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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 19 - JAN 25

Mon 19	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 20	10:00 am Maple Lawn	†Desc'd of Reith Family
Wed 21	9:00 am Lindenwood	†Bernice Stoderl
Thur 22	8:30 am IHM	†Bob Ackerman
Fri 23	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Leo Vortherms
Sat 24	<b>4:00 pm</b> St. Anthony	†Roy & Rosemary Peterson
Sat 24	<b>6:00 pm</b> IHM	†Willard & Glenna Fogelson
Sun 25	<b>8:00 am</b> St. Gabriel	†Betty Olssem
Sun 25	<b>10:00 am</b> St. Ann	Parishioners

### CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN 10 - JAN 11

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$5,041.77	\$330.00/141.00	\$ 527.45
St. Gabriel	\$1,080.00	\$234.00/6.00	\$1,195.00
IHM-Currie	\$2,075.00	\$277.00/16.00	\$ 96.00
St. Anthony	\$ 570.00	\$143.00	\$ 171.75

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$17,016	Pledged	<b>\$49,249</b>
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged	<b>\$20,295</b>
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,991	Pledged	<b>\$15,225</b>
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged	<b>\$ 6,300</b>

## ST. ANN

**CONGRATULATIONS** go out to Andrew and Amy Engebretson on the baptism of their sons Embrick Charles and Archibald Bruce. The boys were baptized on Sun, Jan 11.

*Welcome Embrick and Archibald!*

**TABERNACLE CANDLE** lit week of Jan 18 for: *Bob Robinson*

**FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet on Thur, Jan 22 in the St. Ann Social Room at 6:30pm.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be hosted by the CCW ladies' group on Sun, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am – 1pm. Free will offering. Serving: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausages, & Beverage.

**YOUTH MASS PRACTICE** will be held after Mass next weekend, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. All youth of the parish are encouraged to participate. Parents, please help your child(ren) become involved. Meet JoAnn B. in front of church following Mass. After Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - ONLY 3 youth Masses remain until summer break. Thank you to the many who participate. *We need each & everyone of you!*

**A NEW/REVISED PRAYER LINE** list is available. Copies are on the bulletin board at the church. Please use the new list to call the next person in your group. For prayer needs call Karen J 507-760-0113 or Jill M 507-920-3872.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS:** *(This is list 3 of 3)*

Tracy Keleher in memory of James & Patricia Trevillyan, John & Miyoko Hansen/Mike & Sharon Gillette Russell Gillette, Thelma Gillette/Laddie & Doris Carda in memory of Carda and Ruppert Families/Deb Swart in memory of Gary Swart, Dudd & Pat Farrell, Doug Anderson/Bryon & Dixie Platt in memory of Paul Platt, MaryAnn Platt, Les Anderson, Lois Anderson/Gary Eich/Dave & Amy Kathman in memory of Nick Zenk, Cy & Corrine Zenk/Jim York & Family in memory of Rosie York/Todd & Penny Boock in memory of Dave & Carol Ackerman/Maxine Gaul in memory of Sylvan Gaul, Marty Jorgensen, Joe Ackerman, Mike & Margaret Gaul/Joe & Louise Biegler in memory of our Parents

### 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 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

**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.*** We Only got 1 volunteer last week...can we get more????

**ADDITIONAL FINANCES:** IRA Contribution-\$1,312.00

**LITURGICAL DUTIES**-If you need to find someone to cover your scheduled duty, we have cards available in the small plastic bin on the table at the back of Church with names and phone numbers.

**ALL PARISHIONERS**-In an effort to update our phone and email records, if you have discontinued your land line or changed internet providers, please let the office know.

### **CGS WISH LIST**

The Atrium has need for a child-sized rocking chair and a couple floor lamps. If you might have these things that you could donate, please contact the parish office or Peg (507)329-2103.

**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.

### LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 25

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

<b>Min of Hosp</b>	Joe B, Jim O, Denny S, Mike M
<b>Servers</b>	Renee R, Tyler R
<b>Reader</b>	Todd B
<b>Gifts</b>	Justin Hoffmann Family
<b>EMHC</b>	Kathy S, Dave S, Missy B
<b>Comm to HB</b>	Jill M
<b>Music</b>	Rita, Judy

### LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 25

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

<b>Min of Hosp</b>	Jody & Kathy S, Dave T, Paul R
<b>Server</b>	Mara C, Oliver M
<b>Lector</b>	Mary A
<b>Comm</b>	Linda C
<b>EHMC</b>	Sue (J) Z, Lenore W, Ken S
<b>Sacristan</b>	Edie T
<b>Money Counters</b>	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:** Welcome back classes resume this week! See you all on the **21st at 6:30pm**  
Confirmation 9th: Classes resume this week at 6:30pm  
Confirmation 10th: Jan 18 YOU Class 6pm

### ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

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

01/16/26 \$100 winner Tom Dolan

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

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**SEEING THE UNSEEN: EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES** (by Sr. Maris Stellis from *Imprint Magazine*/Winter 2022)

### BEYOND A DOUBT

1263 AD, Bolsena and Orvieto, Italy

In the 13th century, a heresy denying the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist was afoot in Europe, causing doubt, mistrust, and confusion. Universities in Europe held debates on the Eucharist and many argued against the Real Presence. Father Peter of Prague found himself tortured with a darkness of faith as he struggled to believe that Christ was present in Eucharist. In a search for truth and in an effort to regain his faith, he made a 750-mile pilgrimage on foot to Rome. As he neared Rome, he stopped in the village of Bolsena and offered Mass. As he lifted up the Host after the words of consecration, it began to bleed profusely, and drops of blood fell onto the corporal altar cloth. Upon learning that Pope Urban IV was staying in the nearby village of Orvieto, Father Peter ran to the Holy Father to tell him what occurred. The Pope made his way to the church among a crowd of people who also heard of

## ST. ANTHONY

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations last weekend and those who cleaned up afterwards. Your help is so appreciated!

**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.

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### Eucharistic Miracles cont.

the miracle. When the Holy Father saw the bleeding Host and bloody corporal, he fell to his knees in worship. A short time later, the Pope introduced the Feast of Corpus Christi. To this day, pilgrims go to the church in Orvieto to see the blood stained corporal that is kept in a reliquary above the altar.

## LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 24

### IHM - 6:00 PM

**Server** Mallory S, Stella O  
**Lector** Matt S  
**Gift Bearers** Matt & Tracy Hansen Family  
**EMHC** Shari S, Lori M, Kim O  
**Song Leader** Linnea S  
**Ushers** Jim G, Jim H, Rich L, Becky L

## LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 24

### ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

**Greet/Gifts** Sheila K, Jan J  
**Lector** Pat M  
**Servers** No Server Available  
**EMHC** Shelly M  
**Cleaners** Angie B, Carol E

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

### **Behold the Lamb of God**

What many Catholics do not realize is that most of what we recite during Mass comes to us from Sacred Scripture. Let me provide examples from the Introductory Rite, Penitential Rite, Gloria, and Profession of Faith:

“In the Name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:13)

“I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault” (James 5:16)

“Lord have mercy” (Tobit 8:4)

“Christ have mercy” (1 Timothy 1:2)

“Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth” (Luke 2:14)

“I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth” (Genesis 14:19)

“Of all that is seen and unseen” (Colossians 1:16)

“I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father” (Luke 1:35)

“God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father” (Hebrews 1:3)

“Through him all things were made” (John 1:1-4)

“For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven” (John 3:13)

“By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man” (Matthew 1:18)

“For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate” (John 19:16)

“He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3)

“He ascended into heaven” (Luke 24:51)

“He is seated at the right hand of the Father” (Colossians 3:1)

“He will come again to judge the living and the dead” (2 Timothy 4:1)

“His kingdom will have no end” (Luke 1:33)

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life” (Acts 2:17)

“Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified” (John 14:16)

“He has spoken through the prophets” (1 Peter 1:10-11)

“I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church” (Romans 12:5)

“I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 2:38)

“I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come” (Romans 6:5)

In today’s gospel from John 1:29-34, Jesus approaches John the Baptist and John says, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” Sound familiar? It should. They are the words which appear to us before we receive the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at Mass. They reference Jesus as the “Lamb of God.” A lamb’s purpose is two-fold:

1. A lamb sacrifices its life to feed us.
2. A lamb, in sacrifice, sheds its blood for us.

That is the story of Jesus Christ. Jesus sacrificed his life for us so we could feed upon him in the Eucharist. Too, Jesus shed his blood for us for the sake of our sins. Through his sacrificial act, we have the hope of eternal life.

As the words “Behold the Lamb of God...” are shared, we find ourselves kneeling. Our response also has Scriptural roots. In Matthew 8:5-13, a centurion’s servant is paralyzed. Jesus offers to go to the centurion’s home and heal his servant. In response, the centurion states, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.” Impressed by the man’s faith, Jesus sends the centurion away promising his servant has been healed.

Peace be to you!      Father Peter Schuster

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY** - Next Week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [uscbb.org/latin-america](http://uscbb.org/latin-america).

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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 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact Diann Timmerman at [faith@acmcatholic.org](mailto:faith@acmcatholic.org) or c/(507)401-1038.

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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 7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow in January 2026.

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**CAMP SUMMIT 2026!** We will be registering students to attend week 2, August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. 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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**ALL ARE INVITED** to a Pancake breakfast that will be served at St. Ann Church on Sunday, February 1 from 11:00am - 1:00pm. On the menu is Pancakes, Eggs, Sausages, and Beverages. All you care to eat. Free will offering asked. Proceeds will help restore the Marian garden with a seating bench addition.

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**2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are complete and have been mailed or are being handed out. Any questions please contact the office. *Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!*

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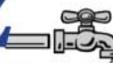
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