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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 – Apr 6 - Apr 12

Mon 6	*Father's Day Off*		*No Mass*
Tues 7	10:00 am	Maple Lawn	†Lois Elskamp
Wed 8	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Clinton/Inez Johnson
Thur 9	8:30 am	IHM	†Fr. Michael Schmitz
Fri 10	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Leo Vortherms
Sat 11	**4:00 pm**	St. Anthony	Parishioners
Sat 11	**6:00 pm**	IHM	†Ray/Helen Peterson
Sun 12	**8:00 am**	St. Gabriel	†Joe/Helen Breen
Sun 12	**10:00 am**	St. Ann	†Flavia Kirchner

Church Support - Mar 28 - Mar 29

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	$ 2,980.00	$314.00/42.25	$783.20
St. Gabriel	$ 1,970.00	$278.00/40.00	$311.00
IHM-Currie	$ 820 .00	$293.00/6.00	$ 71.00
St. Anthony	$ 946 .00	$100.00	$171.75

Catholic Ministries Appeal - 2026 Goals

St. Ann	Goal	$17,830	Pledged	$
St. Gabriel	Goal	$11,457	Pledged	$
IHM-Currie	Goal	$ 9,548	Pledged	$
St. Anthony	Goal	$ 4,524	Pledged	$

ST. ANN

TABERNACLE CANDLE lit week of Apr 5: *Terry Schreiber*

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A BIG THANK YOU to all that helped make the Spring Dinner a success! Everyone came together and worked as one. We appreciate all the support from our church family and are incredibly grateful. Anyone willing to donate sweet corn for next year's dinner, please contact Angie Frisk or Penny Boock. Thanks go out to Randy and Karen Honerman for the corn this year!!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2025-2026

CONFIRMATION 2026: Confirmation practice will be **Weds, April 8** at St. Francis Xavier, Windom, 7pm. Students are asked to attend with their sponsor or parent. Please pray for our students as they prepare for this Sacrament. *Eli Baumgartner, Brooklyne Bergman, William Biren, Logan Dahlhoff, Natalie Einck, Noah Frisk, Trenton Heard, Madison Jessop, Carli Kesteloot, Madilyn Kramer, Chloe Kremer, Tyler Reith.*

KRISPY KREME DONUTS are for sale through April 10th. Please contact Diann Timmerman @ faith@acmcatholic.org. ALL profits will be used for Youth Summer events. Donuts will be available for pickup April 18 & 19. Time of pickup will be determined closer to delivery date. ***ORDER NOW!***

SENIOR CLASS 2026: St. Ann CCW will award a scholarship to a graduating Senior. Information was provided for **ALL** Seniors, for selection. Scholarship will be presented at Baccalaureate Luncheon on May 10.

A CDA Scholarship application was recently emailed to all Seniors. All applications must be turned in no later than April 15th, by 12:00pm, to Diann Timmerman.

SENIOR CLASS 2026: There will be a baccalaureate meeting on April 15th @ 6:30pm in Divine Mercy Hall.

ST. GABRIEL

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING this Monday, April 7, 1:00 pm in the Church basement.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES for April are in the red folder at the elevator entrance.

DON'T FORGET to turn in your completed liturgical volunteer form. We need more volunteers. Even if you are available for only part of the year, we will gladly take you. Just make that notation on the form. If you misplaced the form that was in the bulletin, there are extras on the table at the back of church and at every entrance. Thank you.

WE HAVE NOTICED that windows in the school classrooms have been left open. Please make sure that when you leave all windows are closed. Thank you.

RICE BOWLS: Please remember to turn in your rice bowls this week.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: Sue Zins Family in memory of Jeff Zins, Greg Mathias and Betty Johnson; Mike/Margene Vortherms in memory of George/ Mildred Vortherms, Bernard/Dorothy Smith and Jo-Anne McCormick; Edie Troje in honor of the Troje Family; Geraldine Zemler in memory of Tom Zemler; and Donna Lenards in memory of Hank Lenards

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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 APR 12

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Brian & Angie F; Bill & Jan B
Servers	Gwenna K; Olivia K
Reader	Kelly N
Gifts	Brandon Lolkus Family
EMHC	Jill M, Missy B, Angie F
Comm to HB	JoAnn B
Music	Rita L, Judy A

LITURGICAL DUTIES APR 12

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Mike & Sue Z; Steve & Lori T
Server	Brenton & Colton E
Lector	Christian P
Comm	Sue (J) Z
EHMC	Linda C, Torri Z, Ken S
Sacristan	Margene V
Money Counters	Mike V, Mark V

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: Summer Break
Confirmation 9th: April 15 Saint Class
Confirmation 10th: April 8 Rehearsal at 7pm in Windom: Confirmation April 10th in Windom
2nd graders: 1st Communion April 11- IHM 6pm and St Anthony 4pm

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.

St. Mary's Raffle Winners:
04/03/2026 $100 winner Mark Ellison.

Easter Flowers: In memory of Leo & Mary Hansen, Richard Hansen, Lawrence Carlson, Charlotte Westfield, Jameson Malone.

In Memory: IHM Parishioner Bonnie Jean (Byrne) Ackerman passed away on March 25, 2026 at age 92. Her parents, Peter and Jennie Byrne, were among the first immigrants from Ireland to settle here in the Sweetman colonies in the late 1880s. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at IHM on Tuesday, March 31, with burial following in the Calvary Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

St. Anthony

Prayers for the 2nd Graders: Please pray for the four 2nd graders that are preparing for their 1st Holy Communion on April 11th. We have 2 students from IHM and 2 students from St Anthonys. Otto Schreier, Laken Sweetman, Colt Swenson and Sawyer Quade.

Rice Bowls: With holy week upon us, please remember to turn in your rice bowls.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions are $10 now. Please place them in the collection basket.

Help Needed: Looking for someone to compile the liturgical role schedules each month. Please let Joyce know if you would be willing to do this.

Additional Finances: Catholic Relief $25.00

Liturgical Duties - Apr 11

IHM - 6:00 pm

Server	Avery H, Mallory S
Lector	Kelli K
Gift Bearers	First Communion Kids
EMHC	Dawn K, Lori M, Jon W
Song Leader	Choir
Ushers	Rich L, Dan S, Mark G, John O

Liturgical Duties - Apr 11

St. Anthony - 4:00 pm

Greet/Gifts	Evie B; Diane R
Lector	Pat M
Servers	Sydney & Lukas
EMHC	Shelly M
Cleaners	Sheila K; Kathy S

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

One Thought on the Resurrection

Happy Easter. I have many thoughts on Easter's past. As a child, they would include:

- Heading to Mass on Easter Sunday morn.
- Anticipating the Easter Bunny.
- Sometimes the weather was good. Sometimes it was nasty.
- An Easter dinner which left one's tummy stuffed.

As a priest, some memories are:

- The various people who entered the church through the RCIA (today known as the OCIA) process.
- Seeing families gathered tomorrow whether it be children coming home to visit or on school break.
- Wherever I have been, the sheer numbers who attend on Easter. There is something to resurrection faith.
- How tired I am after the final Easter Mass.

With these memories, I would like to share with you one thought which comes from the Easter gospel stories. In the gospels, three people are brought back to life. They are in order:

1. Jairus' daughter. Jairus begs our Lord to come to heal his daughter. By the time he arrives at Jairus' home, his daughter has died. This doesn't deter Jesus. He brings her back to life.
2. The son of a widow of Nain. On the outskirts of town, Jesus comes across a funeral procession. He learns it is the only son of a widow. Feeling her sadness, he brings the son back to life.
3. Lazarus. We are familiar with his story. In the tomb for four days, Jesus asks the stone to be removed and cries out, "Lazarus, come out." Lazarus walks out and is untied and let go free.

The stories track a gradual procession. We begin in a home, move to the outskirts of town, before finally ending up in a tomb. The common characteristic in all these stories is that not a word is spoken of those brought back to life. They could have answered some profound questions about death but are silent. The reason being is the gospels are about Jesus Christ. Such is why we have few known words of Mary and none from Joseph. The gospels concern Jesus and Jesus' salvific work.

Today that salvific work comes to its culmination. Jesus Christ is risen. Like the three stories I shared with you above, Jesus also experienced death. The difference for Jairus' daughter, the son of the widow of Nain, and Lazarus is they will all face death again. That is what sets apart their story from the story of our Savior. Yes, Jesus would die, not to be brought to life to die again, but to rise and die no more. His definitive answer is death no longer has the final say. The final say comes in Jesus Christ.

Which leads to my one thought on Easter. While the silence of those Jesus brought back to life is fact, Jesus' resurrection is different. He isn't silent. His word to the disciples on that Easter evening is "Peace." In John 20:19, we read, "On the evening of the first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." In John 20:20-21, the word peace is again at the fore. "When Jesus had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." To all, on this Easter Sunday, his words aren't elaborate, yet they change everything. To us, he says, "Peace."

And with the word peace commands a command. We are to go. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Sent, our word is that Jesus Christ is alive, Jesus Christ is risen. Happy Easter!

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

ANY PARISHIONERS that would like to receive the bulletin by email please email office@acmcatholic.org to be added to the weekly list that is sent out by Friday each week. Also, please read the bulletin in its entirety as information that doesn't fit in one churches column may by printed in another's column that has room.
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THE LATEST COURIERS arrived from the Diocese and can be found at parish entrances. Please take a copy with you if you like.
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THE LIVING FAITH POCKET BOOKS for April, May, and June have also arrived and can be found at parish entrances. Please take a copy for your use.
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FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION: Totus Tuus: June 7th – 12th, all students entering grades K-12 in Fall 2026. There will be a transportation option for students Grades K-6 that are attending the day program at St. Gabriel-Fulda. For additional information, please contact Diann Timmerman.
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RECENT CHANGES HAVE taken place with the Catholic Foundation (CMA), the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, and Letter Concepts, Inc. (LCI), a Cathedral Corporation company, to manage the CMA mailing and gift processing. Nothing has changed in the processing, however, please see the following requests put forth by the above listed:

***** Checks should be made payable to **Diocese of Winona-Rochester**.

***** We can still process checks made out to the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota but checks payable to the diocese ARE **preferred**.

***** It is very helpful if donors include "**CMA – [Parish Name]" in the memo line**.

As always, if you have **ANY** questions, please do not hesitate to call the office at 507-836-8030. The CMA appeal, as always, remains a tremendous benefit for our parishes when goals are met and overage funds are returned.

***** Please note that the **new goals** for CMA26 will be released in approximately mid-April. With the changing of how/who is tracking all donations a few adjustments, between the foundation and DOW-R, needed to be made and has delayed the release of the new goal amounts. Goals ARE coming! Many parishioners, in several of our parishes have been contributing. The office has forwarded many donations on already. *Thank you for your continued contributions to CMA26!*

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