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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 – DEC 1—DEC 7

Day	Time	Parish	Intention
Mon 1			<i>Father's Day Off</i> / <i>No Mass</i>
Tues 2	10:00 am	Maple Lawn	†Noah Salentiny
Wed 3	9:15 am	Sunrise	†Robert Robinson
Thur 4	8:30 am	IHM	†Don & Darlene LeClaire
Fri 5	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Greg Schoborg
Sat 6	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	Parishioners
Sat 6	6:00 pm	IHM	†Mitchell Jarmer
Sun 7	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Bill & Joan Sauer
Sun 7	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Bob & Gwenna Blackmore

CHURCH SUPPORT - NOV 22 & NOV 23

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$3,705.00	\$271.25/56.50	\$767.45
St. Gabriel	\$1,135.00	\$158.00/102.00	\$311.00
IHM-Currie	\$2,260.00	\$181.00/6.00	\$ 71.00
St. Anthony	\$ 245.00	\$145.00	\$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Remaining
St. Ann	\$17,016	\$39,069	
St. Gabriel	\$11,065	\$14,970	
IHM-Currie	\$ 9,991	\$12,875	
St. Anthony	\$ 4,872	\$ 6,000	

ST. ANN

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mass times:

9:00 am Mon, Dec 8th IHM, Currie

5:30 pm Mon, Dec 8th St. Ann, Slayton

(Check the Dec 8th Liturgical duty listings on page 5, additional information.)

COFFEE & COOKIES will be served by the CCW in the hall following the Youth Mass on December 7th. All are welcome to stay for snacks and fellowship.

TABERNACLE CANDLE will be lit the week of Nov 30th for: *Bruce Parrott*

PRACTICE FOR YOUTH Mass is after Sunday Mass. Youth 3rd grade and up meet in the front pews after Mass.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER donations are being accepted. Envelopes can be dropped into the collection baskets. If you give in honor/memory of – please list names. Extra envelopes are available at the church entrances.

ANNUAL CDA collection of cookies, candy, breads, & gift cards begin next weekend. Please bring donations, clearly marked Cda, to St. Ann kitchen by 11am Sun, Dec 14. We will be gifting baskets to those families in need or having experienced hardship this year.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Thur, Dec 25 in St. Ann Hall. Serving begins at noon. Don't Spend Christmas alone, call 507-760-0090 or 507-760-1303 and let them know if you are attending and how many. All are welcome!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

A huge thanks to everyone that came to support our Roast Beef Commercial fundraiser! Thanks to your generosity we were able to raise just over \$1,500. It was such a great time of fellowship. Special thanks to Joann Biren and KathySu Nelson for their unstoppable Mother/Daughter cooking skills. They were amazing in the kitchen and their generosity with their time & talents were the best example of caring for our youth. Thanks also to the parishioners that helped donate some of the lunch supplies; we are grateful!

Advent season is just around the corner. If your family would like any additional prayer materials, please contact Diann Timmerman.

LITURGICAL DUTIES DEC 7

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Bill & Jan B, Joe & Renee G
Servers	Youth Mass
Reader	Youth Mass
Gifts	Youth Mass
EMHC	Missy B, Gary E, Pam S
Comm to HB	Jill M
Music	Sharon L

ST. GABRIEL

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS-If you would like to donate to the flower fund, please use the envelopes that are available on the table at the back of church. They can be put in the collection basket.

ADDITIONAL FINANCES-IRA Contribution-\$1,200; Flower Fund-\$90

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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Notes

There will be no class this Sunday due to the Thanksgiving weekend. Class resumes Sun., Dec. 7. *Al-
so... needed:* **CGS classroom assistants!** No special training is required, but we are looking for a volunteer (or two!) to serve as aids in the classroom. If you'd like to learn more, or are interested, contact Peg (507)329-2103. The 'job' would entail assisting children as they work and helping to set up/clean up the classroom each week! Thanks for your consideration!

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 DEC 7

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve & Lori T, Barb K, Sue (J) Z
Server	Brenton E, Colten E
Lector	Lenore W
Comm	Randy K
EHMC	Edie T, Mike & Margene V
Sacristan	Mark V
Money Counters	Charlotte A, Steve & Donna C

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Lita Schreier (507-227-8844) to add someone in need of prayers.

FUNERAL LUNCHE: To help with food or working, please contact Marie Heronimus (507-360- 2307) or Sandy ANDERSON (507-227-7063)

ADDITIONAL FINANCES: Campaign for Human Development:\$515; Donations:\$10

FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation: Dec. 3-JC's Bday party*Start to bring lasagnas and bread; Confirmation: YOU Class #5 Dec. 7th - in Parish Center; Confirmation Class is Dec. 10th 7 pm at St. Ann-Saint Report is Due. Dec 6: Youth need to sign up-lasagna dinner

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

11/28 \$100 Vin Lanoue

CHOIR PRACTICE: As we prepare for Advent, please join us at practice on **Tues., Dec.2 at 7:00 p.** Contact Patty LeClaire at 507-227-9965. Hope to see you there!

SACRISTAN NEEDED: IHM could use another man or woman sacristan (or two) for back-up or regular scheduling. It only takes a few minutes of your time for Thursday morning or for Saturday mass. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry of preparing the sacred vessels for the celebration of Mass. Don't think you are 'not worthy'...you can do it. Please call/text Romane Dold at 507-221-0189.

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE: The Fall dinner was a huge success once again and we appreciate all of the people that organized and donated time, pies, and hands for helping!! Meals served included 306 takeout and 225 sit down, with profit of \$7,240.26. We are currently working on reviewing the donation list along with investigating the addition of an industrial dishwasher in the kitchen. More to come. . .we will keep you posted!

LASAGNA MEAL-SW MEN'S CHORUS: SW MN Men's Christmas Concert is 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.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - DEC 6

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	BR H, Oliver K
Lector	Kelly K
Gift Bearers	Steve & Diane S
EMHC	Becky L, Kim O, Romane D
CANTOR	Choir
Ushers	Mark G, Matt H, Neil K, Tim R

ST. ANTHONY

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If anyone would like to donate money toward the Poinsettias to decorate for Christmas, please place a donation in the collection basket. Please label it for Christmas flowers.

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.

LIVING NATIVITY: The American Lutheran Church of Windom is presenting a living nativity on Wednesday December 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Soup and Chili supper in the fellowship hall for \$8.00. All are welcome.

OUR SYMPATHY: Please keep the family of Leo Vortherms in your prayers. He passed away November 17th. His Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday 11/25 at St Anthony's.

OUR SYMPATHY: Please keep the family of Dorothy Kuehl in your prayers. She passed away November 21st and her Mass of Christian Burial was held at St Anthony's on Wednesday 11/26.

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 - DEC 6

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Scott & Judy S
Lector	Steve K
Servers	Ian
EMHC	Ethan J
Cleaners	Anne W, Sheryl W

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Transition

Do you enjoy transitions? The answer may depend upon the specificity of the transition. Some would cause a few nerves:

- The transition to a new school for a child who has just moved.
- A new job.
- A new assignment for a priest.

Other transitions are more difficult:

- Sitting at the bedside and watching someone we love die.
- Having to deal with the empty nest as the last child heads off to serve our country or begin their college/university years.

The Church finds itself in transition. Our gathering today begins the transition to Advent and a new Church year. Last week, we wrapped up Ordinary Time with the Solemnity of Christ the King. I am always struck by the kingship of Christ the King.

- He entered Jerusalem on a donkey, not a horse (the horse being the sign of power).
- He was crowned with a crown of thorns, not a crown dotted with jewels.
- He dies on a cross, not placed on a throne.
- He is stripped of his garments, not adorned with robes.

Despite all, he is our king. A kingship built upon a cross. Jesus Christ is the king of all people, places, and times by suffering and dying on the cross. Only through that act could humanity be saved.

And just like that, we come upon Advent. It is a new start, a new life. I recall a former parishioner who found joy in a new pair of socks. He enjoyed the feel of new socks surrounding his feet. I never thought much about it up to that point in my life but now I do. There is something to putting on a new pair of socks. They just feel "new." Advent brings a new feel to our lives. For me, what comes to mind with Advent?

- Anticipation is in the air.
- The countdown to Christmas as we light the next candle on our Advent wreath.
- The importance of offering the Sacrament of Penance so people can be freed from the yoke of sin.
- The unique smell of a Christmas tree.
- The cold and darkness which encompasses December calling to mind the cold and darkness of evil.
- The joy of seeing families prepare and come together.
- Gifts under Christmas trees which reminds of the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ.
- The patience of having to await Christmas.

The above are all wonderful to their core, still we miss the mystery of Advent if our lives do not have a new feel come Christmas. Advent has at its core Jesus Christ. Trees, anticipation, expectation, and gifts all point to Jesus Christ. What is Christmas if we have all the gifts under the tree yet our hearts long and ache. Everything about the season is placed in its proper order if Jesus Christ is given his proper due. This Advent work on your relationship with Jesus Christ and notice the difference, the real peace and joy of Christmas. A blessed Advent and know of my prayers.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LITURGICAL DUTIES: (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) DECEMBER 8TH

IHM 9:00 AM—Servers-Romane D or Alyssa O; **Gift Bearers** - Ushers (Jon W, Jerry F, Rich L, Jim H); **Song Leader**:-Dave L; **Lector**-Kelly K; **EMHC**-Tim R, Becky L, Kim O.

ST. ANN 5:30 PM Servers-Fabiola C, Alan C; **Reader**-Amy K; **Gifts**-Ushers; **EMHC**-Judy C, Angie F, Pam M, **Music**-Dana, Paula

WINTER NOTICE: With winter approaching, remember if school is 2 hours late or cancelled, there will be NO weekday Mass.

COMMUNAL PENANCE FOR OUR CLUSTER is Sunday, December 7, starting at 2:00 pm at St. Ann until all are heard. This will be the only Penance service held for the Advent season. All are welcome!!

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—12th. More details to follow in January 2026.

CAMP SUMMIT 2026! We will be registering students to attend week 2, August 3rd-6th. Please mark your calendar. A flyer will be sent with Faith Formation students in January 2026.

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Cluster Announcement: The Walk to Mary Pilgrimage

In May, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester is offering a pilgrimage experience for its Catholic adult population. Pilgrims from our diocese will participate in the annual *Walk to Mary*, a twenty-one-mile pilgrimage walk that journeys to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin. This shrine is the only Church-approved Marian apparition site in the United States of America. In 1859, Mary appeared to a young woman named Adele Brise and instructed her to teach the Catholic faith to the children of the land. Every year, people of various ages, races, and nationalities all come together to participate in this sacred pilgrimage experience. The pilgrimage will begin Friday, May 1st and ends on Sunday, May 3rd. For more information about the pilgrimage or to register for it, please go to the diocese's website or scan the QR code found on the promotional flyers for this event. We hope you will attend this pilgrimage and journey with us!

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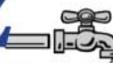
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