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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 13 - JULY 19

Mon 13	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 14	<i>Father on Vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Wed 15	<i>Father on Vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Thur 16	<i>Father on Vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Fri 17	<i>Father on Vacation</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Sat 18	4:00 pm	St. Anthony
Sat 18	6:00 pm	IHM
		†Ed & Monica Rutten
		†Joe, Rosemary & Jim LeTendre
Sun 19	8:00 am	St. Gabriel
Sun 19	10:00 am	St. Ann
		Parishioners
		CDA, Queen of Peace

CHURCH SUPPORT - JULY 4 - JULY 5

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,835.00	\$613.56/64.50	\$1,749.38
St. Gabriel	\$ 740.00	\$210.00/59.00	\$1,230.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 525.00	\$302.00/37.00	\$ 711.00
St. Anthony	\$ 984.00	\$82.00	\$ 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	\$ 3,280.00
St. Anthony	Goal	\$ 4,524	Pledged	\$ 6,572.00

ST. ANN

NO MASSES will be celebrated Tues, July 12 through Fri, July 17. Father will be out of town. Adoration will take place on Thurs, July 16, but **NO** Confessions.

BULLETIN SPACE can be a rare commodity! There is space this week to thank the **MANY** people that take on roles to help keep St. Ann an active and viable parish. Thanks to the many who are both “on the front lines” and those who are “behind the scenes”. To those who serve, read, usher, greet, sing, provide music, distribute communion, bring up gifts, visit the homebound, work at parish events, show up at parish events, catechists, council members, bulletin assemblers, sacristans, bldgs. & grounds keepers, kitchen workers, serve funerals, decorators, money counters, weed pullers, those who transport items between the 4 parishes, open doors, lock doors, turn lights on & off, and all that I missed - we say **Thank You! You are very appreciated!**

THANKS GO OUT to our Cemetery Caretakers! Once again, the office is notified time and again as to how the cemeteries of St. Ann, St. Columba, & St. Rose of Lima appear. To the men that spend countless hours mowing, trimming, picking up sticks, doing repairs, maintaining equipment, filling holes, seeding fills, spraying weeds, and chasing down gophers. **Thank You!!** People call often to say the cemeteries are in an impeccable appearance. *Well done gentlemen!*

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

COURT QUEEN OF PEACE will meet Tues, July 21, 5PM at End-O-Line Park. Bring your own lunch.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2026

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 Weds, Aug 26th @ 6 pm in the St. Ann Parish Office Social Room.

ST. GABRIEL

ADDITIONAL FINANCES given to St. Gabriel-\$10,000

SALAD SUPPER - The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church rural Pfingsten, have invited us to attend their Salad Supper on **Wednesday, July 15th** at 6:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS-There are updated cards with names/phone numbers for all the liturgical duties. Please take one so that if you need to find a replacement for your duty, you can do so with ease.

NO MASSES will be celebrated from Tues, July 12 through Fri, July 17. Father will be out of town. There will be **NO** Adoration & Confessions on Tues, July 14.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd(CGS) Summer Update:

Even though our Atrium at the school has been very quiet the past two months (A little *too* quiet!), we are already anticipating Year Two of this wonderful program for parish children ages 3-6. Our CGS instructors are in the process of training for the next level of classes. If you're interested in signing your child(ren) up for this program (to begin in September), please see the sign up sheet in back of church. Note: Children do not need to have attended last year's classes to take part in this coming year's program. For more information on what Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is all about, please visit our parish Facebook page, or contact Stephanie Funk, Peg Olsem or Jamie Opdahl.

RELEASE TIME TEACHERS NEEDED: Looking ahead at next year's release schedule, we are in need of 3 teachers—one for kindergarten, one for 5th grade and one for 6th grade. Elementary release is on Monday from 2:00-3:00. Please consider volunteering. If you have any questions or would like more information, you can email Chelsea at stgabrielfaith@gmail.com or call 507-360-4553.

LITURGICAL DUTIES JULY 19

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Todd & Penny B, Paul L, Darwin J
Servers	Sylvia H, Kyra B
Reader	Karen B
Gifts	Troy VanDyke Family
EMHC	Kathy, Dave, Angie
Comm to HB	Dave & Kathy S
Music	Sharon, Sue

LITURGICAL DUTIES JULY 19

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Jodi & Kathy S, Tom & Mary A
Server	Grace S, Landyn Z
Lector	Don O
Comm	Katie C
EHMC	Levi Z, Roger & Karyn Z
Sacristan	Edie T
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. 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:

7/03/2026 \$100 winner Linda Dolan

7/10/2026 \$100 winner Denise Louwagie

SAINT BENEDICT'S STORY

Saint Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world-pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb.

He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Saint Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one "Grand Monastery" to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, and permanent worship in one house.

Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world-Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples.

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.

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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.

St. Benedict's Story continued:

The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the *Rule of Saint Benedict*.

Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St. Benedict; and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.

Taken from the Franciscanmedia/Saint of the Day Calendar

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JULY 18

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Christian H, Teddy K
Lector	Kelli K
Gift Bearers	Steve & Diane Schreier Family
EMHC	Romane D, Tim R, Jon W
Song Leader	Dave L
Sacristan	Jon W
Ushers	Denny J, John H, Jon O, Jake S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JULY 18

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Amy Swenson Family
Lector	Pat M
Servers	Lukas & Sydney
EMHC	Shelly M
Cleaners	Nicki P, Amy S

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Is the Church Costing Too Much?

I would like share with you a Dear Abby column. It is dated but still offers an insight.

Dear Abby: In a recent column, a reader complained about the amount of money he was expected to give to the church. Perhaps this piece will provide an answer to that question. I regret I don't know who the author is, but I hope you feel it is worth sharing.

Is the Church Costing Too Much? Last Sunday another golfer sank the last putt on the 18th green and received a check for \$50,000 for four rounds of golf, plus an automobile for himself and one for his wife. This week, the papers reported a certain singer will receive \$100,000 per week for her current singing engagement. Americans spend more annually on dog food than on church contributions. It is not unusual for an individual to pay more for their country club membership than they give to the church. Is the church costing too much?

Let me share an experience with you. On June 2, 1940, a little girl was born to us. She cost us money from the moment she was born to us. As she grew from babyhood to girlhood, she cost even more – her dresses and shoes were more expensive, and we had to have the doctor through all those childhood diseases.

She was even more expensive during her school and teen years. She needed long dresses to go to parties and prom. When she went to college, we discovered, along with other parents, that all college expenses are not listed. Then after graduation, she fell in love and married. She was married in a church wedding and that, too, cost a lot of money.

Then, five months after her marriage, she suddenly sickened and within a week she was dead. She hasn't cost us a penny since the day we walked from her grave.

As long as the church is alive, it will cost money. And the more alive a church is, the more money it will cost. Only a dead church, like a dead child, is no longer expensive.

Think it over. Is the church costing too much?

Poor Fred

An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theater.

When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The old man didn't budge.

The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager."

Once again, the old man just muttered and did nothing.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old, disheveled man, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police.

The officer surveyed the situation then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Fred," the old man moaned.

"Where are you from, Fred?" asked the police officer.

With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied, "The balcony..."

I just hope none of us have that type of day.

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

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@ccsommn.org or 507-905-8602.

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

Sexual Abuse: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reports of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Ext 255. Caller will be asked to provide name and phone number. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** The DOW-R is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. Questions about the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, contact Michael Gerard: 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org.

Online Giving is available for all parishes in our cluster. The following Church/Cemetery funds are listed as:

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****St. Gabriel, Fulda - Church Support **St. Gabriel Cemetery, Fulda **St. Mary Cemetery, Dundee**
****St. Anthony, Westbrook - Church Support**
**** IHM, Currie - Church Support **IHM, Currie Calvary Cemetery**

Online Donations can be set up as a One-time Gift or as a Recurring Gift. One-time is just that, one and done. Recurring gifts give you the option to select the frequency such as weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, etc. and a start date. The site takes credit cards, debit cards, or ACH through your bank account. Depending on your selection of payment, will determine which steps you will need to follow for set up. The easiest access to the online giving site is through the website at www.acmcatholic.org (listed on the front of each bulletin) and clicking on the green button "Slayton Online Giving" **or** by using the QR code on the front of the bulletin. Nothing is saved until you hit submit. Feel free to investigate what is available. Donations can also be made to the CMA appeal (this fund will require you to list your parish in the note box for proper distribution). The diocesan appeal funds are also listed, such as Catholic Charities - Peter's Pence - World Mission, etc as these funds are always forwarded onto the diocese for distribution. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office, 507-836-8030. I do appreciate the inclusion of your phone number if you set up an account - that way if a question arises I can call you to verify information. *Thank you to the **many** that utilize the online giving option!*

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