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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 – JULY 6 - JULY 12

		<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Mon 6			
Tues 7	10:00 am	Maple Lawn	†Janet Kirchner
Wed 8	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Bob & Gen Spartz
Thur 9	8:30 am	IHM	†Duane Schreier
Fri 10	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Steve Jaycox
Sat 11	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	†Roy/Rosemary Peterson
Sat 11	6:00 pm	IHM	Parishioners
Sun 12	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Desc'd of Clarke & Ramerth Families
Sun 12	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Barb Surprenant

CHURCH SUPPORT - JUNE 27 - JUNE 28

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,325.00	\$270.00/88.00	\$1,062.58
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,015.00	\$183.00/7.00	\$40.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 2,340.00	\$216.05/24.00	\$71.00
St. Anthony	\$ 470.00	\$96.00	\$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	\$17,830	Pledged	\$20,092.00
St. Gabriel	Goal	\$11,457	Pledged	\$13,251.00
IHM-Currie	Goal	\$ 9,548	Pledged	\$ 3,080.00
St. Anthony	Goal	\$ 4,524	Pledged	\$ 6,121.00

ST. ANN

DEAR FRIENDS, I would like to profoundly thank you all for your love and kindness while I was there. I especially want to thank you all for having attended the going away party and wished me well in my next chapter of life. **THANK YOU ALL**. My contact: Cell: (608)547-2259 stpatrikantony@gmail.com ~Fr. *Antony Arokiyam*

JULY/AUGUST LITURGY schedules are available if you would like a printed copy. They are in the white folder on the table in Divine Mercy Hall.

THE OFFICES are closed on Fridays summer months of July & Aug through Labor Day. *Thank you!*

CONGRATULATIONS go out to John & Kristin Henry on the baptism of their son William. William was baptized on Sunday, June 28th. Welcome William!

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Bernadine Hennings. Bernadine passed away June 26. Her funeral will be Mon, July 6 at St. Ann. May she rest in peace.

TABERNACLE CANDLE lit week of July 5 – *David Schreiber Sr.*

THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Peter's Pence Collection - \$613.00

FISCAL YEAR END donations to our cemeteries. Thank you for the support of our parish cemeteries!

St. Ann Cemetery – \$8,384.91

St. Columba Cemetery – \$9,119.75

St. Rose Cemetery – \$7,100.92

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2026

Steubenville Campers will be traveling soon! Please pray for these students as they travel to Rochester for retreat next weekend.

SEEKING CATECHISTS! Please pray for talented Catechists to help support our Faith Formation program. If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Diann Timmerman.

THERE WILL BE a Catechist meeting on Wednesday, August 26th @ 6pm in the St. Ann Parish Office Social Room.

LITURGICAL DUTIES JULY 12

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Todd & Penny B, Paul L, Darwin J
Servers	John L, Ethan N
Reader	Julie K
Gifts	Michael Berreau Family
EMHC	Bill, Gary, Missy
Comm to HB	Jill M
Music	Judy, Paula

ST. GABRIEL

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 pm in the Church basement.

ADDITIONAL FINANCES - Peter's Pence Collection \$409.00

MEALS ON WHEELS - Ray and Fran Busch are scheduled to deliver meals July 6 - July 10.

QUESTION? - Are you new to St. Gabriel's and would like to become a member? If so, please stop in the office, send an email (stgab2369@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail (507-425-2369) with your name and address and I will send you a new member form.

FISCAL YEAR END donations to our cemeteries. Thank you for your support!

St. Gabriel Cemetery – \$3,155.43

St. Mary Cemetery – \$1,725.92

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OFFICE NOTE - I have been walking to work (weather permitting) so if you do not see my car, don't assume that I'm not there. The office hours are normally: Tuesday 10:30-2:30; Wednesday 8:00-11:30 and Thursday 10:30-12:30.

DID YOU NOTICE! As you probably saw on the first page of the bulletin, St. Gabriel's has met and surpassed their CMA26 goal! Just remember that any funds over our goal are returned to the parish **NON**-assessed through the end of the year. **Congratulations** and keep up the good work!!

COMING JULY 15TH - Immanuel Lutheran Church's Salad Supper will be Weds, July 15 at 6pm. The "Just Sugar" will share their faith through a variety of music and stories. As an extra conversation piece, we invite you to bring a scarf of your choice and enjoy fellowship with friends in the air-conditioned comfort at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Pfingsten) of rural Fulda.

LITURGICAL DUTIES JULY 12

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Ken & Cathy S, Ron & Diane K
Server	Ivan O, Evelyn O
Lector	Stephanie F
Comm	Shannon W
EHMC	Thomas S, Lenore W, Mark V
Sacristan	Shelby S
Money Counters	Randy K, Dale & Deb K

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: All classes are on summer break --- JULY 5th Park clean up at 9am! ---

Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as they travel to Rochester July 10-12 to take part in Steubenville Youth Gathering!

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

6/26/2026 \$100 winner Don Carlson

7/3/2026 \$100 winner Linda Dolan

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

Peter's Pence - \$477.00

Calvary Cemetery - \$605.91

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who made bars for Fr Antony's farewell luncheon!! It was appreciated. Please keep Fr. Antony in your prayers.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES ON AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY:

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LITURGICAL DUTIES - JULY 11

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Connor L, Evan S
Lector	Marcia S
Gift Bearers	Scott & Kim Olafson Family
EMHC	Jo E, Shari S, Lori M
Song Leader	Matt K
Sacristan	Alyssa O
Ushers	Josh S, Dawson S, Kevin M, Dave L

ST. ANTHONY

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: We need to nominate people for Parish Council. Please prayerfully discern if you feel called to leadership in our parish or if you know of someone who would serve our parish well on the Finance Committee, Education Committee or Liturgy Committee. The Parish Council now meets every 4 months at 5:30pm (subject to change according to schedules) Contact Joyce Vortherms (507-822-4318) with questions. Strong leadership is needed for our Parish to thrive and grow in faith.

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

ADDITIONAL FINANCES: Peter's Pence Collection \$330.00

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.

CONGRATULATIONS! St. Anthony has met and surpassed the CMA26 goal. You can still make your donations through Dec 31st. All funds over the goal are returned to the parish **NON**-assessed, a *tremendous* benefit!

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LITURGICAL DUTIES - JULY 11

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Sheila K, Jan J
Lector	Carol E
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Ethan J
Cleaners	Diane R, Evelyn B

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Blessing of Items

I am asked to bless items, and it is a good practice on the part of the faithful. The following question and answer may prove helpful regarding the blessing of items.

Question: I recently became Catholic and keep hearing that all of the stuff you have is “blessed.” Someone even gave me a holy card that they said had been blessed. I like the idea; I just don’t know what it means for something to be blessed.

Answer: You are correct in noting that most anything can be blessed. For a thing to be blessed means that it becomes holy. In fact, we often use those two words interchangeably. They convey the same sense of being “set apart.” In the Old Testament, God calls his people to be holy, or He tells them that the Sabbath day will be “holy unto the Lord.” This particular sense of holiness highlights the “otherness” of someone who or something which is blessed. It is no longer ordinary but has been “set apart.”

If we stop for a moment and consider what it meant for Israel to be holy in practical terms, we quickly see that it means that they had to be different. For God’s Chosen People to be “blessed” or “holy” it would mean that they couldn’t just live like everyone else, and they couldn’t just look like everyone else. They would have to conduct themselves differently. This is one of the reasons the People of Israel had so many unusual laws governing what they ate and what they wore. They were set apart, and this meant that they had to live the blessing – they had to live differently.

Now to be “blessed” did not merely mean to be “set apart.” It meant to be set apart for something. There is no virtue in simply being different. Israel was holy because it was set apart for the Lord. To be blessed (or to have an object blessed) is to be set apart for a purpose. Another way to word it: It is not simply to be “removed from use,” but to be “elevated to a higher purpose and use.” You could also think of the term “consecrated.” In this sense, you could see how certain people or things were “consecrated” for a purpose: how Samson and John the Baptist were both consecrated from the womb, or how the altar in the Temple was consecrated for the worship of God.

When we bring forth an object or a person to be blessed, we are presenting that person or thing to God so that (by the power of the Holy Spirit and the invocation of the name of Jesus), they would be set apart for God’s purposes. For example, many people will ask me if I can bless their cross on a chain or a bracelet. When they bring it to me, it is merely jewelry. But after it is blessed, it ceases to be jewelry that is nothing more than an accessory to one’s outfit. That object has been set apart for a purpose. It will still be worn like jewelry, but the purpose for which it is worn has changed because the object has been consecrated for a higher purpose. In the case of the cross around one’s neck, the higher purpose is that it will, from then on, only point to Christ and his saving death and resurrection.

Why do we do this, though? Why bless all these ordinary objects around us? We do this for the simple reason that we are much like ancient Israel. Our tendency is to want to be just like everyone else. Having all these reminders around us that have been consecrated to the Lord assists us and reminds us that we too have been consecrated for a higher purpose, to God.

Think of part of the Mass on the feast day of St. Blaise, February 3. On that day, faithful people show up and have their throats blessed. The prayer reads like this: “Through the intercession of St. Blaise bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” It is a prayer for protection and healing. But consider this: for a thing to be blessed is for that thing to be consecrated for a purpose. All of those who present themselves (and their throats) to be blessed are essentially offering their throats to be set apart for God’s purpose. I like reflecting on this and being reminded that I must use my throat – my voice – for God’s purposes only. If my throat has been blessed, then it is no longer merely “my throat,” and I cannot use it however I want; I have to use it to point to Jesus and his saving death and resurrection.

Remember, by virtue to baptism, you have been blessed. You have been made holy, consecrated for the Lord at your baptism. To be holy does not mean being perfect, but it does mean being set apart for God and His purposes. Because of that fact, all of us who have been baptized have received a very high call: to always be people who, by our lives, point to Christ and his saving death and resurrection.

(Article written by Father Michael Schmitz, [The Catholic Spirit](#), December 16, 2018, page 15).

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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See.

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NOTE FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA ABOUT MENTAL WELL-BEING

As a church, we can help promote mental well-being. Our Churches can provide a safe space for people to discuss and obtain information about the importance of mental well-being and can share their thoughts and feelings. Would you like to participate in a New Catholic ministry that follows the following core pillars: of education, accompaniment, and advocacy to walk with individuals to foster well-being and wellness and create a faith community free from the stigma and isolation often associated with the discussion of mental health and well-being. If you have questions or would like to participate in this new ministry please contact Maria Stumpf-Ahmed at Catholic Charities, mahmed@ccsomm.org or 507-905-8602.

TRACY AREA GARDENS AND QUILTS TOUR - The tour is on Wednesday, July 8, from 2 pm - 7:30 pm in the Lake Sarah, Lake Shetek, and Currie Area. Rain date is July 9. Tour tickets can be bought beginning at 2 pm-drive through style-at Lake Sarah Park and Valhalla Road. Beautiful gardens and quilts will be on display. In addition to this, St. Mary's Pie and Ice Cream will be served at Key Largo, and is included the \$20 tour ticket. The tour is self-guided. This event is sponsored by St. Mary's Church CCW of Tracy, MN. Facebook @ Tracy, MN Area Gardens and Quilts Tour or contact us by email at tracy.area.garden.quilts@gmail.com. Come enjoy the afternoon!

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS—AUGUST 15

The Most Reverend Robert Barron, in recognition and gratitude of your years of marriage, requests the honor of your presence at the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass: Saturday, August 15, 2026. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will take place at 10:00 in the morning at Holy Family Catholic Church, 211 N Hunt St, Lake Crystal, MN 56155 followed by a light reception with the Bishop. Please register at dowr.org/events/marria

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