

## CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. ANN, ST. COLUMBA, AND ST. MARY

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



*St. Ann, Slayton*

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**Confessions**

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



*St. Columba, Iona*

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**Adoration**

Tues	4:00-5:00 pm	St. Ann
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### 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	9:00 am	St. Ann	†For the People
Tues	4:00 pm	St. Ann	† <b>Holy Hour Adoration</b>
	5:00 pm	St. Ann	†Tom Danielson
Wed	9:15 am	Sunrise	†Maddy Forsberg
Thur	9:00 am	St. Columba	†Msgr. Francis Galles
Fri	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Francis/Wilma Gustaf
Sat	9:00 am	St. Ann	† <i>No Mass</i>
	5:00 pm	St. Columba	†Sylvan Gaul
Sun	8:00 am	St. Mary	†For the People
	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Lawrence/Lorraine Halbur

### READINGS STARTING DECEMBER 24

Sun	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Mon	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1- 6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tue	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wed	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1-8
Thur	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7-8/Mt 2:13-18
Fri	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/Lk 2:22-35
Sat	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40
Sun	Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-5 /Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”  
- Lk 1:31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## PARISH LIFE

**ST. MARY, LAKE WILSON** is serving a Community Dinner at the Lake Wilson Legion Hall Sun, Jan 14, 10:30am - 1pm. Menu includes: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potato Salad, Chips, Bar, and Beverage. Dine in or Carry out. FREE will donation. Proceeds will help to replace furnace/AC units. Everyone is welcome!!

**MASS TIMES CHANGE** January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. New times:  
 St. Ann at 5:00 pm  
 St. Columba at 8:00 am  
 St. Mary at 10:00 am

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**, Holy Mother of God Mass will be held on Mon, Jan 1 at 9:00 AM in St. Ann Church. This will be the only Mass offered for the holy day.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING** is renewing for 2024. If you would like to continue your ad on the back of the bulletin submit payment to the office by Jan 15 with any ad changes. Sm spaces-\$100; lg-\$190. Current advertisers have priority. Please patronize those listed on our bulletin.

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:** All tax-deductible gifts to the parishes/cemeteries **MUST** be in the office by Dec 29 (or postmarked by Dec 31) if they are to be credited to the 2023 calendar year. Thank you for your continued support and generosity towards our parishes!

**RAFFLE WINNER** Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - \$100.00 - Kim Eisfeld

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS** Dinner will be held on Mon, Dec 25 in St. Ann Hall serving begins at noon. Don't spend Christmas alone, call 760-0090 to let them know you are coming.

**ST. ANN CEMETERY** is looking for additional maintenance/caretaker people to help with mowing, trimming, and upkeep in the St. Ann Cemetery during the summer months. If you are interested please call Dana, 836-8030. We could use your help!

### CHURCH SUPPORT - DEC 16 & 17

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 8,909.00	\$ 148.65	\$ 296.80
St. Columba	\$ 1,379.00	\$ 251.00	\$ 245.00
St. Mary	\$ 690.00	\$ 32.15	\$ 660.00

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2023 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged	<b>\$32,895.00</b>
St. Columba	Goal \$ 4,082	Pledged	<b>\$ 6,645.00</b>
St. Mary	Goal \$ 3,234	Pledged	<b>\$ 7,675.00</b>

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Dec 27	<del>NO FF</del> Merry Christmas & Happy New Year	
Jan 3	FF	CDA prays
10	FF	CCW prays
17	FF	KC prays
24	FF	CDA prays

### SUPPER SCHEDULE

Reminder will be sent prior	
Jan 3	Cheryl Heard & FF
10	Amy Kathman
17	Brittney Kramer
24	Missy Biren and Sheila Risacher

**CDA NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST** grs 4-adult rules and entry form available from FF. Deadline 12-31-2

**FR. DHARMA PASALA** will be speaking on the Eucharist during evening FF classes on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. *FREE* supper served 6:15-6:40 pm. General assembly is 6:45 with Fr. Dharma speaking from 7-8 pm. Leave your questions on the Eucharist in the bowl on the wood table at St. Ann. Everyone is invited to listen to him speak.

**LETTER TO SEMINARIANS**-grades 1, 4, & 8 will be writing encouraging notes Jan 10.

**1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION** Jan 27, 9am the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Mercy. Please pray for Leah B, Baylor D, Mason H, Austin J, Oliver K, John L, Kaleb M, Adalie P, Charli P, Kenzie P.

**DR. DEB MCMANIMON**, St. Paul Street Evangelization speaking on "Living the Joy of the Gospel" Jan 31<sup>st</sup> during the evening FF classes. General Assembly-6:45 Deb speaking from 7-8. Everyone is invited to attend!

**SAVE THE DATE!** *Mardi Gras*, Feb 10 St. Columba Hall. *Ash Wednesday* Mass Feb 14 7pm with all FF students.

**CAMP SUMMIT** for grades 5+ (23-24 school year) will be July 29-Aug 1, 2024. Registration opening Jan 15. Transportation provided

**STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER** Youth Conference July 12-14, 2024 grades 8+ (23-24 school year) A life changing experience. Registration open. Transportation provided.

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

**QUIZ QUESTION:** Here is the answer to our quiz question of last week. The 3 common names given to the child born in Bethlehem are Jesus, Christ, and Emmanuel. What does each mean?

A. Christ means “Anointed One”. Christ was the Anointed One sent from God to free the people from their bondage to sin by suffering and dying on the cross.

B. Jesus means “God saves”. The Christmas story is that God has come to His people to save them from their sins.

C. Emmanuel means “God is with us”. The Christmas story is not of a distant God rather a God who came in a person to teach, preach, suffer, and die.

### CHRISTMAS GETS ME THINKING – PART TWO

Speaking of common names associated with Jesus, I was once given a cross. On the outer portion of the cross were various names given to Jesus in the gospels. Some which I can remember were Good Shepherd, The Way, The Truth, and the Life. In the very center of the cross was the name “Jesus.” I shared above what the name Jesus means. God, in the person of Jesus Christ, has come to His people to save them from their sins. We always associate the cross with the sin of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Disobeying the direct command of God, everything changed. Jesus, on the cross, came to suffer and die for our sins. The cross was made of wood. As sin entered the world through wood, a tree, Christ overcome sin via wood, a cross. What is often overlooked is the story of wood within the Christmas story. People question whether Mary and Joseph found shelter in a cave or stable. That is debated. What is not questioned is that when born Jesus was laid in a manger. A manger was a feeding trough for animals. A manger was made from wood. In the silence of that first Christmas night, the mission of this child was clear. As sin came into the world through the disobedience of man, sin would be dealt its final, crushing blow through man. The manger points forward to Jesus’ death via crucifixion and the salvation story.

### I MARVEL...

As I contemplate Christmas, I marvel at the story of Mary and Joseph. At every possible twist and turn, they faced either rejection, hardship, or difficulty. Yet, they never lost hope or abandoned their mission.

I am reminded of this every, single day. Outside my office window in Slayton is a tree. It doesn’t matter the day of the week as I can be assured of one thing. There is a squirrel that lives in the tree. Day after day I watch him moving up and down the tree. That tree means everything to him. It is his home. It is his place of safety. It is his territory. There is one characteristic of this squirrel that never ceases to amaze me. Whenever he climbs down the tree, he stops around six feet from the ground. From that vantage point, he looks. He looks for anyone coming out of Wonderland. He looks for any other squirrels in the area. He looks for danger. And sometimes I get the feeling that he is looking at me. Checking me over, sizing me up. If there is any hint of danger, he either runs to the opposite side of the tree or back up the tree. If another squirrel invades his territory, he commences the chase. Whatever it may be, he never forgets his mission of surviving and living for another day.

And that is the story of Mary and Joseph, they never lost sight of Bethlehem. Despite all the peril, a child was to be born destined to change history forever. Nothing was to keep Mary and Joseph from their work in the salvation story. May we share their perseverance and longing as we await the coming of the child who is our Christ and Lord.

### A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all of you, I wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas. May your hearts be filled with joy, peace, and love! For all travelling, I pray for your safety and well-being. For all home with family, I pray that your days be filled with peace. Please keep me in your prayers and know of my prayers for you.

Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DEC 30 & 31

	<b>ST. MARY - 8AM</b>	<b>ST. COLUMBA - 5PM</b>	<b>ST. ANN - 10AM</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron V; Greg G		Marilou C; Bill & Jan B; Jill M
<b>Greeters</b>		Jim & Marcie C	
<b>Server</b>	Calleigh & Emaleigh D	Chloe & Kora K	Sophia & Ethan N
<b>Reader</b>	Lori G	Lisa K	Kelly N
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>EMHC</b>	Kris B; Carmen B	Jim & Marcie C	Marti E; Karen J; Katie H
<b>Money</b>	Edna E; Karen H		Rita L/Judy A
		<b>Music</b>	Joanne B
		<b>Comm to HB</b>	



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