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

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

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	<i>Father's day off</i>	†No Mass
Tues	4:00 pm St. Ann	† Holy Hour Adoration
	5:00 pm St. Ann	†Jake/Margaret Konkol
Wed	9:15 am Lindenwood	†Joe LeTendre
Thur	9:00 am St. Columba	†Bernadine Kremer
Fri	8:30 am St. Ann	†Peter/Frances Metz Fam - Decs'd
Sat	9:00 am St. Ann	†No Mass
	5:00 pm St. Ann	†Rose Oakland
Sun	8:00 am St. Columba	†Julie Klein
	10:00 am St. Mary	†For the People

READINGS STARTING JANUARY 28

Sun	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Mon	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tue	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wed	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thur	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Fri	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7-10/Lk 2:22-40
Sat	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
Sun	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"
 - Mk 1:23-25

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PARISH LIFE

THANK YOU TO ALL who ventured out into the cold to attend and/or pick up takeouts for others at the St. Mary Community Dinner. The dinner went well! Thanks to all who helped in anyway by working and donating items. A special thank you to the committee members for all their work in lining up the dinner, securing the pork and/or preparing the meat and the rest of the food.

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. Any questions call Pat Merrick at 507-407-1063.

SECOND COLLECTION this week will be for the Church in Latin America/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.

PLEASE NOTE that starting in February, and going forward, there will no longer be First Saturday, **9am**, morning Masses offered at St. Ann.

RAFFLE WINNER Jan 21st - \$100.00 - Kevin Ahrens

TABERNACLE CANDLE: *Lit the week of Jan 28th for: St. Ann - Ann Greenbeck*

ST. CATHERINE, LUVERNE: Join us Feb 7, at 7pm at 203 E Brown St, Luverne, MN for a Eucharistic Presentation by Fr. Leo Patalinghug. Fr. Leo is an author/speaker, creator and founder of an international food and faith movement called Plating Grace. He is a host for radio, podcast and a weekly international food and faith show on EWTV, Savoring our Faith. The mission to see food as a gift from God to nourish your family and to strengthen relationships is making this world a better place one meal at a time. All are welcome from 6th grade through adults; we would love for you to join us!

CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN 20 & 21

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 990.00	\$ 97.00	\$ 422.25
St. Columba	\$ 450.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 220.00
St. Mary	\$ 230.00	\$ 98.75	\$ 312.00

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 31	FF	KC prays
Feb 7	FF	CDA prays
	14	Ash Wednesday Mass 7 pm
	21	FF
		CCW prays
		KC prays

SUPPER SCHEDULE

Reminder will be sent prior

Jan 31	Faith Formation
Feb 7	Baumgartners
14	NO SUPPER-MASS
21	Leftovers from Mardi Gras

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. Contact Marcie to participate.

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!

TRAUMA AWARENESS PROGRAM "Whole Hearted" by Catholic Charities is for those who have suffered trauma in their lives. It offers a chance to recognize the extent of the trauma, renewal-offers spiritual exercises for strength, and restoration-offers intentional work needed to move forward. Thursdays, February 29, March 7, 14, & 21. 7 pm Social Room, St. Ann School. FREE! Contact Marcie if you wish to participate.

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.

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

FATHER SCHUSTER AND A LIFE OF FAME: Last Sunday, Jesus began 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). The word gospel means, “Good News,” and Jesus did come bringing good news. This week’s gospel brings his good news to the fore. A man with an unclean spirit cries out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God” (Mark 1:24). Who in their right mind would ever say such words? No one. What you realize in the words is that the demon (unclean spirit) had so much power over the man that he uses the man as his voice, his spokesperson. The man no longer had control over his own words. Imagine the violent spew that came out of the mouth of the man. However, isn’t it interesting the contrast we have in the gospel? While the people are trying to figure out Jesus, Jesus’ adversary knows exactly with whom he is dealing. Again, hear the words, “Have you, Jesus, come to destroy us?” The devil’s proclamation is that Jesus is the one who can destroy him and that is what he proceeds to do. Mark 1:25 is forceful in its words, “Jesus rebuked him and said, ‘Quiet, Come out of him!’” That is exactly the result as the unclean spirit convulsed the man and left him (Mark 1:26).

Viewing this scene, people are in awe. Some believed Jesus to be the promised Messiah while others were more hesitant in their proclamation. Either way, we hear, “Jesus’ fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee” (Mark 1:28). Let us look at fame. I am going to throw out the name of Taylor Swift. If I remember correctly, in 2023, she had two shows in the Twin Cities. Tickets went quickly and people who attended were awed at her performance. Add this fame to the fact that she is also the girlfriend of Trevor Kelce who plays tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs; thus, at every Chiefs game, we see cameras

showing scenes of Taylor Swift. She is incredibly well-known wherever she goes. Yet, I had to ask myself, is fame what Father Schuster is seeking? Here are some thoughts:

A. Taylor Swift’s net worth is in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Good for her; she has earned it. Yet, what would I do with hundreds of millions of dollars? I can only imagine the number of people coming to me asking for a portion of my millions. That wouldn’t be fun. I guess I don’t need that much money.

B. Imagine wherever you go people recognizing you. Picture Father Schuster out fishing one day. Other boats are on the same body of water. They find out the famous “Father Schuster” is in the white colored Lund boat. Could you imagine what would happen? Yes, before long, everyone would be trolling past me. At the boat landing, there is the constant ask of taking photos with others. There wouldn’t be much peace and quiet.

C. What would be most difficult is that your privacy is constantly invaded. You’ve heard stories of famous people who deal with stalkers, paparazzi, and crazed fans. It is constant and you never get away from it. All of this adds up to the simple fact that Father Schuster isn’t into fame. That I leave to others.

Yet, the fame of Jesus wasn’t what we associate fame with today. He wasn’t concerned with power and money. In fact, poverty was the name of his game. What made him famous was something rather striking. He cared about people. Mother Teresa would be a modern-day example. Her fame is based on an example of caring for those whom society disregarded. And that is the story of Jesus yet today. He cares about you and me. He will do anything to help you and me have life with him. All we need to do is take his hand, our free choice, and follow him. That is our mantra. That is our call. Let us do it!!!

Blessings to you!

~Fr Peter Schuster

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FEB 3 & 4

	ST. MARY - 10AM	ST. COLUMBA - 8AM	ST. ANN - 5PM
Ushers	Joe B; Steve H		Bill E; Judy P; Mike K; Mike M
Greeters		Brian & Angie F; Ryley T	
Server	Alex & Trenton H	Noah F; Millie K	Teague & Emersyn M
Reader	Youth	Trish K	Joe M
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC	Louise B; Joe B	Brian & Angie F	Travis S; Katie H; Gary E
Money	Hilary B; Jodi G		Paula H/Dana C
		Music	Dave/Kathy S
		Comm to HB	

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