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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 – AUG 3 - AUG 9

		<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Mon 3			
Tues 4	10:00 am	Maple Lawn	†Dorothy Kuehl
Wed 5	9:15 am	Sunrise	†Lowell/Bonnie Schuster
Thur 6	8:30 am	IHM	†June Schreier
Fri 7	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Pete Schoborg
Sat 8	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	†Joe Olsem
Sat 8	6:00 pm	IHM	Parishioners
Sun 9	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Monica Hanten
Sun 9	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Angeline Thom

CHURCH SUPPORT - JULY 18 - JULY 19

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,035.00	\$386.00/40.00	\$1,315.38
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,270.00	\$232.00/25.00	\$40.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,990.00	\$344.00	\$71.00
St. Anthony	\$ 337.00	\$71.00	\$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	\$17,830	Pledged	\$23,417.00
St. Gabriel	Goal	\$11,457	Pledged	\$14,381.00
IHM-Currie	Goal	\$ 9,548	Pledged	\$ 4,520.00
St. Anthony	Goal	\$ 4,524	Pledged	\$ 6,572.00

ST. ANN

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Donald Carlson. Don passed away on Weds, July 22. His funeral was Weds, July 29. May he rest in peace.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Roger Hamann. Roger passed away on Thurs, July 23. His funeral was Thurs, July 30. May he rest in peace.

FR SCHUSTER WILL be offering an additional Mass at St. Ann Church on Saturday morning, Aug 15th for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:00am. Only one Mass will be offered for the Solemnity, which is not obligatory since it falls on a Saturday this year. The Saturday morning Mass does not fulfill the weekend Mass obligation but will be in addition to. All are welcome!

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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2026

THERE WILL BE A CATECHIST meeting on Wednesday, August 26th @ 6 pm. If you would like to learn more about how to support the Faith Formation program, please reach out to the Faith Formation office @ 507-836-8030. Please continue to pray for members of our parish to answer the call to share their faith with our youth.

PREPARATION IS happening for our 2026-27 Faith Formation year! If you know of any new students to our program, please encourage those parents to contact the Faith Formation office.

CONFIRMATION students should continue to work on their required items.

FAITH FORMATION 2026-27 will begin on Wednesday, September 16th. There will be more information in future bulletins.

LITURGICAL DUTIES AUG 9

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Marilou C, Clayton M, Brian & Angie F
Servers	Olivia K, Renee R
Reader	Joe M
Gifts	Kyle Delong Family
EMHC	Bill, Gary, Missy
Comm to HB	Mike & Kris C
Music	Dana, Paula

ST. GABRIEL

MEALS ON WHEELS - Marc Hollahan is down to deliver meals August 11-14 but we need another person. Is anyone available that can help out? Also Marc is not available on the 14th-Linda C can take his place that day. Please let me know if you can help. Thanks

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for August 11th at 7:00 pm in Father's office.

CEMETERY COLLECTION - \$815.00

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 9

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Mike & Sue Z, Deb H, Glenn C
Server	Aiden A, Kole A
Lector	Lenore W
Comm	Linda C
EHMC	Ken S, Steve C, Christian P
Sacristan	Mark V
Money Counters	Doyle A, Mike & Sue Z

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:

7/24/2026 \$100 winner Diann Timmerman

7/31/2026 \$100 winner Rae Kaare.

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: The annual fall dinner will be held on Sunday, September 13th. 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 p.m. 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!

THANK YOU: A special thank you to both IHM and St. Anthony's for the High School graduation recognition last May! I appreciate your prayers and support. Neil Kuehl

BAPTISM: We welcomed the newest member to our parish through baptism, Colter Daniel, son of Jacob and Shauna Ackerman, who was baptized at IHM on July 18th. May God's blessings be upon him.

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 is scheduled for August 19 at 6:00 pm. Grace Church address: 755 Adams Ave., Westbrook. The inspirational speaker will be Megan May.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - AUG 8

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Ethan S, Noah S
Lector	Kelli K
Gift Bearers	Mary & Cassidy Arnold Family
EMHC	Jo E, Marcia S, Loretta G
Song Leader	Linnea S
Sacristan	Jon W
Ushers	Josh S, Dawson S, Jon O, John H

LITURGICAL DUTIES - AUG 8

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Evelyn B, Diane R
Lector	Carol E
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Joyce V
Cleaners	Sheila K, Kathy S

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. Last week, we learned about Judas Iscariot, Matthew, Andrew, Simon, Jude and Matthias. Our work this week looks at James the Less, James the Greater, John, Philip and Bartholomew.

James the Less – James the Less was the influential leader of the Christian community in Jerusalem and a consequential voice at the Council of Jerusalem (A.D. 50) where the apostles decided to expand the teaching of Jesus to the gentiles. James supported the idea that a gentile need not first become a Jew before becoming a Christian: “It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the gentiles who turn to God” (Acts 15:19).

James issued a letter to the gentiles basically indicating that the gentiles did not have to adhere to all the Jewish dietary laws or be circumcised before becoming a Christian. The only prerequisite was that those seeking to follow Christ would give up their pagan sacrifices. These actions overcame a major hurdle in converting and baptizing people in every nation, not just Jews. St. James the Less is also regarded as the author of the New Testament book of James.

James and John – The brothers James (the greater) and John, along with Peter, were the only apostles accompanying Jesus at three special events: at the raising of the daughter of Jairus, on Mount Tabor during the miracle of the Transfiguration, and in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before Christ’s passion. Accordingly, the three of them are regarded as among the inner circle, closest to Jesus. James is known as the Greater simply to distinguish him from the other apostle named James (the Lesser). James the Greater was the first apostle to shed his blood for Jesus, as he was murdered under the direction of King Herod Agrippa in A.D. 44, an act “pleasing to the Jews” (Acts 12:3). John was the only apostle at the cross when Jesus was crucified; the others had run away. From the cross, Jesus gave his mother (Mary) to John’s care, indicating a unique bond between Jesus and John.

The mother of James and John asked Jesus that her sons sit one on his left and one on his right in his kingdom. Jesus tells her: “You do not know what you are asking.” He explains in the presence of all the apostles that positions of authority come from the Father, from a divine calling not from personal ambition and adds: “whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave” (Matthew 20:22, 26-28).

Philip and Bartholomew – In the city of Galilee, Jesus summoned Philip to be an apostle. Philip, in turn, sought out Bartholomew (or Nathanael) and told him that the one whom Moses and the prophets wrote about had been found, that his name was Jesus, the Son of Joseph, of Nazareth.

Bartholomew then speaks the line we all know: “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (John 1:46). Despite this rebuff, Philip escorts Bartholomew to Jesus, where Bartholomew is determined to size up Jesus. But there is no sizing up because Bartholomew recognizes him as the true Messiah, saying, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel” (John 1:49). This proclamation is not unlike Peter’s confession months later: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16). By heavenly intervention both Bartholomew and Peter recognized the divine Jesus.

At least twice, Philip is used by Jesus to help the disciples understand the role of Jesus and who he is. At the multiplication of the loaves in John’s gospel, Philip is worried as to how 5,000 people will be fed: “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]” (John 6:7). Philip watched awestruck as Jesus turned the few fish and bread into enough to feed all the people. Later at the Last Supper, the Lord rebuked Philip when the apostle asked, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus responds: “Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip?” (John 14:8-9). All the apostles saw Jesus as their teacher, but some were slow to recognize him as their savior.

It is also worth noting that Philip the apostle should not be confused with Philip the Evangelist, who successfully carried the message of Jesus to Samaria and baptized the Ethiopian eunuch between Jerusalem and Gaza (cf. Acts 8:27-39).

We will look at the apostles Thomas, Paul and Peter 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

DADS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE: KEEPING KIDS CATHOLIC

“Not my monkeys, not my circus” is a great line to recite unless, of course, it is your circus and they are your monkeys!

Rousing, motivating, transporting and corralling 8 children into a pew each Sunday morning often leaves my husband and I feeling like we’re ringmasters of a small traveling side-show. Yet for all of the trouble it can be to present 10 people in Mass each week, we know it makes all the difference if we want to keep our children Catholic.

Admittedly, I’d like extra credit for choreographing our performance (because without me there’s a good chance a few more heads would turn up unbrushed and there’s no guarantee anyone under 12 years old would have matching clothes). But, the fact of the matter is that my husband’s role at Mass is the determining factor in ensuring that our children remain lifelong Mass-goers.

The Swiss Study: A 1994 survey in Switzerland found that the religious practice of the father decides the future attendance habits (or absence) of the children. According to the survey findings, if both parents regularly attend religious services then 33% of their children will be regular churchgoers for life, 41% will attend irregularly and 25% will stop practicing their faith.

Of course, 33% is still a disappointing percentage when we weigh the importance of faith in our journey toward eternity, but according to the Swiss study 74% of a couple’s children continue practicing their religion at least irregularly when dad sets the right example. Without dad’s lead, the statistics decline dramatically.

If the mother attends services regularly but the father attends irregularly then a mere 3% of their children will continue on as regular churchgoers, 59% will go irregularly and 38% will abandon the practice of their faith.

And when father skips Mass altogether, in spite of a mother who attends regularly, then only 2% of their children will be regular attendees, 37% will attend irregularly, and sadly more than 60% of their offspring will leave the Church.

Empty Pews: Of course, one might argue that the study wasn’t specific to the Catholic faith, that it’s out-dated or that it’s only a reflection of practices in Switzerland. One could argue against the survey’s findings based on these points, but judging by the increasingly empty pews here in American Catholic churches it would be difficult to prove such a stance.

While our culture tells us that the role of fathers is easily replaceable, evidence proves otherwise. All of a mother’s good intentions and faithfulness cannot fill the void left behind by an absent father.

Children unconsciously look to their father for cues about the world, which is logical considering that God presents to us as Father.

This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven hallowed by your name...MT 6:9

Therefore, if their father teaches them by his example that church attendance is unimportant or altogether irrelevant then the kids are going to believe him.

God Doesn’t Care: Add to this lesson the fact that religious education classes are dominated by female teachers and the adjacent pews are filled with women and the (erroneous) message comes through loud and clear: God the Father doesn’t care whether or not you worship Him.

Being a mother myself, I understand the desire as a female to want more credit in this area of formation. However, for all the valuable blessings God has bestowed upon womanhood, He has not set it to be a replacement for the role of father.

Consider the Blessed Mother, God made her Queen of Heaven and Earth. We go to her for aid and follow her virtuous example, but we recognize that she is not the Father. She intercedes on our behalf, but she does not create or command (well, except to command us to do whatever Jesus asks of us). We know the commandments come to us from our Father and we follow them in the hope of entering His kingdom.

Children intuitively model their father’s behavior when it comes to practicing their religion for the long-term. No amount of entertainment or creative programs run by mothers will counterbalance the consequence of dad’s empty seat.

Now What? What’s the take away? Should single mothers stop trying to pass on the faith to their children? If dad prefers to go fishing on Sunday mornings, what is a wife to do? These are difficult situations for sure, but here are a few ideas: **1)** Show Dad the evidence. Tell him how valuable his role is as a father. Let him know that he is the person God created to head the household and lead the souls of his children toward heaven. Link Dad up with solid Catholic websites that encourage both masculinity and Catholic leadership. **2)** Praise the fathers in the pews around you. You don’t have to get overly sentimental. Just welcome them and honor their position in the Body of Christ. **3)** Encourage young men to take leadership positions in the parish and join in fraternal organizations like the Knights of Columbus or the Holy League. **4)** Avoid organizing programs for children at time when fathers are most unable to take part. Schedule Vacation Bible School programs and the like for evenings and then actively recruit fathers to participate. **5)** If your child’s father is absent, consider recruiting a grandfather, uncle or other make family member to attend Mass with your family. As a male, reach out to fatherless families in your parish. Encourage the mother and children. Invite them to sit near your family and silently witness to the truth that God wants them to remain close. **6)** Pray. Pray for broken families. Pray for fatherless children. Pray for the restoration of the masculine image in the church. Pray for your husband to accept his role as leader and to place God as King over the family. Pray for St. Joseph’s intercession.

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