in the Church Foyer (put A or P after your name).

The following items are now being accepted as donations toward our game prizes:
Juice Boxes, Pop, Candy, Treats (Little Debbie's), Fruit Snacks *(donations may be brought to the parish office)*

Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Packets will be available for Pick Up beginning 8/26 in the church foyer

## SA Parish Office Hours

SA Parish Office Hours are 8a-Noon Monday - Thursday this week.
SA Parish Office Hours will extend to 7:45a-3:15p beginning 8/31 (Closed Fri 9/4 & Mon 9/7 for Holiday)

## CUF Meeting

Catholic United Financial will have a meeting on Sunday 8/23 @ 6:15p in the St. Anne's church foyer.
*All members are invited to attend!*

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