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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 23 - MAR 1

Mon 23	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 24	<i>Fr. Antony on Vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Wed 25	<i>Fr. Antony on Vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Thur 26	<i>Fr. Antony on Vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Fri 27	8:30 am St. Anthony	<i>No Mass</i>
Fri 27	5:30 pm St. Ann	†Mert Brown
Sat 28	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Leo Vortherms
Sat 28	6:00 pm IHM	†Clarence & Sue Almjeld
Sun 1	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Betty Abrahamson
Sun 1	10:00 am St. Ann	Parishioners

CHURCH SUPPORT - FEB 14 - FEB 15

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 7,770.00	\$113.75/46.00	\$432.45
St. Gabriel	\$ 3,464.00	\$173.00/26.00	\$ 76.88
IHM-Currie	\$ 960.00	\$196.00	\$ 96.00
St. Anthony	\$ 266.00	\$82.00	\$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS COMING SOON

St. Ann	Goal \$xx,xxx	Pledged \$
St. Gabriel	Goal \$xx,xxx	Pledged \$
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ x,xxx	Pledged \$
St. Anthony	Goal \$ x,xxx	Pledged \$

ST. ANN

FRIDAY FEB 27, MASS & STATIONS 5:30 PM

Reader: Dana C

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

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OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Marge Miranowski. Marge passed away Feb 13. Her funeral was Feb 20 at St. Ann Church. May she rest in peace.

THE SPRING DINNER will be held March 29th. Work assignments will be out in a couple of weeks. Please consider donating a raffle prize to help make the raffle a success. Donated items can be dropped off at KDL Insurance with Jan Kluis.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

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 hall of the church or contact Diann Timmerman for additional information.

MASS ACTIVITY BAGS – PRESCHOOL: Did you accidentally take one home after Mass last week? If so, please drop it on the hook in the back of the church when you come to Mass.

MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Feb 27 @ St. Ann: All Faith Formation families are encouraged to attend Mass & Stations on February 27th @ 5:30 pm. This is a beautiful way for your family to spend extra time in prayer during Lent.

COMING SOON: There will be a delicious fundraiser of Krispy Kreme donuts that will be delivered a week or so AFTER Easter. Stay tuned for more information.

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 1

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Judy P, Clayton M, Darwin J, Jill M
Reader	Mason H, Easton H
Gifts	Children's Mass
EMHC	Children's Mass
Comm to HB	Missy B, Dana C, Pam M
Music	JoAnn B
	Children/Sharon

ST. GABRIEL

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK today after Mass.

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

ADDITIONAL FINANCES: Grain Donation \$5,431.68

NOTE FROM MSGR HEITING: Msgr. Heiting would like to thank all parishioners for their thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards. His cancer treatments have gone well so far. Know that you are in his thoughts and prayers as well.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & ROLLS are back!! There will be another one next Sunday, March 1st. Come join us and socialize with other parishioners!!!

RELAY FOR LIFE "TABLE CANCER" EVENT on Saturday, April 11th. We would like to invite you or your group to participate in this event. If you are interested in hosting a table please call/text Kim Kremer at 507-360-5190 or email randy.kim2223@gmail.com as soon as possible. Be creative and have lunch with friends and/or family and support a great cause!

PARISHIONERS-No one will be in the office from March 7th thru March 30th. If you have something for the bulletin, please contact Dana at Slayton (507-836-8030) or email office@acmcatholic.org.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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!

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 1

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Server	Steve & Donna C, Doug, Katie, Mara C
Lector	Colten & Brenton E
Comm	Genell H
EHMC	Linda C
Sacristan	Mark V, Barry H, Randy K
Money Counters	Edie T
	Dave T, Jim E

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: Feb 25 Class at 6:30pm; Confirmation 9th: Feb 25 Class at 6:30pm; Confirmation 10th: YOU Class 6pm on the Feb 22nd; 2nd Graders: 1st Communion and Reconciliation Retreat Feb 22 starting at 9:30AM

PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS 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 four 2nd graders that are preparing for their 1st Reconciliation on 2/25. We have 2 students from IHM and 2 from St Anthony: Otto Schreier, Laken Sweetman, Colten Swenson and Sawyer Quade.

NOTE FROM MSGR HEITING: Msgr. Paul Heiting would like to thank all parishioners for their thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards. His cancer treatments have gone well so far. Know that you are in his thoughts and prayers as well.

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

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

2/20/26 \$100 winner – Karen Lanoue

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice for Lent and Easter will be starting **Tuesday, February 24th 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

THANK YOU: Msgr Heiting would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and thoughts. His cancer treatments are going well and he assures you of his prayers as well.

NEW LIGHTS: You will see we have a brighter environment in which to celebrate Mass. Thank you to Erik and Angie Benson for coordinating this project for us.

SNOW REMOVAL: When we receive a “dusting of snow, volunteers will be needed to clear the sidewalks and steps for Mass on Friday and Saturdays. Please contact Joyce to join this group. You will receive a text and the first to respond will take care of this task. Together we can keep everyone safe.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions are \$10 now. Please place them in the collection basket.

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)

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LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 28

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server Ethan S, Noah S
Lector Kelly K
Gift Bearers Matt & Dawn Kopperud Family
EMHC Shari S, Tim R, Kim O
Song Leader Choir
Ushers Kevin M, Dave L, Matt S, Jim H

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 28

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts Amy Swenson Family
Lector Gene O
Servers Sydney & Lukas
EMHC Nicki P
Cleaners Ann W, Sheryl W

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Grandma and the Duck

Lent is a season of seeking God, acknowledging our sins in that seeking, and finding forgiveness. Here is a story:

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back to dinner. As he was walking, he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck in the head, and killed it!

He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help with supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Such is the story of God. Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done and the devil keeps throwing in your face (lying, debt, fear, hatred, anger, unforgiving, bitterness, etc.), whatever it is, you need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life.

God wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, God not only forgives you, but He forgets. It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved.

From this point forward always remember: God is at the window.

In Whom Should We Trust?

A quick thought on trust. Trust in yourself and you are doomed to disappointment. Trust in money and you may have it taken from you. But trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity.

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

COLLECTION FOR CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE– Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! These funds will help to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries.

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.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Registration is Open for all Summer Youth Events!

Camp Summit: August 3rd – 6th, all students entering grades 6-8 in Fall 2026.

Steubenville: July 10th – 12th, all students entering grades 9-12 in Fall 2026.

Totus Tuus: June 7th – 12th, all students entering grades K-12 in Fall 2026.

We are looking for two host families for our Totus Tuus Missionaries! Please prayerfully consider serving our Parishes in this way. If you would like more information, please contact Diann Timmerman @ 507-401-1038.

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.

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@ccsomm.org or call 507-905-8602.
Maria Stumpf-Ahmed, Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry Coordinator

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