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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 31 - APR 6

Mon 31	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 1	8:30am St. Gabriel	†Charles Holinka
Wed 2	9:15am Sunrise	†Bernadine Kremer
Thur 3	8:30am IHM	†Sandra Coon
Fri 4	8:30am St. Anthony	†John Weis
Fri 4	5:30pm IHM	†Wayne Jensen
Sat 5	4:00 pm St. Anthony	Parishioners
Sat 5	6:00 pm IHM	†Barb Surprenant
Sun 6	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Noah Salentiny
Sun 6	10:00 am St. Ann	†Gary Swart

CHURCH SUPPORT - MAR 22—23

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$1,725.00	\$254.00/77.00	\$643.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 965.00	\$283.00/13.00	\$311.00
IHM-Currie	\$1,655.00	\$234.00/4.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$1,471.00	\$73.00	\$

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 will be held at St. Ann Church today, March 30. Starting at 2pm for our parish cluster.

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. We are currently collecting raffle items which can be dropped at the Wheel Herald office, on Broadway, M-Th between 8am-4pm.

PARISHIONERS THAT have history/memorabilia items from/of St. Ann Church are asked to contact JoAnn Biren at 507-220-0585. JoAnn is organizing the articles that will go into the display cabinets in Divine Mercy Hall.

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

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: APRIL 2

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

BOOKCASE has been moved to the cry room.

SUB SALE Mar 26-April 16 \$5 for 12" white sub roll, ham and American cheese. Making subs April 23rd or 25th Contact participating youth or Marcie

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

CHRISM MASS Apr 14 at Sacred Heart, Heron Lake

LITURGICAL DUTIES APR 6

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Bill & Jan B, Dennis S, Mike M
Servers	Youth Mass
Reader	Youth Mass
Gifts	Youth Mass
EMHC	Pam S, Pam M, Trish K
Comm to HB	
Music	Sharon L

ST. GABRIEL

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

EASTER FLOWERS— If you wish to donate to the flower fund envelopes are in the back of the Church.

LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST is Sunday, April 13, serving from 9:00-12:00. A box will be available for used eyeglasses which will be re-conditioned and distributed to needy people throughout the world.

FOOD SHELF—There is a container in the back of church for donations to the Fulda Food Shelf. The Food Shelf serves 30-35 families a month. All items are welcome. There are envelopes for any monetary donations that you can be put in the collection basket. Thank you from the members of the Food Shelf.

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY/YOUTH COFFEE & ROLLS, NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 6: Join us as we honor our wonderful Faith Formation teachers, substitutes and volunteers. Please take time to come down and tell these parishioners thank you for their dedication and service to our St. Gabriel's youth!

RELEASE TIME NOTES: The last day of Elementary Release is Monday, April 14. Renee Dorpinghaus will be hosting a Passover Meal for the second grade class. A perfect way for them to end their Faith Formation school year as they look ahead to receiving their First Holy Communion on April 27.

SECOND GRADERS PREPARING FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION: Hudson Baumgartner, Matthew & Noah Bertrand, Makenzie Echternach, Eli Gonzalez, Darrin Hakencis, Gray Hein and Teddy Parish.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers in the weeks ahead!

BACCALAUREATE: Important reminders! Texts were sent out to all Seniors requesting they bring a senior wallet-sized photo to the FHS office and also text Peg about their "gift/talent" they'd like to carry up at the start of Baccalaureate Mass. These things need to be taken care of by the end of this coming week. Contact the Faith Formation office if you have questions. (Parents, please nag your Seniors to get this done!) Baccalaureate Mass is Sunday, May 11. Retreat, Saturday, May 10 at 9 a.m. at the school

LITURGICAL DUTIES APR 6

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Dave T, Amy C, Barb K, Kay K
Servers	Brady M, Oliver M
Lector	Sharon F
Comm	Don O
EHMC	Randy K, Mary L, Linda C
Sacristan	Mark V
Money Counters	Mike V, Mark V

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: To help with food or working, please contact Marie Heronimus (507-360-2307) or Sandy Anderson (507-227-7063)

FAITH FORMATION: *Faith Formation:* 4/2 Class 6:30-7:30; *Confirmation:* 4/2 Session number 6 at IHM at 7pm with Sponsor; 4/6 **All IHM Youth and their families- Lenten Service Project Day - 9am clean up the church ground!!**

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

3/29 Kim Daniels-\$100

4/4 Shelley Sweetman-\$100

CHOIR PRACTICE: Please consider sharing your time and talent this Lent and Easter season. Practice will be on Tuesday, 04/01 at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Waylen Jacob, infant son of Jacob and Shauna Ackerman, on his baptism at IHM on 3/22/2025.

ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH in Pipestone will hold its Spring Dinner on Sun, April 6, in the St. Leo Church Hall. Dinner will be served from 11am - 1pm. The menu will consist of Ham, Baked Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Homemade Desserts and Beverage. Take-out meals will be available. Adults \$15, Ages 5-10 \$5, Ages 4 & under free. Everyone is welcome!

LITURGICAL DUTIES - APR 5

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Evan & Malory S
Lector	Jim G
Gift Bearers	Harold & Deb L
EMHC	Romane D, Lori M, Shari S
CANTOR	Choir
Ushers	Deb & Harold L, Denny J, Jon Wendorff

ST. ANTHONY

BAPTISM: We welcome Corbin Dale Krueger who was baptized last weekend at St Anthony's. Corbin's parents are Brady and Sara Krueger.

LIONS BREAKFAST: Westbrook Lions club will be serving a Pancake Breakfast Sunday April 6 from 10:30 to 1:00. Proceeds go to support Community Projects. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Are listed on our website and in the St Ann's portion of the bulletin. Please make plans accordingly.

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.

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LITURGICAL DUTIES - APR 5

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Herb H, Mark S
Lector	Carol E
Servers	Sydney & Lukas
EMHC	Nicki P, Joan O
Cleaners	Erik & Angie B

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

My Poor Shoulder

2021 was a difficult year for my poor left shoulder. What happened? Let me get underway. On my parent's home place, they planted a row of dogwoods on a portion of the north and east side of the premise. Its purpose was to add color to the farm site and catch any snow blowing into the yard. As we learned, not only was it good at catching snow, but it also served as a great "catcher" of chopped corn stalks and husks. My brother has a chopping corn head which grinds the entire corn stalk during the process of harvesting. What remains is very small, and with the right wind, can easily be blown for miles. Such is what happened. We had a strong wind and elements of the chopped corn stalks from the field around my parent's home ended up in our rows of dogwood. Not a small amount either.

This was quite the dilemma. My mother tried to take a rake and hoe to remove the elements from the dogwood. The problem is dogwoods tend to grow close together. No hoe or rake was going to serve the purpose. Thus, my mother came up another plan which would lead to my doom. She decided to burn them out. It worked; however, in the process, she also killed all the branches on the dogwoods from top to bottom. Enter yours truly. I took a lopper and cut each branch off as close to the ground as possible. During the endeavor, only two dogwoods were not affected by mom's fateful decision. It was a hot summer day and I was pouring sweat by the time I finished lopping.

Once completed, I told my mother that I had done my share. I asked the family to rake up the branches, load them into the pickup, and take them to a different building site to be burned. Well, it didn't happen that day or the next day. Finally, the night before my father was to go in for heart surgery, my sister was loading the branches all alone. I felt sorry for her so I pitched in to the help. We loaded the back of the pickup and headed for the aforementioned site.

Here is where problems evolved. I decided to lay on the branches in the back of the pickup and told my sister to drive very slowly. Everything was working just fine until the wind caught some of the branches hanging over the cab. I was in trouble. I was no match for the force of the wind. I was going out the back of the pickup. Realizing my predicament, I made a choice. I decided to jump, land on my feet, and run. Everything went final until... Until what? I made the jump just fine and landed squarely on my feet. Great! **Until** I took two steps, at which time my life went dark. Literally. The next two hours of my life are a complete blank, total darkness. The family had to fill in the details.

Later, I was told, my sister kept driving until she came to the reality that I was no longer in the pickup. She turned around and saw me lying on the road, not moving. She drove up and started to shake me. I didn't move for a time until finally I stirred. She went to get my brother. When my brother came, I was walking around and told him what had happened. However, I don't remember any of it. My brother took me to his place which leads to the only event I can remember - my sister-in-law who had just come home saying something to me. What did she say? Beats me, I don't know. I only remember being "out of the fog" for about five seconds.

At this point, things didn't look too good for yours truly so it was decided I would be taken to the Emergency Room in Albert Lea. My brother drove me and it was during that drive that I finally came around, out of "my fog."

When I finally came around, I told my brother I had come out of "my fog." I remember asking about my phone which he had picked up on the gravel road where I had fallen. Luckily, it was unscathed. My glasses were a different story. They were in very rough shape. On the way to the hospital, I realized I was in some pain. The left side of my forehead was cut in several places. My entire left side under my arm had seen better days and had a cut on my left knee. However, what took the greatest blow was my left shoulder. It hurt and I couldn't move it easily.

It was at this point that it dawned on me what had happened. After I had jumped from the pickup, landed upright and taken two steps, I was no longer able to stay upright. I fell on the gravel road with my left arm out exposing the left side of my body to the gravel and road. The left side of my head hit the gravel road which knocked me out. People to this day ask, "Father, did you have a concussion?" I tell them, "How am I supposed to know? You tell me." Imagine for a moment, falling on a gravel road, landing on rocks of various sizes. If you want to try it, I leave that up to you; however, I wouldn't recommend it. It leads to cuts and bruises in all kinds of locales.

Now we get to my poor left shoulder. Picture your arm out and the left side of your body landing directly on gravel with the brunt of the fall coming under your left armpit. Landing squarely on that region, my body came off the ground before coming to rest. I didn't realize the severity for a day or two before I had tremendous pain in my shoulder. Fortunately, nothing was broken but to this day if I attempt to climb on monkey bars, the pain in my left shoulder is so great that I can't remain on the monkey bars. I don't know how much damage was done to my shoulder but even in my world, the reality is that it will never be the same.

I have a spiritual tie which I would like to make to this story but realize my space is limited. Keep this story embedded in your minds and I will come back to it next week.

Till next time! Peace be to you! Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR OUR PARISH YOUTH

The Banquet In Sioux Falls Thanks to all our Confirmation students and parishioners who helped serve at The Banquet on Saturday! What an opportunity to put our faith into action!

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

Camp Summit: DEADLINE this week! Contact your Faith Formation director to register your youth. (Gr. 6-9). This is a wonderful Adventure camp in the bluffs of eastern Minnesota (Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center). Dates are July 21-24.

Summer Totus Tuus Program JUNE 8-13 IN FULDA: We are trying something new this summer and hosting Totus Tuus early this year to beat the summer rush of family vacations and community ed. activities. Mark your calendars TODAY and plan to have your child(ren) attend Totus Tuus week at St. Gabriel's in Fulda.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Discipleship Quads/ Looking for a few good men!: We have a new women's Quad group beginning soon and now need the men to step up!! Contact Marcie at (507)360-1885 or Peg Olsem (507)329-2103 for more information. Specifically, we'd like to see a "young men's" group starting up between our parish clusters. A Quad group is committed to meeting and studying Scripture and the Faith on a weekly basis for a year. Great sharing and learning, along with rock solid relationships are formed. Please consider joining a Quad group! You won't regret it!

COMMUNAL PENANCE

Communal penance for St. Ann, St. Gabriel, IHM and St. Anthony will be held at St. Ann Church today, March 30th starting at 2:00 pm.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This collection provides funding for **Catholic Relief Services**; the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

ST. ANN'S SPRING DINNER

St. Ann's is hosting a Spring Dinner on Sunday, April 13th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Menu includes: Ham, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Desserts and Beverage. Dine In or Carry Out. Proceeds to go repairing the church bells and framing stain glass windows from St. Columba in front of the church.

Spring has sprung! It is time for our CCW spring meeting at Spring Valley! It all starts with registration and breakfast at 8am, April 12, 2025, At St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 213 W Franklin, Spring Valley, MN. Speakers: A representative from the Seven Sisters Apostolate & A representative from the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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