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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.

CHURCH SUPPORT - MAR 16 & 17

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 142.05	\$ 362.25
St. Columba	\$ 245.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 629.00
St. Mary	\$ 290.00	\$ 91.50	\$ 160.00

Other YTD Donations: *THANK YOU*

CRS	\$ 719.00	All parishes combined
Rice Bowl	\$ 589.33	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 **\$ 5,970.00**

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	†Christopher Graves
Wed	9:15 am Sunrise	†Clarence/Kathryn Eich
Thur	6:00 pm St. Ann	†Jean Eich
Fri	12:00 pm St. Columba	† <i>Sacred Triduum</i>
	5:30 pm St. Anthony	† <i>Sacred Triduum</i>
Sat	8:00 pm IHM	†Fran Gervais
Sun	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Noah Salentiny
	10:00 am St. Mary	†For the People

READINGS STARTING MARCH 24

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
Mon	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tue	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	Is 50:4-9/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thur	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Fri	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat	Gn 1:1—2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mark 16:1-7
Sun	Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

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!

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

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.*

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY collection helps support Christians in the Holy Land, preservation of the sacred shrines, basic needs, and church ministries.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is April 7. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 2pm, followed by confessions until 3pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm, all taking place at St. Ann Church. In preparation for Mercy Sunday there is a Novena which begins on Good Friday. Each days intentions, of the 9 day Novena, asks for God's mercy on different groups of people. Pamphlets are available on the wooden tables in St Ann hall. All are welcome!

ST. COLUMBA COUNCIL will meet on Tues, April 2 at 6:00pm.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

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

SUPPER SCHEDULE

Mar 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.

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

SPRING SUB SALE will start March 27-April 10. Delivery will be made April 18-19. A foot long ham and cheese sub, individually wrapped. The cost remains the same \$5! We are grateful to Almich's Market for helping us every spring and fall with this fundraiser.

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

1ST 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!

THE 4TH GRADE FF CLASS will wrap up their Lenten Murray County Food Shelf collection during holy week. They are encouraging parishioners, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, & friends to put food items in the boxes in St. Ann Hall. Boxes will be removed after Holy Thursday. *Thank you for donating!*

RUMMAGE SALE collection starting soon! Rummage sale date is August 24th.

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.

WHERE WOULD I BE? I pray for all of you as we begin the journey of Holy Week. There is a famous African-American spiritual which is sung during portions of Holy Week entitled “Were You There.” It is a catchy hymn which I find myself singing from time to time. It isn’t complicated in composition. It bases itself off the word “Were you there” with four different verses:

- A. When they crucified my Lord.
- B. When they nailed him to the tree.
- C. When they pierced him in the side.
- D. When the sun refused to shine.

What has grabbed my attention as we begin Holy Week is if I were there at the crucifixion of our Lord, where would I be? There are many different options:

1. Would I have been like one of the apostles not be present having fled out of fear?
2. Would I have been at the foot of the cross with Mary the Mother of Jesus?
3. Would I have been mocking Jesus at how “weak” he seemed to be?
4. Would I have blended in with the crowd without saying a word?
5. Whether mocking, silent, or at the foot of the cross, would I have understood what the magnitude of what happened when Jesus died on the cross?

Of course, without being present, we really don’t know. However, there is another option that I really

pondered this week. It reads, “What if I just passed by the crucifixion scene without a care in the world? Without caring who was there. Without hearing the words being “thrown” Jesus’ way. Without hearing the cries and tears being shed. Without laying eyes on the man “in the middle” who had been crucified. It is this last option that frightens me the most. To not care about the man who suffered and died for me so that I may live a new type of life and have hope in eternity tugs at my heart. Holy Week wakes up within me the need for a Savior and how Jesus Christ has changed my life.

In the week ahead, contemplate the question I posed. If you were at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, where would you be?

Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

RAFFLE WINNER March 17th - \$100.00 - Julie Brossard

TEXT TO GIVE is available through our online giving program. Simply text the word “give” to the parish of your choice: St. Ann 507-610-7933; St. Columba 507-578-5700; St. Mary 507-698-5999

PLEASE NOTE the Mass intention amount will be increased from \$5 to \$10 per Mass diocesan wide as of July 1st. The tri parish cluster of Sts. Ann, Columba, & Mary have intentions in queue which will surpass the July 1 date, and we will move to the \$10 amount immediately.

CDA will meet for the monthly meeting on Saturday, March 23 at the social room in the school at 9am.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS is collecting men’s socks and underwear, sizes large & x-large for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House in Sioux Falls. We will collect till April 7. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAR THURS-28TH, FRI-29TH & EASTER SUN-31ST

	ST. MARY - 10AM - SUN	ST. COLUMBA - 12PM - FRI	ST. ANN - 6PM - THURS
Ushers	Greg G; Ron V		Joe & Renee G; Darwin J; Marilou C
Greeters		Deb S; Donna B	
Server	Olivia H; Olivia K	William & Walker B	Carson E; Ethan N
Reader	Amy K	JoAnn B; Marcie C	Kelly N
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC	Joe B; Kris B	Jim C	Pam M; Pam S; Katie H
Money	Amy K; Carmen B		Sue B/Dana C
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