

WOHVn in Faith

Area Catholic Community



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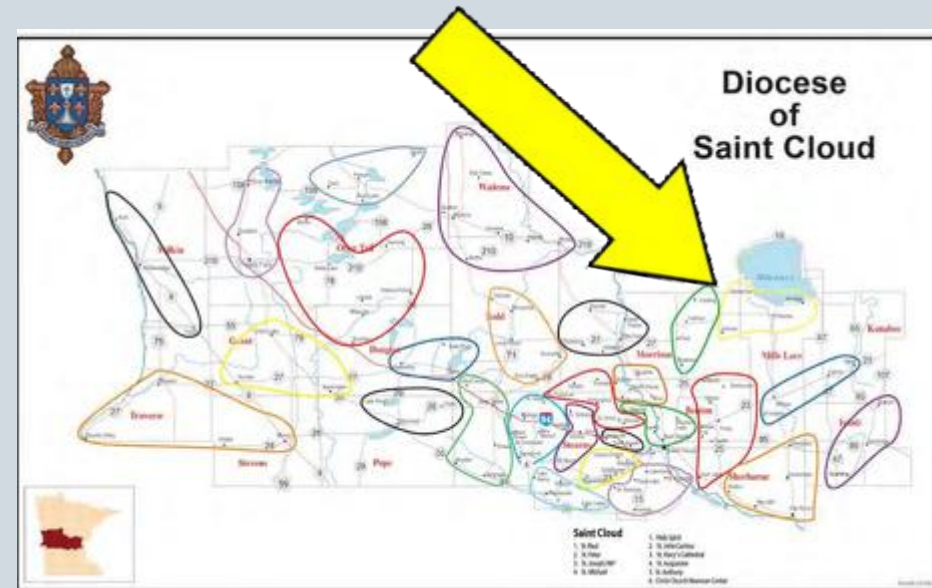
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The letters that form our Area Catholic Community name are drawn from the first letter of each town where our four parishes reside.

We are located in the northeast corner of the St. Cloud Diocese.

We became the South Mille Lacs Catholic Community cluster in 2004.

We became the WOHVn in Faith ACC in 2019.





In 1210 the Crosier Order was founded by Theodore de Celles.

In 1910 the Crosiers came to Minnesota.

In 1922 a priory and school were built in Onamia.

The Crosiers serve four WOHVn parishes **now** and plan to continue into the **future**.



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Wahkon – Sacred Heart



Sacred Heart

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Wahkon, MN 56386

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sacredheart56386@yahoo.com

[Sacred Heart website](#)

[Driving Directions](#)



Sacred Heart Parish in Wahkon

- 1600 – Father Louis Hennepin visits the area
- 1911 – First parish established
- 1912 – The Ladies Society is formed
- 1995 – The current church is completed
- 2004 – The stained-glass window is installed

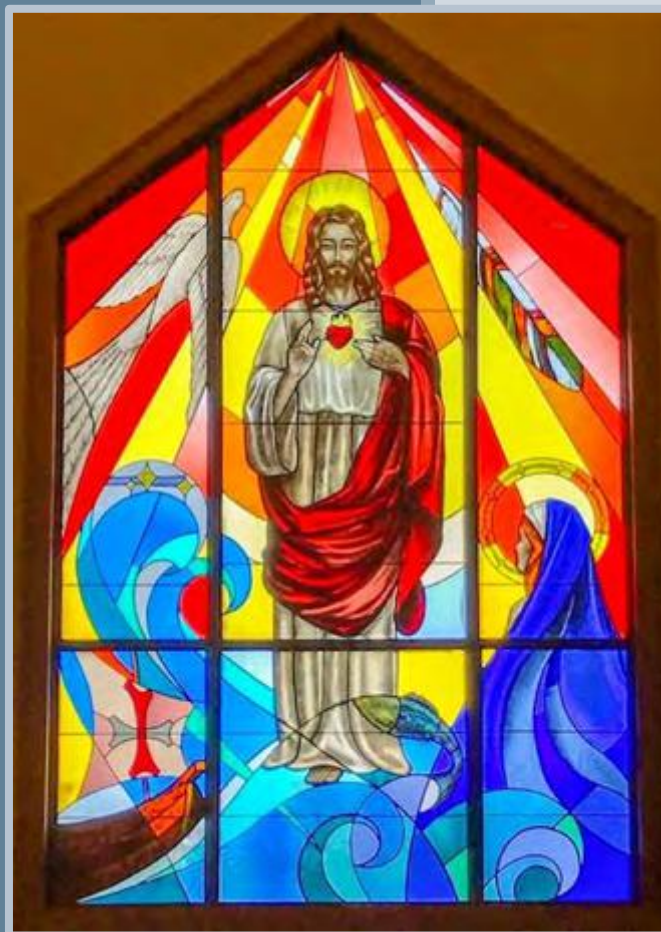
Today, Sacred Heart...

- serves seasonal homeowners, tourists, permanent residents
- has an active Knights of Columbus and a youth education program
- hosts many events and an annual bazaar

Baptized Catholics– 282

Total Households – 79

ACC Pastoral Council Members – Jon Bjornstad & Mary Bannick



Mille Lacs Area Social Concerns



FREE Thanksgiving meal in 2023:

- 85 guests served at the dining center
- 115 meals delivered



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Onamia – Holy Cross



Holy Cross

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Onamia, Minnesota, 56359
320-532-3122

hconamia@gmail.com

[Holy Cross website](#)

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Holy Cross Parish in Onamia

BUILDINGS:

- Holy Cross Priory Church with the St. Odilia Shrine
- Holy Cross Center: offices, storage, classrooms, dining hall, and kitchen

EVENTS:

- Shared Sunday Mass with the Crosier Community
- Lenten Fish Fries
- Autumn festival
- Active Parish Life Committee

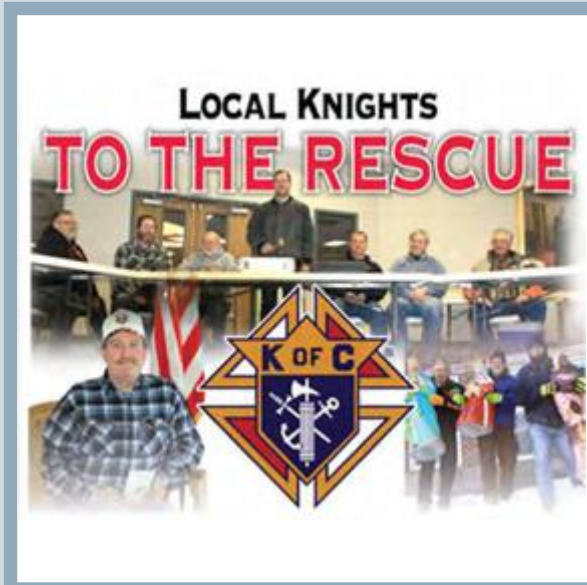
Baptized Catholics – 180

Total Households – 129

ACC Pastoral Council Member – Steve Timmers



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Hillman/Onamia
ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST
OCTOBER 15 2023
St. Rita's — Hillman
Serving 9:00-12:00
Mass @ 10:30
Raffle @ 12:00
Cash Raffle tickets
for SALE



Knights of Columbus

- Serve our Pastor and the Diocese of St. Cloud
- Support local parishes
- Fr. Hennepin Council - Sacred Heart
- St. Joseph's Council – Holy Cross and St. Rita's

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Hillman – St. Rita's



St. Rita

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Hillman, Minnesota 56338

320-277-3807

strita@brainerd.net

[St. Rita website](#)

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St. Rita's

in Hillman

We are...

- Served by the Crosiers since 1937
- A rural community spanning 4 school districts and surrounded by family farms and forestland
- An active, growing parish
- Very busy hosting multiple fundraisers, youth activities, and social events, including a quilt bingo and Prime Rib dinner

Baptized Catholics – 437

Total Households – 180

ACC Pastoral Council Members –
Amanda Gjerde and Calvin Beumer





Rural Life Celebration and Mass
August 18, 2013

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Vineland – St. Therese



St. Therese
Little Flower

43600 Hwy. 169
P.O. Box 26
Onamia, MN 56359
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[St. Therese website](#)

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A color photograph of the St. Therese church building. The church features a combination of stone and wood siding, with a prominent gabled roof. A tall, thin cross stands in the foreground on the left. The building is surrounded by a well-maintained lawn and trees, with a paved road in the foreground.

St. Therese Little Flower Mission Chapel

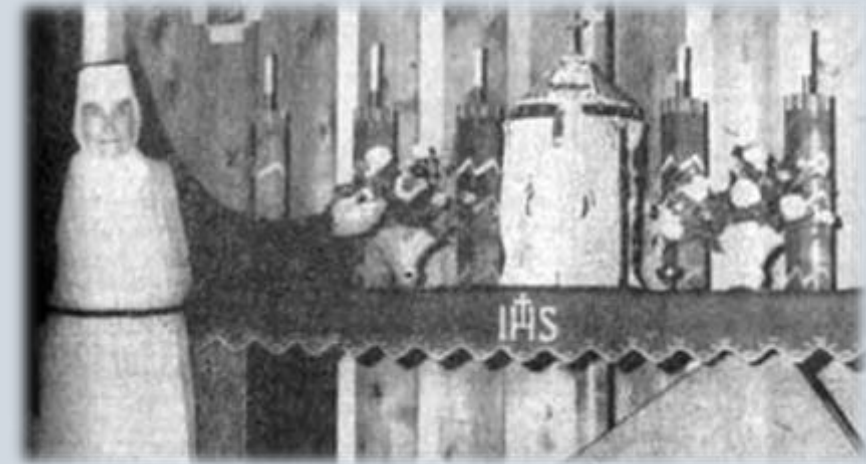
Vineland Bay

- The present church reflects the Ojibwe culture in its design and interior decorations.
- Many tourists are welcomed here each year.
- It is a simple building in a rustic surrounding for all to worship God.
- St. Therese Parish has the fewest registered members in the St. Cloud Diocese.
- This is a mission church on the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation, the only one in the Diocese.

Baptized Catholics – 49

Total Households – 17

ACC Pastoral Council
Member – Margaret Willis



Sr. Laura Hesch, OSB, stands next to the Little Therese Tabernacle made from birch bark and deer skin.



Sr. Mary George Ortmann, OSB



Who are we as an ACC?

We share...

- the Crosiers
- cluster status since 2004
- two active Knights of Columbus councils
- lots of dedicated volunteers
- tourism, seasonal membership, and rural surroundings
- confirmation classes for 20+ years
- two parish secretaries
- one Business Manager



Strengths

- Mutual respect among our members - we feel supported and heard
- Holy Cross Center is a centrally located space
- A weekly shared bulletin & website (wohvn-in-faith.org)
- The Crosiers and Fr. Jerry





Listening to the People

ALL parishes were involved in the preparation for this presentation.

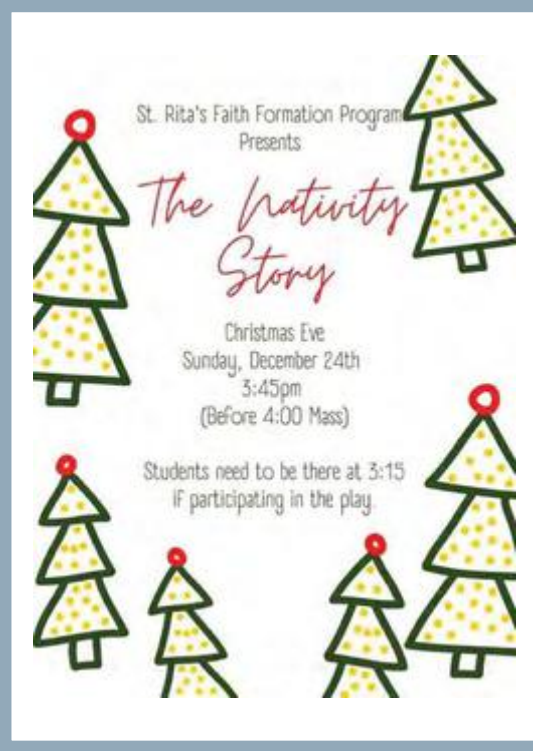
Parish Life committees will help our ACC council succeed.

Time and talent information is being gathered.

Casual, post-Mass socials are encouraging conversation.

Input is still being sought out from each parish.



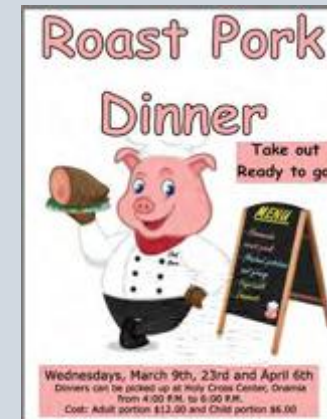


Formation of Leaders

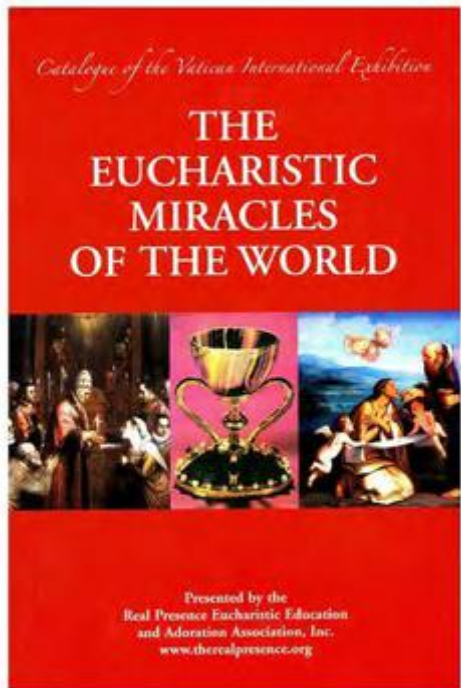
- Youth Faith Formation
- Confirmation
- Knights of Columbus
- Media Kiosks and libraries

Challenges...

- Our new Business Administrator, Amanda Gjerde, will begin full-time work in June 2024.
- We currently do not have a designated ACC council leader.
- Physical distance is a limiting factor.
- Some parishioners are not comfortable with new people and the idea of a Faith Community.
- Stagnant membership is a problem.
- Only a few parishioners are doing most of the work.
- We must rely on fundraising to pay the bills.



Nurturing Eucharistic Spirituality



The Extraordinary Minister information session was well attended.

Catholic materials are available at most of our parishes.

Some Extraordinary Ministers are assigned while others volunteer when needed.



Priorities

- Pool our resources, work together, and cross borders to become a stronger ACC.
- Share our faith journey through mission groups.
- Become active in the Deanery of Christian Women.
- Create an ACC roster and photo directory.
- Work with our ACC Business Administrator to build community.
- Help the Diocese maintain a Catholic presence on the Mille Lacs Reservation by helping the St. Therese parish to flourish.



Protected by Angels! VBS 2023
Sacred Heart Parish, Wabikon, MN
June 12th-15th, 2023
5:00-8:15 PM

Saint Michael the Archangel
Pray for us.

Saint Gabriel the Archangel
Pray for us.

Saint Raphael the Archangel
Pray for us.

Sacred Heart of Jesus
I trust in you.

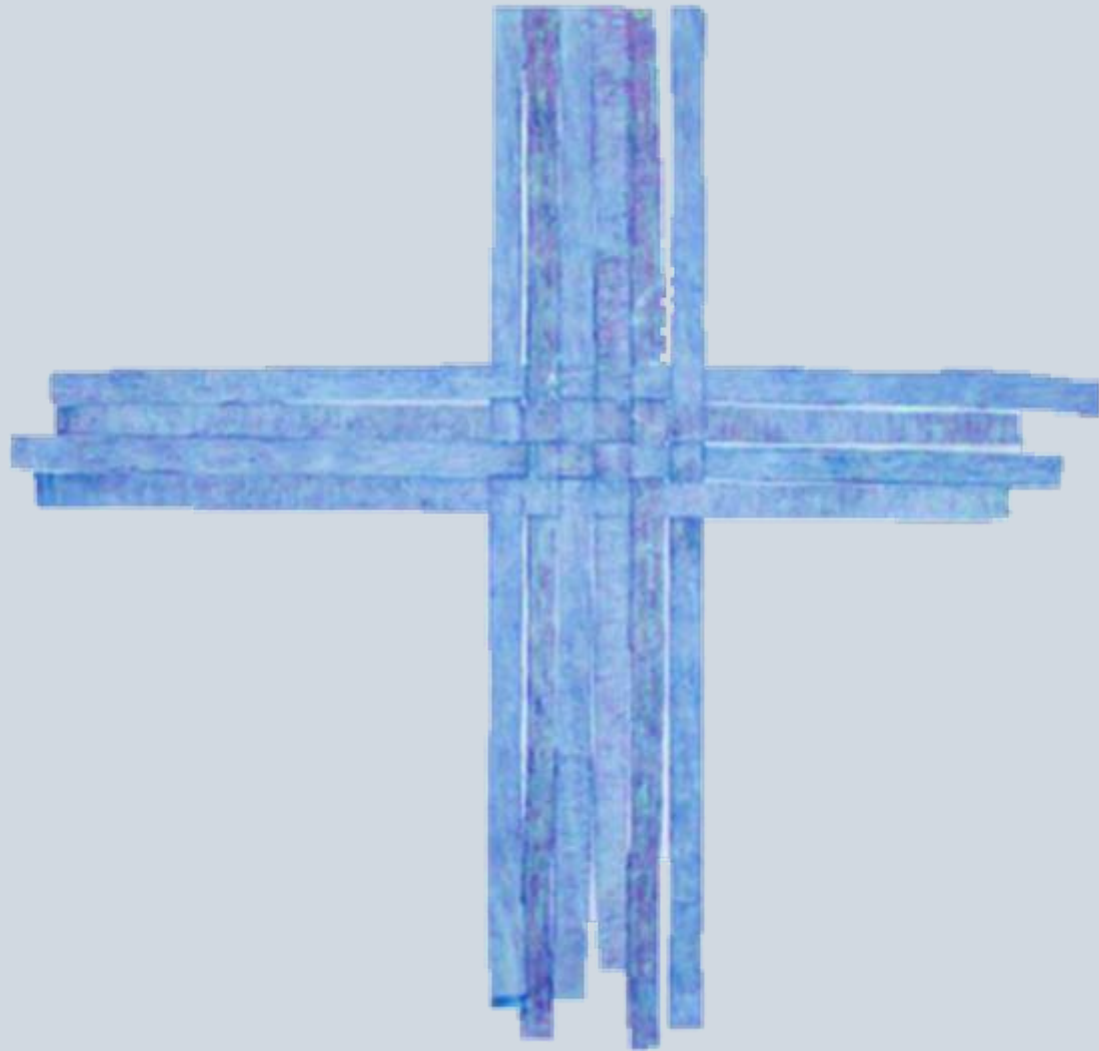
Learn About:

- 9 Choirs of Angels and their roles
- Angels in the Bible
- Guardian Angels
- How Angels bring us closer to Jesus

Experience:

- Games
- Music
- Crafts
- Skills
- Escape Rooms
- Supper each night
- Family Night Thursday

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We are...

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