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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 20 - Apr 26

Mon 20	*Father's Day Off*		*No Mass*
Tues 21	10:00 am	Maple Lawn	†Betty Olsem
Wed 22	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Alice Knutson
Thur 23	8:30 am	IHM	†Bonnie Schuster
Fri 24	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Dorothy Kuehl
Sat 25	**4:00 pm**	St. Anthony	†Roy/Rosemary Peterson
Sat 25	**6:00 pm**	IHM	†June Schreier
Sun 26	**8:00 am**	St. Gabriel	† Monica Hanten
Sun 26	**10:00 am**	St. Ann	Parishioners

Church Support - Apr 4 - Apr 5

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	$10,060.00	$303.00/16.00	$532.45
St. Gabriel	$ 935.00	$170.00/52.11	$1,195.00
IHM-Currie	$ 1,630.00	$362.00/15.00	$96.00
St. Anthony	$ 1,625.44	$222.00	$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

St. Ann Finance Council will meet on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30pm in the St. Ann Social Room.

Tabernacle Candle: Week of April 19-*David Schreiber Sr.*

Prayer Line requests can be called into Karen Juenemann 507-760-0113 or Jill McCord 507-920-3872.

CDA will meet on Tuesday, April 28 at 5pm in Currie. Note date change. (not April 21)

Faith Formation Classes 2025-2026
Congratulations to our St. Ann students confirmed April 10 at St. Francis Xavier-Windom. The Church of St. Ann celebrates with you! *Eli Baumgartner, Brooklyne Bergman, William Biren, Logan Dahlhoff, Natalie Einck, Noah Frisk, Trenton Heard, Madison Jessop, Carli Kesteloot, Madilyn Kramer, Chloe Kremer, Tyler Reith*

Confirmation 2027/2028 Students that are currently in grades 8 & 9: Please plan to attend the Student/Parent Meeting on Weds, April 22 @ 6pm @ St. Ann-Slayton. For additional information, please message Diann Timmerman.

2nd Grade Students: Please bring your parent along to your 1st Communion Retreat/Practice on Weds, April 29th at 6pm. Please bring your completed workbook to this retreat.

First Communion 2026 will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at the 10:00 Mass. Please pray for these 16 students as they prepare their hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Thank you to all that supported our Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser! We were able to earn over $1,800 for Camp Summit and Totus Tuus. There will be a few extra donuts available for sale after Mass, so if you are interested stop in Divine Mercy Hall. First come, first served.

Sub Sales will be closing on April 23. If you would like to order, contact Diann Timmerman or the Parish office.

Liturgical Duties Apr 26

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Brian & Angie F; Bill & Jan B
Servers	Renee R, Brynn B
Reader	Kate H
Gifts	Weston Mahon Family
EMHC	Dana C, Katie H, Daryl J
Comm to HB	Mike & Kristi C
Music	Paula, Judy

St. Gabriel

Office Hours - The office is now open it's regular hours since release time is over. The hours are as follows:

Tuesday 10:30 - 2:30
Wednesday 8:00 - 11:30
Thursday 10:30 - 12:30
Friday 9:00 - 10:00

Mass Schedule

1st & 3rd Tuesday at Maple Lawn @ 10:00 am
2nd, 4th, & 5th Tuesday at St. Gabriel @ 8:30 am
Sunday Mass - 8:00 am

If a Tuesday Mass gets cancelled, we have a list of parishioners that I text notifying them of the cancellation. If you would like to be included in that text, please let the office know.

Meal on Wheels-Elaine Kirsch and Donna Lenards are scheduled to deliver meals April 27th thru May 1st.

Faith Formation News

Elementary Release - Our last class was this past week. ***Heartfelt thanks*** to the many faithful St. Gabriel parishioners who dedicated their time and talent to teach our youth this past year, both elementary and high school. This program wouldn't survive without you! *Thanks Again!*

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!

Children's Mass Kits-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. We appreciate the efforts of a creative and generous parishioner for putting these kits together.

Liturgical Duties Apr 26

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve/Donna C, Doug/Katie/Mara C
Server	Oliver M, Kellen H
Lector	Lenore W
Comm	Shannon W
EHMC	Genell H, Roger/Karyn Z
Sacristan	Mark 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)

ADDITIONAL FINANCES:
Donations: $20.00

FAITH FORMATION:
Faith Formation: Summer Break
Confirmation 9th: May 13 at 6:30pm- IHM PC with Sponsor

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:
4/17/2026 $100 winner Diane Kimball

CONGRATULATIONS to the Confirmation Class of 2026- Alice Carlson, Evan Schreier and Luke Sweetman

CONGRATULATIONS to 2nd graders who received the Most Blessed Eucharist- Otto Schreier and Laken Sweetman.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brooke Engbarth, Peytan Touring and Taylor Olsem as they joined our faith community on Easter Vigil. Welcome to each of you!!

MEETINGS: IHM Pastoral Council will meet at 5:45pm on Tuesday, April 21, followed by the IHM Finance Council at about 6:45pm.

ST. ANTHONY

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.

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AMAZING EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Eucharistic miracles have occurred throughout the history of Catholicism. A Eucharistic miracle involves the body and blood of the Eucharist taking on biological qualities of Christ's blood, flesh, or both. These extraordinary events have helped people see the spiritual reality of God's hand behind the physical world, reminding Catholics even today that there is more to our existence than we can understand with our five senses alone.

Santarem, Portugal (13 Century)

There was a woman in Santarem whose husband was being unfaithful to her. She was distressed by this and decided to enlist a sorceress for help. The sorceress's fee was a consecrated host, so the woman went to Mass at the Church of St. Stephen. When she received the Eucharist on her tongue, she removed it and wrapped it in her veil to bring to the sorceress.

Before the woman had even left the church, the host started bleeding. Instead of returning to the sorceress, she went home and placed the host in a trunk. During the night, light emanated from the trunk. She repented for what she had done and confessed to her priest the next morning. The priest retrieved the host and brought it back to the church, which is now called the Church of the Holy Miracle, where it remains to this day. (taken from a Catholic World Mission article)

LITURGICAL DUTIES - APR 25

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Alayha V, Mara V
Lector	Matt S
Gift Bearers	Matt/Tracy H
EMHC	Becky L, Kim O, Romane D
Song Leader	Linnea S
Ushers	Steve S, Diane S, Rich L, Mike S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - APR 25

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Dean/Elizabeth J
Lector	Gene O
Servers	Jack & Keegan
EMHC	Sophie J
Cleaners	Pat/Shelly M

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

An Understanding Heart

We live in a world which struggles to understand those who don't share our views, see things through our lenses. Sometimes children help us to expand our train of thought. Here is one such story.

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the pups. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well," said the farmer as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur.

The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight.

As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball of fur appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up the leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe.

Looking back at the farmer he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy.

"No charge," answered the farmer, "there's no charge for love."

The world is full of people who need someone who understands. Jesus understands us and as his followers, he asks us to understand others.

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

SW AREA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING—All ladies are invited to attend the next SW Area CCW meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Lismore. We will also have our Mass for Deceased Members, followed by a short meeting and fellowship for all. Please join us!
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JOB OPENING-St. John Vianney Church in Fairmont, MN is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and OCIA for Children starting July 1, 2026, who has a passion for evangelizing the youth. Salary: $42,000-$46,000. Salary depends on degree and experience. Send your cover letter, resume, and two references to Father Jeff Dobbs at pastor@fmcatholic.org or mail to St. John Vianney Church, 901 S Prairie Ave, Fairmont, MN 56031. For a complete job description, visit www.FMCatholic.org.
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FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION: Final Call - Steubenville 2026: All students that will be entering grades 9-12 in Fall 2026 are invited to attend Steubenville Rochester on July 10th—12th. Last day for registration is April 30th. Contact your local DRE for registration information.
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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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