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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 Sunrise	†No Mass
Thur	9:00 am St. Columba	†No Mass
Fri	8:30 am St. Ann	†No Mass
	5:30 pm St. Columba	†Joy Biren
Sat	5:00 pm St. Ann	†For the People
Sun	8:00 am St. Columba	†Lenny/Gustie Biren
	10:00 am St. Mary	†Molly Clarke

## READINGS STARTING MARCH 3

Sun	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 <i>Scrutiny:</i> Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42
Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
Tue	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thur	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Fri	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Sat	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Sun	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 <i>Scrutiny:</i> 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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**PARISH LIFE**

**ST COLUMBA SPRING DINNER** will be on Sun, March 24, from 10:30-1pm at the St. Columba Hall. Please consider donating one or two raffle prizes for the adult and children’s raffle. Contact Angie Frisk with questions.

**ST. COLUMBA** will be serving coffee & rolls following the 8am Mass on March 17 in the Iona hall. All are welcome!

**WITH THE PROPOSAL OF** a potential merger, the St. Columba Council is looking at all options. With that, nothing has yet been determined. If the merger with St. Ann does occur, St. Columba will move to oratory status.

**A WORD OF GRATITUDE FROM FR. DHARMA:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, as you all know, I am appointed Parochial Administrator of Good Shepherd Church, Jackson; St. Joseph, Lakefield and St. Luke, Sherburn. It is time to express my gratitude to you all. I thank God always for His wonderful presence with me in my life and Priestly ministry. “I will praise God’s name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving”. (Psalms 69:31) I thank Very Rev Fr. Peter Schuster, the staff and all the Parishioners of St. Ann Parish, Slayton; St. Columba Parish, Iona; St. Mary Parish, Lake Wilson; St. Gabriel Parish, Fulda; Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Currie; and St. Anthony Parish, Westbrook. Your warm welcome, concern, support, and love for Priests matters so much to me, and your extra touch of care gave me so much comfort and encouragement in my priestly ministry in all the parishes. I thank you for all the ways you have been so good. For all the times you have been so kind and thoughtful. I assure you all my prayers, and request that you all pray for me on this new assignment. Thank you and God bless you all. ~Fr. Dharmendra Pasala

**RAFFLE WINNER** Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - \$100.00 - Rosemary LeTendre

**ALL ARE INVITED** to the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Heron Lake at 2pm, Mon, March 25. Please be open to attend this wonderful opportunity to join in the celebration.

**CHURCH SUPPORT - FEB 24 & 25**

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 1,057.00	\$ 137.76	\$ 797.25
St. Columba	\$ 435.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 70.00
St. Mary	\$ 525.00	\$ 82.75	\$ 292.00

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS**

St. Ann	Goal	\$12,900	Pledged	\$ 3,200.00
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**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

Mar 6	FF	CCW prays
13	FF	KC prays
20	FF	CDA prays
27	FF	CCW prays

**SUPPER SCHEDULE** Reminder will be sent prior

Mar 6	Julie Dahlhoff
13	Faith Formation
20	Kristin Nasers
27	Faith Formation

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are available in St. Ann School hall. You are welcome to take advantage of these stations when the building is open except Wednesdays after 3pm. Different versions of “Stations of the Cross” booklets are available for your use. Take advantage of this Lenten devotion.

**LETTERS TO SEMINARIANS**-Mar 6 grades 2 & 6

**SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS** March 13, 7pm St. Ann. *One performance only*-everyone welcome to attend! Bring a small flashlight to sing along with the songs.

**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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION** will be April 13 & 14 in each parish. Retreat and rehearsal will be April 11, 5:30pm, Divine Mercy Hall. Please pray for Leah B, Baylor D, Mason H, Austin J, Oliver K, John L, Kaleb M, Adalie P, Charli P, and Kenzie P. They will be welcomed to the table of the Lord!

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**NEXT WEEK** our parishes will take up a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, help to support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

**ST. GABRIEL**, Fulda will host Communal Penance for lent Sun March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm. Due to St. Ann pew renovation a Lenten communal penance will not be held. Other Penance times are: First Thurs, March 7, 5-6pm at St. Mary; First Sat, March 2, 4-4:45pm at St. Ann; Tues afternoons, 4-4:45pm at St. Ann, (when Mass is held); or half an hour before all weekend Masses.

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

**LENTEN NORMS OF FASTING AND ABSTAINING:** I will keep the norms of fasting and abstaining in my column throughout Lent as a reference point for people seeking the information.

**Fasting:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting. The norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 to 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

**Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Catholics from age 14 onwards.

**CHURCH POWER!** The gospel of today is from the second chapter of John's gospel. It concerns the cleansing of the temple. What would cause Jesus to make a whip out of cords and drive out those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves as well as the money-changers stationed there? We find the answer in verse 16, "...stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

Still today, we cherish our places of worship. Churches carry with them much history. In the event of major tragedies, people flock to their various places of worship because this is where we encounter God. As most of you are aware, conversations have begun with the potential merging of the parishes of St. Columba (Iona) and St. Mary (Lake Wilson). When a parish merges, this means that there is no longer the offering of Sunday Mass. The conversations with parishioners have been very difficult. They sense a loss of community and fear of how they might be received into a new place of worship.

It is up to all of us to pray for these parishioners. They are hurting. Should you know someone from these parishes, reach out to them. Listen to them. Be compassionate. For the passion they have for their parishes is the very same passion Jesus had for the temple area in today's gospel. A parish is our home. To lose a home is to lose part of ourselves. Our prayers are with the people of St. Columba and St. Mary.

**OUR LENTEN RESOLUTION** Each of us usually undertakes some type of Lenten resolution. It may be something we decide to give up or something we decide to do. On Ash Wednesday I challenged the people of St. Mary, St. Columba, and St. Ann to do something in harmony, together. Let us all work on giving up sin. Sin is selfishness centered on the individual while saying no to God. That definition ties a word to each letter in the word sin. S = Selfishness, I = Individual, N = No. If the task of undertaking all sins seems daunting, work on one. It is amazing how if we better ourselves in one area the impact it has on the remainder of one's life. **SAY NO TO SIN!**

Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CMA24** goals have been set (see bottom pg 2) and collection for 2024 has started. This collection helps sustain and expand ministries in the parishes, schools, and departments of the diocesan church. ALL goals were met and exceeded in 2023. All over goal funds are returned to the parishes non-assessed. Thank you to all who support this collection, a true benefit for our parishes & future projects.

#### TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULES: ANN/COLUMBA/MARY

Holy Thursday	6:00 pm	St. Ann, Slayton
Good Friday	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Lake Wilson
	5:30 pm	St. Columba, Iona
Easter Vigil	8:00 pm	St. Columba, Iona
Easter Sunday	8:00 am	St. Mary, Lake Wilson
	10:00 am	St. Ann, Slayton

#### FULDA/CURRIE/WESTBROOK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday	7:00 pm	St. Gabriel, Fulda
Good Friday	12:00 pm	IHM, Currie
	5:30 pm	St. Anthony, Westbrook
Easter Vigil	8:00 pm	IHM, Currie
Easter Sunday	8:30 am	St. Gabriel, Fulda
	10:30 am	St. Anthony, Westbrook

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAR 9 & 10

	<u>ST. MARY - 10AM</u>	<u>ST. COLUMBA - 8AM</u>	<u>ST. ANN - 5PM</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg G; Ron V		Joe & Renee G; Darwin J; Marilou C
<b>Greeters</b>		Bernie & Kay P	
<b>Server</b>	Madison J; Gwenna K	Chloe & Kora K	Eli & Brynn B
<b>Reader</b>	Dianne C	Marcie C	Kate H
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>EMHC</b>	Joe B; Laddie C	Hannah & Angie F	Katie H; Travis S; Gary E
<b>Money</b>	Louise B; Hilary B		Rita L/Judy A
		<b>Music</b>	Joanne B
		<b>Comm to HB</b>	

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