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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 27 - AUG 2

		<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Mon 27			
Tues 28	8:30 am	St. Gabriel	†Albert/Rosella Kirchner
Wed 29	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Bob Timmer
Thur 30	8:30 am	IHM	†Bob Ackerman
Fri 3	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Greg Schoborg
Sat 1	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	Parishioners
Sat 1	6:00 pm	IHM	†Mike Kuehl
Sun 2	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Jack/RoseMary Holinka
Sun 2	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Marilyn Barry

CHURCH SUPPORT - JULY 18 - JULY 19

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,295.00	\$325.00/51.00	\$661.28
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,285.00	\$223.00/11.00	\$76.88
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,690.00	\$319.00/37.00	\$71.00
St. Anthony	\$ 506.00	\$59.00	\$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

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Chris and Kaitlyn Nepp on the baptism of their daughter, Avery Rae. Avery was baptized on Sun, July 19. Welcome Avery!

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Fidelis Hartle. Fidelis passed away on Fri, July 17. Her funeral was Fri, July 24. 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.

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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2026

SEEKING CATECHISTS! Have you ever wondered how to support the future of our Catholic Church? Pope St. John Paul II had this to share, “To teach the Catholic faith is a beautiful vocation of service in the Church; what has been received as a gift from God must in turn be transmitted.”

Please pray for talented Catechists to help support our Faith Formation program. We are in need of 4 Catechists to offer our Wednesday night classes. If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Diann Timmerman.

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

CONFIRMATION students should continue to work on their required items.

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Summer Update:

Even though our Atrium at the school has been very quiet the past few 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.

MORE ABOUT RELEASE TIME: It's already that time of year to get your children signed up for release. There are forms on the table at the back of church. You will notice a “volunteer opportunities” side of the form if you have talents to share with our parish. We are only able to have a thriving program due to the dedication and efforts put forth by our volunteers and the eagerness of families signing up their kids. We are so excited for this coming year. We have been working hard behind the scenes this summer for a fun year with your kiddos. Please return the sign up forms and payment by Sept. 8th to the parish office, or the hand in basket at the back of church.

LITURGICAL DUTIES AUG 2

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Marilou C, Clayton M, Brian & Angie F
Servers	Emersyn M, Gwenna K
Reader	Kate H
Gifts	Paul Johnson Family
EMHC	Dana, Katie, Daryl
Comm to HB	JoAnn B
Music	Judy, Rita

LITURGICAL DUTIES AUG 2

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Tom & Mary A, Steve & Lori T
Server	Eva L, Kenly S
Lector	Randy K
Comm	Mary L
EHMC	Mark B, Edie T, Barry H
Sacristan	Linda C
Money Counters	Doyle A, Mike & Sue Z

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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:

7/17/2026 \$100 winner Karen Lanoue

7/24/2026 \$100 winner Diann Timmerman

SWEET CORN NEEDED: If anyone has sweet corn available and is willing to donate it for the fall dinner, please reach out to Carol Schreier at 507-227-2975.

FALL DINNER SIGNUP: Please be sure to look at and complete your sign up for the fall dinner duties, including working, cooking a turkey, and/or making pies/desserts. Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of church, or the new entrance. Many hands make light work, and all help is appreciated and needed to make the annual fall dinner a success!!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: On Saturday, August 1, the Parish Life Committee invites you to enjoy an Ice Cream Social immediately following our 6:00 pm. Mass.

After all, it's summertime, and that means it's perfectly acceptable to have dessert before supper! Join us in the church basement for ice cream and a chance to visit with fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you there!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEKLY UPDATE: Meet Our Team - John Meyers. John has been with Catholic Charities for 10 years, beginning as a refugee case worker in our Rochester office, and working his way up to become the Executive Director (ED) of our agency in 2023. As ED, John drives our mission, ensures financial health, oversees strategic planning, manages daily operations, and reports to our Board of Directors. "As a follower of Jesus Christ, I find great purpose in working for Catholic Charities because it allows me to put my faith into action each day by serving those most in need in our community." www.ccsomn.org

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's Church offers Mass every Friday at 8:30 a.m.

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

GRACE/TRINITY Lutheran churches of Westbrook, Salad Supper August 19, 2026, 6:00 pm. Grace Church address: 755 Adams Ave., Westbrook. The inspirational speaker will be Megan May.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - AUG 1

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Stella O, BR H
Lector	Kris R
Gift Bearers	Chuck & Claudette Ankrum Family
EMHC	Blake H, Joe S, Romane D
Song Leader	Dave L
Sacristan	Alyssa O
Ushers	Jon W, Steve S, Tim R, Neil K

LITURGICAL DUTIES - AUG 1

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Erik and Angie B
Lector	Steve K
Servers	Sydney & Lukas
EMHC	Amy S
Cleaners	Carol E, Angie B

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Apostles

In the October 17-23, 2021 edition of Our Sunday Visitor, pages 9-12, there is a special section entitled “Getting to know the apostles.” In the weeks ahead, let us learn about the 12 apostles.

Judas Iscariot – Like some of the other apostles, we do not know when Judas was selected. He was the treasurer of the group, in charge of the finances, probably efficient in his efforts. Judas was present in Bethlehem when Mary anointed Jesus with precious spikenard ointment and complained, she was wasting the oil, but he complained, “not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief and held the [apostles’] money bag and used to steal contributions” (John 12:6). Jesus rebuked Judas for his comments, and it was soon thereafter that Judas connived with the chief priests to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

At the Last Supper, Jesus knew what Judas was doing, and after washing all the apostles’ feet, he revealed that someone would betray him and identified Judas, saying, “What you are going to do, do quickly” (John 13:27). Later that same night, Judas, leading a band of soldiers, singled out Jesus as leader of the Christian group. After the arrest of Jesus, Judas tried to give the money back but was rejected by the Jews, so he “went off and hanged himself” (Matthew 27:5).

Matthew – Matthew was a tax collector for the occupying Romans in Galilee. The Jews hated tax collectors, both because they worked for the Romans and often cheated the people. Jesus saw Matthew (Levi) “sitting at the customs post. He said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him” (Mark 2:14).

In the eyes of the Jews, Matthew was a despicable creature, an outcast no better than a sinner because of his job, but Jesus, in his abundant love and mercy, read Matthew’s heart and called him to be one of his apostles. Matthew gave up everything to become a follower, a believer in Christ. While not a lot is known about Matthew, there is evidence that he went to evangelize in India where he is that country’s patron saint.

Andrew, Simon, Jude and Matthias – The Scriptures provide few details about Andrew, Simon, Jude and Matthias. Yet, they each followed Christ and went out to teach the Good News. Andrew was the first of the apostles selected and the first to call Jesus the Messiah; thus, he was close to Jesus.

Simon may have been a member of the Jewish political group called Zealots, who were adamant about their Jewish faith and hated the Romans. Jesus won Simon over, and the apostle channeled his enthusiasm and energy to the message of Christ.

Jude was known as Thaddeus, according to the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, and Judas, according to St. Luke. St. John also refers to him as Judas at the Last Supper: “Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, ‘Master, [then] what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?’” (John 14:22). This is a question likely being considered by some of the other apostles who still saw Jesus as potentially an earthly king, not yet grasping why Jesus had come to earth or what was going to happen to him on the next day. Jesus responds that he will make himself known to those who love him and keep his commandments, “and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23).

Matthias was picked to replace the betrayer, Judas (Acts 1:15-26). While the apostles waited in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit, Peter, as their leader, could have picked the replacement, but he left the choice to the apostles. Peter does provide some direction saying that whoever is chosen must have been part of Christ’s followers from his baptism and be a witness to his resurrection. There are two candidates, Barsabbas and Matthias; eventually, Matthias is selected by drawing lots. We never hear of Matthias again in the New Testament.

We will look more closely at more of the apostles next week...

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

INTINCTION is the practice of dipping the host into the Precious Blood (the chalice). It has come to my attention that a few people are practicing self-communicating which means the person receiving Holy Communion takes the host, carries it to the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who is distributing the Precious Blood, and dipping the host into the chalice on their own. This practice is not allowed in the Catholic Church. The theological reason for this stems from the Church's tradition to receive rather than take the Eucharist. Also, this practice prevents the possibility of the Precious Blood dripping onto the floor after the host has been placed in the chalice and transferred to a person's tongue. Thus, moving forward, I would ask anyone receiving Holy Communion to receive the Precious Body **and Precious Blood** from the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Thanks, Father Peter Schuster

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!

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 travelling, you can search for other parishes using the city, state, or parish search for towns you may be visiting.

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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 on 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 followed by a light reception with the Bishop. Please register at dowr.org/events/marria

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