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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 – SEPT 21 - SEPT 27

		<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Mon 21			
Tues 22	8:30 am	St. Gabriel	†Eugene Boeckman
Wed 23	8:30 am	St. Ann	†MaryAnne Conway
Thur 24	8:30 am	IHM	†Joe/Rosemary/Jim LeTendre
Fri 25	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Leo Wagner
Sat 26	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	†Leo/Agnes Vortherms
Sat 26	6:00 pm	IHM	†Desc'd Family mem. of Gerald/Lita Schreier
Sun 27	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Molly Clarke
Sun 27	10:00 am	St. Ann	Parishioners

CHURCH SUPPORT - SEPT 5 & SEPT 6

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,260.00	\$241.00/22.00	\$376.38
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,030.00	\$177.00/12.00	\$1,195.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 670.00	\$175.01/13.00	\$96.00
St. Anthony	\$ 805.00	\$89.00	\$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	\$17,830	Pledged	\$27,409.44
St. Gabriel	Goal	\$11,457	Pledged	\$15,591.00
IHM-Currie	Goal	\$ 9,548	Pledged	\$ 8,897.50
St. Anthony	Goal	\$ 4,524	Pledged	\$ 6,572.00

ST. ANN

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Rodney Huerkamp. Butch passed away on Aug 31. Graveside service will be Sept 19 at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of LeRoy Erpelding. Pat passed away on Sept 9. Funeral will be on Oct 17 at St. Ann Church. May he rest in peace. Amen

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Brennan Winter. Brennan passed away on Sept 10. Graveside service will be Sept 18 at St. Anne Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Della Dysthe. Della passed away on Sept 14. Funeral will be on Sept 18 at St. Ann Church. May she rest in peace. Amen

ESTATE PLANNING? Our parish would be humbly grateful if you'd consider us in your estate plans. You might be surprised how simple it is to add the parish as a partial beneficiary on a retirement account or to add a few lines in your will with the help of your attorney. Just bring this to your attorney to get started:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath ____ [list dollars or property] ____ to Church of St. Ann, a nonprofit organization located at 2747 29th St, Slayton, MN 56172, Federal Tax ID #41-0705742. This bequest is to be used to ____ [list your intentions such as capital improvements, faith formation, or at pastor's discretion] ____.

Questions call Dana-507-836-8030. *Thank you!*

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2026

We are still seeking one catechist to teach for our Faith Formation program this year.

We are in need of a Catechist for **9th Grade**

We began our Faith Formation year this past Wednesday and are looking forward to another great year of learning and growth. Please pray for us and thank those who said yes to this important service.

Confirmation Wellness checks will be scheduled soon for all students being Confirmed in Spring 2027. Please watch for emails.

ST. GABRIEL

BOX OF JOY shoe boxes are now available on the table in back of Church. A list of suggested items is included inside the box. Be sure to mark if it is for a boy or girl and the age group it would fit. Filled boxes need to be in Slayton by Nov 5th, so please get them to the office or the Church by October 29th.

LADIES YOU ARE INVITED - LWML Harvest Soup Supper, Wed., Sept. 23, 6:00 pm. Join us for a Soup Supper hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Women in Mission for ladies of the community. Special speaker will be Megan Sauer, art teacher at Adrian High School and athlete who recently ran in the Tokyo Marathon in Japan as her sixth and final world marathon, completing the Marathon Majors earning the Six Star Medal

FULDA RAILROAD HERITAGE DAY—Sunday, September 27th from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Tour the Fulda Depot, Heritage Museum and Caboose. Enjoy the music talents of Rebby Lee as you eat a luncheon consisting of Hotdogs, Chips, Root Beer Floats (free will donation).

DISCIPLESHIP QUAD BIBLE STUDIES

Do you have an interest in forming fellowship with like-minded Catholics in a weekly Bible Study? Discipleship men/women's groups are forming. (A quad group consists of four men or women). This is an excellent study put out by Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH (more information can be found at <https://dquads.com>.) Groups can be organized from within our parish cluster (Slayton/Currie/Westbrook/Fulda). Contact Christian Potochnik 218-969-3276 or Kay Klein 507-227-4134.

CGS - ADOPT A FIGURINE!

Our Catechesis of The Good Shepherd atrium continues to grow. You can help out by sponsoring a figurine that the children will use in the atrium as they learn about the life of Jesus. Cost is \$30. There is a sign up sheet and picture in back of church!

LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 27

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Judy P, Joe & Renee G, Jill M
Servers	Emersyn M, Kyra B
Reader	Kate H
Gifts	Zach Brands Family
EMHC	Daryl, Bill, Gary
Comm to HB	Sue B
Music	Dana, Connie

LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 27

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Dale & Deb K, Ron & Diane K
Server	Kenly S, Eva L
Lector	Don O
Comm	Randy K
EHMC	Suzi K, Mark B, Mike V
Sacristan	Edie T
Money Counters	Dave T, Tom S

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: Faith Formation Classes resume on Sept 30th!! 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation Class of 2028 will start Class on Sept 30th at 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation Class of 2027 will resume class on Sept 27th time TBD

IHM FAMILY PICNIC: All are invited! Sept 20th from 4pm to 7pm on the church grounds, Bring yard games, your lawn chair, and dish to pass as hotdog and Hamburgers will be provided!

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNER:
September 11th, 2026 - \$100 winner Diane Kimball

THE NEW DISHWASHER was installed and used for the IHM church dinner. IT WORKED WELL! The Fall Festival Folks were instrumental in initiating the process, thank you, however it greatly depleted their funds, and the parish is helping to cover the remaining costs. Any parishioners who would like to donate towards the project can do so by mailing a check to the office or putting a donation in a plain envelope, marked dishwasher, and dropping it in the collection basket. *Thank you for your generosity!*

ST. ANTHONY

HOSPICE OF MURRAY COUNTY FUNDRAISER
Drive through meals will be held at the Westbrook Community Center on Tues Oct 6th and at Tracy Midwest Supply on Monday Sept 28th. Both run from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15. Hospice Rummage Sale will be held at the Murray County fairgrounds September 22-25 from 9-7 and Sept 26 from 9-12.

ATTENTION GREETERS: We are asking all Greeters to learn how to use the lift so you will be available to assist anyone who needs help. Joyce will be available before and after Mass each weekend in September to give instructions.

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.

OCIA: After all masses on Oct 3-4, Pat Merrick will be in the entryway, of each parish to answer any and all questions about OCIA (a pathway for people looking at joining the Catholic Church). If you, or someone you know, might be interested, simply stop by and chat. This is also available to Catholic that might want to understand more about our Faith. If you are available that weekend, then stop by, if not, contact Pat at 507-407-1063. OCIA is relaxed time and truly a chance to explore God's Grace and Love for us. I hope to see you in October!

BOXES OF JOY - Please return your box, or boxes to the entry at St. Anthony by October 17th.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 26

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Brennen H, Mason G
Lector	Kris R
Gift Bearers	Chris & Kelly Konechne
EMHC	Jon W, Shari S, Chris K
Song Leader	Dave L
Sacristan	Jon W
Ushers	Maury K, Tim R, Kelli K, Denny J

LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 26

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Barbara & Josef R
Lector	Gene O
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Ethan J
Cleaners	Joan O, Elizabeth J

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Pelican and Faith

Someone gave me a picture of a mother pelican, pecking at her breast causing blood to flow, and the mother pelican's chicks drinking her blood. What is being depicted? Here is a summary of the story.

An image of a mother pelican with her chicks is carved into the capital on top of a pillar at the Cenacle, the upper room on Mount Zion in Jerusalem where tradition holds that Jesus shared the Last Supper with his apostles and instituted the Eucharist.

It is the only artwork in the entire room, and it is singularly appropriate because it is a symbol of Jesus and the Eucharist.

Mother pelicans lay their eggs in a nest, and after the chicks hatch, the mothers leave the nest to search for food, return, and feed the chicks. Many birds feed their young with worms. Pelicans usually live near the water, and their prey tend to be small fish, frog tadpoles, crayfish, or salamanders.

In times of drought the marshes and streams might dry up, or something might cause the fish in the lake to die, and the mother pelican is unable to find food. Her chicks are delicate, need to be fed daily, and without food are quickly in danger of starvation and death. Faced with this crisis, the mother pelican uses its beak to poke holes in its breast, which causes blood to come out, and the chicks are nourished with their mother's blood. The mother dies and the chicks survive.

Christians see parallels between the mother pelican and her chicks and Jesus and his followers. The mother pelican represents Jesus, the chicks represent us. The chicks dwell in the safety of the nest, believers dwell in the safety of the Church. The mother is the head of the nest, and Jesus is the head of the Church (Ephesians 1:22). The mother has an intense concern for her chicks, and it goes against her nature to allow any of them to perish. Jesus has a great love for us and wants none of us to perish.

When food is in short supply, the pelican pierces its breast with a sharp, pointed beak, and the side of Jesus was pierced by a sharp, pointed lance (John 19:34a). Blood flows from the pelican's breast, and blood flowed from Jesus' side (John 19:34a). The mother's blood is drink for her chicks, and the blood of Jesus is "true drink" for his followers (John 6:55b). The mother gives her life that her chicks might live, and Jesus laid down his life that we might have live (John 15:13). The mother's blood saves the lives of the chicks, and the blood of Jesus is salvation and eternal life (John 6:54) for those who receive it. Because of these striking similarities, the mother pelican and her chicks have come to represent the Eucharist, as well as redemption and salvation.

A depiction of a mother pelican and her chicks frequently is on display in places associated with the Eucharist: the doors of the tabernacle; the front of the altar; a hanging in front of the lectern or ambo; a stained-glass window in the sanctuary area; the decorative design on a chalice, chasuble or cope; or on the ends of the pews.

(Taken from Father Michael Van Sloun, The Catholic Spirit, January 24, 2019, page 15).

Now, Now...

The Minnesota Vikings have played only one game of the regular season. I wrote this article prior to the Packers-Vikings game of September 13. Reactions as of September 20 would stem from:

We kicked the Packers off the field and are headed to the Super Bowl.

Or,

We lost to the Packers and have no chance of sniffing the playoffs.

Whatever the outcome, remember, the football season is like life. It is a long slog. It is too early to get too high or too low. Take it day by day and let us see where we stand come January.

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

OCIA—After **ALL MASSES on October 3 and 4**, Pat Merrick will be in the entryway of **EACH PARISH** to answer any and all questions about OCIA (A pathway for people looking at joining the Catholic Church). If you or someone you know might be interested, simply stop by and chat. This is also available to Catholics that might want to understand more about our faith. If you are available that weekend, then stop by. If not, contact Pat at 507-407-1063. OCIA is a relaxed time and truly a chance to explore God's Grace and Love for us. I hope to see you in October!

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD is upon me... to bring good news to the poor" Luke 4:18
This Sunday, September 20th is Catechetical Sunday. This is the Sunday that we celebrate the members of our church that give of their time to teach in our Faith Formation programs. We thank each one of you for answering the call to pass the Catholic faith to our youth.

HOSPICE OF MURRAY COUNTY - Our rummage sale is coming soon! Start gathering your gently used items to donate and mark you calendars for one of Hospice of Murray County's largest fundraisers of the year. Every donation and purchase helps us continue providing care and support to patients and families in our community. Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton—**Donation Drop-Off: September 15-18 from 9:00 am-7:00 pm.** Rummage Sale: September 22-25 from 9:00 am-7:00 pm. Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 am-noon. Bag Sale Friday and Saturday! Thank you for donating, shopping, sharing this post, and supporting Hospice of Murray County.

ST. ADRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - FALL FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 20TH

St. Adrian is inviting us to their annual Fall Festival on September 20th, serving from 11:30-1:30 pm. The dinner will be in the Church Hall in their church basement. The entrance to the dinner is on the north side of the building with an elevator available for those in need. The menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Coleslaw, Buns, Pies/Desserts and Beverages. Children's menu: Mac & Cheese, Hot Dogs and Chips. Included in the day is a Country Store, Big Ticket Raffles and a Children's Fair. Free Will Offering. Mass is at 10:30 am

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEKLY UPDATE - Meet the Team: Adam Jarvis

Adam has been with Catholic Charities for three years and serves as our Director of Refugee Services. In addition to providing direct services to clients, Adam spends much of his day answering emails, attending meetings, and leading staff in problem solving sessions to address unique issues that come up. Adam finds his work at Catholic Charities meaningful because "every person we interact with bears the image of God, and I believe that there is meaning in all work, regardless of how small, that is done for others in the name of Christ." www.ccsomn.org

NOTE FOR ALL USHERS-October is the month that we do Mass counts to send to the Diocese. These will need to be done each weekend during the month. Please look for the sheet in your parish during October.

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