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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 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 – MAY 26 - JUNE 1

Mon 26	9:00am	St. Ann Cemetery	†Bob Schreurs
Tues 27	8:30am	St. Gabriel	†RoseMary Schweigert
Wed 28	8:30am	St. Ann	Junita Moulds
Thur 29	8:30am	IHM	†Jim Almjeld
Fri 30	8:30am	St. Anthony	†Bernice Kirchner
Sat 31	<b>4:00 pm</b>	St. Anthony	Parishioners
Sat 31	<b>6:00 pm</b>	IHM	†Rich, Steve, Rick Illg
Sun 1	<b>8:00 am</b>	St. Gabriel	†Bill & Joan Sauer
Sun 1	<b>10:00 am</b>	St. Ann	†Bernadine Kremer

### CHURCH SUPPORT - MAY 17-18

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$1,345.00	\$284.00/29.16	\$552.40
St. Gabriel	\$1,085.00	\$172.00/28.00	\$ 76.88
IHM-Currie	\$ 955.00	\$243.00/8.00	\$ 20.00
St. Anthony	\$ 371.00	\$140.00	\$

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	\$17,016	Pledged	<b>\$ 14,380</b>
St. Gabriel	Goal	\$11,065	Pledged	<b>\$ 9,375</b>
IHM-Currie	Goal	\$ 9,991	Pledged	<b>\$ 7,825</b>
St. Anthony	Goal	\$ 4,872	Pledged	<b>\$ 4,300</b>

## ST. ANN

**A MEMORIAL DAY MASS** will be held at the St. Ann Cemetery in Slayton on Mon, May 26 at 9:00am. Bring a lawn chair with you if needed. **In case of rain** – the Mass will be moved into St. Ann Church. All are welcome! **NO** Mass will be held at the St. Columba Cemetery this year as location rotates.

**ST. ANN BUSINESS OFFICE** will be closed on May 26.

**REMINDER:** every Thursday Exposition/Adoration is held, and Fr. Schuster hears Confessions at St. Ann Church from 5pm – 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22** St. Ann will host priest appreciation/30yr anniversary celebration for Fr. Peter Schuster following the 10am Mass. All are invited to come! A meal of Bar-B-Qs, chips, cake, & beverages will be served. A box will be available for collecting letters of appreciation (youth are encouraged to write also), cards of congratulation, kit kats, lures, etc ☺ for father. If you are unable to join us cards can be mailed to: Father's attention at St. Ann Church, 2747 29<sup>th</sup> St, Slayton, MN 56172.

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

**FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR NEEDED:** Would you be interested in serving as the Faith Formation Coordinator for St. Ann? Job descriptions are available in Divine Mercy Hall, and at the parish office. If interested in applying, please contact Fr. Peter Schuster (pastor@acmcatholic.org) or (507)304-2541. Application deadline is June 30!

**LISMORE CDA** Court St. Bernard #886 invites you to a Salad and Hotdish Luncheon. Wednesday June 11th serving from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. In the lower hall of St. Anthony Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome to join us. Even a chance to win a Door Prize.

## LITURGICAL DUTIES JUNE 1

### St. Ann - 10:00 am

<b>Min of Hosp</b>	Brian & Angie F, Paul L, Jill M
<b>Servers</b>	Garret R, Renee R
<b>Reader</b>	Trish K
<b>Gifts</b>	Mic Keleher Family
<b>EMHC</b>	Missy B, Judy C, Marti E
<b>Comm to HB</b>	Joyce R
<b>Music</b>	Judy A, Connie M

## ST. GABRIEL

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**—Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 pm at Father's office in the school.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**—Elaine Kirsch and Donna Lenards are on the schedule to deliver meals next week, June 2-6.

**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 the back of church, at the parish office and also online at our parish website. If interested in applying, please contact Fr. Peter Schuster (pastor@acmcatholic.org) or (507)304-2541. Application deadline is June 30.

**TOTUS TUUS JUNE 8-13:** Totus Tuus week will be here before we know it! Please send your family's registration forms ASAP! *Thanks to Sue (Mrs. Jeff) and Ken & Lana Zins for hosting the team in their homes!* We are in need of evening meals for the High School youth/snack for the daytime program & high school helpers for the daytime program. If you'd be able to help, contact Peg at (507)329-2103, or see the sign-up sheets in back of church. (Registration forms available in back of church/at the school and at our parish webpage, under St. Gabriel Faith Formation: [triparishcfiv.org](http://triparishcfiv.org))

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!** Beginning on Thur., June 5, at 7 p.m. youth in grades 7-9 are invited to an evening of great fellowship and Bible Study at the St. Gabriel school. Bring your Bibles! (Or, if you don't have one, we've got plenty!) Special thanks to Chelsea Hein for leading this special study!

**YARD CLEANUP** Hello! My name is Albert and I'm preparing to be Confirmed this coming fall. I would like to offer to come and clean up your yard or help with spring cleanup items you might have to do around your home. Contact Peg Olsem (507)329-2103 or my Mom, Angie @ (507)370-0900 to set up a time. *Thank you!*

**NEEDED: PARISHIONERS WITH CARPENTRY SKILLS!** If you are talented with woodworking and would be interested in helping as we begin to establish our "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" Atrium at St. Gabriel's school for younger children (Ages 3-6), let us know. We will need to construct items like smaller learning tables/ a mini-Altar and tabernacle and other items (They will not need to be ornate/fancy, but very simple).

## LITURGICAL DUTIES JUNE 1

### St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

<b>Min of Hosp</b>	Tom & Mary A, Amy C, Glenn C
<b>Servers</b>	Truman O, Evelyn O
<b>Lector</b>	Christian P
<b>Comm</b>	Sue (J) Zins
<b>EHMC</b>	Randy K, Mary L, Linda C
<b>Sacristan</b>	Margene V
<b>Money Counters</b>	Barb K, Linda C

## 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 working on Time and Talent project

**ADDITIONAL FINANCES:** Donations: \$10; Easter: \$300; Catholic Charities: \$60

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE:

5/16 \$100 Leone Kavanaugh

5/23 \$100 Rebecca Larson

**CEMETERY:** To eliminate future damage to headstones, the Cemetery board decided to have the 2 ash trees on the west side and the maple tree by the parking lot removed. With the spread of the ash borer, there will most likely be more ash trees on the parish grounds to be removed in the future.

**DONATION:** Thank you to Dave and Patty LeClaire for the beautiful fitted cover for the new piano. It's a nice addition and will keep the piano finish looking new.

**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. Dawson Schreier, Hailey Peschges, Katelyn Ruppert, Allison Edwards and Ava Carlson. God Bless you in the days and years to come.

**ROSARY:** The Rosary will be led by Ellen LaVoy prior to Mass during the month of May. Come early to spend time in prayer.

## ST. ANTHONY

**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 and text messages for weekday mass schedules changes.

**TOTUS TUUS:** Please check back page and in the back of church for full details.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Please keep all the confirmation students in your prayers. St. Anthony students are Hadley Jenniges, Jackson Jenniges, Ian Knakmuhs, Sydney Swenson.

### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Catholic Charities-\$20.00

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**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.

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## LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAY 31

### IHM - 6:00 PM

<b>Server</b>	Alahya & Mara V
<b>Lector</b>	Kris R
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Greg Laleman Family
<b>EMHC</b>	Kim O, Lori M, Loretta G
<b>CANTOR</b>	Dave L
<b>Ushers</b>	George A, Jon O, Jerry F, Tim R

## LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAY 31

### ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

<b>Greet/Gifts</b>	Sheila K, Jan J
<b>Lector</b>	Gene O
<b>Servers</b>	No Server Available
<b>EMHC</b>	Joan O
<b>Cleaners</b>	Nicki P, Amy S

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

### We Are Getting Closer

If I asked you to name symbols which reference the Holy Spirit, what symbols would you provide? Here are some of the more common:

- Fire
- Air
- Water
- Wind
- Oil
- Dove

Today's gospel mentions none of the above. In two weeks, we will celebrate Pentecost and the story of the beginning of the Church. Wind and fire will be referenced in the Pentecost story from Acts of the Apostles; however, as we get closer to Pentecost, the Church asks us this weekend to reflect upon the Holy Spirit as "Advocate."

An advocate is one who pleads on behalf of another. There is one event I will never forget, and I would have handled it differently now, but you sometimes have to live and learn. When I was in college, I had someone knock on my dorm door. I opened and the man asked if he could enter. I allowed him to enter. He asked me if I knew "Tom" (although for the sake of this story and confidentiality his real name wasn't Tom). I responded, "Yes, I know Tom." He next asked, "Does 'Tom' walk with a limp." I told him, "I have never seen him walk with a limp." The man had no more questions and left.

At this stage and thinking back on the event, I am going to formulate a guess. It is my sense that "Tom" had formulated a lawsuit and was seeking money for some "accident" which caused him to "limp." Again, it is a mere guess. I never heard from the man again; although, I later realized that I could have been called as a witness to testify on behalf of the defense. If such occurred, I would have been an advocate. Pleading on behalf of the defense, my testimony would have been that "Tom" merely claimed to have had a limp.

Had the man knocked and entered my room today, I would have asked more questions, yet I was a young college kid trying to learn my way. We learn in this story of why the Holy Spirit is sometimes symbolized as an "Advocate." As an advocate, the Holy Spirit,

1. Is always with us. Always taking our side.
2. Speaks the truth. The Spirit will never speak a lie.

Such is the story of today. The Holy Spirit will never let us down. The Spirit is with us, leading us in the way of truth. Let us seek the Spirit's intercession. May my prayer be yours too, "Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit."

### A Short Story

A clergyman, walking down a country road, sees a young farmer struggling to right a wagon that was tipped upside down. "You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "Why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand." "No thanks," said the young man. "My father wouldn't like it." "Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water." Again the young man protested that his father would be upset. Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!" "Well," replied the young farmer, "He's under the wagon."

### 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

**Summer Totus Tuus Program: JUNE 8-13 IN FULDA:** This is a wonderful weeklong program for all students from our cluster (**grades K-12**). Forms to register are available through your Faith Formation office and in back of each church. (Registration forms may also be found on the St. Gabriel parish website: [triparishcfiv.org](http://triparishcfiv.org).) The high school (Gr. 7-12) session will begin on Sunday, June 8 at 6 p.m. and run through Thursday, June 12 (evening sessions should be done by 9:15 p.m. and supper will be served). There is a preschool program Monday, June 9 – Friday, June 13 (9-11 a.m.) and Elementary Program (students entering Gr. 1-6), Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.*

*Contact Peg @ (507)329-2103.*

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**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](http://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!*



Please use current email addresses and phone numbers that receive text messages if you are wanting the verification codes sent to your phone when needed.

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