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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 – NOV 17 - NOV 23

Mon 17	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 18	10:00 am Maple Lawn	All Cancer Victims
Wed 19	9:00 am Lindenwood	†Junita Moulds
Thur 20	8:30 am IHM	†Don Schletter
Fri 21	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Bernice Kirchner
Sat 22	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Brenda Schoborg
Sat 22	6:00 pm IHM	†Mitchell, Onie & Norbert Schmitz
Sun 23	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Bill & Joan Sauer
Sun 23	10:00 am St. Ann	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT - NOV 8 & NOV 9

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$2,415.00	\$266.00/47.00	\$ 968.45
St. Gabriel	\$3,835.00	\$212.00/19.00	\$1,195.00
IHM-Currie	\$2,060.00	\$181.00/13.90	\$ 146.25
St. Anthony	\$ 545.00	\$74.90	\$ 171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$17,016	Pledged	\$38,159
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged	\$14,945
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,991	Pledged	\$12,375
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged	\$ 5,800

ST. ANN

DURING NOVEMBER we continue to remember all the dearly departed, especially members of our parish.

Jean Rice, Jack Sweely, Robert Robinson, Gay Metz, Mert Brown, Rosie York, Eleene Gorman, Donna Bertrand, David Herrig, Alice Knutson, Virgil Halbur, Doug Anderson, Tom Fitzgerald, Babe Schoo, Bernice Stoderl, and Esther Schmidt.

YTD CEMETERY donations, starting July 1, 2025 & recent appeal collections:

St. Columba Cemetery – \$2,723.84

St. Rose of Lima Cemetery – \$5,700

St. Ann Cemetery – \$2,620

Propagation of the Faith – \$517

Baby Bottles – \$447.93

Military Collection – \$416.25

Thank you for your generosity!

COFFEE & COOKIES will be served in the hall after Mass on Sun, Nov 16. All are welcome to stay for fellowship.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS should be arriving the week of Nov 17th. The cemetery wreaths will be taken care of. If you ordered one for your home, you will be receiving a phone call soon 😊!

THE WORD AMONG US Advent copies are available on the table in the hall. Help yourself to a booklet.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS say “Thank you” to everyone who donated to the Bishop Dudley House in Sioux Falls. We collected 265 items of socks, underwear, and hygiene products. All is appreciated.

CDA will meet Thur, Nov 20, 5pm in Divine Mercy Hall.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

2nd Grade Sacramental students: Please turn in any Sacramental preparation info forms that are still in your folder. All students should be working on their take home book, *Making Things Right*.

Next weekend the Faith Formation families will be serving a Roast Beef Commercial fundraiser. We will serve from 11am – 1pm, as supplies last. Please come support our Faith Formation program!

There will be no classes on Weds, Nov 26 for Thanksgiving break.

ST. GABRIEL

2ND COLLECTION TODAY is the **Campaign for Human Development**. This addresses the root causes of poverty in America, through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education. 25% stays in our own diocese. Please be generous. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL FINANCES-New total for Baby Bottle Campaign - \$334.82; Military Services Collection - \$353.87.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY-After Mass is over, please make sure all the lights are off in the entries and the church basement.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00pm in Father’s office at the school.

THE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE copies for November and December are in the red folder by the elevator entrance, posted on our website and on the bulletin boards.

DURING NOVEMBER we continue to remember the departed from our parish: Leona Gieselman, Joanne Klein, Betty Abrahamson, Caroline Odenbrett, Gene Voss, Betty Olsem and Judy Holden. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace.

FRIDAY MORNING YOUTH ROSARY

All students are invited to join us beginning this week every Friday morning for the Rosary. We will begin at 7:15 (with donuts and juice to follow). Students will be up to school well before the first bell rings! Please consider joining us. Parents and parishioners most welcome!

CHILDREN’S MASS KITS - Attention Parents of Small Children! There are now Mass Kits available in back of church to keep your little ones happy and entertained during Mass. These kits are awesome and include things like coloring pages; Mass-related children’s cardboard books and other nice resources to help engage your little ones. Feel free to take one from the back table when you come into church and return it after Mass.

LITURGICAL DUTIES NOV 23

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Darwin J, Brian & Angie F, Jill M
Reader	Eli B, Brynn B
Reader	Carson E
Gifts	Tony Moger Family
EMHC	Kathy S, Dave S, Gary E
Comm to HB	Sue B
Music	Connie, Dana

LITURGICAL DUTIES NOV 23

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Server	Ken & Cathy S, Jody & Kathy S
Server	Kellen H, Kenly S
Lector	Genell H
Comm	Linda C
EHMC	Randy K, Roger & Karen Z
Sacristan	Margene V
Money Counters	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: Faith Formation: Nov 19th 6:30p-7:30p; Confirmation: YOU Class #4 Nov 30th - in Parish Center; Confirmation Class is Dec. 10th 7 pm at St. Ann-Saint Report is Due.

GREENERY PICKUP: Nov. 22 from 4:30-5:30 pm in IHM parking lot. Each family should pick up their family order or make arrangements to have someone else pick up their order!!

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

11/7 \$100 Tom Gervais

11/14 \$100 Brittany Peterson

CHOIR PRACTICE: As Advent is quickly approaching, please consider sharing your time and talent this season. **Practice is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.** If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Patty LeClaire at 507-227-9965. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS TREE WANTED: The liturgical committee is looking for used Christmas trees, about 7 feet tall or taller, that are still in good shape. If you have one you're no longer using or know someone who does, we'd love to give it a second life this holiday season. Please contact Lori Mayer with any questions 507-828-9244.

NEEDED-LITURGICAL ROLES TO FILL: We are in need of people to fill Liturgical roles. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary minister, lector, usher, gift bearers or song leader please contact Lori Mayer 507-828-9244; Mariah Mayer 507-828-6584; or Lexi Gervais 507-530-5093

ST. MARY'S SOUP & PIE FUNDRAISER (Take out only): Drive up takeout and delivery are available on Sun., Nov. 23 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in St. Mary's church basement, Tracy. Each meal is soup, pie and bread for \$15 or soup only for \$12. Pre-order by calling Andrea Schreier at 605-929-9937. Day of order call church basement at 507-629-3841.

LASAGNA MEAL-SW MEN'S CHORUS: SW MN Men's Christmas Concert will be back again this year. IHM Youth will be having annual Lasagna Supper on Sat., Dec. 6th before Mass in the church at 5 pm. Concert will start at 7:30 pm. Freewill donations. The youth would love your support and don't miss the Christmas concert.

ST. ANTHONY

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

MAGNIFIKID: St. Anthony has this weekly Mass aid for children are available for anyone who thinks their child/children would enjoy it. Contact Joyce Vortherms (507-822-4318) for a monthly supply. Arrangements for delivery can be made.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Just a reminder to please turn in your baby bottles or place a donation in the basket in the back of church. Thank you for your support.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00AM - Dec 8 - IHM, Currie

5:30PM - Dec 8 - St. Ann, Slayton

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

4:00PM - Dec. 24 - St. Ann, Slayton

6:00PM - Dec. 24 - St. Gabriel, Fulda

8:00AM - Dec. 25 - IHM, Currie

10:00AM - Dec. 25 - St. Anthony, Westbrook

LITURGICAL DUTIES - NOV 22

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server Noah S, Ethan S
Lector Jim G
Gift Bearers Neil & Chris K
EMHC Marcia S, Loretta G, Romane D
CANTOR Matt K
Ushers Dave L, Jon O, Dan S, Blake S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - NOV 22

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts Sheila K, Jan J
Lector Shelly M
Servers Ian
EMHC Nikki P
Cleaners Diane R, Evelyn B

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Question for Father Schuster

People ask me, "Father Schuster, with everything that is happening in the world, do you believe the end of the world is near?" People, even some Catholics, are convinced that the coming of Jesus Christ will happen soon. My answer to the question is, "I don't know." If you read the twenty-fourth of Matthew's gospel in verse three, the disciples ask Jesus, "Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?" Jesus gives them all types of warnings:

- Many will come in my name.
- There will be wars.
- Nation will rise against nation.
- Kingdom will rise against kingdom.
- There will be famines.
- There will be earthquakes.
- There will be plagues.
- You (the apostles) will be seized and persecuted.
- You will be handed over to the synagogues and to prisons.
- You will be led before kings and governors because of my (Jesus') name.

To these warnings, Jesus states, "Don't be deceived" (Matthew 24:4). All these things are to happen; however, as for the coming of Jesus at the end of time, Mark 13:32 reads, "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." And that is the impetus in my response, if the angels don't know and if only the Father knows when Jesus will come in all his glory then I feel uncomfortable making the claim that Jesus is coming, and he is coming soon.

However, in waiting, it doesn't mean we do nothing. Jesus tells us amid all the warnings and woes to persevere. May our lives reflect the glory of God!

Tombstones With Dollar Signs?

Did you ever see a tombstone with a dollar sign on it? Neither did I. I have known hundreds of men who lived as though their only ambition was to accumulate it, but I have never known one who wanted a final judgment of himself to be based on what he got. A person wants people to read in their obituary, not a balance sheet of their wealth, but a story of their service to humanity.

The words above are to be credited to an unknown author, and while they are true, they got me thinking:

- How much, in terms of dollars, is enough?
- If you can't serve two masters, how can your sole focus be on accumulating wealth and serving humanity? One always takes precedence.
- Intentions are nice. Follow this line of thinking: I will focus on accumulating wealth until I am at the age of 75 and at 75, my focus will become the service of humanity. What happens if one dies at the age of 74?

Always remember what I posed above. We don't know the day or hour so always keep one's focus on God.

Electric Motors

Do you have any electric motors that are lying around, and you would like to be rid of? Even with the passing of my father, I would be happy to take any electric motors. You can leave them by the rectory garage in Slayton, or I can pick them up at any of the parishes. Thanks!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Mark your calendar! The High School Retreat will be held on January 11th in Worthington. All confirmation students will be attending this event.

SUMMER 2026! Totus Tuus will be coming to St. Gabriel—Fulda (DAY) and St. Ann-Slayton (NIGHT). Please mark your calendars for June 7th—June 12th. More details to follow.

ST. ANN YOUTH FUNDRAISER-ROAST BEEF COMMERCIALS-NOVEMBER 23RD from 11am-1pm. Put on by the Faith Formation Families. Serving: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Veggies and Ice Cream, *while supplies last*.

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Let **ST. MARY'S PIES** of Tracy help you with your Thanksgiving dinner dessert baking. Our 9" frozen pies are \$12.00 each—Apple, Carmel Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Peach, Pumpkin, Rhubarb Custard and Strawberry Rhubarb. Our pre-baked Pecan is \$14.00. Please order before **Friday, November 21** to assure you get the flavors you want and to set pick up convenience by calling 507-629-3252. St. Mary's Pies make great hostess and holiday gifts. We also have Gift Cards available.

BOXES OF JOY - The trucking company has picked up the Boxes of Joy that were collected in our Parish cluster. St. Ann, St. Gabriel, & IHM donated a total of 75 filled boxes (St. Anthony's were with SWACCW) – *Thank you!* With St. Ann Church marked as a shipping location, area towns, like Minneota, Cottonwood, Sibley, IA, area schools, and outside CCW/CDA groups could bring their donations to Slayton. A combined total of **453 Boxes of Joy** were collected and shipped to Florida. Boxes will be distributed to countries like: Haiti, Guatemala, Peru, Grenada, El Salvador, Malawi, and others. Many children will share in the joy of receiving a gift. *Thank you to all who supported the Box of Joy mission!*

Looking for a meaningful way to help others? **UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP** has another opportunity for you! Become a volunteer driver and get reimbursed for your miles. Volunteer drivers provide transportation services so people can live as independently as possible and stay active. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext 1119 or email communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org

SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES is a multi-county agency committed to strengthening individuals, families and communities by providing quality service in a respectful, caring, and cost-effective manner. In Murray County, we consistently work with families who are in need of basic necessities for their young children. Diapers are a significant and recurring expense and for many families with limited resources, this creates a financial burden. We are seeking assistance to help fill this critical gap for our local families. The most commonly requested sizes are newborn, size 1, size 2, and size 3. If you are able to support this need in our community, donations can be brought to: Southwest Health and Human Services, 3001 Maple Road, Slayton, MN. Please call with any questions: 507-836-6144 ext 2106

MURRAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT is again planning a gift distribution for the Children of Murray County, age's infant through age 12. We are requesting new gifts, new toys, and non-perishable food items. We are also in need of new quilts. **We would like to gather these items by December 2nd.** The items can be brought to the Slayton Shoe Repair or you can contact **507-530-1292**, leave a message and someone will pick up the donated items. **If anyone in your congregation would like Christmas gifts for their children, due to need, please call 507-530-1292 by December 2nd.** Leave a message and your call will be returned. Monetary gifts can be sent to the Christmas Project, Box 111, Slayton, MN 56172.

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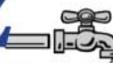
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