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 Sun 10:00 am St. Mary



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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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 (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	<i>Father's day off</i>	†No Mass
Tues	4:00 pm St. Ann	† NO Holy Hour
	5:00 pm St. Ann	†No Mass
Wed	9:15 am Sunrise	†No Mass
Thur	9:00 am St. Columba	†No Mass
Fri	8:30 am St. Ann	†No Mass
Sat	9:00 am St. Ann	†No Mass
	5:00 pm St. Ann	†For the People
Sun	8:00 am St. Columba	†Pete/Frances Koob
	10:00 am St. Mary	†Lester/Francie Meyer

READINGS STARTING JANUARY 21

Sun	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Mon	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tue	2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thur	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Fri	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/Mk 4:26-34
Sat	2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sun	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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PARISH LIFE

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Roylyn “Roy” Schoon. Roy passed away on Sat, Jan 13. His funeral will be on Tues, Jan 23 at St. Columba Church.

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 25th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the St. Columba Hall.

St. Mary, Lake Wilson – Friday, January 26th 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.

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

ST. ANN FINANCE COUNCIL will meet Thurs, Jan 25, at 6:30pm in the St. Ann Social Room.

THE INFORMATIONAL RCIA meeting, has been rescheduled for Jan 28 at 4pm at the Woelbers’s barn (2590 121st, Avoca). Child care can be available if needed for this short/informal meeting. Any questions please call Pat Merrick at 507-407-1063.

SECOND COLLECTION next week will be for the Church in Latin America and Catholic Communications. Support provides lay leadership training, catechists, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the good news of Christ.

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

AREA WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tues	10:30 am	Funeral Mass, Iona
Wed	8:30 am	St. Anthony, Westbrook
Thur	8:30 am	IHM, Currie
Fri	8:30 am	St. Gabriel, Fulda

CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN 13 & 14

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 855.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 312.25
St. Columba	\$.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 70.00
St. Mary	\$ 110.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 140.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2023 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged	\$33,645.00
St. Columba	Goal \$ 4,082	Pledged	\$ 7,795.00
St. Mary	Goal \$ 3,234	Pledged	\$ 9,175.00

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Jan 24	FF	CDA prays
	31	FF KC prays
Feb 7	FF	CDA prays
	14	Ash Wednesday Mass 7 pm CCW prays
SUPPER SCHEDULE Reminder will be sent prior		
Jan 24		Missy Biren and Sheila Risacher
	31	Faith Formation
Feb 7		Baumgartners
	14	NO SUPPER-MASS

MISSION TRIP INQUIRY MEETING Wed, Jan 24 8 pm School Hall- for grades 7+

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

LENT ADULT FF OPPORTUNITY “Encounter the Power of the Gospel” Fr. Mark Toups multi-media course.

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 the Gift of Life” 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.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS: call Deb, 507-227-0518 for St. Columba requests. Call Jill, 507-920-3872 or Karen, 760-0113 for St. Ann requests.

SOUP & DESSERT LUNCH: First Presbyterian, Fulda on Sun, Jan 28, 11am - 1pm. Serving Wild Rice & Ham, Chicken Noodle, Loaded Potato soups, & Chili, BBQ, Desserts, Homemade Bread, Cheese, & Bev. Adults: \$11.

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

IS JESUS CHRIST CRAZY? Mark's gospel begins with the preaching of John the Baptist. In Mark 1:2-6, we hear the following:

1. He fulfills the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

2. His baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

3. He was clothed in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist.

4. He fed on locusts and wild honey.

5. He proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me...I have baptized with water; he will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

6. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

That is impressive. With that beginning to his gospel, Mark 1:9-13 speaks of the baptism of Jesus and his temptation by Satan in the desert.

With that prelude, we come to our gospel of this weekend. Jesus begins his public ministry with the words, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). With that proclamation we hear the call of the first disciples. This is where my question reigns, "Is Jesus Christ crazy?" We have heard the gospel story of the call of Peter, Andrew, James, and John on many occasions. Peter and Andrew and casting nets into the sea; they were fishermen (Mark 1:16). James and John are in a boat mending their nets (Mark 1:19). To all four, Jesus says, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17) and they leave everything and follow him. With that, I put myself in their shoes. What if their story was my story? I am fishing on one of the local lakes and after a day of fishing, catching a limit of walleyes, I drive my boat up to the

landing only to be encountered by someone who says, "Come after me." My response might be, "Are you out of your mind?" After all, think of everything I have for fishing: boat, pickup, trailer, rods, net, tackle boxes, lifejackets, jackets and pants, rain gear, etc. The amount of money one has stuck into the aforementioned is astounding. And to leave it all to follow someone? I think it would take more convincing than a simple, "Come. Follow me."

What is it about Jesus that Peter, Andrew, James, and John do just that, leave it all behind? Here are some random thoughts:

A. This may not have been the first time they encountered Jesus. Jesus might not have been a stranger. They had heard him speak previously.

B. Maybe it was the way he spoke. His words were filled with conviction.

C. Maybe they realized their fishing future was in good hands with others to take their place.

D. Was it such a bad day of fishing that Jesus caught them at the right time?

I don't have the answer; however, they left all and followed Jesus. The rest is history. Their story is a story shared to this day and until Jesus comes in all his glory.

The question is unchanged. Jesus asks us today, "Come. Follow me." The answer is left up to us. What will we choose?

Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAFFLE WINNER Jan 14th - \$100.00 - Robin Weis

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

THERE IS A TRAILER in the back parking lot of St. Ann with the old kneelers/bookcracks on it. ANYONE looking for oak pieces for woodworking projects, please help yourself and take as much as you like.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JAN 27 & 28

	ST. MARY - 10AM	ST. COLUMBA - 8AM	ST. ANN - 5PM
Ushers	Jim Y; Brian C		Clayton M; Paul L; Jim O; Denny S
Greeters		Ron & Janelle E	
Server	Calleigh & Emaleigh D	Natalie & Riley E	Josie S; Cali P
Reader	Lori G	Colleen G	Kate H
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC	Edna E; Laddie C	Jim & Marcie C	Marti E; Pam M; Pam S
Money	Edna E; Karen H		Volunteer/Dana C
		Music	Sue B
		Comm to HB	

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