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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 20 - JULY 26

Mon 20	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 21	10:30 am St. Ann	<i>Funeral Mass</i>
Wed 22	8:30 am St. Ann	†Jerry/Cutz Thaler
Thur 23	8:30 am IHM	†Vince Schreier
Fri 24	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Leo Wagner
Sat 25	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Leo/Agnes Vortherms
Sat 25	6:00 pm IHM	†Aljean Ackerman
Sun 26	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Betty Abrahamson
Sun 26	10:00 am St. Ann	Parishioners

CHURCH SUPPORT - JULY 11 - JULY 12

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 2,000.00	\$309.30/20.00	\$437.58
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,315.00	\$310.00/23.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,125.00	\$254.00	\$96.00
St. Anthony	\$ 286.00	\$112.00	\$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	\$17,830	Pledged	\$20,092.00
St. Gabriel	Goal	\$11,457	Pledged	\$14,251.00
IHM-Currie	Goal	\$ 9,548	Pledged	\$ 3,890.00
St. Anthony	Goal	\$ 4,524	Pledged	\$ 6,572.00

ST. ANN

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Frances Carlson. Fran passed away on Fri, July 10. Her funeral was Thurs, July 16. May she rest in peace.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Mindi Mathern. Mindi passed away on Fri, July 3. Her funeral will be on Thurs, July 21. May she rest in peace.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: St. Ann Church offers Mass on Wednesdays:

1st week of the month at Sunrise-9:15am

3rd week of the month Lindenwood-9am

2nd, 4th, & 5th weeks at St. Ann-8:30am

ADORATION/CONFESSIONS are held at St. Ann Church every Thursday from 5 – 6pm. Fr. Schuster is available in the confessional. All are welcome to come and spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

FINANCE COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on Thursday, July 30th, at 6:30pm in the St. Ann Social Room.

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 in 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 Wednesday, August 26th @ 6 pm in the St. Ann Parish Office Social Room.

ST. GABRIEL

TUESDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

1st & 3rd week of the month at Maple Lawn-10:00 am

2nd, 4th, & 5th week of the month at St. Gabriel-8:30 am

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 10:30-2:30

Wednesday 8:00—11:30

Thursday 10:30-12:30

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES for July, August and September are in the red folder on the table at the back of Church. There are also cards available with volunteers phone numbers if you need to find a replacement for your duty.

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 26

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Todd & Penny B, Paul L, Darwin J
Servers	Noah B, Eli B
Reader	Judy P
Gifts	Justin Hoffmann Family
EMHC	Jill, Marti, Sarah
Comm to HB	Joyce R
Music	Dana, Connie

LITURGICAL DUTIES JULY 26

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve & Donna C, Doug,Katie,Mara C
Server	Peyson G. Oliver M
Lector	Chelsea H
Comm	Linda C
EHMC	Randy K, Mary L, Sue (J) Z
Sacristan	Margene V
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 Lanesboro in Aug to take part in Camp Summit!

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

7/10/2026 \$100 winner Denise Louwagie

7/17/2026 \$100 winner Karen Lanoue

WEEKDAY MASS TIME: IHM offers Mass every Thursday at 8:30 am. All are Welcome!

"Occupy your mind with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones." ~St. Thomas More

TEXT TO GIVE option is available through the St. Ann Slayton ParishSoft online giving platform.

Text the word **Give** to 507-610-7933.

The reply will provide you with a link that takes you to the parish giving site. Here, you can select the fund you would like to donate to. All parishes and cemeteries are listed in the fund **drop down arrow**. Either one time donations can be given or recurring gifts can be setup using the **TEXT TO GIVE** option.

Thank you to the many who utilize the online giving!

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.

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.

WEEKDAY MASS TIME: St. Anthony Church offers Mass every Friday at 8:30 am.

Confessions are offered at 3:30 pm on Saturdays, half hour before the start of Mass.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JULY 25

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Vivian R, Mallory S
Lector	Kelly K
Gift Bearers	George & Nancy Andert Family
EMHC	Marcia, S, Dawn K, Loretta G
Song Leader	Linnea S
Sacristan	Mary S
Ushers	Mark G, Mike S, Jim H, George A

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JULY 25

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Joyce V, Kathy S
Lector	Gene O
Servers	Lukas & Sydney
EMHC	Nicki P
Cleaners	Anne W, Sheryl W

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Lesson of the Pocket Gopher

Now that we are in the depths of the summer months, I'd like to share a story. When I was in my twenties and thirties, people would stop and share these words, "Father, while you are younger, take advantage of doing the things you like. If you want to travel, take time and travel. If you want to go someplace, take time and go. Because when you retire and think I have all this time on my hands, your health can throw all your plans to the wind."

I heard those words from different people and took them to heart. Here are some of my adventures:

- I have travelled to the western part of South Dakota to visit the Badlands, Mount Rushmore, etc.
- I have travelled to the northwest part of the state to visit the ore mines and the north shore.
- I have travelled to various states – Virginia, Georgia, Washington D.C., Maryland, Florida, Texas, Wyoming naming only a few.
- I have hunted prairie dogs in South Dakota.
- I have travelled to Michigan to fish steelhead. We hit the very tail-end of the run and didn't have much luck. I have never caught a steelhead.
- I have hunted deer in northern Minnesota and the bluffs of the southeastern part of Minnesota.
- I have fished in Canada.
- I have fished for walleyes on Lake of the Woods, Winnibigoshish, Mille Lacs, Leech, Red, and Kabetogama.
- I have caught walleyes in Michigan, Canada, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota.

I took to heart what people suggested and will never second guess myself. Are there still things I think about conquering? Of course, I don't think that ever goes away. I have considered:

- Fishing Lake Erie for walleyes.
- Would still like to catch a steelhead.

Still, most of the stories I share come from my roots. The stories of growing up on the farm two miles southwest of Freeborn, Minnesota. I was never one to sit around and read a book (which I wish I had done more of) or watch television. I liked to be outside. I did some trapping in my day from striped gophers to pocket gophers to muskrats. I enjoyed it. Today's story comes from the realm of the pocket gopher. Pocket gophers aren't as easy to trap as everyone thinks. You carefully set the trap, cover the whole, and believing you've done everything perfectly, come back the next day only to find your trap filled with dirt. That would only motivate me to try again. There was only one time I didn't eventually catch the pocket gopher. In the end, I did get the best of him by means I will keep to myself.

The greatest challenge came when I would find a newly established pocket gopher mound with the opening still open. Underground the pocket gopher was digging a new tunnel, and the dirt would come out via the opening. That is how a dirt mound is established. The open hole got my mind to thinking, "I am going to wait him out and get him when he tries closing the hole." This brought with it certain items:

- Shotgun
- Shells
- Something to drink
- Something to eat

You never knew how long you would have to wait. One pocket gopher I waited two hours for his return. If you aren't paying attention, things happen quickly. You don't visually see the pocket gopher; one sees the dirt being extracted from the hole. Wait too late and the hole is closed. The greatest virtue for the hunter is patience.

The story reminds me of how patient God is with us. We sin; God waits for us. We turn away from God; God waits for us. We don't pray; God waits for us. Patience, patience, patience. God waits for us because He loves us.

Another point: When it comes to our patience, we don't always appreciate having to be patient, but it is like any pocket gopher, when you are waiting them out, everything is on the gopher's time, not mine. So, it is with God. Be patient with God and let God be God.

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

MINISTRY ONE APP is a free APP that can be added to your phone. It is a purple square with a white cross in the middle. Mass times for our parishes are listed through the app. Load the app onto your phone and simply type the parish name to find your church. If you are traveling, you can search for other parishes using the city, state, or parish search for towns you may be visiting.

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:

- **St. Ann, Slayton - Church Support **St Ann Cemetery **St Columba Cemetery ** St Rose of Lima Cemetery
- **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 to 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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