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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

Mike Kirchner - St. Ann Custodian
 (507) 760-0090

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

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	†Mary/Julie Heitkamp
Tues	4:00 pm	St. Ann	† Holy Hour Adoration
	5:00 pm	St. Ann	Special Intention
Wed	9:15 am	Lindenwood	†Ron Conway
Thur	9:00 am	St. Columba	†Frank/Tess Halbur
Fri	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Anna Herrig
Sat	9:00 am	St. Ann	Cathy Hemenway
	5:00 pm	St. Ann	†For the People
Sun	8:00 am	St. Columba	†Bob/Jean Hentges
	10:00 am	St. Mary	†Cy/Corrine Zenk



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
 - Lk 2:40

READINGS STARTING DECEMBER 31

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
Mon	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tue	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wed	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thur	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Jn 1:35-42
Fri	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1-5/Jn 1:43-51
Sat	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Sun	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 6th & 7th. 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.

ST. COLUMBA: Thank you to the Todd and Deb Thraen family for the Christmas decorating, Sharon and Tony for the beautiful music and to Colleen Gengler for babysitting the poinsettias and to all who prayed and worked together to make St. Columba a community of Faith, Hope and Love in 2023.

PLEASE NOTE THE INSERT in this weeks bulletin is 2 sided. The first side has a statement, from the office of the Bishop, Bishop Barron. Please read his statement. Christmas Flower donations can be found on the other side. Thank you to all those who donated to the Christmas flower fund in our parishes. It was appreciated.

Exposition & Confession Schedules:

Every Tuesday	St. Ann	4 - 4:45p	(w/confessions)
First Thursdays	St. Mary	5 - 6p	(Jan 4 th)
First Fridays	St. Gabriel	9 - 12p	(Conf. 9-10a) Jan 5
First Saturdays	St. Ann	4 - 4:45p	(w/conf.) Jan 6
	IHM	4:30 - 5:15p	(w/conf.)
Third Sundays	St. Anthony	11:30 - 12:30p	(w/conf.)

TABERNACLE CANDLE: *Was lit the week of Dec 24th for St. Ann - Arnold DeGreeff*

CHURCH SUPPORT - DEC 23 & 24

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 6,608.00	\$ 584.73	\$ 584.30
St. Columba	\$ 4,015.00	\$ 414.16	\$ 110.00
St. Mary	\$ 990.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 404.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2023 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged	\$33,545.00
St. Columba	Goal \$ 4,082	Pledged	\$ 7,695.00
St. Mary	Goal \$ 3,234	Pledged	\$ 9,175.00

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

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

FR. DHARMA PASALA will be speaking on the Eucharist during evening FF classes on Jan 3rd. *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.

1ST RECONCILIATION Jan 27, 9am the 2nd 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 31st 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.

SEXUAL ABUSE: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Ext 255. Caller will be asked to provide name and phone number. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** The DOW-R is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. Questions about the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, contact Mary Hamann: 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dowr.org.

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

HAPPY NEW YEAR I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year. My prayers are with you and that you may be filled with peace. People sometimes ask if I am into resolutions. It isn't my thing. My resolution is the same whether in the year 2000 or 2023. I try to live the life of Jesus Christ and serve him faithfully each day. To do so, please keep me in your prayers.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

We find ourselves in the Season of Christmas. Each season (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter) is unique. What are the unique features of the Christmas season?

1. It is the shortest of all the seasons. This year being 15 days.

2. Each Sunday is marked by Solemnity or Feast. On December 31, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. On January 7, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

3. It contains two holy days of obligation one week apart. December 25th is Christmas and January 1st is Mary, Mother of God.

4. On the days following Christmas, we have three feasts – Feast of Saint Stephen (Dec 26), St. John the Apostle (Dec 27), and the Holy Innocents (Dec 28).

5. Of the fifteen days to the season, over half (eight) are marked by a Feast or Solemnity.

In line with my final statement, one of the Feasts is that of the Holy Family. Our celebration of this week-end is not entitled the Feast of the Perfect Family. Even the Holy Family had its moments. Worth mentioning are:

- A. The rejection in finding an inn for the birth of our Savior.
- B. A king having to be born in a stable.
- C. A king being born in an obscure town called Bethlehem.
- D. The Flight into Egypt with Herod searching for the child to put him to death.
- E. The child being lost for three days while Mary and Joseph search for him.
- F. Our Lord being scourged and whipped.
- G. Our Lord having to die on a cross.

And the list goes on. Still, through it all, Jesus, Mary,

and Joseph maintained holiness. Despite everything sent their way, they kept their focus on God. They trusted in God's will. Such holiness is what I pray for in my life and is my prayer for all of you.

WHICH LEADS TO A QUESTION: Speaking of the Holy Family, why wasn't Joseph present at Jesus' death? We only hear of Mary. The answer will come in my column of next week.

Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANY THANKS TO all those who remembered me with cards, gifts, treats, and prayers this Christmas season. Everything was greatly appreciated, Thank you. May everyone have a Blessed and Happy New Year in 2024 and please know of my continued prayers for all of you. *God Bless!* ~Fr. Schuster

ST. ANN CEMETERY committee will meet on Thurs, Jan 4, at 5pm in the St. Ann Social Room.

RAFFLE WINNER Dec 24th - \$500.00 - Penny Boock

ST. ANN, SUN, JAN 7TH help will be needed to take down Christmas decorations, carry them back to the rectory, set up for Mass in St. Ann Hall, and empty the cry room. High school boys, able-bodied men and women will be needed for the task. Please come at **1pm**. When checking with Siri – she said there were **NO** NFL games to conflict with. The St. Ann pews are scheduled to be removed, for refurbishment, from the church on Mon, Jan 8th. So, beginning on Jan 8th, ALL Masses scheduled at St. Ann will be held in the Hall.

A 13-WEEK GRIEF share group will be held at Christ Lutheran in Slayton. Starting Tues, Jan 2, 6-8pm. After that the next 12 weeks will be on Mondays from 6pm-8pm. Mary Baune: 507-829-3027; Lorna Bader: 507-829-6467; Church office: 507-836-8291.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JAN 6 & 7

	ST. MARY - 10AM	ST. COLUMBA - 8AM	ST. ANN - 5PM
Ushers	Jim Y; Brian C		Clayton M; Paul L; Jim O; Denny S
Greeters		Don & Colleen G	
Server	Olivia H; Kiya T	Chloe & Kora K	Eli & Brynn B
Reader	Youth Mass	Kay P	Julie K
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC	Edna E; Louise B	Jim C; Colleen G	Jill M; Pam M; Pam S
Money	Jodi G; Joe B		Paula H/Dana C
		Music	Sue B
		Comm to HB	

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