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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 – MAY 5 - MAY 11

Mon 5		<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 6	8:30am	St. Gabriel	†No Mass
Wed 7	8:30am	St. Ann	†No Mass
Thur 8	8:30am	IHM	†No Mass
Fri 9	8:30am	St. Anthony	†No Mass
Sat 10	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	†Craig Olsem
Sat 10	6:00 pm	IHM	Parishioners
Sun 11	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Noah Salentiny
Sun 11	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Roy Schoon

CHURCH SUPPORT - APR 26-27

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$2,010.00	\$287.00/79.25	\$912.75
St. Gabriel	\$1,250.00	\$399.00	\$311.00
IHM-Currie	\$1,320.00	\$225.00/11.85	\$
St. Anthony	\$1,871.00	\$67.00	\$

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 Eleene Gorman. Eleene passed away on April 26. Her funeral was at St. Ann Church on April 30. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE BE PATIENT as we are looking into the St. Ann sound system and apologize when the system crackles. We are unable to obtain replacement parts for the outdated, wireless, bodypack system no longer manufactured. The company will be coming to investigate parts, pack, and issues.

FLOWER DONATIONS: Judy Parrott in memory of Bruce Parrott; Phil-Gen Moritz, Polly-Rosella Parrott; Gail Engebretson in memory of Joe Ackerman, Jeff Shea, Nick Zenk, Anita Ackerman, Sylvan Gaul; Mike & Connie McNab in memory of Roy Ferguson, Helen Ferguson, Steven Ferguson, Leo McNab, MaryAnne McNab; LeRoy & JoAnn Biren in memory of Bob & Gen Spartz, Lenny & Gustie Biren, Joy Biren; The Halbur Family in memory of Lawrence & Lorraine Halbur; Buddy & Louise Biegler; Todd & Penny Boock in memory of Dave & Carol Ackerman; Jeaneen Nelson in memory of Butch, Karen & Steve Stelter, Daryl Nelson; Gary Eich in memory of Jean Eich; Deanna Hamann; Walter & Julie Kautz in memory of Harold, Delores, & Jeff Seifert; Bill & Kathy Ellefson; Anonymous; Scott & Teresa Hamman in memory of Janice Kass; Steve & Donna Ford in memory of Mark Ford; Marge Schoon in memory of Roylyn Schoon, Natalie Krohn; Dave & Kathy Schreiber in memory of John Jacobson, David Schreiber Sr, Allan Schreiber, Jon Guttormsson

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.

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.

KINDERGARTNERS FOR 2025-2026 FF year. Let me know if you have a kindergartner who will be joining us for faith formation.

ST. GABRIEL

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: Donna Lenards in memory of Hank Lenards; Judy Holden in memory of Gary Holden; Jody & Kathy Steiner in memory of Delores & Donald Welling, Jim & Jean Steiner; Mark Voss in memory of Leona Gieselman & Lois Elskamp; Ken & Cathy Salentiny in memory of Noah Salentiny; Ken & Lana Zins in memory of Zins & Lund families & Beck Schutte; Sue Zins Family in memory of Jeff Zins; Tom & Tammy Ahlers in memory of Victor & Jean Carlson, Ben & Clara Ahlers; Mike & Margene Vortherms in memory of George & Mildred Vortherms, Bernard & Dorothy Smith; JoAnne McCormick in memory of Noah Salentiny, Molly Clarke & Brittany Lais; Edie Troje in memory of Family; Elaine Kirsch in memory of Dale Kirsch; Steve & Kay Klein.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO: IRA Contribution- \$1,200; Rice Bowl - \$304.82; Holy Land - \$110.

RECEPTION TODAY for Newly Initiated Members of The Church: Join us after Mass Sun. May 4 in the church hall for a reception to honor our newest members of the Catholic Church: Chris Opdahl, Cortney Salentiny & Olivia Salentiny. What a great blessing and reason to rejoice! Congratulations & WELCOME!

MAY CROWNING TODAY: Thanks to the families and precious little ones who helped honor Mary this morning before Mass by bringing her flowers. May is the 'Month of Mary'. *"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!"* Mary is our special spiritual Mother in Heaven, turn to her and ask for her intercession! She will bring your worries straight to the heart of her beloved Son, Jesus!

BACCALAUREATE ~ CLASS OF '25: NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11. Junior students and their families will be hosting the reception after Mass. (Contact Shannon Welling for more information).

SENIORS: Don't forget to pick up your graduation robes from Mr. Saxman in the choir room on Friday! **SENIOR RETREAT/PRACTICE Sat., May 10 at 9:30 a.m** at St. Gabriel School.

TOTUS TUUS: We are in need of one more host home. Would you be willing to host two young men or women June 8 -13? Contact Peg (507)329-2103 if you are interested or have questions. More information regarding Totus Tuus and volunteer help needed will be available in back of church next week.

Families of Release Time Students: Registration forms were sent home with elementary students on the last day of class. Please get your forms turned in ASAP so we can better plan!

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAY 11

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Marilou C, Judy P, Todd & Penny B
Servers	Alan C, Madison J
Reader	Baccalaureate Class
Gifts	Baccalaureate Class
EMHC	Dana C, Marti E, Daryl J
Comm to HB	JoAnn Biren
Music	Judy A, Paula H, Baccalaureate Class

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAY 11

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Ron & Diane K, Sue (J) Z, Kay K
Servers	Brenton E, Peyson G
Lector	Caleb A
Comm	Katie C
EHMC	Mike & Margene V, Steve C
Sacristan	Mark V
Money Counters	Linda C, 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)

FAITH FORMATION: On Summer Break

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Isaac Arnold, Raelynn Buysse, Garrett Gervais, Theron Laleman, Vanessa Radke, Claire Schreier, Levi Schreier and Tyson Spielman as they received their 1st Holy Communion today!

PRAYERS FOR THE SENIORS-during the month of May please take time to pray for our seniors and their parents! The 5 seniors' pictures and future plans can be found on the right side of the altar.

BACCALAUREATE MASS will be May 10th, please join them after Mass for a small reception to congratulate them and enjoy a snack at the back of Church after Mass.

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.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Please be aware that while Fr Anthony 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.

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.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:
Holy Land -\$233.00

PLEASE SEE THE additional information page for the update regarding Online Giving. Now available to all the parishes in our cluster of St. Ann, St. Gabriel, IHM, and St. Anthony. Any questions, please call the office at 507-836-8030.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAY 10

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Mesa E, Mallory S
Lector	Seniors
Gift Bearers	Seniors
EMHC	Jo E, Tim R, Shari S
CANTOR	Matt K
Ushers	George A, Jon o, Jerry F, Tim R

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAY 10

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Barb & Josef R
Lector	Pat M
Servers	Ian
EMHC	Shelly M
Cleaners	Sheila K, Kathy S

Testing One's Faith

Please keep this bulletin article as it will be a two-part series. Easter is about resurrection faith. Death has been conquered. Father Michael Schmitz in an article found within The Catholic Spirit, on April 12, 2018, page 19 deals with the following question common amongst people when it comes to death, "I have been having a hard time trusting God lately. Ever since a family member died, I keep blaming God and finding it difficult to keep my faith. Do you have any thoughts on what I can do?"

Father Schmitz responds, "The Bible teaches us that death is the final enemy that Christ will ultimately destroy, and until then, we all experience its effects in our lives. I don't know if encountering death ever gets easy. In my life as a priest, I come up against death on a regular basis. If I am simply thinking about death as an intellectual topic, then it is straightforward, and I'm unimpressed by it. But every single time I encounter death concretely - up close - it hurts. Because of that, I want to acknowledge your loss as something that I think I can relate to; death not only destroys the natural life of the person, but it also plows into the lives of those all around it.

Because of that, it is not difficult to imagine why you would say that you are turning toward blame and struggling with faith. But let's take a closer look at this.

First, whenever we are in pain, we desire to find the source of our pain. Think of the last time you got sick. I'm guessing that, somewhere in the midst of your coughing and being achy and feverish, you wanted to know, "Where did I get this bug?" You might have asked, "Who got me sick?"

This is not because knowing that it was that random co-worker who came to work sick or it was your second-grader who came home with the sniffles who was the culprit helps anything. It doesn't actually matter who it was who passed the sickness along to you. But we naturally want someone to blame. I want to know the immediate cause of this pain that I'm experiencing now. That way, my pain can be re-directed as anger and blame, and I will get some relief from that "re-direction." But it doesn't actually do anything. It doesn't help a person get better or help them avoid sickness in the future. It is a useless exercise in time.

Most blaming is just that: useless...

(I will pick up this article next week).

This Doesn't Come As A Surprise

A dog had followed his owner to school. His owner was a fourth grader at a public elementary school. However, when the bell rang, the dog went inside the building and made it all the way to the child's classroom before a teacher noticed and shooed him outside, closing the door behind him. The dog sat down, whimpered and stared at the closed doors. Then God appeared beside the dog, patted his head, and said, "Don't feel bad fella...they won't let ME in either."

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

Confirmation: 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.* Assignment: *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 week-long 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

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 and will help us to carry out vital work. Please be generous. Thank you.

Online Giving is now available for all parishes in our cluster. The following Church/Cemetery funds are listed as:

- **St. Ann, Slayton - Church Support **St Ann Cemetery **St Columba Cemetery ** St Rose of Lima Cemetery
- **St. Gabriel, Fulda - Church Support **St. Gabriel Cemetery, Fulda **St. Mary Cemetery, Dundee
- **St. Anthony, Westbrook - Church Support
- ** IHM, Currie - Church Support **IHM, Currie Calvary Cemetery

Online Donations can be set up as a One-time Gift or as a Recurring Gift. One-time is just that, one and done. Recurring gifts give you the option to select the frequency such as weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, etc. and a start date. The site takes credit cards, debit cards, or ACH through your bank account. Depending on your selection of payment, will determine which steps you will need to follow for set up. The easiest access to the online giving site is through the website at www.acmcatholic.org (listed on the front of each bulletin) and clicking on the green button "Slayton Online Giving" **or** by using the QR code to the right. Nothing is saved until you hit submit. Feel free to investigate what is available. Donations can also be made to the CMA appeal (this fund will require you to list your parish in the note box for proper distribution). The diocesan appeal funds are also listed, such as Catholic Charities - Peter's Pence - World Mission, etc as these funds are always forwarded onto the diocese for distribution. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office, 507-836-8030. I do appreciate the inclusion of your phone number if you set up an account - that way if a question arises I can call you to verify information. *Thank you to the **many** that utilize the online giving option!*



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