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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 22 - DEC 28

Mon 22	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 23	8:30 am St. Gabriel	†Cindy Bullerman
Wed 24	4:00 pm St. Ann	†Lowell/Bonnie Schuster
Wed 24	6:00 pm St. Gabriel	†Betty Olsem
Thur 25	8:00 am IHM	Parishioners
Thur 25	10:00 am St. Anthony	†Leo Vortherms
Fri 26	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Sat 27	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Craig Olsem
Sat 27	6:00 pm IHM	†Fran Gervais
Sun 28	8:00 am St. Gabriel	† Joe & Leona Voss
Sun 28	10:00 am St. Ann	Parishioners

CHURCH SUPPORT - DEC 13 & DEC 14

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$1,310.00	\$350.00/75.00	\$492.45
St. Gabriel	\$2,845.00	\$172.00/20.50	\$ 76.88
IHM-Currie	\$1,290.00	\$191.00/57.15	\$ 96.00
St. Anthony	\$ 731.00	\$ 95.00	\$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$17,016	Pledged	\$42,089
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged	\$14,995
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,991	Pledged	\$13,475
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged	\$ 6,200

ST. ANN

LIT. DUTIES DEC 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM

Servers: Noah B, Madison J; Reader: Todd B; Gifts: Chad Baumgartner Family; EMHC: Jill M, Angie F, Sarah B; Music: Rita, Judy

LIT. DUTIES JAN 4TH Server-Reader-Gifts-Music: Childrens Mass; EMHC: Pam S, Sarah B, Pam M; Comm. to HB: Sarah B

CHURCH DECORATING for Christmas will take place on Sun, Dec 21st starting at 1pm. Meet at the church - 1pm.

HOLY HOUR ADORATION and Confessions have been cancelled at St. Ann for Thurs, Dec 25th & Thurs, Jan 1st.

JAN & FEB LITURGY SCHEDULE: Copies can be found on the wooden table, in Divine Mercy Hall, in a white folder. Copies also hang on bulletin boards. Please help yourself. Schedules are also emailed. *Thank you!*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR CLUSTER

Dec. 24 - 4 pm Slayton/6 pm Fulda

Dec. 25 - 8 am Currie/10 am Westbrook

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS: Jan 1, 9am, St. Gabriel-Fulda

FATHER SCHUSTER would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and gifts during this Christmas season. I continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers. *Merry Christmas!*

BULLETIN ADVERTISING is renewing. Letters have been sent. If you are interested in placing an ad on the back of the bulletin, pending openings, call 507-836-8030 and talk to Dana. Please patronize those who advertise on the bulletin.

OFFICES CLOSED Dec 24–Dec 26 & Dec 31 at noon–Jan 1.

TABERNACLE CANDLE lit week of Dec 21 – *Arnold DeGreeff*

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

ALL YEAR END contributions must be in the office by Dec 30th (or postmarked by Dec 31st) to count towards the 2025 calendar year. Thank you for your generous support! Online year end donations are accepted through Dec 31st.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Thur, Dec 25 in St. Ann Hall. Serving begins at noon. Call 507-760-0090

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

Thank you to all of the families that joined us for Nativity night! It was a great night with all of our Faith Formation kids. Thanks to all the generous bakers that provided treats! You spoil us with your skills!

We are still in need of additional substitute Catechists. We would like to avoid cancelling individual class nights due to lack of teachers. You interested/available? Contact Diann.

No FF classes on Dec 24th or Dec 31st for Christmas break.

LITURGICAL DUTIES DEC 28

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Bill & Jan B, Joe & Renee G
Reader	Easton H, Jada J
Gifts	Kelly N
EMHC	Chris LeTendre Family
Comm to HB	Katie H, Trish K, Marti E
Music	Sue B
	Connie, Dana

ST. GABRIEL

LIT. DUTIES DEC 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 PM

Servers: Brady M, Kellen H; Reader: Genell H; Comm: Shannon W; Euch Min: Sue(J)Z, Mark V, Linda C; Min of Hosp: Paul R, Kay K, Dave T, Amy C; Sacristan Edie T

LIT. DUTIES JAN 1ST SOLEMNITY OF MARY 9:00 AM Servers: Kenley S, Grace S; Reader: Loy W; Comm:Linda C; Euch Min; Mark V, Peg O, Mary L; Min of Hosp: Dave T. Kay K, Sue(J)Z, Paul R; Sacristan: Edie T

LIT. DUTIES JAN 4TH Servers: Truman & Owen O; Reader: Sharon F; Comm; Lenore W; Euch Min: Suzi Z, Mark V, Levi Z; Min of Hosp: Steve/Donna C, Doug, Katie, Mara C; Sacristan: Edie T

FATHER SCHUSTER would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and gifts during this Christmas season. I continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers. *Merry Christmas!*

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING January 6th at 1:00 pm, in the Church Basement.

2026 CHURCH ENVELOPES are on the table at the back of church. Please take yours so we don't need to mail them out.

ADDITIONAL FINANCES-Religious Retirement \$743.35, Flower Fund \$20.00

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MEALS ON WHEELS - Mike & Suzi Zins are scheduled to deliver meals December 29-January 2.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR CLUSTER

Dec. 24 4:00 pm. Slayton/6:00 pm Fulda

Dec. 25 8:00 am Currie/10:00 am Westbrook

FAITH FORMATION classes will resume January 5th and 8th.

UPCOMING TRAINING FOR CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

This coming June, there will be a level 1 training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at St. Joseph parish in Lakefield (June 5-7 and June 14-17). St. Gabriel's presently has three people trained to teach level 1. These training sessions are a wonderful, retreat-like experience that assists participants in understanding deeper the core teachings of our faith. If you'd like to know more contact Jamie Opdahl, Stephanie Funk or Peg Olsem. For an overview of the CGS program visit www.cgsusa.org

LITURGICAL DUTIES DEC 28

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Server	Jody & Kathy S, Lenore W, Mark V
Lector	Mara C, Eva L
Comm	Katie C
EHMC	Linda C
Sacristan	Mary L, Roger & Karyn Z
Money Counters	Margene V
	Charlotte A, Steve & Donna C

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

LIT. DUTIES DEC 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY 8:00 AM

Servers: Levi K, Asher K; Gift Bearers: Brett/Karlie Swehaugen Family; Song Leader: Choir; Lector: Kelly K; Euch Min: Lori M, Dawn K, Jo E; Ushers: Mark G, Matt H, Neil K, Tim R

LIT. DUTIES JAN 3RD - Servers: Melania A, Emma A; Gift Bearers: Luke & Joyce Radke; Song Leader: Choir; Lector: Marcia S; Euch Min: Chris K, Loretta G, Shari S; Ushers: Jon W, Kelli K, Dan S, Jake S

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: \$30.00; Religious Retirement: \$732.35.

FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation and Confirmation: On Christmas Break.

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNER:

12/19: \$100 winner – Mark LaVoy.

CHOIR PRACTICE: As we prepare for Advent, please join us at practice on Tues., Dec. 23rd at 7:00 pm. Contact Patty LeClaire at 507-227-9965. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU: Appreciation is extended to John & Nancy Erp Malone on providing the Christmas flowers for the altar in memory of their son.

FATHER SCHUSTER would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and gifts during this Christmas season. I continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers. *Merry Christmas!*

2026 CALENDARS & CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are available to be picked up

ST. ANTHONY

LIT. DUTIES DEC 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 AM

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Dean & Elizabeth Johnson
Lector: Carol E; Euch Min: Ethan J Servers: _____
Cleaners: _____

LITURGICAL DUTIES JANUARY 3RD

Greeter/Gift Bearers: Herb H, Mark S; Lector: Carol E
Euch Min: Nicki P; Server: Ian; Cleaners: Jake/Sophie J

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will be decorating the church on Sunday December 21st at 2 pm. All ages are welcome. Many hands make light work!

NO MASS on Friday Dec 26th at St Anthony's.

FATHER SCHUSTER would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and gifts during this Christmas season. I continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers. *Merry Christmas!*

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

GIVING ENVELOPES: The 2026 giving envelopes are available in the back of church. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Let Joyce know (507-822-4318) if you would like them mailed.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: We will send out a text if Mass has been cancelled due to weather. Visitors are welcome to give a cell phone number if you would like to be notified. Please contact Joyce Vortherms (507-822-4318) or Sophie Jenniges (507-828-4029)

FREE BOOKS: Matthew Kelly's book "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy" is available in the back of church for anyone to take, read, share. This is an excellent read for Advent and Christmas.

2026 Calendars: The 2026 Church Calendars are available in the back of church. Please take and share.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - DEC 27

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Ethan S, Noah S
Lector	Marcia S
Gift Bearers	Mary & Cassidy Arnold Family
EMHC	Kim O, Jon W, Shari S
CANTOR	Choir
Ushers	Mark G, Matt H, Neil K, Tim R

LITURGICAL DUTIES - DEC 27

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Leo & Kristina O
Lector	Pat M
Servers	Sydney & Lukas
EMHC	Shelly M
Cleaners	Derrick & Ann J

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

This bulletin column will cover for this weekend and next weekend. In this column, I want to share some thoughts surrounding Christmas.

First, I want to begin by posing some questions that aren't answered in the pages of the Bible yet intrigue me.

- How cold was it the day our Lord was born?
- How cold was it in the stable of Christmas morn?
- Over the days spent in the stable, how many people laid eyes on the Christ-child? Was it more than the three kings? More than the shepherds?
- Did Joseph have to leave the stable in search of food or was enough brought along for the journey?
- We call Jesus the Prince of Peace. Was their peace in the world the day our Savior was born?

Second, as I write this column, I look out the window and see snow on the ground. Snow is apart of Minnesota and Christmas. What did snow mean to me as a child?

- Watching my father out the bay window moving/plowing snow.
- A day or two off from school.
- My mother's homemade soup, a common winter staple.
- Sledding and building tunnels in the large snowbanks with my brother and sisters.
- Trying to open the hog barn doors was slightly more difficult.
- Placing boots, hats, and gloves next to a heat vent to dry off.

Third, what are some of the family memories?

- We faithfully attended Christmas Mass. I don't remember the time of the Mass; however, I never recall missing Mass due to weather.
- We opened one or two gifts on Christmas Eve. The remainder waited until Christmas Day.
- It was rare we celebrated Christmas with extended family. It was the six of us who gathered around the Christmas table.
- Santa Claus never disappointed.
- I don't recall watching a great deal of television on Christmas Eve. It was the Arctic Cat snowmobile which made its way around the yard.

And fourth, what does Christmas mean? Some things have changed.

- My mother and father will no longer be at the Christmas table.
- My sister in California really tries to come on Christmas. This year may be different.
- I rarely make it home on Christmas because of travel distance or being tired after the Advent schedule and Christmas Masses. This year may be different. I am going to make an effort to make it home.

While other things, never change. Christmas is about a Savior. A child born to save us from our sins. He is Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us." It is a fact we should never take lightly. God is with us. Wherever we find ourselves this Christmas, surrounded by others or alone, struggling or at peace, God is always there. That is the message of Christmas. That is why Jesus Christ came to us. We are never alone. We should never despair.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

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

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 29—JANUARY 4

Table with columns for Day, Date, Name, Time, and Priest. Rows include Father's Day Off, St. Gabriel, St. Ann, St. Gabriel-Solemnity of Mary, St. Anthony, St. Anthony, IHM, St. Gabriel, and St. Ann.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR CLUSTER

Table with columns for Date, Time, and Location. Rows include December 24th (4:00 pm St. Ann, Slayton), December 24th (6:00 pm St. Gabriel, Fulda), December 25th (8:00 am IHM, Currie), and December 25th (10:00 am St. Anthony, Westbrook).

SOLEMNITY OF MARY—HOLY DAY

January 1st 9:00 am St. Gabriel, Fulda

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Students in Grades 9 & 10 will be attending a High School Youth Festival Retreat on January 11th in Worthington. Please watch for an email with additional details.

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.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: All tax-deductible gifts to the parishes/cemeteries must be in the office by Dec 30 (or postmarked by Dec 31) if you want the donation to be credited to the 2025 calendar year, no exceptions. Thank you for your continued support and generosity towards our parishes and cemeteries! Donations towards the Cma25 will be accepted until the end of the year. Be sure envelopes, that are mailed directly, are postmarked by Dec 31 for a Cma2025 credit or it will be applied to Cma2026. ***Reminder – If time gets away from you, a donation can be made online, to any of the parishes – Sts Ann, Gabriel, Anthony, IHM or the cemeteries. Visit www.acmcatholic.org and click on the green button titled "Slayton Online Giving". Enter the amount of your donation and click on the drop-down arrow to select your choice of parish/fund. Thank you to the many parishioners who utilize the online giving portal!

PLEASE READ the bulletin in its entirety, weekly. Occasionally, there is not enough space in a column and information, like Mass times or Mass cancellations, may get transferred to another column. Thank you!

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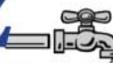
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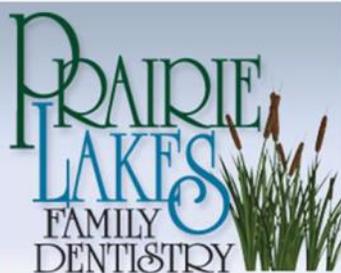
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