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PARISH SERVICES

NEW PARISHIONERS We warmly welcome you to our Catholic parishes of St. Ann, St. Gabriel, Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Anthony! Contact the office to register.

MARRIAGE Recently engaged? Before setting up any other arrangements, call Father to start your preparation for this beautiful sacrament! Preparation must begin at least six months before a wedding.

BAPTISM Call Dana at St. Ann 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.

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

St. Ann Adoration and Confessions every Thursday from 5:00-6:00 pm.

St Gabriel Confessions-Before the 8:00 am Mass Sunday. (7:30 - 7:45 am) Adoration and Confession the 2nd Tuesday of every month after the 8:30 Mass.

IHM Adoration and Confession the 2nd Thursday of every month after the 8:30 Mass.

St. Anthony Confessions-Before the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. (3:30 - 3:45pm)

MASS INTENTIONS – MAR 24 - MAR 30

Mon 24	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 25	8:30am St. Gabriel	†Gage Davis
Wed 26	8:30am St. Ann	†Jake & Margaret Konkol
Thur 27	8:30am IHM	†Barney & Carrie Kremer
Fri 28	5:30am St. Anthony	†William Merrick
Sat 29	4:00pm St. Anthony	†Craig Olsem
Sat 29	6:00pm IHM	Parishioners
Sun 30	8:00am St. Gabriel	†Butch Kruger
Sun 30	10:00am St. Ann	†Janice Kass

CHURCH SUPPORT - MAR 15 - 16

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$2,400.00	\$230.00/38.00	\$904.00
St. Gabriel	\$1,295.00	\$180.00/12.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$1,445.00	\$190.00/11.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ <i>No Mass</i>	\$	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	\$17,016	Pledged	\$
St. Gabriel	Goal	\$11,065	Pledged	\$
IHM-Currie	Goal	\$ 9,991	Pledged	\$
St. Anthony	Goal	\$ 4,872	Pledged	\$

ST. ANN

COMMUNAL PENANCE for St. Ann, St. Gabriel, IHM, & St. Anthony will be held at St. Ann Church on Sunday, March 30. Starting at 2pm.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thur	6 pm	St. Ann, Slayton (adoration will follow Mass from 7 – 9 pm.)
Good Fri	Noon	IHM, Currie
Good Fri	5:30 pm	St. Anthony, Westbrook
Easter Vigil	8 pm	St. Gabriel, Fulda
Easter Sun	8 am	IHM, Currie
Easter Sun	10 am	St. Ann, Slayton

ST. ANN SPRING DINNER is Sun, April 13. Remaining letters have been mailed. We are currently collecting raffle items which can be dropped off at the Wheel Herald office, on Broadway, M-Th between 8am-4pm. The raffle and its prizes help make the dinner a great success! **W-RDCCW** Women's Lenten Retreat will be held Sat, April 5 at Sacred Heart in Brewster, 9 – 11am. All are invited to this spiritual event. This is open to non-CCW members as well. This is an opportunity to attend Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation. SW Area CCW meet directly after WRCCW Retreat for our area meeting with lunch provided.

EASTER FLOWER envelopes are available by all entries. **TWO REPRESENTATIVES** from **EACH** parish are needed to serve on a Synod for Evangelization & Vocations that will be taking place in Mankato Aug 21 starting at 4pm - Aug 22, full day. You **must** be available during these days/times. Limited hotel rooms are available. Please contact Dana: 507-836-8030 if you are interested in serving. Each church **MUST** have 2 representatives.

CDA will meet at IHM in Currie, Sat, March 22 at 9:30am.

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: MARCH 26

K-5 Faith formation	30-35 people	4:45 to church
6-9 Faith Formation	25 people	6pm to church

LETTERS TO SEMINARIANS Grades 10 & 1 will be writing on March 26.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:45 pm with grades 6-8 FF. 3-26, 4-2, 4-9, 4-16

CHRISM MASS Apr 14 at Sacred Heart, Heron Lake

ST. GABRIEL

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1st at 1:00 pm in the Church basement.

EASTER FLOWERS—Now is a wonderful time to donate to the flower fund so we can decorate the Church in Easter flowers. Envelopes are in the back of the Church.

FULDA RELAY FOR LIFE 7th Annual "Table Cancer" Event, Saturday, May 3 from 11:00-1:00. Call/text Kim at 507-360-5190 or contact any Team Fulda Member. Decorate a table for 4 or 8 friends and enjoy lunch while donating to a great cause!

MEALS ON WHEELS—Ken and Cathy Salentiny deliver March 24-28.

SERVERS—A list of all servers and their phone numbers are included in the red Liturgical Schedule folder.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Joanne Klein. Her funeral will be held on March 26th at St. Gabriel's. May she rest in peace.

BACCALAUREATE

ATTENTION SENIORS & PARENTS OF SENIORS..

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 11 is Baccalaureate! All Seniors are expected to be at the **Senior Retreat on Sat., May 10** from 9 a.m.-noon. *(If you need to ask off work, now would be the time to do that!)* Not only will the retreat be a time of prayer & reflection, but we will also be practicing for Baccalaureate Mass!

SENIORS: *Drop off a wallet-sized Senior picture to the HS office & also check your student emails for a questionnaire about what you will be carrying up for Mass.*

APRIL YOUTH COFFEE & ROLLS: SUNDAY, APRIL 6: Plan to join us after Mass and help us support our parish youth who are raising funds for Camp Summit and summer mission trips! *(If you are able to donate coffee cakes or rolls; please sign up in back of church).*

RELEASE TIME NOTES: Elementary Release continues until Mon., April 14. (The HS program wrapped up last week ... A belated thank you to Lisa Kremer, who filled in for HS classes; sometimes on *very* short notice! What a blessing!) We appreciate all those who have helped with the Release Time program this year. We've had a number of ladies come in to cover the office phones/monitor halls and also elementary substitute teachers. It's been a great "team effort" and our parish is blessed! Special gratitude also to the Fulda Public School system for their continued support of the Release Time program.

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 30

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Clayton M, Jim O, Joe B, Darwin J
Servers	Madison J, Emaleigh D
Reader	Julie K
Gifts	Tony Doeden Family
EMHC	Angie F, Karen J, Marti E
Comm to HB	
Music	Judy A, Rita L

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 30

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve/Donna C, Doug, Katie, Mara C
Servers	Colten & Brenton E
Lector	Genell H
Comm	Shannon W
EHMC	Mike & Margene V, Mark V
Sacristan	Linda C
Money Counters	Dave T, Jim E

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Lita Schreier (507-227-8844) to add someone in need of prayers.

FAITH FORMATION: *Faith Formation:* 3/26 Stations of the Cross *2nd Graders:* 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion Retreat on 3/23; *Confirmation:* 3/29 serving at The Banquet

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

3/21 Greg Lanoue-\$100;

3/29 Kim Daniels-\$100

CHOIR PRACTICE: Please consider sharing your time and talent this Lent and Easter season. Practice will be on Tuesday, 3/25 at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The IHM Youth will be hosting Stations of the Cross on 3/26 at 6:30pm. ALL are welcome to come take part!

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Please keep our 2nd Graders in your prayers as they prepare for their 1st Reconciliation on 3/23. Isaac Arnold, Raelynn Buysse, Garrett Gervis, Theron Laleman, Vanessa Radke, Claire Schreier, Levi Schreier and Tyson Spielman

RICE BOWLS: This is a good way to give alms during Lent. They are available at the church entries, please take one for the family.

IN MEMORY: The funeral for RJ Ehleringer, 92, will be at IHM on Friday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. May he rest in peace.

IN MEMORY: Former IHM graduate Janet Sander-son passed away on March 2, 2025 at the age of 91. Burial was held today at IHM Calvary Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

ST. ANTHONY

RICE BOWLS: Rice bowls are available in the entrance of the church. Please pick one up.

SAVE THE DATES: For the Holy Family Retreat and Pilgrimage Events. They will take place at various locations in Minnesota and Wisconsin from February to May. See the back bulletin board or contact Joyce for more information. This is an Adult Faith and Lay Formation Event.

PRAYER CARDS: There are prayer cards in the back of church with names of our confirmation students. Please pick up one or more and pray for our students. St. Anthony students are Hadley Jenniges, Jackson Jenniges, Ian Knakmuhs, Sydney Swenson.

THE COURIER: Copies are available for pick up in the back of church. Feel free to pick up a copy.

W-R DCCW WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Engage Your Faith

Deeper Connection Through Your Senses.

Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:00—11:00 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Brewster. All are invited to this *spiritual event*. This is open to non-CCW members as well. This will be an opportunity to *attend Mass, spend time in Adoration, and complete Reconciliation*.

SW AREA CCW—Meet directly after WRCCW Retreat for our area meeting with lunch provided.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAR 29

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Nolan G, Ada S
Lector	Kelly K
Gift Bearers	Romane & Patty D
EMHC	Jo E, Loretta G, Kim O
CANTOR	Choir
Ushers	Jim H, Matt H, Wyatt P, Mark G

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAR 29

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Sheila K, Jan J
Lector	Shelly M
Servers	Jack & Keegan
EMHC	Sophie J, Joyce V
Cleaners	Derrick & Ann J

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Patience

There is a number which caught my attention in today's gospel and the number is three. The number three appears in the Bible 467 times. I am not going to list each of its occurrences rather some key examples.

- The three persons of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Noah had three sons
- There were three fathers of Israel: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- The Ark of the Covenant contained three objects: gold jar of manna, Aaron's budded staff, and the tablets of the Commandments
- Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days
- According to the Law, men had to present themselves at the Temple three times a year at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles
- Satan tempted Jesus three times in the desert
- Peter denied Jesus three times
- Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and resurrection three times
- Jesus was in the grave three days

Peculiar to the gospel of today, we also hear the number three. In Luke 13:6-9, we hear the story of an orchard owner who has a fig tree planted. Coming to search for fruit on it, he finds none. To the gardener he says, "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?" The gardener replies, "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down." What is the thrust of the story? Patience. The undying patience of God.

Speaking of patience, I can't think help but reminisce about my brother and me. When it came to hunting, my brother and I were quite the team. My brother liked to go, go, go. One year, I recall my brother and me deer hunting. I placed my brother in some branches and stumps which had been cut and placed in a pile. It was at a creek crossing for vehicles to pass from one field to another. I stationed myself down the creek a few hundred yards. As luck would have it, I watched a buck and doe head directly for my brother. Because of where I was stationed, I couldn't see the events which were about to unfold; thus, I attuned my sense of sound. It wasn't long when I heard five shots ring out. Seconds later, I watched the buck and doe running full steam up a hill. I mean they were running, getting out of dodge. I couldn't believe it. I thought for sure my brother would bag the buck. Eventually, I went down to my brother and asked what had happened. My question being, "Did the two deer get close to you?" "Yes," he responded, "but there was a problem. I forgot to aim."

Not to be outdone, my father came to pick us up and take us to a new location. I was firm in my decision that I was going to stay where my brother had been stationed. I stayed in that location all day. Finally, at day's end, my brother came up to me after dad had driven him around to various locations and asked, "Did you see anything?" I responded, "No, not a thing." His response is one I have never forgotten, "You dummy. Why did you stay here all day? We must hunt Trenton Woods. There have been deer running all over up there all day." Sure enough, the next day we both harvested deer in Trenton Woods.

In that story, you hear a difference between the two of us. My brother never saw the need to stay in a stand for a long period of time. If he didn't see anything, it was time to move. Me, on the other hand, had a much more patient demeanor. It worked well. My brother would drive, and I would take a posting (sitting) position. More often than not, he would be the one to harvest a deer while I would see nothing. However, for the possibility to unfold, it took both of us.

In today's gospel, we see both demeanors at work. My brother represents the orchard owner. Putting all the money into the orchard and paying the gardener's salary, we can see why he would say of the fig tree after three years of bearing no fruit, "Cut it down. This is enough." I would represent the gardener with the words, "Let us be patient and give it one more year. I will give the tree special attention and if nothing happens, it can be chopped down." Both lines of thinking are rationale. In this story, patience wins the day.

The parable represents two things:

1. As I mentioned earlier, the undying patience of God. God awaits our turning from sin and returning to him. This happens day by day, year by year.
2. The final reality is that God's patience is finite. We will all face death. Our eternal reward or punishment will be determined by whether we turned our lives over to God or decided to embody my way, the way of the world, the way of the devil.

This Lent, let us return to our God!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR OUR PARISH YOUTH

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES & INTERESTED PARISHIONERS:

The Banquet In Sioux Falls Sat., Mar. 29 – Bus will transport students over. Loading times:

IHM/Currie: 8 a.m.

St. Ann/Slayton: 8:30

St. Gabriel/Fulda: 8:40

Parishioners: We have room for extra volunteers to help serve this day. This is a wonderful opportunity to put your faith into action (especially during this Lenten season). If you'd like to help the Confirmation students in serving those in need in the Sioux Falls area this day, ***contact your Faith Formation Director*** ahead of time so we know for sure we have space for you!

The group should return home @ 3 p.m.

Next Confirmation Meeting: April 2/ IHM – Currie 7 p.m.

Summer Totus Tuus Program JUNE 8-13 IN FULDA: We are trying something new this summer and hosting Totus Tuus early this year in order to beat the summer rush of family vacations and community education activities. Mark your calendars TODAY and plan to have your child(ren) attend Totus Tuus week at St. Gabriel's in Fulda. Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a fantastic weeklong Catholic 'VBS' – Four college-aged missionaries will be on site to lead and guide the youth. There is a daytime program for K-6th grade and a nighttime session for HS youth. ALL ARE WELCOME ... The more the merrier!!! Contact your Faith Formation director to assist in arranging carpools!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Discipleship Quads/ Bible Study Groups for Men & Women: 'Discipleship Quads' are a group of four men or women who meet together over the course of a year to study Scripture, dig deeply into the Faith and grow together in fellowship. We are opening this opportunity up to all our area parishes to connect like-minded Catholic men and women in order to build and create new relationships. There is a guided program used in a Quad group. If being involved in a study group like this is something you may enjoy doing, contact Marcie Cowan from St. Ann's (507)360-1885 or Peg Olsem from St. Gabriel's (507-329-2103) and we will get your name on a list for new Quad groups. ALL are most welcome! Once we have enough people to create a "Quad" group, we will connect you with one another, and your group, together, can determine the best meeting times/locations. ***(Learn more at <https://steubenvilleconferences.net/discipleship-quads/>).***

NURSES/EMTs NEEDED

Camp Summit needs nurses/EMTs for camp. The nursing team ensures the safety and care of all the middle school youth, high school youth, and adult volunteers at camp. The nursing team will provide general first aid, help youth through illnesses, injuries, homesickness, and help chaperones with medications and medical emergencies as needed. Visit our website at campsummitwinona.org to learn more about Camp Summit. Week one runs July 19-24th. If interested or you would like more information, please email campsummit-winona@gmail.com

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