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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 16 - FEB 22

	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Mon 16		
Tues 17	10:00 am	Maple Lawn †Vernis Gustin
Wed 18	9:00 am	St. Gabriel †Betty Olsem
Wed 18	5:30 pm	IHM †Aljean Ackerman
Wed 18	7:00 pm	St. Ann †Dave Wagner
Thur 19	8:30 am	IHM †Bob Ackerman
Fri 20	8:30 am	St. Anthony †Dale Buse
Sat 21	4:00 pm	St. Anthony †Dorothy Kuehl
Sat 21	6:00 pm	IHM †Vince/Jeanne/Pat/John Gervais
Sun 22	8:00 am	St. Gabriel Parishioners
Sun 22	10:00 am	St. Ann †Rosie York

CHURCH SUPPORT - FEB 7 - FEB 8

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 7,345.00	\$216.00/30.0	\$1,064.55
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,455.00	\$181.25/31.00	\$1,195.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,155.00	\$152.00	\$ 71.00
St. Anthony	\$ 424.00	\$107.00	\$ 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 7PM LITURGICAL DUTIES-Server: Gwenna K, Madison J, Reader: Kate B; Gifts: Jordan Jesop Family; EMHC: Daryl J, Bill B, Judy C; Music: Judy, Dana
Ash Wednesday is Feb 18th. Mass schedule:

9:00am – St. Gabriel, Fulda

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULES for March & April are now available in the hall, located in the white folder on the wooden table. Please take a copy with you if needed. Schedules were also emailed out with bulletins.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Jane Giese. Jane passed away on Fri, Feb 6. Her funeral was at St. Ann Church Mon, Feb 9. May she rest in peace.

HELP IS NEEDED: St. Ann could use additional parishioners to assist in Liturgical Duties throughout the year. Please call the office or Marti Engelkes to sign up. Areas needing help are: EMHC's (Communion Ministers); Readers; Song Leaders; Ushers or Greeters. *Thank you!*

TABERNACLE CANDLE: week of Feb 15: David Schreiber Sr.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

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

FAITH FORMATION FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE: The FF students will be hosting a Lenten Food Drive Challenge. Each class will be providing different items for our local food shelf. If you would like to support this teaching of Almsgiving with our youth, please check out the boxes located in the back of the church or contact Diann T. for additional information.

MASS ACTIVITY BAGS – PRESCHOOL: Big thanks to a generous parishioner that has provided Mass Activity bags for our preschool parishioners! If you are interested in donating towards this learning activity, please call the St. Ann offices.

ST. GABRIEL

ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM LITURGICAL DUTIES-Reader: Don O; Commentator: Linda C, Euch Min: Suzi Z, Peg O, Mark V; Min of Hosp: Steve & Donna C, Kay K, Amy C

MEALS ON WHEELS-Lenore Wendorff and Linda Clauson will be delivering meals from February 16th thru the 20th.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00 pm in Father's office at the school.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Larry Betz. His funeral was held on Feb 4 at St. Gabriel's. May he rest in peace.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & COFFEE CAKE TODAY!!

Join us after Church today for a youth fundraiser and social time with fellow parishioners.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

ATTENTION: FAMILIES OF HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH-

NOW is the time to register your student(s) for GREAT summer youth events like Camp Summit (students entering 6-8 gr. in the fall of '26) and the Steubenville North/Rochester (Gr. 9 -12). Information was sent home this week at Release classes. Contact Chelsea Hein (507)360-4553 or Diann Timmerman (507)401-1038 with questions.

NOTE: *Spots for Camp Summit are limited and fill up fast!*

FRIDAY MORNING YOUTH ROSARY

We meet every Friday Morning at 7:15 a.m. Followed by donuts & juice. Students up to school well before first bell. Parishioners are most welcome to join us!

TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION FORMS are now available on the table at the back of church. Early registration is appreciated.

FOOD FOR KIDZ-You can still donate to this cause. Your donations will help offset the shipping costs. Envelopes are on the table at the back.

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 22

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Todd & Penny B. Marilou C. Paul L Jada L, Olivia K
Reader	Kate H
Gifts	Travis Delong Family
EMHC	Kathy S, Dave S, Missy B
Comm to HB	Jill M
Music	Sue, Judy

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 22

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Server	Steve & Lori T, Barb K, Paul R Kellen H, Oliver M
Lector	Katie C
Comm	Sue (J) Z
EHMC	Ken S, Linda C, Mary L
Sacristan	Shelby S
Money Counters	Mike & Suzi Z, Tom & Mary A

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM LITURGICAL DUTIES

Servers: Levi K, Lauren G; Gift Bearers: Chris & Kelly Konechne Family; Lector: Kelli K; Euch Min: Dawn K, Lori M, Jon W; Song Leader: Alyssa O; Ushers: Wyatt P, Kevin M, Jon W, Mark G

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: 2/18 No Class-Mass at 5:30 pm; Confirmation 9th: 2/18 No Class- Mass at 5:30pm; Confirmation 10th: YOU Class at 6 pm on 2/15; 2nd graders: 1st Communion/Recon. Retreat: 2/22-9:30 am

PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026: Please keep Alice Carlson, Evan Schreier, and Luke Sweetman in your prayers as they are in their final months of preparation of Confirmation on 4/10 in Windom. You can find prayer cards for each student at both entrances of church. Please take 1 or all 3 to pray over in the months to come.

PRAYERS FOR THE 2ND GRADERS: Please pray for the 4-2nd graders that are preparing for the their 1st Reconciliation on 2/25. We have 2 students from IHM and 2 from St Anthony. Otto Schreier, Laken Sweetman, Lukas Swenson and Sawyer Quade.

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

2/6/26 \$100 winner – Jan LaVoy

2/13/26 \$100 winner-Carin Huff

FALL FESTIVAL FOLKS: As of 2-01-26, volunteer officers for FFF are Pres.-Carol Schreier, VP-Marie Heronimus, Sec-Treas. –Patty LeClaire. Welcome ladies. Thanks to all outgoing officers.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice for Lent and Easter will be starting **Tuesday, February 17th 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!!

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 - FEB 21

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server Nolan G, Lauren G
Lector Jim G
Gift Bearers Chuck & Claudette Ankrum Family
EMHC Jon W, Loretta G, Dawn K
Song Leader Choir
Ushers Maury K, Neil K, Jon O, Joe S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 21

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts Leo & Kristina O
Lector Pat M
Servers No Server Available
EMHC Shelly M
Cleaners Elizabeth J, Joan O

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Best is Yet to Come...

To people's question, Father, what do you enjoy most about priesthood, my answer is two-fold:

1. The opportunity to celebrate the sacraments with God's people. There is a great deal of joy for any priest in being able to pass on the faith (baptism). There is a great deal of joy in feeding people with Christ's Body and Blood (Eucharist). There is a great deal of joy in being able to bring people healing (Confession and Anointing of the Sick). There is a great deal of joy in seeing the youth be empowered through the Holy Spirit in carrying on the faith (Confirmation). There is a great deal of joy in being able to celebrate with a couple the beginning their life together (Marriage).
2. The sheer number of people a priest has the opportunity to meet and serve. Each new assignment brings new people. New people teach me new things, bring new encounters and friendships, and allow me into their lives.

There is nothing like the life of a priest.

I often hear people speak of the "good old days." When I think back on life, there were certain things which were simpler back in the day.

1. As a child, I didn't need to cook. Mom took care of the meals.
2. As a child, I didn't have to worry about putting food, clothing, or shelter. Dad took care of the food, clothing, and shelter through farming.
3. When I could start driving, I didn't have to worry about purchasing a vehicle. I drove the old family car.
4. When I had to put fuel in the vehicle, I backed up to the family fuel barrel and filled up.
5. I didn't have to worry about driving to every baseball or football practice when school wasn't in session. I would hop on the bike and ride the two miles.
6. While smartphones are a blessing, things were a bit simpler without the smartphone.
7. My first assignment as pastor was defined by two parishes, not seven. HA! HA!
8. When I was first ordained, there were more priests to serve the people of the diocese.

You get the drift.

With age, things change.

1. I am responsible for my own meals.
2. I am responsible for my own vehicle. The family fuel barrel is still there, yet if I filled from it every time I was home, my brother would question my sanity.
3. Biking would be more challenging considering Windom is 35 miles away.
4. Smartphones are a part of our everyday life.
5. There are not as many priests as when I was first ordained.
6. And yes, I am the pastor of seven parishes.

Still, if you were to ask, would I like to go back and live in the "good old days" with less responsibilities and concerns, my answer is "No." While thirty to forty years ago, things may have been simpler, I enjoy my life. I enjoy the people I have been given the responsibility to serve. The longer I have been a priest, the greater my realization of how much people appreciate their priest/pastor. A word of compliment to you. Yes, seven parishes are a lot, still you have been wonderful people to serve and have been very good to me. For that, I am very appreciative.

And remember what our faith teaches. While the "good old days" have taught us valuable lessons, we don't live for the "good old days." We point and push to the future. The future holds with it a promise. If we are faithful, eternal life is ours. May our life point to that hope!

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION - This collection provides aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection.

RICE BOWLS are available. CRS Rice Bowl provides funding for Catholic Relief Services' food security projects, which support agriculture, nutrition, education, and self-sufficiency in communities around the world. 75% is remitted to CRS for overseas projects and 25% may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs.

LAST CALL FOR FOOD FOR KIDZ donations! Our Confirmation Students performed an important service project with a Food for Kidz packing night. We were able to package over 10,000 meals to feed the hungry. If you are able to help support this event, please mark your donation as Food for Kidz. *Thank you* to those that have already helped to support this event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS! Join hundreds of Catholic teens at **Steubenville Rochester on July 10th-12th** to be transformed by the love of Christ. Contact your local DRE for registration information.

CAMP SUMMIT: Registration is open! There are only a few spots remaining, so please contact your DRE ASAP.

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://dquads.com>). Groups can be organized from within our parish cluster (Slayton/Currie/Westbrook/Fulda). Contact Christian Potochnik (218)969-3276 or Kay Klein (507)227-4134.

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.

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 16 or Tuesday Afternoons at 2pm beginning February 17 via Teams. To register or obtain more information email Maria at mahmed@ccsomm.org or call 507-905-8602.

Maria Stumpf-Ahmed, Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry Coordinator

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