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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 Dana 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
	5:30 pm St. Columba	†Babe Einck
Sat	5:00 pm St. Ann	†Ed/Margaret Dorn
Sun	8:00 am St. Columba	†For the People
	10:00 am St. Mary	†Fr. Jerry Dorn

## CHURCH SUPPORT - MAR 9 & 10

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 622.25
St. Columba	\$ 210.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 72.00
St. Mary	\$ 455.00	\$ 85.27	\$ 290.00

### Other YTD Donations: *THANK YOU*

CCEE	\$ 592.00	All parishes combined
Rice Bowl	\$ 414.33	All parishes combined
Ann Cem	\$ 2,800.00	July 1, 2023 - YTD
Columba Cem	\$ 2,645.00	July 1, 2023 - YTD

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged \$ 5,170.00
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## READINGS STARTING MARCH 17

Sun	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 <i>Scrutiny</i> : Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45
Mon	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
Tue	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/89:2-5, 27, 29/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Wed	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
Thur	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Sat	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56
Sun	Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1—15:47

## PARISH LIFE

**ST COLUMBA SPRING DINNER** is Sun, March 24, 10:30-1pm at St. Columba Hall. Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Buns, Desserts & Beverage. Adults (11 & up) \$12; 4-10 yrs old \$7. Great Raffle Prizes! Take outs and valet parking available. All are welcome!

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

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

Holy Thursday 6:00 pm St. Ann, Slayton with  
*Adoration* until 9 pm; *Confessions* until all are heard

Good Friday 12:00 pm St. Columba, Iona

Easter Sunday 10:00 am St. Mary, Lake Wilson

### FULDA/CURRIE/WESTBROOK SCHEDULE:

Good Friday 5:30 pm St. Anthony, Westbrook

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm IHM, Currie

Easter Sunday 8:00 am St. Gabriel, Fulda

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with cleaning in the St. Ann Church. Bring rags, dusters, small vacuums with attachment tools, etc. Sat, March 16, starting at 8am. Choir loft, both sacristies, cry room, sanctuary, and nave areas need cleaning. Call Dana with questions.

**TABERNACLE CANDLE:** *Lit the week of March 17<sup>th</sup> for: St. Ann - Bruce Parrott*

**PARISHIONERS:** Holy Week Masses/services are being consolidated in our two clusters that include St Ann, St. Columba, St. Mary, St. Gabriel, IHM, and St. Anthony. To make sure your Church Support is counted for the parish you belong to please, either use the Church envelope or a plain envelope with your name and Church written on the front. Regardless of where you attend within the two clusters, it will get to the correct Church. *Thank you for your generous support of your parish Church.*

**LECTORS/READERS:** Some of our Lectors have asked where they can find pronunciations as well as other questions concerning lecturing at Mass. The USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) provides an excellent resource, audio, for you to listen to pronunciation and how others proclaim the Readings and Responsorial. Google USCCB daily readings. Give it a try.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Heron Lake 2pm, Mon, March 25.

**RAFFLE WINNER** March 10<sup>th</sup> - \$100.00 - Nicole Johnson

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Mar 20	FF	CDA prays	
	27	FF	CCW prays
Apr 11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Communion retreat/rehearsal	KC prays
	13/14	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Weekend	CDA prays

**SUPPER SCHEDULE** Reminder will be sent prior

Mar 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.

**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.

**RICE BOWLS** were sent home with students last month. As a family sacrifice at meals so others may eat. Bring back any time during Holy Week starting March 25.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will be hosting a **breakfast** April 7 9-11 am at St. Columba Hall. Free will offering for a project at MCC. Come support this service project of the Confirmation class.

**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!

**RUMMAGE SALE** collection starting soon! Rummage sale date is August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AREA WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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

**COURT QUEEN OF PEACE** will meet for the monthly meeting on Saturday, March 23 at the social room in the school at 9am.

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

**LENTEN NORMS OF FASTING & 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.

**THE “I CAN’T” FUNERAL:** Here is a story for you. Donna’s fourth grade classroom looked like many others I had seen in the past as I undertook my annual classroom visitation. I took an empty seat in the back of the room and watched. All the students were working on a task, filling a sheet of notebook paper with thoughts and ideas. The ten-year-old student next to me was filling her page with “I Can’ts.” “I can’t kick the soccer ball past second base.” “I can’t get Debbie to like me.” Her page was half full and she showed no signs of letting up. I walked down the row glancing at students’ papers. Everyone was writing sentences, describing things they couldn’t do. By this time the activity engaged my curiosity, so I decided to check with the teacher to see what was going on, but I noticed she too was busy writing. Thwarted in my efforts, I returned to my seat and continued my observations.

Students wrote for another ten minutes. They were then instructed to fold the papers in half and bring them to the front. They placed their “I Can’t” statements into an empty shoe box. Then Donna added hers. Donna put the lid on the box, tucked it under her arm and headed out the door and down the hall. Students followed the teacher. I followed the students. Halfway down the hallway Donna entered the custodian’s room, rummaged around and came out with a shovel. Shovel in hand, shoe box in the other, Donna marched the students out of the school to the farthest corner of the

playground. There they began to dig. They were going to bury their “I Can’ts!” The digging took over ten minutes because most of the fourth graders wanted a turn. The box of “I Can’ts” was placed in the bottom of the hole and then covered with dirt. Thirty-one 10 and 11 year-olds stood around the freshly dug grave site. At this point Donna announced, “Boys and girls, please join hands and bow your heads.” Donna delivered this eulogy. “Friends, we are gathered here today to honor the memory of “I Can’t.” While he was with us on earth, he touched the lives of everyone, some more than others. We have provided “I Can’t” with a final resting place and a headstone that contains his epitaph. He is survived by his brothers and sisters, “I Can” and “I Will.” They are not as well known as their famous relative and are certainly not as strong and powerful yet. Perhaps some day, with your help, they will make an even bigger mark on the world. May “I Can’t” rest in peace and may everyone present pick up their lives and move forward in his absence. Amen.”

As I listened, I realized that these students would never forget this day. This was a major effort on this part of the teacher and she wasn’t done yet. She turned the students around, marched them back into the classroom and celebrated the passing of “I Can’t” with cookies, popcorn and juice. As part of the celebration, Donna cut a large tombstone from paper. She wrote the words “I Can’t” at the top and put RIP in the middle. The date was added at the bottom. The paper tombstone hung in Donna’s classroom for the remainder of the year. On those rare occasions when a student forgot and said, “I Can’t”, Donna simply pointed to the RIP sign. The student then remembered that “I Can’t” was dead and chose to rephrase the statement with “I Can”.

There is a great spiritual lesson to be learned from this story. At this point, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our Lenten resolutions begin to wane. Our mantra becomes, “I just can’t do it anymore.” When that happens remember “I Can’t” has been replaced with “I Can.” “I Can” reminds us that all things are possible by the grace of Jesus Christ.

Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAR 23 & 24

	<b>ST. MARY - 10AM</b>	<b>ST. COLUMBA - 8AM</b>	<b>ST. ANN - 5PM</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg G; Ron V		Joe & Renee G; Darwin J; Marilou C
<b>Greeters</b>		Ron & Janelle E	
<b>Server</b>	Calleigh & Emaleigh D	Walker B; Noah F	Kate B; Jada J
<b>Reader</b>	Lori G; Cheryl H	Wes B; Kay P	Joe M; Karen J
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>EMHC</b>	Edna E; Louise B	JoAnn B; Hannah F	Jill M; Karen J; Marti E
<b>Money</b>	Edna E; Karen H		Paula H/Dana C
		<b>Music</b>	
		<b>Comm to HB</b>	Jill M

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