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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	† NO Holy Hour
	5:00 pm St. Ann	†No Mass
Wed	9:15 am Lindenwood	†No Mass
Thur	9:00 am St. Columba	†No Mass
Fri	8:30 am St. Ann	†No Mass
Sat	5:00 pm St. Ann	†Alan Schreiber
Sun	8:00 am St. Columba	†For the People
	10:00 am St. Mary	†Carl Schreier



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

READINGS STARTING FEBRUARY 4

Sun	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
Mon	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tue	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wed	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thur	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40/Mk 7:24-30
Fri	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37
Sat	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7, 19-22/ Mk 8:1-10
Sun	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

PARISH LIFE

THERE WILL BE A FAREWELL reception for Father Dharma Pasala on Sun, Feb 25 at 4:00pm serving coffee/juice/bars, and will be held at St. Gabriel Church in Fulda. All are welcome! We are grateful for Father Dharma's ministry. Let us keep him in prayer as he transitions to his new assignment in Jackson, Sherburn and Lakefield on March 1st.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 14, MASS TIMES:

9:00 am St. Columba, Iona
 5:30 pm St. Mary, Lake Wilson
 7:00 pm St. Ann, Slayton

PER THE MEETINGS AND discussion of the mergers of St. Columba and St. Mary, if anyone would still like to offer comments to Father Will Thompson, his email address is vicargeneral@dowr.org. ~Father Schuster

CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Cy Zenk who received the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sat, Jan 27, at St. Ann Church. Way to go Cy!

2ND COLLECTION on Ash Wednesday helps provide aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. It focuses on training, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

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 EWIN, 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 27 & 28

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 497.25
St. Columba	\$ 198.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 70.00
St. Mary	\$ 310.00	\$ 77.50	\$ 90.00

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

Feb 7 FF	CDA prays
14 Ash Wednesday Mass 7 pm	CCW prays
21 FF	KC prays
28 FF-Reconciliation for students	CDA prays

SUPPER SCHEDULE Reminder will be sent prior

Feb 7	Baumgartners
14	NO SUPPER-MASS
21	Leftovers from Mardi Gras
28	Angie Frisk

MARDI GRAS Feb 10 6-8 pm 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! Link for the sign up in on the FB page, help is especially needed! This is a faith formation fundraiser. Help us to make it successful!

LETTERS TO SEMINARIANS Grades K & 7 will be encouraging the seminarians with letter written on Feb 7th.

ASH WEDNESDAY Mass 7pm St Ann hosted by 7th and 9th graders. Grades K-5 will not meet in class

LENT ADULT FF OPPORTUNITY “Encounter the Power of the Gospel” Fr. Mark Toups multi-media course. Cost is \$9 for the book. Contact Marcie to participate.

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 is open. Transportation provided.

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

BIG BANG THEORY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

I was asked by a youth several weeks ago about the Catholic Church's stance on issues pertaining to science. Here are a couple:

1. Did we evolve from apes?
2. Does the Catholic Church believe in evolution?

There are also questions asked about the creation of the world. I want to look at one such question today.

Question: Doesn't the Big Bang Theory explain the way the world was created apart from a Creator?

Answer: No, because even if the Big Bang Theory is true, it does not explain where the matter came from that caused the Big Bang. And even if you hold, as some scientists do, that before the Big Bang that started our universe there were an infinite number of Big Bangs and Big Collapses (or "earlier" universes), you still have a big problem: Where did the stuff these Big Bangs and Big Collapses were made of come from? Also, why is the universe the kind of place where there are such occurrences? It doesn't have to be. Where did the whole thing come from, anyway?

Since the universe does not explain its own existence, the explanation for it must be somewhere else; actually in Someone else, the one who is self-existing: God (Isaiah 45:11-12).

Note: You will sometimes hear people say that there is a conflict between science and religion, between reason and faith. These people believe that science has "debunked" or disproved religious beliefs and replaced them with the "real" truth. The Big Bang Theory is one example of this mentality, and people often argue that it disproves God's creation of the universe. But as we said above, it does nothing of the sort. Science and religion are not opposed to each other, if their proper roles are correctly understood. Science, which takes its conclusions from the data collected by observation and measurement, is very good at answering the "how" questions. But it is not equipped to answer the "why" questions. For example, it cannot

tell us why we are here or what the purpose of life is.

From all of this, no matter what one's theory or belief, one cannot have a discussion on creation while distancing oneself from God.

(Taken from Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons? And 199 other questions from Catholic teenagers, by Matthew J. Pinto, pages 29-30).

Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS GO OUT TO Sherri Halbur for once again updating and designing the back page of the bulletin for the 2024 advertisers. Her services are greatly appreciated. Also appreciated are those who list their ads in our weekly bulletin. Please check out the new page on the back and remember to patronize our advertisers!

AREA WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tues	Feb 6	10:00 am	Maple Lawn Nursing Home, Fulda
Wed	Feb 7	8:30 am	St. Anthony, Westbrook
Thur	Feb 8	8:30 am	IHM, Currie
Fri	Feb 9	8:30 am	St. Gabriel, Fulda

THE MURRAY COUNTY CLASSIC DRAFT HORSE SHOW is looking for willing volunteers to help at this event next July 13 & 14. Students in grade 9 and up are needed for taking tickets at the gate. If interested in helping please call Kennedy at 507-920-9786 by February 12. A great community service project.

RAFFLE WINNER Jan 28th - \$100.00 - Kathy Schreiber

HAPPY WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - Feb. 12! Celebrate your sacrament by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next available Weekends are Feb 16-18 in Windom, MN and Apr 27-28 in Owatonna, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information or call Miki at 507-227-8229 or visit the website at: southmnwwme.org.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FEB 10 & 11

	<u>ST. MARY - 10AM</u>	<u>ST. COLUMBA - 8AM</u>	<u>ST. ANN - 5PM</u>
Ushers	Joe B; Steve H		Bill E; Judy P; Mike K; Mike M
Greeters		Deb S; Donna B	
Server	Olivia H; Olivia K	Brooklyn & Danica B	Garret & Renee R
Reader	Amy K	Wes B	Kelly N
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC	Kris B; Carmen B	Colleen G; Hannah F	Karen J; Dave & Kathy S
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