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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 – JAN 12 - JAN 18

Mon 12	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 13	<i>Fr. Antony on retreat</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Wed 14	<i>Fr. Antony on retreat</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Thur 15	8:30 am IHM	†Jack McClure
Fri 16	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Dorothy Kuehl
Sat 17	<b>4:00 pm</b> St. Anthony	†Greg Schoborg
Sat 17	<b>6:00 pm</b> IHM	†Teri Luft
Sun 18	<b>8:00 am</b> St. Gabriel	Parishioners
Sun 18	<b>10:00 am</b> St. Ann	†Jerry & Lelyth Thaler

### CHURCH SUPPORT - DEC 31 - JAN 4

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,171.50	\$172.00/61.00	\$1,630.25
St. Gabriel	\$ 2,795.00	\$346.00/20.00	\$ 35.00
IHM-Currie	\$11,315.00	\$225.00	\$ 695.00
St. Anthony	\$ 246.00	\$69.00	\$ 100.00

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$17,016	Pledged	<b>\$49,149</b>
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged	<b>\$15,295</b>
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,991	Pledged	<b>\$14,725</b>
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged	<b>\$ 6,200</b>

## ST. ANN

**TABERNACLE CANDLE** lit week of Jan 11 for: *Daryl Nelson*  
**THE PEW PROJECT** acknowledgment board is finally hanging in the back hallway of church. We apologize for the delay in completion and thank you greatly for your patience.

**COFFEE & COOKIES** will be served Jan 11 following the 10am Mass. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will be taken down Sun, Jan 11 at approx. 11:30am. Any help would be appreciated.

**A NEW/REVISED PRAYER LINE** list is now available. Copies are included with emailed bulletins and are on the bulletin board at the church entrance. Please use the new list so that you call the next person in your group. It may be different than the one on the old list! For prayer needs call Karen J 507-760-0113 or Jill M 507-920-3872.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS:** *(This is list 2 of 3)*  
 Bernie & Kay Platt in memory of Ray & Elizabeth Arkell; Paul & Maryann Platt, Brenda Platt, Mert Brown/Bill & Kathy Ellefson/Marge Schoon in memory of Roy Schoon, Natalie Krohn, Char Herman, MaryLou Kostel/Randy & Mary Staples in memory of AC & Carmel Brouillet/Mike & Connie McNab in memory of MaryAnne & Leo McNab, Roy & Helen Ferguson, Steve Ferguson/Don & Colleen Gengler in memory of Leo & Dolores Gengler, John & Dorothy Hondl, Dale Gengler, Ellen Gengler/Dave & Sue Bau in memory of Arvid Holsing/Walter & Julie Kautz in memory of Harold, Delores, Jeff Seifert/Troy & Paula Van Dyke/Donna Bruns in memory of Harold & Viola Thom

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

If students will be absent from Faith Formation, please be sure to email [faith@acmcatholic.org](mailto:faith@acmcatholic.org) or text Diann.

If we need to cancel 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.

Please pray for our 9th & 10th gr. Confirmation students as they are in the different years of Confirmation preparation. They will attend the HS Youth Fest. in Jackson, Sun, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students should be busy completing their *Making Things Right* workbook that will be turned in at their Reconciliation Retreat later in January.

## ST. GABRIEL

**OUR SYMPATHY** goes out to the family of JoAnne McCormick. JoAnne's funeral was held on Tuesday, January 6th at St. Gabriel's. May she rest in peace.

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

**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, or Servers. 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 in one capacity or another. ***We need more help!!*** Please consider volunteering. Only got 1 volunteer last week...can we get more?

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ATRIUM WISH LIST!** Would anyone have a spare floor lamp (or two)? We are looking for floor lamps to use in the Atrium to give our classroom a homier feel. The lamps can be used (what they look like doesn't matter, as long as they work!) Please contact Peg (507)329-2103 if you have one; or drop it by the parish office during office hours. Thank you!

*Additionally ... Our CGS classes are going great! We have eight students in the Atrium on Sunday mornings after Mass, and families gather for fellowship. The Christmas season offered the children many wonderful activities to draw closer to the liturgical season and the heart of Christ. Thanks to everyone who has so generously supported this new program in our parish!*

**CHILDREN'S MASS KITS** – Attention parents of children! There are 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. We appreciate the efforts of a creative and generous parishioner for putting these kits together for our young families.

### LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 18

#### St. Ann - 10:00 am

<b>Min of Hosp Servers</b>	Joe B, Jim O, Denny S, Mike M
<b>Reader</b>	Brynn B, Kyra B
<b>Reader</b>	Joe M
<b>Gifts</b>	Tony Moger Family
<b>EMHC</b>	Daryl J, Bill B, Judy C
<b>Comm to HB</b>	Dave & Kathy S
<b>Music</b>	Sue, Dana

### LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 18

#### St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

<b>Min of Hosp</b>	Steve & Lori T, Mike & Sue Z
<b>Server</b>	Colten E, Brenton E
<b>Lector</b>	Don O
<b>Comm</b>	Shannon W
<b>EHMC</b>	Randy K, Mike V, Linda C
<b>Sacristan</b>	Shelby S
<b>Money Counters</b>	Jason Appel, Jason & Kelsey Bartosh

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE** Romane and Patti Dold for their years of dedication as the Parish Administrator and Bookkeeper of Immaculate Heart of Mary. After years of service, they decided to step down from their positions effective December 31, 2025. Their time and attention to detail have been greatly appreciated. If you have the opportunity to personally thank Romane and Patti, please do so. Thanks, Father Peter Schuster

**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 Christmas Break

### ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS::

01/02/26 \$100 winner Jesse Johns

01/09/26 \$100 winner Nate & Sarah Byrne

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

**RITE OF COMMITMENT:** This weekend our IHM candidates will commit to the Rite of Confirmation. Please keep the following students in your prayers as they continue on their journey to Confirmation: Alice Carlson, Evan Schreier and Luke Sweetman.

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**UNBOUND PRAYER IS** being offered on Sat, January 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Joachim Church in Plainview. Unbound is a gentle form of prayer leading to forgiveness and freedom in Christ. The day will start with a mini conference at 9:00am to learn more about Unbound followed by optional prayer time. The day will include lunch and ends at 3:00pm. Spanish translation will be provided. For more information [heartofthefather.com](http://heartofthefather.com) Questions?: Contact - [klarson@dowr.org](mailto:klarson@dowr.org) See QR code on posters to RSVP.

## LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 17

### IHM - 6:00 PM

**Server** Mesa E, Teddy K  
**Lector** Kelly K  
**Gift Bearers** Greg & Jessica Laleman Family  
**EMHC** Blake H, Jo E, Tim R  
**Song Leader** Alyssa O  
**Ushers** Dave L, Jason S, John O, John H

## ST. ANTHONY

**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.

**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.

**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 the new year.

**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)

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

## LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 17

### ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

**Greet/Gifts** Barb & Josef R  
**Lector** Gene O  
**Servers** Sydney & Lukas  
**EMHC** Ethan J  
**Cleaners** Kathy S, Sheila K

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

### **The Baptism of Jesus Christ**

Why did Jesus Christ undergo baptism? Recall the baptism of Jesus Christ differs from the baptism we celebrate today. John the Baptist's focus was on repentance. Repentance is the need to peer within oneself and to turn away from whatever is sinful. John the Baptist called people back to their original dignity, a life lived in and through God.

When it comes to Jesus Christ, there was no need to repent. Conceived without sin, living a life free from sin, his life was devoted fully to God. Then why undergo baptism? Here are the key Catholic reasons:

1. Fulfilling Righteousness: In Matthew 3:13-17, John the Baptist tries to prevent Jesus from being baptized. Jesus' response is, "Allow it for now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." "Fulfill all righteousness" shows an obedience to God's plan.
2. Modeling for Humanity: "Fulfill all righteousness" also showed what his followers must do. As I have entered the baptismal waters so you must do.
3. Sanctifying the Waters: His presence in the Jordan River transformed the waters, making them holy and the means of grace.
4. Inaugurating His Mission: The baptism of Jesus marked a pivotal point in Jesus' life. With his baptism, he is led into the desert and prays. Upon coming out of the desert, Jesus Christ begins his public ministry.
5. Embracing Sinners: Jesus wasn't the only one baptized in the Jordan River. He was baptized alongside others. In so doing, he associated with them and began his salvific work of saving sinners.

### **An Obituary of Jesus Christ**

How would an obituary of Jesus Christ sound? Someone composed one and I thought it worth sharing.

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died today on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David.

He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary his devoted Mother.

Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem. He is survived by his mother Mary, his faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a medical doctor, and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of his death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. Yesterday, he held a Last Supper and at which he foretold his death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

We your siblings love you, Lord Jesus, and we anxiously await your return.

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 this Sunday, January 11th in Worthington.

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**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.

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**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 at 507-401-1038 or by email at [faith@acmcatholic.org](mailto:faith@acmcatholic.org)

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**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.

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**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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**“Who is My Neighbor?”** Join Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry at St. Francis Xavier in Windom for a day of reflection. On this day we will explore scripture, Church teaching, the historical context of immigration and welcoming the stranger. Join us and reflect on the ‘Parable of the Good Samaritan’ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We look forward to learning and praying with you. The day of reflection will take place on **January 31st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom.** A meal will be served to encourage further discussion. Register with Maria at 507-905-8602 or email [mahmed@ccsomm.org](mailto:mahmed@ccsomm.org).

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**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES:** Eucharistic miracles have occurred throughout the history of Catholicism. A Eucharistic miracle involves the body and blood of the Eucharist taking on biological qualities of Christ’s blood, flesh, or both. These extraordinary events have helped people see the spiritual reality of God’s hand behind the physical world, reminding Catholics even today that there is more to our existence than we can understand with our five senses alone. **Lanciano, Italy** (8th Century, Circa 750) **The Miracle of Lanciano** involved a priest who experienced doubts concerning Jesus’ actual presence in the Eucharist. As he was leading Mass, he began to recite the words of consecration found in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25. As he said, “This is my body” and “This is my blood,” he witnessed the wine and bread turn into real human blood and flesh. The blood coagulated into five globules, which represented the five wounds of Christ. Word spread rapidly of this miracle, and the flesh and blood remain preserved to this day. You can visit them in the Lanciano’s Church of San Francesco. (Taken from Catholic World Mission post 10 Amazing Eucharistic Miracles)

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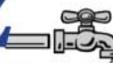
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