



WOHVn-in-Faith

Area Catholic Community

Holy Cross, Sacred Heart, St. Rita, and St. Therese

Her Faith Was Her Salvation.

Today's Gospel deals with the question of qualifications. Jesus meets a Canaanite woman who wants a blessing for her daughter because she is being tormented by a demon. Jesus does not rush over to give her what she wants. He decides to test her faith first. He wants to see if she qualifies for a blessing.

So Jesus says to her, "I can't help you because you are a Canaanite. Your people and my people have been enemies for centuries. My people say that Canaanites are dogs. So you are not eligible for the blessing."

But the Canaanite woman is persistent. She kneels before him to honor him and she begins her plea by proclaiming that he is the Messiah. She says, "I believe that God is kind and loving and that He even provides for the dogs." She lives in a foreign land but she sees instantly that Jesus is the Messiah.

That is in direct contrast to the disciples who had been slow to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah. At this point Jesus realizes that she has passed the test. So he says to her, "I see that you have a very strong faith. I will bless your child. Your faith is your salvation." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Today's lesson: Jesus tested her faith and she passed the test. Faith was the deciding factor. Not culture or tradition or nationality.

Fr. Jerry Schik, OSC

Office Hours

ACC office hours are **10-5 Thursday** at Holy Cross. Please call the ACC office at 320-532-3122 to make an appointment outside of these hours.

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August 16, 2026 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Events

August 15th - 23rd

	Saturday	
	Holy Day Mass - Holy Cross	8:00 am
15	Holy Day Mass - St. Rita	8:00 am
	Sacrament of Reconciliation - St. Rita	3:15 pm
	Mass - St. Rita (+Joan Ethan Hines)	4:00 pm
16	Sunday	
	Mass - Sacred Heart (+Bob Lewandowski)	8:30 am
	Mass - Holy Cross (+Ron Schmidt)	9:00 am
	Mass - St. Rita (+Gage Beumer)	10:30 am
	Mass - St. Therese (+Rose Preimesberger)	11:00 am
17	Monday	
	Mass - Holy Cross	8:00 am
18	Tuesday	
	Mass - Holy Cross	8:00 am
	Mass - St. Rita	8:00 am
	Mass - Sacred Heart	9:00 am
	Rosary - Holy Cross-Small Chapel	6:30 pm
19	Wednesday	
	Mass - St. Rita (Good Harvest)	8:00 am
	Mass - Holy Cross	4:30 pm
20	Thursday	
	Mass - Holy Cross	8:00 am
	Mass - St. Rita (+Ron Rinkel)	8:00 am
21	Friday	
	Mass - Holy Cross	8:00 am
	Mass - St. Rita (Family of +Darrel Cronquist)	8:00 am
22	Saturday	
	Sacrament of Reconciliation - St. Rita	3:15 pm
	Mass - St. Rita (+Neal Boser)	4:00 pm
23	Sunday	
	Mass - Sacred Heart (+Bob Lewandowski)	8:30 am
	Mass - Holy Cross (+Ron Schmidt)	9:00 am
	Mass - St. Rita (+Melody Hayes)	10:30 am
	Mass - St. Therese (+Rose Preimesberger)	11:00 am

All Things New Presentations

All WOHVn in Faith Parishes

On Thursday, August 6th, the WOHVn in Faith parish leadership met with Brenda Kresky and Bailey Ziegler, our Diocesan team, to discuss our plan for moving forward to one parish corporation. The group agreed to hold presentations again at each of the parishes like we did at the beginning of this process.

The dates and churches are as follows:

Wednesday, August 19th - Sacred Heart - 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 20th - Holy Cross - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 25th - St. Therese - 7:00 pm

All presentations will be the same. If you are unable to attend at one church, you will be able to hear the same information, at another church on another date that works better for you. These presentations are open to everyone and are encouraged so that you know first-hand what is happening in our ACC.

August Anniversary

St. Rita

Cliff & Bernice Marshik - 62nd Anniversary - 8/31.

Mass Intentions

WOHVn in Faith Parishes

Each liturgy has a special intention and this can vary from celebrating the Eucharist for all the parishioners of the Area Catholic Community, to a special intention, or a special occasion like an anniversary, wedding, successful acceptance of employment, etc. These intentions can also be in memory of someone deceased, or in thanksgiving for various blessings from God. Requests and \$10 donation can be placed in the collection basket or at parish office.

Next Sunday's Readings:

August 23rd - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

St. Rita 3:15 pm

By Appointment (call 320-532-3122)

Holy Cross

Sacred Heart

St. Therese

Events/WOHVn News

Confirmation Classes

WOHVn in Faith ACC

Our Confirmation program will starting soon. Families with juniors and seniors interested in joining the classes, please contact Fr. Jerry or Kathy Lundeen at 320-532-3122 to let us know you are interested in attending.

Senior Day at the ROC!

All Area Seniors



All Seniors are invited to the Ralph Olson Center (ROC) in Onamia on **Wednesday, August 26th** from **11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** We will have a hot lunch, dessert, meet and visit with friends and play Bingo! If you would like to attend and need a ride, please call Alice Nickolay at 612-760-1333. We look forward to seeing you!

Faith Formation

St. Rita

St. Rita's Faith Formation is beginning in September. If you have a student in grades 1-10, and would like to enroll them in the Faith Formation program, please call the parish office at 320-532-3122.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

— *Saint Mother Teresa*



Join our Catholic Community!

WOHVn in Faith ACC

Looking for a place to pray and call home? Join us in the WOHVn in Faith Communities of Sacred Heart, Wahkon, Holy Cross, Onamia, St. Rita, Hillman and St. Therese, Vineland!

As a way for us to get to know you, just grab a parishioner registration form at any of the parishes, fill it out and return it to the parish office, place in the collection basket or call the parish office at 320-532-3122. We look forward to meeting you and sharing your faith, gifts and talents with us!

Koinonia Retreat

WOHVn in Faith Parishes

FAITH AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS. Are you climbing a mountain in your life right now? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend retreat program that commemorates the Paschal Mystery in a community setting. The next weekend is scheduled for September 18-20, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70, www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Secretary/Bookkeeper

WOHVn in Faith ACC

We are starting the search for a Secretary/Bookkeeper for our WOHVn in Faith Area Catholic Community. The position is part-time and applicant should have an accounting background, strong office and computer skills. If you are interested in more information about the position, please contact Fr. Marv at 320-532-3122.

Rosary with the Knights

Holy Cross



The Knights of Columbus – St. Joseph Council pray a weekly Rosary on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in the small chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Summer (Fall?) Celebration

Sacred Heart

With the cancellation of our Summer Celebration, our committee felt we should at least try and have some kind of gathering. Since we were able to change the date on our gambling permit, we have decided to reschedule bingo, the raffle, and possibly a bake sale to Saturday, November 7, 2026. We know this is not an optimal date and many of you will be unable to participate due to deer hunting and 'snowbird-itis', but we felt that some kind of fundraiser was necessary. Keep an eye out for more details and the Giving Tree will be posted soon!

WOHVn News

Finances

Weekend of August 9, 2026

Sacred Heart

Adult	\$ 720.00
Plate	672.00
Other (Assumption)	<u>5.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$1,397.00

Holy Cross

Adult	\$ 3,920.00
Plate	261.00
Other (HCC Maint/Usage, Coffee Sun.)	<u>629.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$ 4,810.00

St. Rita

Adult	\$ 1,084.00
Plate	1,994.00
Other (Votives)	<u>91.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$ 3,169.00

St. Therese

Adult	\$ 325.00
Plate	452.86
Other	<u>0.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$ 777.86

2026 Bazaar Financials

St. Rita

Numbers have been crunched, income counted and expenses paid out, so now... the 2026 St. Rita Bazaar has earned a net income of \$30,438.52! Even with the extreme heat that day, we still brought in \$848 over the 2025 Bazaar. If you would like to look at a more detailed breakdown of this total number, there is a sheet posted in the church entry. Great work everyone!



Join us for
Mass • Award Presentations
• Fun for the whole family

August 16
1:30 p.m.

Moenedick Family Farm
38153 - 431st Street
Perham, MN 56573

Save your Teal's Receipts!

Sacred Heart and Holy Cross

Teal's will donate 1% of money back to our parishes of Sacred Heart and Holy Cross from the receipts collected. There are boxes at both church entrances. Thank you!

Bulletin Announcements

All WOHVn in Faith Parishes

Bulletin Announcements – Any parish group, person or organization wishing to have an announcement added to our weekly bulletin, please send to wohvnbusinessmanager@gmail.com by noon on Wednesday. Thanks!

At a Glance

Recurring gatherings held on-site

Social Concerns - 1st Sunday after 9 am Mass (Holy Cross)

KC Father Hennepin - 2nd Monday, 6 pm (Sacred Heart)

Ladies Society - 2nd Tuesday, 9 am (Sacred Heart)

KC St. Joseph - 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm (St. Rita)

NA - Sundays, 7 pm (Holy Cross)

Recovery Works - Mondays, 7:00 pm (Holy Cross)

AA - Thursdays, 7 pm (Holy Cross)

Find the weekly bulletin online at

<https://www.wohvn-in-faith.org/weeklybulletin>

Connect With Us!

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