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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 – FEB 2 - FEB 9

Mon 2	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 3	<i>Fr. Antony on vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Wed 4	<i>Fr. Antony on vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Thur 5	<i>Fr. Antony on vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Fri 5	<i>Fr. Antony on vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Sat 7	4:00 pm	St. Anthony Parishioners
Sat 7	6:00 pm	IHM †Gerald/Eric/Tim Schreier
Sun 8	8:00 am	St. Gabriel †Molly Clarke
Sun 8	10:00 am	St. Ann †Ken Knuth

CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN 24 - JAN 25

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 745.00	\$195.00/21.00	\$1,157.45
St. Gabriel	\$ 2,665.00	\$135.00/8.00	\$ 311.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,435.00	\$177.00/13.00	\$ 71.00
St. Anthony	\$ 205.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

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

ST. ANN

ASH WEDNESDAY is Feb 18th. Mass schedule:

9:00am – St. Gabriel, Fulda

5:30pm – IHM, Currie

7:00pm – St. Ann, Slayton

FR. SCHUSTER will be offering Mass & Stations of the Cross every Friday during lent, starting at 5:30pm. Schedule is:

Feb 27 – 5:30pm – St. Ann (NO morning Mass Westbrook)

Mar 6 – 5:30pm – St. Anthony (NO morning Mass)

Mar 13 – 5:30pm – St. Anthony (NO morning Mass)

Mar 20 – 5:30pm – IHM (YES, morning Mass Westbrook)

Mar 27 – 5:30pm – St. Gabriel (YES, morning Mass Westbrook)

BULLETIN ADS are now saved to the back of the bulletin for 2026. We thank those who place ads and help support the printing of our bulletin. Please patronize the advertisers.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

MEALS: There are a few weeks on our meal schedule that we need someone to sign up to provide. Questions? Reach out to Diann Timmerman. Thank you to everyone that has already provided for our program and kept our kids fueled up for the night. *Much appreciated!*

THE NEXT few months are busy for our Confirmation class. Please pray for these students and their sponsors.

CAMP SUMMIT: Registration is open! Spaces are limited, IF you are interested in your student participating, please call or msg Diann. Registrations available in back of church. A bus will travel there from our Deanery. Spots are first come, first served.

TOTUS TUUS is June 7th – 12th. Day program, held at St. Gabriel-Fulda; evening program, at St. Ann-Slayton. We need parish support for housing for our Missionary Team as well as meals. Call the parish office for more details.

PLEASE PRAY for our 16 - 2nd grade students that are preparing for their First Holy Communion on May 3rd.

SPECIAL THANKS to our youth that help during our Youth Mass. Thanks to JoAnn Biren and Missy Biren for leading these youth in their service to God!

WED, FEB 18 - Ash Weds. All FF students are asked to attend Mass with their family @ 7pm that night. NO meal will be provided on Ash Wednesday.

ST. GABRIEL

ADDITIONAL FINANCES-Latin America Collection \$464.00

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18th. The Mass schedule is as follows:

9:00am – St. Gabriel, Fulda

5:30pm – IHM, Currie

7:00pm – St. Ann, Slayton

No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this Sunday. We will resume meeting Sun., Feb. 8 after Mass. Still needed for the classroom: A small wooden child's rocking chair. Thanks to all who contributed floor lamps - They make the classroom look nice and cozy!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We are so grateful we had Maria Ahmed for the first half of the year teaching our 12th grade Release. Thank you Maria!

We are looking for a volunteer to teach the last half of the year for our 12th grade class. Our previously lined up replacement is no longer available. Please contact Chelsea Hein, 507-360-4553 to inquire about the position

DISCIPLESHIP QUAD BIBLE STUDIES

Do you have an interest in forming fellowship with like-minded Catholics in a year-long weekly Bible study? Discipleship men/women's groups are forming. (A quad group consists of four men or women). This is an excellent study put out by Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH (More information can be found at <https://dqquads.com>). Groups can be organized from within our parish cluster (Slayton/Currie/Westbrook/Fulda). Contact Christian Potochnik (218)969-3276 or Kay Kline (507)227-4134.

SOUP AND DESSERT DINNER-The First Presbyterian Church of Fulda invites you to their annual soup and dessert dinner, **today Sunday, February 1st from 11:00-12:30.** Come and enjoy a bowl of soup. We have 5 different varieties. Also on the menu are BBQ's, homemade bread, desserts and beverage. Please join us!

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 8

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Todd & Penny B. Marilou C. Paul L Noah B, Noah F
Reader	Karen B
Gifts	Michael Berreau Family
EMHC	Pam S, Sarah B, Pam M
Comm to HB	JoAnn B
Music	Connie, Dana

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 8

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Server	Ken & Cathy S, Sue (J) Z, Lenore W Kole & Aiden A
Lector	Genell H
Comm	Linda C
EHMC	Barry H, Steve C, Mike V
Sacristan	Linda C
Money Counters	Mike & Suzi Z, Tom & Mary A

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 Class at 6:30pm
Confirmation 9th: Class at 6:30pm
Confirmation 10th: Feb 1 YOU Class 6pm
Feb 4 Food for Kids at 7pm at St Ann's

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

01/23/26 \$100 winner - Brad Anderson
01/25/26 \$500 Catholic Schools Week winner - Steve and Lora Wynia
01/30/26 \$100 winner - Denise and Kent Weedman

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

2025 FALL FESTIVAL FOLKS ANNUAL REPORT is available at both entrances of the church to be picked up. Thanks.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice for Lent and Easter will be starting **Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** Please consider sharing you time and talent this season. If you are interested in joining and/or would like more information, please contact Patty LeClaire at 507-227-9965. New voices are always welcome!!

A NEW PASCHAL CANDLE is needed for IHM. This is the candle that is lit during the Easter Vigil and is also used during baptisms and funerals. The current paschal candle is getting short and one of the bands has broken. If you are willing to donate for the purchase of a new candle, that has been ordered, please call the office at 507-836-8030 and talk to Dana. *Thank you!*

ST. ANTHONY

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)

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

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LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 31

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server BR H, Connor L
Lector Kris R
Gift Bearers Randy & Sharon Bassett Family
EMHC Blake H, Dawn K, Jon W
Song Leader Dave L
Ushers Mike G, Maury K, Tim R, Mike S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 31

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts Deb B, Patty C
Lector Gene O
Servers Easton & Hadley
EMHC Ann J
Cleaners Joan J, Judy S

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

I Am Not Certain!

As I sat down to write this column, the gospel I had in mind was Mark 1:14-20. John the Baptist has been arrested and Jesus comes to Galilee to proclaim the gospel: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." After this proclamation, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and sees Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John. In Mark's account, we do not know how the fishing has been. Was it good? Was it lousy? There is no answer. All we hear is that Simon and Andrew were casting their nets into the sea. Meanwhile, James and John are in their boat mending nets. Jesus calls out to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." What happens? They leave their nets behind and following Jesus Christ.

I have shared the story previously. The first inkling I had of the priesthood came in the second grade. After that, I never looked back. Like Simon, Andrew, James, and John, my story also involves fishing. Unlike the four apostles, fishing for me wasn't a way of life rather a hobby. If I was fortunate enough to catch fish on a given day, that was a bonus. If I didn't, that is the way it goes. I have a hunch why God called me to the priesthood at such an early age, steering me away from a lifetime of fishing. Here are two stories.

The first was an experience surrounding ice fishing. I decided to try perch fishing on Freeborn Lake. I loaded everything in my pickup and headed to the lake. I drove onto the lake and followed the others tracks. At one point, I came to an ice heave and noticed others had driven over it with no difficulty. As I drove over the ice heave, the front end of my pickup crashed through the ice and dropped into the lake. Talk about something that scared you! There I sat, the front of my pickup in the lake and the back of my pickup off the ground. What kept my pickup from completely submerging? The ice heave refused to give way and held the pickup like a pendulum balance.

Fortunately, I could open my pickup door and walk onto the ice without getting wet. Unfortunately, I looked like a fool. Did you ever notice that when you don't want someone to see something foolish you did, someone does? Sure enough, here comes another pickup out to fish where I was headed. They must have shaken their heads and called me all sorts of names. My predicament was what to do. I called my dad and he offered to bring out the tractor. Up till the time he arrived, I had plenty of time to think. Finally, he arrived. There was enough ice on the lake that he could drive the tractor onto the ice. We hooked a chain onto the rear of my pickup and my father gave it a jerk. I was certain he wouldn't be able to budge the pickup or the tractor would spin on the ice and we would have to put chains on the tires. Maybe it was by the grace of God but my pickup came right out of the lake. I was relieved. The only damage was one of my fog lights on the front of the pickup was busted and had to be replaced.

Was that the end of the endeavor? No. I decided to try it again (not over the ice heave) and reached my ice fishing destination. I remember catching a few fish and heading home. In the story, you may sense why God didn't call me to be a fisherman. Being too foolish to quit the first time eventually leads to greater problems.

And that leads into my second story. This story involved me and a friend fishing together. We were in his boat, heading across the lake, when something felt funny. Water was coming into the boat and starting to swamp my shoes. What happened? You guessed correctly. We forgot to put the plug in the boat. We didn't panic. We knew we would never make it back to the landing so my friend brought the boat up to high speed (his boat didn't have a bilge pump). With the boat above water level, water started to run out the drain plug hole. When we got out as much water as possible, still at high speed, my work was to insert the plug. I got the job accomplished. Did that stop us from fishing? No way.

This story follows the path of the first story. When it comes to fishing, common sense isn't in my vocabulary. And that is the simple answer to why God called me to be a priest. If I was a fisherman, I would be dead by my age of 57.

Thus, the headline to this column. While I enjoy fishing, God wasn't certain, seeing my lack of commonsense, it was to be my calling. Mine was to be the priesthood. From my stories, have faith and trust in what God calls you to do. He knows what is best.

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

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COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA-Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America.

THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will be performing an important service project with a Food for Kidz packing night. This is a chance for our kids to participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy by Feeding the Hungry. There is a financial cost that will need to be met for this event. If you are able/willing, your financial support would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact the office.

Confirmation 2026 students should be working on their Handbook for Catholic Teen that will be due next week at their February class.

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.

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.

LENTEN STUDY-The Catholic Church has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi from Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of his death. During the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, participate in The Beatitudes and St. Francis of Assisi Lenten Study to explore how the Beatitudes influenced him and his response to God's Word. How are you being called, like St. Francis, to respond to scripture and apply Christ's teaching in our time and culture? The Beatitudes and St. Francis of Assisi is an 8-part Bible Study of Matthew 5:1-12 and is broken down into 8 parts with one Beatitude for each part. Each week's section will follow the ancient monastic form of studying scripture called Lectio Divina, Latin for "divine reading." The purpose of the format for Lectio Divina is to enter into a conversation with God and seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit. The Lenten Study will be offered on Monday Night at 7pm via Teams beginning February 16th or Tuesday Afternoons at 2 pm beginning February 17th via Teams. To register or obtain more information email Maria at mahmed@ccsogn.org or call 507-905-8602.

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