

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

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



*St. Ann, Slayton*

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**Confessions**

Sat	4:30 pm	St. Ann
Sun	7:30 am	St. Columba
Sun	9:30 am	St. Mary
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	<i>Father's day off</i>	†No Mass
Tues	4:00 pm St. Ann	† <b>Holy Hour Adoration</b>
	5:00 pm St. Ann	†Flavia Kirchner
Wed	9:15 am Sunrise	†Hubert Herrig
Thur	9:00 am St. Columba	†Marty Jorgensen
Fri	8:30 am St. Ann	†Shannon Kirchner
Sat	9:00 am St. Ann	†No Mass
	5:00 pm St. Ann	†Janice Kass
Sun	8:00 am St. Columba	†For the People
	10:00 am St. Mary	†Jim LeTendre

### READINGS STARTING JANUARY 14

Sun	1 Sm 3:3-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-10/1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Mon	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tue	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wed	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thur	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12
Fri	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19
Sat	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Sun	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— ❦ —

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1999, 1979 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!!

**MEETINGS TO DISCUSS MERGER** The cluster of Slayton, Lake Wilson, and Iona will be hosting two meetings to discuss the proposed merger of the Catholic parishes of St. Mary in Lake Wilson and St. Columba in Iona with the parish of St. Ann in Slayton. The two meeting dates are: **St. Columba, Iona** - Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the St. Columba Hall. **St. Mary, Lake Wilson** – Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the church basement. Fr. Will Thompson, Vicar General of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, and Fr. Peter Schuster will be present to lead the meeting and any discussion. Parishioners from St. Columba and St. Mary are encouraged to attend.

**OUR SYMPATHY** goes out to the family of Sylvia Lingen. Sylvia passed away on Thur, Jan 4. Her funeral was at St. Mary Church. May she rest in peace.

**ST. COLUMBA** will be serving Coffee & Rolls following the 8am Mass on Sun, Jan 21. All are welcome!

**ALL ST. COLUMBA GREETERS:** Please remember to arrive 20 - 30 minutes before Mass to open the church and complete the check list which can be found in the sacristy. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish!

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTION** statements are completed. They will be handed out at Mass this weekend please try to remember to take yours. *Thank you* for contributing!

**TABERNACLE CANDLE:** *Lit the week of Jan 14<sup>th</sup> for: St. Ann - Gary Gilbertson*

### CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN 6 & 7

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 622.25
St. Columba	\$ 550.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 120.00
St. Mary	\$ 680.00	\$ 107.36	\$ 290.00

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2023 GOALS

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

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Jan 17	FF	KC prays	
	24	FF	CDA prays
	31	FF	KC prays
Feb 7	FF	CDA prays	

### SUPPER SCHEDULE

Jan 17	Brittney Kramer
24	Missy Biren and Sheila Risacher
31	Faith Formation
Feb 7	Baumgartners

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

**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!

**QUILT TYING** for all the graduating seniors of our tri parish will take place at St. Columba Hall on February 3 at 8:30 am. All are welcome to help, experienced and unexperienced. We can teach you and will have the equipment you will need, just show up!

**MARDI GRAS** Feb 10 6-8pm St. Columba Hall, Iona-same great food as last year, bouncy house, twisted balloons, face painting, minnow races. Kiss the Pig contest will be back. New this year-fingernail polish painting and cotton candy!

**HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT** “Living our Faith in Love” grs 9-12 invited to attend. Pro-life is the topic. March 17 1pm. Transportation provided-registration fee paid by FF—please bring a food shelf item to share.

**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.

**RAFFLE WINNER** Jan 7<sup>th</sup> - \$100.00 - Janet DeGreeff

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

**CHRISTMAS QUESTION:** I want to transition into the season of Ordinary Time by looking at a question central to the Christmas story.

Question: If they were only betrothed, why did Joseph contemplate divorce when he discovered Mary was with child?

Answer: You seem to be equating betrothal with the modern concept of engagement. They are not the same. Jewish custom at the time considered a couple to be married once the general agreement for the marriage had been obtained. The couple did not live together or consummate the marriage, however, for about a year while the families worked out the details (dowry, etc.). If for some reason the arrangement fell through, a divorce was required since they were considered to be married even in the year before the final ceremonies and consummation.

While all this may sound complex or fussy, it was really to protect the woman. Virginity was prized in Jewish culture for a bride, and without this, she was considered less marriageable. Thus, she would not surrender her virginity until all the final details were made and the couple was found compatible.

Joseph was striving to follow the Law as he understood it at the time. But God instructed Joseph to proceed differently. (Taken from Our Sunday Visitor, written by Msgr. Charles Pope, February 28, 2016, page 27).

**INTO ORDINARY TIME WE VENTURE:** And now we find ourselves in Ordinary Time. Much of life is ordinary. We eat, sleep, and work. Think of the number of hours our lives are consumed by these tasks. A story. Growing up on the farm, every Saturday found my father and I undertaking the same task of cleaning barns and grinding feed. We always began by cleaning barns. We didn't have to communicate a great deal so accustomed we were with the routine. One of us would hook onto the manure spreader while the other fired up the Bobcat (for my first years we didn't have a Bobcat so everything was done with a fork and shov-

- el). The work was incredible in its efficiency:
- We would begin in the same barn (west barn).
  - We would begin on the same end of the barn (west end of the west barn).
  - I would drive the Bobcat.
  - When full, dad would unload the manure spreader in the field.

This happened every Saturday.

Such is the story of Ordinary Time. While Ordinary Time doesn't celebrate a Christmas or Easter, we hear the day-to-day stories of Jesus' life – his teaching, preaching, and healing. While most of Jesus' life was "ordinary" in nature, that doesn't mean it was boorish. His life reminded us of the constant call to holiness. I'll let you in on a little secret. Sometimes what happened in the hog barns on Saturdays didn't reflect a great deal of holiness. Hogs can try your patience. Thank goodness for the Sacrament of Penance. However, my father and I tried and my encouragement for all of you is the same. In the most mundane/ordinary events of life, strive to live a life centered on Jesus Christ. Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WINTER NOTE:** If schools are cancelled or running 2 hours late - Weekday morning Masses will be cancelled. If school is cancelled or dismissed early - Tuesday afternoon Mass will be cancelled.

**THANKS GO OUT TO** the many people who helped take down decorations and "move" the St. Ann Church into the hall last Sunday. All Masses will now take place in the hall until pews are returned in March. \*\*\*Also, there is a trailer in the back parking lot with the old kneelers and bookracks on it. ANYONE looking for smaller oak pieces for wood-working projects can help yourself to as much as you like.

**COURT QUEEN OF PEACE** will meet Saturday, January 27 at 9am in the social room at the school.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JAN 20 & 21

	<b>ST. MARY - 10AM</b>	<b>ST. COLUMBA - 8AM</b>	<b>ST. ANN - 5PM</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Y; Brian C		Clayton M; Paul L; Jim O; Denny S
<b>Greeters</b>		Phil & Brittney K	
<b>Server</b>	Olivia K; Louis J	Madilyn & Ruby K	Grace N; Kyra B
<b>Reader</b>	Amy K	Lisa K	Rita L
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>EMHC</b>	Kris B; Carmen B	Trish K; Todd T	Kathy & Dave S; Karen J
<b>Money</b>	Carmen B; Amy K		Sue B/Dana C
		<b>Music</b>	Joanne B
		<b>Comm to HB</b>	



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