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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 – JAN 5 - JAN 11

Mon 5	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 6	10:00 am Maple Lawn	†Gene & Betty Voss
Wed 7	9:15 am Sunrise	†Gil Staus
Thur 8	8:30 am IHM	†Bonnie Schuster
Fri 9	8:30 am St. Anthony	†John Vortherms
Sat 10	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†William Baxter
Sat 10	6:00 pm IHM	Parishioners
Sun 11	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Hank Lenards
Sun 11	10:00 am St. Ann	†Gary Swart

CHURCH SUPPORT - DEC 20 - DEC 28

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$33,755.00	\$1,448.50/388.74	\$6,160.10
St. Gabriel	\$ 8,580.00	\$1,183.00/86.00	\$103.00
IHM-Currie	\$28,562.45	\$1,066.00/101.00	\$242.00
St. Anthony	\$ 6,970.00	\$222.00	\$343.50

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$17,016	Pledged	\$47,119
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged	\$15,195
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,991	Pledged	\$14,725
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged	\$ 6,200

ST. ANN

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Austin and Johanna Boock on the baptism of their daughter, Lena Sue. Lena was baptized on Sun, Dec 21. Welcome Lena!

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Troy and Paula Van Dyke on the baptism of their daughter, Maisy Kay. Maisy was baptized on Sun, Dec 21. Welcome Maisy!

THANKS GO OUT to those who helped decorate for the Christmas season: Judy Carlson; Kathy Ellefson; Bill & Jan Bryan; Jordan, Kelly, Madison, Louis, & Emmett Jessop; Connie McNab and Rita Kirchner.

TABERNACLE CANDLE lit the week of Jan 4 for:

Sylvan Gaul and Marty Jorgensen

CDA would like to thank the parish community for their generous donations to the Christmas Basket Program. Your donations allowed us to gift 17+ baskets to members of our parish cluster and the local community.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: (*This is list 1 of 3*) LeRoy & JoAnn Biren in memory of Bob & Gen Spartz, Lenny & Gustie Biren, Joy Biren/Dave & Kathy Schreiber in memory of John Jacobson, David Schreiber Sr./Gail Engbretson/Judy Parrott in memory of Bruce Parrott, Phil & Gen Moritz, Polly & Rosella Parrott/Teresa Hamman in memory of Janice Kass, Donna Hamman/In memory of Grandma Lorraine Halbur by all Lorraine's Grandchildren/In memory of Grandpa Lawrence Halbur by all Lawrence's Grandchildren/Deanna Hamann in memory of Duane & Berneva Johnson, Bill & Rhonda Belanger/Mary Schreiber in memory of David Schreiber Sr./Lee Kirchner in memory of Duane Kirchner

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

Faith Formation classes will resume on Weds, Jan 7, 2026.

Students in Grades 9 and 10 will be attending a High School Youth Festival Retreat on Jan 11 in Worthington. Please watch for an email with additional details.

If students will be absent from Faith Formation, please be sure to email faith@acmcatholic.org or text Diann.

If we need to cancel any Faith Formation classes due to weather, there will be an email sent by noon on that given day. If the MCC schools are dismissed early or cancelled due to weather, there will not be any Faith Formation at St. Ann that evening.

ST. GABRIEL

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

2026 CHURCH ENVELOPES - Please pick up your envelopes if you haven't already done so.

MEALS ON WHEELS-Katie Clarke and Marc Hollahan are scheduled to deliver meals January 12-16

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: *Mike & Margene Vortherms in memory of George & Mildred Vortherms, and Bernard & Dorothy Smith *Ken & Cathy Salentiny in memory of Noah Salentiny *Joanne McCormick in memory of Betty & Gene Voss, Midge Johlfs, Molly Clarke, Noah Salentiny and Brittany Lais *Edie Troje in memory of James Troje *Elaine Kirsch in memory of Dale Kirsch *Mark & Mary Voss in memory of Lois Elskamp, Leona Gieselman and Gene Voss *Jody & Kathy Steiner in memory of Don & Delores Welling and James & Jean Steiner *Sue Zins Family in memory of Jeff Zins, Greg Mathias and Betty Johnson *Donna Lenards in memory of Hank Lenards *Cathy Stewart in memory of Leo & Dolores Crowley and Colleen Dolph *Geraldine Zemler in memory of Tom Zemler *Steve & Kay Klein in memory of Orville & Mary Ann Hebig

ADDITIONAL FINANCES-Flower Fund \$125.00

THANKS TO THOSE who helped decorate for Christmas. Many hands make light work.

2026 CALENDARS are available at the entrances and the table at the back of Church.

HELP NEEDED-LITURGICAL MINISTRY-It seems that every parish in our cluster (St. Gabriel's included) is in need of more parishioners to volunteer for these duties. Whether it's being a Lector/Reader, Commentator, Minister of Hospitality/Usher, Eucharistic Minister, etc. If you look at the monthly schedules you will see that the people we have now are volunteering for multiple duties. Some are scheduled almost every week. ***We need more help!!*** Please consider volunteering.

FAITH FORMATION-Elementary Release will start again Monday, Jan 5th (2-3 p.m.) and HS Release on Thursday Jan 8th (1st & 2nd hours). Please note: There will be no HS Release on Jan. 15 due to semester break at school. Also, in the event of a late start, **on Thursdays**, there will be *no* HS Release. **On Mondays**, in the event of a late start, Elementary Release *will still take place*.

LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 11

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Joe B, Jim O, Denny S, Mike M
Servers	Ethan N, Alan C
Reader	Amy Kathman
Gifts	Travis Almich Family
EMHC	Trish K, Dana C, Katie H
Comm to HB	JoAnn B
Music	Paula, Judy

LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 11

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Ken & Cathy S. Barb K, Kay K
Server	Eva L, Peysen G
Lector	Mary L
Comm	Randy K
EHMC	Linda C, Steve C, Barry H
Sacristan	Mark V
Money Counters	Jason Appel, Jason & Kelsey Bartosh

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: On Christmas Break.

Confirmation: On Christmas Break.

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

12/26/25: \$100 winner – Karin Radke

1/2/2026: \$100 winner – Jesse Johns

2026 CALENDARS AND CHURCH SUPPORT envelopes are available to be picked up.

SEXUAL ABUSE: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reports of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Ext 255. Caller will be asked to provide name and phone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The DOW-R is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. Questions about the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, contact Michael Gerard: 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org.

ST. ANTHONY

ADDITIONAL FINANCES: Retirement Fund for Religious \$167

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for the advent and Christmas season. And thanks to those who donated money for the flowers.

THANK YOU: 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 - JAN 10

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Amarah G, Ethan S
Lector	Kelli K
Gift Bearers	Blake & Marie Heronimus Family
EMHC	Romane D, Dawn K, Jon W
Cantor	Matt K
Ushers	Kevin N, Steve S, Mark G, Wyatt P

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 10

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Jake & Sophie J
Lector	Joyce V
Servers	Jack & Keegan
EMHC	Sophie J
Cleaners	Pat & Shelly M

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

On this weekend which marks the Epiphany, we traverse from afar all while following a star. Upon reaching the manger, awe strikes at the very core of the magi. Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh honor the human and divine of the child. The child is held close by his mother who wonders what awaits the boy, the child, the Savior she draws near to her heart. The story of Mary is a story surrounded by mystery and faith.

With Mary's story in mind, I want to share a story entitled "Remember A Woman's Worth." To the unknown author, I would like to give credit and due. Sit back and enjoy the following:

By the time the Lord made woman, he was into his sixth day of working overtime on her. An angel appeared and said, "Why are you spending so much time on this one?" And the Lord answered, "Have you seen the sheet on her? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have over 200 movable parts, all replaceable and able to run on diet coke and leftovers, have a lap that can hold four children at one time, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart – and she will do everything with only two hands."

The angel was astounded at the requirements. "Only two hands? No way! And that's just on the standard model? That's too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish." "But I won't," the Lord protested. "I am so close to finishing this creation that is so close to my heart. She already heals herself AND can work 18-hour days."

The angel moved closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord." "She is soft," the Lord agreed, "but I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish." "Will she be able to think?", asked the angel. The Lord replied, "Not only will she be able to think, but she will also be able to reason and negotiate." The angel then noticed something, and reaching out, touched the woman's cheek. "Oops, it looks like you have a leak in this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one." "That's not a leak," the Lord corrected, "that's a tear." "What's the tear for?" the angel asked. The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her love, her loneliness, her grief, and her pride."

The angel was impressed. "You are a genius Lord. You thought of everything! Woman is truly amazing!" And she is! Women have strengths that amaze men. They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love, and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous. They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice. They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution. They go without so their family can have. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. They'll drive, fly, run, or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep running. They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideals. They give moral support to family and friends. Women have vital things to say and everything to give.

However, if there is one flaw in women, it is that they easily forget their worth. Remind your mothers, wives, sisters, aunts, all women, just how amazing they are.

And finally, keep the greatest of all women, our Blessed Mother, close to your heart. Seek her intercession. Ask for her 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

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. Also: Totus Tuus meals: If you are interested in hosting the Totus Tuus Team for a meal during the week of June 7th – 12th, please contact Diann Timmerman, phone number is listed on page 1 of the bulletin.

CONFIRMATION 2026 students should be working on their Handbook for Catholic Teen that will be due in February. There will be a check-in with the DRE's in January 2026 for the first half of this material. If you have questions, please contact your DRE.

CONFIRMATION 2026 students will be participating in the Rite of Commitment during the weekend Masses, January 10th and 11th. Students should plan to attend with their Sponsor. More information will be shared with students at class or via email.

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.

THIS NOTICE BEARS REPEATING-Please read the bulletin in its entirety, every week. 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!*

Have you thought about using Online Giving for your church support? It is very secure and super easy. Check it out. Below are information and instructions on how to proceed. If you have any trouble, give your office a call.

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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