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[www.triparishcfw.org](http://www.triparishcfw.org) Currie/Fulda/Westbrook

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month after the 8:30 Mass.

**IHM** Adoration and Confession the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – APR 7 - APR 13

Mon 7	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 8	8:30am St. Gabriel	†Hank Lenards
Wed 9	8:30am St. Ann	†Gay Metz
Thur 10	8:30am IHM	†Wilford/Mildred Wendorff
Fri 11	5:30pm St. Anthony	For Those Fighting Cancer
Sat 12	<b>4:00 pm</b> St. Anthony	†Craig Olsem
Sat 12	<b>6:00 pm</b> IHM	Parishioners
Sun 13	<b>8:00 am</b> St. Gabriel	Wendell Slade
Sun 13	<b>10:00 am</b> St. Ann	†Mert Brown

## CHURCH SUPPORT - MAR 29—30

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$2,145.00	\$155.00/34.34	\$761.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 835.00	\$179.00/10.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$1,500.00	\$192.00/23.41	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 381.00	\$128.00	\$

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$17,016	Pledged	<b>\$ 8,720</b>
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged	<b>\$ 5,985</b>
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,991	Pledged	<b>\$ 4,975</b>
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged	<b>\$ 2,950</b>

## ST. ANN

### 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

**APRIL COURIER** copies are available at the entryways.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to St. Ann on Sun, April 13, from 11am – 1pm for a delicious ham dinner. Serving: Ham, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Buns, Dessert, & Beverage. Adults (11 & up) \$15; 10 & under-\$10. Great Raffle Prizes! Take outs available. All are welcome!

**TABERNACLE** Candle will be lit week of April 6-Joann Klein **PARISHIONERS** that have history/memorabilia items from/of St. Ann Church are asked to contact JoAnn Biren at 507-220-0585. JoAnn is organizing items for the display cabinets in Divine Mercy Hall.

**FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR:** Would you be interested in serving as Director of Faith Formation for St. Gabriel? Job descriptions are available in Divine Mercy Hall, at the parish office and online at [www.triparishcfw.org](http://www.triparishcfw.org). If interested in applying for the position, please send cover letter to Fr. Peter Schuster, 2747 29th St, Slayton, MN 56172. If questions, please contact Fr. Peter Schuster at ([pastor@acmcatholic.org](mailto:pastor@acmcatholic.org)) or call 507-304-2541.

### **FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: APRIL 9**

K-5 Faith Formation	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** to 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. 4-9, & 4-16

**CHRISM MASS** Apr 14 at Sacred Heart, Heron Lake, 2pm.

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION** May 4 10 am—please pray for Brooks B, Micah B, Guillermo C, Oliver D, Lucas E, Tucker G, Owen J, Zavion J, Emmett J, Gabe K, & Taya N.

## LITURGICAL DUTIES APR 13

### **St. Ann - 10:00 am**

<b>Min of Hosp</b>	Bill & Jan B, Dennis S, Mike M
<b>Servers</b>	Ethan N, Easton H
<b>Reader</b>	Karen B, Kelly N
<b>Gifts</b>	Brad Dierks Family
<b>EMHC</b>	Katie H, Daryl J, Bill B
<b>Comm to HB</b>	Dave & Kathy S
<b>Music</b>	Dana C, Judy A

## ST. GABRIEL

**OUR SYMPATHY** goes out to the family of Betty Abrahamson. Betty's funeral was held on Wednesday, April 2, at St. Gabriel's. Rest in peace Betty.

**OUR SYMPATHY** goes out to the family of Caroline Odenbrett. Caroline's funeral was held on Saturday, April 5 at St. Gabriel's. May she rest in peace.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Wednesday April 9th and 16th beginning with the Rosary at 6:30, Stations to follow.

**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED** for the next 2 weeks. Please contact Dana (507-836-8030) in Slayton if you have anything for the bulletin.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY/YOUTH COFFEE & ROLLS TODAY:** Join us as we honor our wonderful Faith Formation teachers, substitutes and volunteers after Mass this morning in the Church Hall. The following parishioners have dedicated their time, faith and talents to teaching this year.

**ELEMENTARY:** Pam Mailander, Suzi Zins, Sue Zins, Kay Klein, Cathy Stewart & Chelsea Hein

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Katie Clarke, Christian Potocnik, Mark Bartosh & Don Olsem

### *JOIN US IN EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE!*

**DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION NEEDED:** Would you be interested in serving as Director of Faith Formation for St. Gabriel's? Job descriptions are available in back of church, at the parish office and also online at our parish website. If interested in applying for the position, please contact Fr. Peter Schuster ([pastor@acmcatholic.org](mailto:pastor@acmcatholic.org)) or (507)304-2541

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2ND GRADE CLASS & MRS. ZINS:** If you've attended the weekly Stations of The Cross this Lenten season; you've had the privilege of hearing the lively and joyful voices of eight young ones leading the Rosary before the Stations! These young people are doing an *excellent* job, led by their instructor Sue (Jeff) Zins. We thank them for their great commitment to doing this each week! These students and their families are actively preparing to receive their First Holy Eucharist later this month. Please keep them close in prayer:

*Hudson Baumgartner, Matthew & Noah Bertrand, Makenzie Echternach,*

*Eli Gonzales, Darrin Hakeneis, Gray Hein and Teddy Parish.*

**Baccalaureate/Attention Seniors:** Bring a senior wallet-sized photo to the FHS office and also contact Peg about your "item" that you will be carrying up for Baccalaureate **ASAP!** Baccalaureate Mass is Sun., May 11. The Senior Retreat/practice is the day before, Sat., May 10 at 9 a.m.

## LITURGICAL DUTIES APR 13

### **St. Gabriel - 8:00 am**

<b>Min of Hosp</b>	Ken & Cathy S, Mike & Sue Z
<b>Servers</b>	Mara C, Eva L
<b>Lector</b>	Christian P, Mary A
<b>Comm</b>	Katie C
<b>EHMC</b>	Mike & Margene V, Peg O
<b>Sacristan</b>	Shelby S
<b>Money Counters</b>	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: April 9 Class 6:30p-7:30pm; Confirmation: May 7 - Session number 7 in Fulda at 7pm with Sponsor

**April 6 All IHM Youth and their families- Lenten Service Project Day - 9am clean up the church ground!!**

**SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:**  
4/4 Shelley Sweetman-\$100

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Please consider sharing your time and talent this Lent and Easter season. Practice will be on Tuesday, April 8th, 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.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS HIRING!

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is seeking a full-time Licensed Social Worker in our Rochester, MN office. This position will work with new and expectant parents to provide pregnancy counseling, parenting education and planning or adoption planning and placement. The social worker completes assessments, provides baby items, and supports young families through case management. This position also completes home study assessment and education for families who are applying to adopt a child. Make a difference in the lives of others! For more information and how to apply, go to [www.ccsomn.org/employment](http://www.ccsomn.org/employment)

## ST. ANTHONY

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

**MASS AND STATIONS:** Mass and Stations will be held at St Anthony's on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. There will be no Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass that day.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Mass intentions are \$10 now. Please place them in the collection basket.

**STORDEN FIRE DEPT. BREAKFAST:** Will be held April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. All are welcome.

**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.

**ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:**  
Special Collection—\$293.00

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**TWO REPRESENTATIVES** from **EACH** parish; St. Ann, St. Gabriel, IHM, & St. Anthony 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 are available. Please call Dana: 507-836-8030 if you are interested in serving. Each church **MUST** have 2 representatives. Names are to be submitted by April 13 - Palm Sunday.

### LITURGICAL DUTIES - APR 12

<b>IHM - 6:00 PM</b>	
<b>Server</b>	Mesa E, Christian H
<b>Lector</b>	Kelly K
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Joe & Marcia S
<b>EMHC</b>	Jo E, Becky L, Kim O
<b>CANTOR</b>	Choir
<b>Ushers</b>	Deb & Harold L, Denny J, Jon Wendorff

### LITURGICAL DUTIES - APR 12

<b>ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM</b>	
<b>Greet/Gifts</b>	Dean & Elizabeth J
<b>Lector</b>	Pat M
<b>Servers</b>	Ian
<b>EMHC</b>	Ethan J, Shelly M
<b>Cleaners</b>	Joyce V, Evelyn B

### My Poor Shoulder – Part 2

I shared in my column of last week an incident that happened in my life back in 2021. Here is a synopsis. 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.

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 with another plan which would lead to my doom. She decided to burn them out. It worked; however, in the process of burning out the corn stalks, 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.

The night before my father was to go in for heart surgery, my sister was loading the lopped off 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 another farm site for the branches to be offloaded. 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, after my jump, 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.

My brother took me to the Emergency Room in Albert Lea and on the way, I finally came to. 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 I 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.

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 when 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.

Within this synopsis, I can't help but remember where everything began.

- A. Dogwoods.
- B. Chopped Corn Stalks.
- C. My mother deciding to "burn them out."

In John's gospel, he speaks about the vine and the branches (see John 15:1-17). As I think back on the events, that story of Jesus struck me. And while a dogwood isn't considered a vine, dogwood branches grow so close together that they form a protective bond. That is the story of Jesus Christ. As church, Jesus tells us to remain with one another. We form a protective bond built around the well-being as each member and charity. What keeps it all together is the power of Jesus Christ. In the winter months, after their leaves have dropped, dogwoods turn a bright red. That red reminds me of the blood that Jesus poured out for the well-being of his church. My shoulder's pain pales in comparison with Jesus Christ dying on the cross.

As the story of "My Poor Shoulder" reiterates, I am a firm believer that each story shares a component of faith. Think about a story from your life and how the mystery of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit unfolds within it. God always has a mystery to share!

Peace be to you!  
Father Peter Schuster

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **FOR OUR PARISH YOUTH**

**The Banquet In Sioux Falls** Twenty-three members of our parish cluster traveled to Sioux Falls last Saturday to serve at The Banquet. It was an eye-opening and humbling experience for all. Ask one of your parish Candidates for Confirmation to tell you about it!

**Summer Totus Tuus Program** JUNE 8-13 IN FULDA: *Mark your calendar TODAY!* This is a wonderful week-long program for ALL students from our cluster in grades K-12. Forms to register are available through your Faith Formation office. Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a wonderful program where four college-aged missionaries, trained through the DOW-R will be present to lead the week that includes daily Mass; tons of fun for the youth and deep learning about the beauty and truths of the Catholic Faith. Join us!

### **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. 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!*

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### **CHRISM MASS APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> AT SACRED HEART IN HERON LAKE – 2PM**

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### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS HIRING!**

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### **ST. ANN'S SPRING DINNER**

St. Ann's is hosting a Spring Dinner on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Serving: 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.

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### **LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Fulda Lions Club is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> serving from 9:00-12:00. Menu includes: Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice and Coffee. Meals to go will be available but please bring your own container. A collection box will be available for used eyeglasses which will be re-conditioned and distributed to needy people throughout the world.

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