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Sunday Masses

Sat	5:00 pm	St. Mary
Sun	8:00 am	St. Ann
Sun	10:00 am	St. Columba

Confessions

Sat	4:30 pm	St. Mary
Sun	7:30 am	St. Ann
Sun	9:30 am	St. Columba
Tues	4:00 pm	St. Ann

Adoration

Tues	4:00-5:00 pm	St. Ann

St. Mary, Lake Wilson

St. Ann, Slayton

St. Columba, Iona

Parish Services

New Parishioners We warmly welcome you to our Catholic parishes of Saint Ann, Saint Mary and Saint Columba! Contact the office to register.

Marriage Recently engaged? Before setting up any other arrangements, call Father to start your preparation for this beautiful sacrament! In Minnesota, preparation must begin at least six months before a wedding.

Baptism Call Father to make arrangements to have your child baptized as soon as possible! Those who have not had a child baptized before will also schedule a preparation session.

Mass Intentions

Mon	8:30 am	Sunrise	†Teri Luft
Tues	4:00 pm	St. Ann	**Holy Hour Adoration**
	5:00 pm	St. Ann	†Daryl Nelson
Wed	10:15 am	SRHCC	†Charlie & Glenna Miller
Thur	9:00 am	St. Columba	†MaryAnn McCormick
Fri	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Cleota Platt
Sat	9:00 am	St. Ann	†*No Mass*
	5:00 pm	St. Mary	†For the People
Sun	8:00 am	St. Ann	†Janice Kass
	10:00 am	St. Columba	†Lester & Francie Meyer

Readings Starting Dec 10

Sun	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Mon	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tue	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wed	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thur	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/Mt 11:11-15
Fri	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19
Sat	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9-13
Sun	Is 61:1-2, 10-11/Lk 1:46-50, 53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

From The Pastor

Gift of Family: We must thank God for the gift of family. Family must be a place of our encounter with God. Just as we can easily make a conversation on food, we should find it comfortable to talk about God at home. God comes to live among us. And so family is a place where we feel most at home to foster the awareness of God. Family also is a school of virtue: honesty, courage, obedience, forgiveness and faithfulness. Solid family background makes us healthy and happy for life. On the contrary troubled family life can diminish much of life quality which we need in order to become a mature person. A healthy family depends on every member, above all, the parents. God gives us the gift of family so that we can share and enrich one another. ~Fr. Thien Nguyen

Parish Life

Communal Penance for our parish cluster, Wed, Dec 13, St. Ann Church, starting at 6:00pm. Faith Formation students will start at 7:00pm. Three priests available to hear confessions.

Year End Giving: All tax-deductible gifts to the parishes ***must*** be in the office by Dec 29 if they are to be credited to the 2017 year. Thank You!

Christmas Mass Schedule, Dec 24 & 25:

Sun	Dec 24	4:00 pm	St. Ann, Slayton
Sun	Dec 24	6:00 pm	St. Mary, Lake Wilson
Mon	Dec 25	10:00 am	St. Columba, Iona

Solemnity of Mary, Dec 31 & Jan 1: *Day of Obligation*

Sun	Dec 31	5:00 pm	St. Mary, Lake Wilson
Mon	Jan 1	10:00 am	St. Columba, Iona

Join St. Ann's CCW Facebook Group! Get the latest info on events, Church celebrations, share great books or questions, and grow in your faith! www.facebook.com/groups/stannccw

Church Support

Dec 2 & 3

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Bldg/Fuel
St. Ann	$ 4,460.00	$ 122.00	$ 225.00
St. Columba	$ 386.00	$ 160.00	$ 75.00
St. Mary	$ 670.00	$ 65.00	$ .00

Catholic Ministries Appeal - 2017 Goals

St. Ann	Goal	$14,410	Pledged	$15,928.00
St. Columba	Goal	$ 4,140	Pledged	$ 5,477.00
St. Mary	Goal	$ 4,070	Pledged	$ 4,425.00

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Calendar

December 13	FF	Reconciliation	CCW Praying
20	FF	Afternoon Christmas Pageant	KC Praying
27	**NO FF**	Merry Christmas	
January 3	FF		CDA Praying

Snack Schedule 60 to hall by 2 pm Wed.

December 13	Lindy Larson
20	Sue Schreier
January 3	Tessa Dierks
10	Chris Huso

NO YOUTH GROUP DECEMBER 10 We will meet on December 17th.

Emily Kathman will be teaching 4th grade. Thank you for sharing your faith, Emily.

Reconciliation for afternoon and evening classes Dec. 13th.

Confirmation Class to St. Francis House Dec 17th Preparing meal and packing sack lunches on Dec 16th.

Christmas Pageant hosted by the afternoon faith formation students, catechists, and helpers will be on Dec 20 at 3:30 pm St. Ann Church Everyone invited! **Treat are needed for after the pageant.** Please consider donating.

Server Training Grade 5 review and questions Jan 3. Grade 4 Jan 10. Both sessions during faith formation.

Lifeline Mass at the Net Center Jan 6 Leave St. Ann at 2 pm. Fr. Emmanuel Mansford

Eucharistic Adoration evening classes Dec 20 6:45 pm Join us for a short holy hour-prayer requests accepted in the basket in the hall before 6:45.

Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother study to begin Jan 8 for 8 sessions 5 pm St. Ann School Hall—Sign up with Marcie by Dec 27.

VIRTUS training for any adult volunteering with students will be Feb. 15 6:30 pm in Divine Mercy Hall. See Marcie for details.

Bookcase Author Profile Dr. Scott Hahn-check it out.

Parish Life & Other Community Events

Help Needed with Christmas Decorations. St. Ann Christmas decorations need to be carried over from the rectory following the 8:00am Mass, Dec 17, anyone able to help provide assistance would be appreciated. Also, decorating this year will be done Fri, Dec 22, after 8:30am Mass due to the tight schedule between the last Sun advent Mass and Christmas Mass the same day. Any and all help for decorating is welcome!!

Retirement Fund & Catholic Univ. collection will take place this weekend for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, & rel. order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Your gift helps furnish medications, care, and more. Also, support of the Catholic Univ. helps expand the impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church & nation.

The Community Christmas Dinner will be held in Divine Mercy Hall at St. Ann Church, Dec 25, serving at noon. Don't spend Christmas alone - call Mary, 836-6445 or Eunice, 507-920-8530 to make reservations. Salad donations are appreciated but not required for you to attend.

Christmas Flower Donation envelopes can be found at the church entrances, or place your donation in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place in offertory. Please include names if you are giving in honor/memory of a loved one. A list of donors will be put out after Christmas. Thank You.

Disaster Relief Update from the DOW office: The faithful of the Diocese of Winona have raised a current total of $438,160.96 for victims of recent natural disasters; Hurricane's Harvey, Irma, Maria, and the Mexico Earthquake. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously. Way to go DOW!

CCW Christmas Cookie Exchange Dec 19th: CCW is hosting a Christmas cookie/treat exchange. Please bring 3 doz. of your favorite Christmas cookies or Christmas candy/treat to exchange on Tue, Dec 19. Drop your cookies off in the kitchen, Dec 19, by 3 pm. Please label your cookies/treats with your name and phone number. CCW will be donating one dozen of your cookies/treats to the Youth Christmas Program, for their reception, Dec 20. You will receive a variety of 2 dozen cookies/treats in return. Your "exchange" cookies can be picked up after 5:15 pm on Tue, Dec 19. Your cookies will be returned to you in the original container that you dropped your cookies off in. Please call/text Kari at 507-227-5956 so that we know how many to plan for. Merry Christmas!

St. Ann pastoral council is scheduled to meet Tues, Dec 12, at 7:00 pm, in Divine Mercy Hall.

Please help St. Mary's support the Murray County Christmas Project! Bring your donation to church by Dec 16 or drop off with Jodi at Thrivent Financial. Thank you!

Join Bp. John M. Quinn at the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Sun, Jan 28, 3:00 pm, at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth (214 Holland St). Prayers of reparation and healing will be offered as we mourn the loss of millions of lives because of 45 yrs of legalized abortion in America. "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." ~St. Theresa of Calcutta

Lake Wilson Lions Club French Toast Brunch, Sunday, Dec 10, 9 am - 1 pm. French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice & coffee. Free Will Donation. Lake Wilson Legion Hall. All are welcome!!

Volunteer Schedule for Dec 16 & 17

	St. Mary	St. Columba	St. Ann
Greeters		*Dave/Deb K; Brian/Katie K	Dave & Jan H; Jane W
Ushers	Greg G; Ron V		Ron H; Denny S; Bill E; Keith J
Servers	Isaiah & Emily K	Paige B; Abby F	Thomas H; MaryLou M
Reader	Miranda D	Peter F	Marlys K
Gifts	Volunteer	Bernie & Kay P	Rita K
EMHC	Edna E; Diane D; Mary Ellen G	Stacy B; JoAnn B; Bruce P	Marlys K; Bill B; Dave B
Money	Amy K; Hilary B	Sharon P; Janelle E	**Music** Rita L/Judy A
Coffee	:		**Group I** Joanne B
			Group II Sue B

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