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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 – APR 28 - MAY 4

Mon 28	Father's Day Off		No Mass
Tues 29	8:30am	St. Gabriel	†Molly Clarke
Wed 30	8:30am	St. Ann	†Luella Huerkamp
Thur 1	8:30pm	IHM	†Darrell Morin
Fri 2	8:30am	St. Anthony	†No Mass - Funeral Heron Lake
Sat 3	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	Parishioners
Sat 3	6:00 pm	IHM	†June Schreier
Sun 4	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Ben & Lorraine Wisdorf
Sun 4	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Dave Schreiber Sr.

CHURCH SUPPORT - APR 19-20

	Envelop	bes P	late/Childre	ns Online/ACH			
St. Ann	\$ 4,305	.00	\$768.00/92.7	75 \$897.40			
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,695	.00	\$296.57/33.0	00 \$			
IHM-Currie	\$ 3,975	.00	\$719.00/56.0	00 \$			
St. Anthony	\$ No Mo	ass S	\$	\$			
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS							
St. Ann	Goal	\$17,016	Pledged	\$10,270			
St. Gabriel	Goal	\$11,065	Pledged	\$ 6,740			
IHM-Currie	Goal	\$ 9,991	Pledged	\$ 6,025			
St. Anthony	Goal	\$ 4,872	Pledged	\$ 3,700			

ST. ANN

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Thomas Fitzgerald. Tom passed away Tues, April 15. He was buried at St. Columba Cemetery Sat, April 26. May he rest in peace. DIVINE MERCY is today, Sunday, April 27. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 2pm with confessions available until all are heard. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3pm. All are welcome! CCW WILL HOLD a meeting on Tues, April 29 at 5pm in Divine Mercy Hall. All ladies of St. Ann are invited. SUNDAY, APRIL 27: a special blessing will take place at St. Ann for all youth who helped with Youth Masses. After Mass a special get-together for all parishioners will be held in Divine Mercy Hall. Thank you to those working in the kitchen.

THANKS GO OUT to all those who helped with the Holy week/Easter decorating: Judy Carlson, Kathy Ellefson, Rita Lear, Jeaneen Nelson, & Dana Clarke

PLEASE WATCH THE bulletin for any scheduled Mass changes that may take place for weekday Masses. With Fr. Schuster overseeing all 7 parishes, last minute changes may happen with the scheduling of funerals. We are doing our best to stay on top of the needed notifications.

CHURCH KNEELER no longer used, is looking for a new home, talk to Dave Schreiber if you are interested in owning.

YTD MISC Donation Collections:

St. Ann Cemetery - 3,127

St. Columba Cemetery - 3,955

St. Rose Cemetery - 8,400

CCEE - 700.77

Holy Land - 180

Rice Bowl - 895.62

Sanctuary Windows - 3,592

St. Ann Bell Proj - 7,850

WINNERS LIST of prizes won/donated by, is on display in Divine Mercy Hall sheets are hanging on the columns. **1ST 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. **BACCALAUREATE** Celebration for graduating Seniors is May 11. The seniors are Krystyna B, Carson E, Brady F, Simon H, Jackson K, Theron M, Grace N, Sophia N.

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAY 4

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Marilou C, Judy P, Todd & Penny B

Servers Noah B, Tyler R

Reader Kate B

Gifts Travis Delong Family
EMHC Pam M, Trish K, Sarah B

Comm to HB

Music Sharon L, Rita L

ST. GABRIEL

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Caroline Odenbrett. Caroline passed away on March 27. Her funeral was held on April 5. May she rest in peace.

OUR SYMPATHY also goes out to the family of Gene Voss. Gene's funeral was held on April 11. Gene was buried at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS 1ST COMMUNICANTS & FAMI-

LIES: What a wonderful cause for celebration as eight children receive Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament this morning at Mass! We congratulate the following students and their families: Hudson Baumgartner, Matthew & Noah Bertrand, Makenzie Echternach, Eli Gonzales,

Darrin Hakeneis, Gray Hein and Teddy Parish.

RECEPTION FOR NEWLY INITIATED MEMBERS OF OUR

FAITH: Join us after Mass next Sun. May 4 immediately after Mass in the church hall for a reception to honor our newest members of the Catholic Faith: Chris Opdahl, Cortney Salentiny & Olivia Salentiny. What a blessing to have them as full members our St. Gabriel parish community! Congratulations & *WELCOME!*

MAY CROWNING: Next Sunday, May 4. If you would like your child to be a part of this special event, please arrive to Mass next Sunday by 7:45 a.m. Before Mass begins, the will children present flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary as we lead into this special month that honors Mary.

BACCALAUREATE ~ CLASS OF '25: SUNDAY, MAY 11: Attention Junior families, Shannon Welling will be contacting you soon about hosting the reception after Mass that day. Seniors, If you haven't already done so, give Lori at the HS office a wallet-sized Senior picture SENIOR RETREAT/PRACTICE Sat, May 10 at 9am, at St. Gabriel School.

Host Homes for Totus Tuus Team: Would you be willing to host two young men or women in your home June 8 -13? Hosting these Totus Tuus team leaders is fairly low-key! (They will be spending most of their time at St. Gabriel's during the day/evenings). Simply put, what they need is a comfortable place to sleep at night and a simple breakfast in the morning before they head out early. Contact Peg (507)329-2103 with any questions you may have, or if you are interested in hosting.

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAY 4

St. Gabriel - <u>8:00 pm</u>

Min of Hosp Doug, Katie&Mara C, Steve&Donna C

Servers Kellen H, Oliver N

Lector Mary A
Comm Mary L

EHMC Randy K, Edie T, Suzi Z

Sacristan Linda C Money Counters Jim E, Lisa R

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)

ADDITIONAL FINANCES:

Donations: \$160.00; Good Friday: \$927

Rice Bowls: \$159.72

FAITH FORMATION: On Summer Break 1st Communion May 3 at 6pm Mass

CONFIRMATION: May 7th in Fulda with Sponsor-Start time is 7pm

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

4/25 Carolyn & Dave Vandendriessche - \$100

ROSARY: The Rosary will be led by Ellen LaVoie prior to Mass during the month of May beginning Saturday, May 3rd. Come early to spend time in prayer.

IN MEMORY: Mass of Christian Burial for David Lanners, 65, of Tracy was celebrated at IHM on Tuesday afternoon, April 22, 2025, followed by burial in IHM Calvary Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: For over 75 years, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota has been the social services arm of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, answering God's call to serve those in need in our region. Like shelters supporting those experiencing homelessness, we offer critical programs to help strengthen families and communities. But that's not all we do! Learn mission services more about our and www.ccsomn.org. Please join us in putting our faith into action by supporting our Appeal on May 10th & May 11th—Mother's Day Weekend.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAY 3

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server Ethan S, Amarah G
Lector 2nd Graders
Gift Bearers 2nd Graders

EMHC Lori M, Dawn K, Loretta G

CANTOR Choir

Ushers George A, Jon O, Jerry F, Tim R

ST. ANTHONY

THANK YOU: To all who helped set up, prepare the church, prepare and serve the food, or helped in any way with the funeral of Nancy Burns this past week. If you brought food, be sure to pick up your containers.

OUR SYMPATHY: goes out to the family of Nancy Burns whose Mass of Christian Burial was at St Anthony's Monday April 21st.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Please be aware that while Fr Antony is away, weekday masses will be alternated between the Windom cluster and the Slayton cluster. This also depends on Fr Schuster's availability. Watch the bulletin for Mass schedules. Also, with Fr. Schuster overseeing all 7 parishes, last minute changes may happen with the scheduling of funerals. We are doing our best to stay on top of the needed notifications.

ROSARY: During the month of May, we will be praying the rosary before Saturday Mass. Please contact Shelly Merrick if you would be willing to lead any of the weekends.

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

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.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAY 3

ST. ANTHONY - $\underline{4:00 \text{ PM}}$

Greet/Gifts Erik & Angie B Lector Carol E

Servers Sydney & Lucas

EMHC Nicki P

Cleaners Pat & Shelly M

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Divine Mercy

Each year, on the Sunday following Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, and each year, on the Sunday following Easter, the gospel story is the resurrection appearance of Jesus Christ to the disciples and Thomas. It is from this gospel that Thomas is given the nickname "Doubting Thomas." The disciples tell Thomas, "We have seen the Lord." Thomas "doubts" the possibility of Jesus' resurrection. There are many things I doubt.

- I doubt the Minnesota Twins will win half of their games this year (that being 81).
- I doubt the Minnesota Timberwolves will win the NBA title this year.
- I doubt the Minnesota Vikings will win the Super Bowl this year. I am even a little more pessimistic than many others. With so many new faces, it will take time to jell.
- I doubt I will get out fishing twenty-five times this year. Schedules fill quickly.
- I have duck hunted many days over my fifty-six years of living. The only specie of duck I have never harvested is a bufflehead. I doubt it will happen this year.

Please note, if any of the above should occur, I would be elated. I am not a pessimist; I try to be a realist. To doubt doesn't mean I am pessimistic in nature, I just balance the odds of the probability of an event occurring, and I can be wrong. I believe St. Thomas falls into my mode of thinking. This is testified in the fourteenth chapter of John's gospel. Jesus tells his disciples not to be troubled, to have faith in him. He also explains that he is going to prepare a place for each of them in heaven, that he will return (the Second Coming), and take them to himself. In John 14:4, Jesus states, "Where [I] am going, you know the way." Thomas responds, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). This is a very good, very fair question. Jesus Christ has yet to suffer, die and rise all of which opens up the possibility of the Second Coming of Jesus. In no way does this make Thomas a pessimist, merely a realist.

And in his post-resurrection appearance to Thomas, Jesus isn't harsh to Thomas. He merely tells him to touch (hands and side) and believe. Whether Thomas places his hand in Christ's nailmarks or side is debated. The gospel of John doesn't provide clarity; however, his faith and belief are unquestioned in his response, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). It is a proclamation I hear from some in the congregation when the precious body and precious blood are held up after the consecration at Mass. People's response, "My Lord and my God," leaves no doubt in their minds that this is truly my Lord (the human dimension of Jesus) and my God (the divine dimension of Jesus).

The story of the resurrection appearance also marks another mystery of the divine Godhead. We call this "Divine Mercy Sunday." We see the mercy of God played out in Jesus and his disciples. On both occasions when Jesus appears to his disciples, the evening of the first day of the week and a week later, Jesus offers them, "Peace." I often ponder what it must have been like after all the disciples abandoned Jesus. Prior to his suffering and death, they had been bold:

- Jesus, we will suffer with you.
- Jesus, we will never abandon you.
- Iesus, we will die for you.

Such words are never brought to fruition. They leave Jesus Christ "high and dry." Jesus knows their thoughts, feelings, and deep sense of remorse; thus, he sets things right with his one word, "Peace." That one-word changes everything in that room. The room becomes electric, alive, and their lives change. Without fear, they go into the world never to lock themselves up again. The message of Jesus Christ must be proclaimed.

Such is our story. No matter where we stand or what we have done the mercy of God awaits us. Celebrate that mercy!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

If you haven't done so, please send in your pledge for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Any monies raised over the goal are returned to each respective parish at 100%. Also, any monies raised over the goal are not assessed by the diocese. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a great way for us to raise funds for our parishes. Please be generous!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<u>Confirmation:</u> Next large group meeting, Wed., May 7, 7 p.m. @ St. Gabriel/Fulda. Subject: Made for MISSION: *Taking the light of Christ into the world.* <u>Assignment:</u> *Time & Talent Project*

ATTENTION PARENTS of 8th &9th Grade Students: If you are a parent of an 8th or 9th grade student, plan to attend one of the following two meetings: May 18 @ 6:30 p.m. at IHM (church basement) in Currie or May 21 @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann (Divine Mercy Hall) in Slayton. New guidelines from the Diocese on Confirmation Preparations will be discussed. Contact Marcie Cowan (507)360-1885 or Dawn Kopperud (612)554-5663 if you have questions.

Summer Totus Tuus Program JUNE 8-13 IN FULDA: Mark your calendar TODAY! This is a wonderful weeklong program that all students from our cluster (grades K-12) are invited to attend. Forms to register are available through your Faith Formation office and in back of church. Four college-aged missionaries, trained through the DOW-R, will be present to lead this week-long program that includes daily Mass; classroom learning, games and much more! We are hoping for a great turnout! Please register soon so we can plan well. Contact your Faith Formation director if you have questions or would like to form carpools from your parish to attend. You may also contact Peg @ (507)329-2103.

SYNOD on EVANGELIZATION & VOCATIONS

His Excellency Bishop Robert Barron has convoked a Diocesan Synod focused on the themes of evangelization and priestly vocations. This event aims to inspire and equip our community to share the joy of the Gospel and respond to God's call in their lives. As Pope Francis reminded us, we have a duty to share the Gospel with all whom we meet as we strive to be witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

The preparatory phase is now in the stage of hosting regional gatherings. All are welcome to attend the session nearest their home parish. For a full listing of sessions, and to preview the questions for deliberation, visit our synod website, which can be found at the homepage of our diocesan website, or by visiting: dowrsynod.my.canva.site

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 27: Encounter the beautiful power of Christ's Divine Mercy with Confessions and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at St. Ann beginning at 2 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday is always celebrated the first Sunday after Easter. Instituted by Saint John Paul II in 2000, during the canonization of St. Marie Faustina, the feast day is a time to reflect and embrace God's merciful love; especially as revealed to us in the dying and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Don't miss this opportunity to experience God's incredible mercy and love!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The second collection on May 10 & 11 supports the Catholic Charities Appeal. Catholic Charities serves the most vulnerable in our diocese-from children and families facing hardship to seniors in need of care and advocacy.

While there are many worthy causes to support, please consider embracing the mission of Catholic Charities. The need is real in Southern Minnesota, and your support is crucial in answering that need. Together, we can provide shelter, food, and care to those who need it most – never losing sight of what truly matters: Community, Compassion, and the call to serve. Without your support, we couldn't fulfill our mission of answering God's call to serve others.

All donations stay in our diocese. Please be generous. Thank you.

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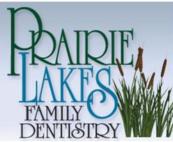
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