

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. ANN, ST. COLUMBA, AND ST. MARY

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 Mon–Fri 7:30 am–12:30 pm
 Mon–Thur 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

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



St. Ann, Slayton

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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



St. Columba, Iona

Mike Kirchner - St. Ann Custodian
 (507) 760-0090

Adoration
 Tues 4:00-5:00 pm St. Ann

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	† Holy Hour Adoration
	5:00 pm St. Ann	†Cathy Hemenway
Wed	9:15 am Sunrise	†Lawrence/Lorraine Halbur
Thur	9:00 am St. Columba	†Jean Hentges
Fri	8:30 am St. Ann	†Peter Herrig
Sat	5:00 pm St. Ann	†For the People
Sun	8:00 am St. Columba	†Marty Jorgensen
	10:00 am St. Mary	†David Mauch

CHURCH SUPPORT - APR 6 & 7

	Envelopes	Loose Gifts	Online Gvng
St. Ann	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 171.91	\$ 924.75
St. Columba	\$ 457.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 270.00
St. Mary	\$ 425.00	\$ 56.57	\$ 290.00
Other YTD Donations: THANK YOU			
Holy Land	\$ 1,100.00	All parishes combined	
Rice Bowl	\$ 982.56	Tri-parishes combined	
Ann Cem	\$ 2,910.00	July 1, 2023 - YTD	
Columba Cem	\$ 2,645.00	July 1, 2023 - YTD	

READINGS STARTING APRIL 14

Sun	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9/1 Jn 2:1-5/ Lk 24:35-48
Mon	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tue	Acts 7:51—8:1/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35
Wed	Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40
Thur	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Fri	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59
Sat	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
Sun	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS

St. Ann Goal \$12,900 Pledged **\$ 6,170.00**

PARISH LIFE

ST. ANN is in need of a Sacristan, one who is willing to set up Vessels, water, wine, hosts, etc. for Mass, every Tuesday, for the 5pm Mass and every Friday, for the 8:30am Mass. Training would be provided. Please call the office and let Dana know if you are interested.

ATTENTION: St. Columba Council met, April 2, and discussion was had on the bare lot that sits directly west of the St. Columba Church. It was decided by council members to put this parcel up for sale. If you are interested in purchasing the bare lot, please let Fr. Schuster know via email or letter sent to the office by the end of April. Please note: this is where the school was located and there is a good chance rubble remains below the surface.

ST. ANN FINANCE Council will be meeting on Thurs, April 25 at 6:30pm in the St. Ann Social Room.

COURT QUEEN OF PEACE will meet Tues, April 23 at 5:30 in the social room at the school. Featured speaker will be Jenny Powell from the Dudley House in Sioux Falls.

ONLINE GIVING is offered at each of our parishes thru the church web site. Make scheduled or one-time donations to your parish. A great way to support your parish. Visit www.acmcatholic.org to click on your parish link to sign up. Take advantage of this easy, convenient, & safe way to give. Call Dana: 507-836-8030 with questions.

ST. LEO, PIPESTONE will hold its Spring Dinner on Sun, April 21 in the Church Hall, from 11am - 1pm. Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Macaroni Salad, Dinner Roll, Homemade Desserts, & Beverage. Adults - \$15. Ages 5-10 - \$5. Take outs available. Everyone is welcome!

A SUICIDE PREVENTION CLASS, tailored to farming communities, will be held Tues, April 16, 1pm – 2:30 pm. The aim is to change public perception in ag communities and better equip the community to identify and help people who may be having thoughts of suicide. A 1^{1/2} hour suicide prevention program is offered called QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) to help individuals learn the three steps anyone can take to help prevent a suicide. Workshops are made possible by a grant. Class has been approved by the Board of Social Work to provide 1^{1/2} CEU's upon completion. This 1^{1/2} hour class meets the CE requirement for teachers. Call Dana in the office to get the Zoom registration link.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

May 15 Baccalaureate Rehearsal 6 pm
18-19 Baccalaureate Saturday 5 pm St. Ann
Sunday 8 am St. Columba CCW prays

1st COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS Welcome to the Table of the Lord! Receiving the Eucharist for the 1st time at St. Ann was Leah Baumgartner, Baylor Dierks, Mason Hoffman, Austin Johnson, Kaleb Mahon, and Kenzie Platt. At St. Columba was Oliver Kremer, Adalie Pick, and Charli Platt. And at St. Mary was John Lolkus! Thank you to catechist, Marti Engelkes.

RUMMAGE SALE collection starting April 22nd. This is a faith formation fundraiser. We will need much help! Keep posted for ways to help. We will be collecting good resaleable items until August 19th. St. Ann School, use west door and follow the signs. **NO ELECTRONICS**, large appliances, mattresses, chemicals such as cleaners if you need something picked up, please contact Marcie - 507-360-1885. Rummage sale date is August 24th.

TEC TOGETHER ENCOUNTER CHRIST for students in 9th grade + will be August 9-11, in Mankato. Free for those attending from our triparish thanks to the Knights of Columbus. Contact Marcie for a registration link.

2024-2025 FF YEAR is already in the works. I know a few kindergartners, but not all. If your child will be in kindergarten next year and joining our faith formation program, please contact me, so I can make sure to have enough materials available.

THANK YOU to our **prayer partners** for faith formation. The Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, Court Queen of Peace, and St. Ann Council of Catholic Women have faithfully prayed for our faith formation program. Your effort has not gone unnoticed and your prayers have been felt and appreciated!

SAVE THE DATES! Lake Wilson Community Bible School will be held June 24th through June 27th from 5:30-8:15 with a special program on the last night. This year St. Mary will be hosting. All children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are encouraged to attend. We will be looking for some volunteers from older youth as well as adults and sending out a list of needed food items as it gets closer. Registration details to come at a later date. Please reach out to Darcey Doeden if interested in volunteering in any way at 507-227-8891.

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

BORING!!! In his book, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons? And 199 Other Questions From Catholic Teenagers, Matthew Pinto on pages 239-241 deals with two questions on the Mass.

Question 190: Why can't they make church services more fun?

Answer: Since when is "fun" the most important thing in life? If someone lives simply to "have fun," that person will end up being very selfish and, most likely, quite unhappy. Focusing only on our needs is empty and unfulfilling. It is only when we get out of ourselves and live for others that we truly find peace. Knowing, loving, and serving God and our neighbor is why we are here on earth (Matthew 22: 35-40). When one builds their life on the more important things, going to Mass and worshipping God becomes easier. Actually, they become things we really want to do.

Question 191: Why is Mass boring?

Answer: There are at least four reasons why people, especially the young, are bored at Mass:

1. Many people do not understand what really happens at Mass. When we actively listen to the Word of God at Mass, we receive encouragement, wisdom, and guidance (2 Timothy 3:16-17). When we receive the Eucharist in a state of grace, we are preparing our soul for its final destination – eternal happiness and peace in heaven (John 6:56). If we really understood the amazing things that happen at Mass, we would have greater interest.
2. Many think they are at Mass to be entertained. They are not. They are there to worship God and give back to Him the honor and glory He is due (Exodus 20:1-6,8-11).
3. Many people have not been taught the faith in an effective manner. Poor catechesis often leads to lack of concern about the things of God and love for things of the world.
4. We are addicted to excitement and entertainment from watching and listening to too much television and pop music. We have an overstimulated society. The advertising industry knows this. This is why they have

reduced TV commercials to as little as fifteen seconds in length. When we begin to slow down, we begin to appreciate the more sublime riches in life, such as the Mass.

What I find amazing about the Mass is after twenty-eight years of priesthood, I have celebrated around 10,000 Masses and not once have I been bored. Tired at times but never bored. The Mass is what Jesus left us to feed our souls with the food for eternal life. If there was a better/different way, he would have left it for us. Jesus knows what he is doing so trust him.

Cherish the Mass! Celebrate the Mass! Come to Mass! Blessings to you! ~Fr Peter Schuster

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS: call Deb, 507-227-0518 for St. Columba requests. Call Jill, 507-920-3872 or Karen, 760-0113 for St. Ann requests.

RAFFLE WINNER April 7th - \$100.00 - Donna Bruns

IS GOD CALLING YOU to be a Secular Franciscan? The Little Portion Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order invites you to a meet and greet. The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis for men and women, married and single, who wish to live a life closer to Christ. They bring the gospel to life and give life to the gospel. Sessions are an opportunity to learn more about the order and decide if you may be called to this way of life. We meet Mon, April 15, 7pm in the Family Room at Holy Redeemer, Marshall. Additional Zoom session will be Tues, April 16 at 7pm for those who cannot make it in person. Come get acquainted with us. For more information, including Zoom link, please use the QR to take you to our website. Additional questions? Call Sandy Tuszynski (507-763-3184) or Carrie Stiernagle (507) 383-8043.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE APR 20 & 21

	ST. MARY - 10AM	ST. COLUMBA - 8AM	ST. ANN - 5PM
Ushers	Brian C; Steve H		Paul L; Jill M; Clayton M; Denny S
Greeters		Jim & Marcie C	
Server	Alex & Trenton H	Natalie & Riley E	Garret R; Easton H
Reader	Fran B	Peter F	Kate H
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC	Laddie C; Joe B	Colleen G; JoAnn B	Pam S; Katie H; Travis S
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		Music	Jill M
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