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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.

READINGS STARTING AUGUST 25

Sun	Jos 24:1-2, 15-17, 18 Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69
Mon	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 4-5 Mt 23:13-22
Tues	2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26
Wed	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32
Thur	1 Cor 1:1-9 PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 6:17-29
Fri	1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
Sat	1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 25:14-30
Sun	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MASS INTENTIONS— AUG 26-SEPT 1

Mon	<i>Father's day off</i>	†No Mass
Tues	8:30 am St. Gabriel	†Jeff Zins
Wed	8:30 am St. Ann	†Dean Lanners
Thur	8:30 am IHM	†Elmer & Lilly Schuler
Fri	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Greg Schoberg
Sat	4:00 pm St. Anthony	For The People
	6:00 pm IHM, Currie	†Wayne Jensen
Sun	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Madden Hein & family
Sun	10:00 am St. Ann	†Brittany Lais

CHURCH SUPPORT - AUGUST 17 & 18

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 592.25
St. Gabriel	\$ 2,188.00	\$ 256.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,266.00	\$ 355.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 905.00	\$ 147.50	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged	\$ 18,925
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged	\$ 6,065
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,769	Pledged	\$ 5,625
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged	\$ 4,450

ST. ANN

ALL TRUSTEES for Sts. Ann, Columba, Mary, and our Cemeteries. Fiscal yearend paperwork is finally complete, and you are needed to stop by the office for signatures this week. The process was delayed due to the mergers.

THE FALL DINNER is fast approaching, and we need your help! Anyone interested in helping please contact Penny Boock @ 507-227-1560. Areas to sign up for: Serving line, Dining Room, Kitchen, Carry out, Raffle, Floater, Desserts, Dishes, & Clean up. If you are willing to donate a raffle prize for the fall dinner, it can be dropped by the office anytime. The raffle has really helped make the dinner a success and we always have such a nice selection of prizes from which people can hope to win!

THANKS GO OUT to all those who helped pick, transport, husk, carry, cut, and freeze corn for the dinner. Many hands make light work, all help was greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION ALL MASS GOERS. The CCW Ladies group is handing out ice cream treats following Mass today, Aug 25. Be sure to grab a treat before you leave. ****Also**, the CCW dues pink envelope is out, and we are collecting this year's dues, \$5. Envelope can be dropped in collection baskets.

THANKS TO ALL who helped setup for the rummage sale! Again, many hands make light work of a very large task. Thanks also to those who supported the sale through donations, purchases and attending the sale!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION Wed. Aug 28 5:30pm. Come see where you will have faith formation. If you have a kindergartner-contact Marcie.

FAMILY NIGHT at Faith Formation will be Wed, Sept 25. Faith Formation will start Oct. 2. Catechists needed for sure 8th & 10th/Confirmation. Please pray about teaching the great Catholic faith.

LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 1

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Judy P, Bill & Jan B, Marilou C
Servers	Sophia N, Brynn B
Reader	Carson E
Gifts	Joe Meyer Family
EMHC	Marti E, Trish K, Pam S
Comm to HB	Dave & Kathy S
Music	Sharon L, Paula H

ST. GABRIEL

Meals on Wheels—Roxie Reith and Terry Crowley are down to deliver meals the week of August 26-30.



The contractor is finished with the major Masonry project that was mentioned previously in the bulletin. The project cost was \$48,500. The Church proper is just like your home...repairs need to be done periodically. So far \$600 has been donated/earmarked for this project but we have a long way to go. Please consider donating. Thank you.



Harvest Festival planning meeting is **Monday, August 26 @ 6:30**. Parishioners, please pick up your ticket envelopes. And check the sign up sheets. We need all the slots full in order to make this event happen.



Release Time-Register Today

Please register your child(ren) early for Release Time classes. Forms were sent out via email and can also be picked up at church or at St. Gabriel school. Faith Formation classes **begin on Mon., Sept. 16 (1:50 – 2:50 p.m.)**. **Classes for the HS begin Thur., Oct. 24 (1st & 2nd hour)**. Thanks to the following individuals who have answered the call to teach our parish youth this year: *Mark Bartosh, Chelc Hein, Kay Klein, Pam Mailander, Don Olsem, Chris Potocnik, Cathy Stewart, Sue Zins & Suzi Zins* ~ What a blessing these individuals are to our youth! Also, special thanks to Renee Dorpinghaus for her years of service to our parish family. Although she has officially 'retired' from her nearly **50 years** of teaching, she will move into the position of being our Passover' or Sedar Teacher. It is our goal, that through her efforts of bringing this special meal to each and every grade level; the students will better understand how our celebration of The Mass is deeply connected to Jesus' celebration of the Passover Meal with his Disciples at the Last Supper.

NOTE: *If you are new to the community and have children you'd like to register, please contact Peg at (507) 329-2103 or the parish office (507)425-2369.*

LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 1

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve & Lori T, Dave T, Paul R.
Servers	Colten & Brenton E
Lector	Mary A
Comm	Linda C
Sacristan	Edie T
EMHC	Suzi Z, Christian P, Randy K
Money	Tom S, Dave T

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

8/17-Francis Gervais \$100; 8/24 – Greg Lanoue \$100

FALL DINNER This year the IHM Fall Dinner will be held on Sunday September 8. The sign up sheets for various duties and donations to help with the dinner are in the front and back entrances of the church. **Volunteers are still needed** so please sign up and spread the word that help is needed. If you want to volunteer, please contact Carol Schreier at 507-227-2975 or Mona Boadwine. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO: Plate: \$344; Youth: 11; Donations: \$145

CALENDAR RAFFLE: St. Mary's School is once again selling Calendar Raffle tickets. Weekly drawings of \$100, 4 - \$500 drawings and the final drawing of \$1,000! Tickets are \$52 and can be purchased from any St. Mary's family or by contacting the school office at 507-629-3270. Thank you for supporting our amazing students, staff and school!

LITURGICAL ROLES: Sept. and Oct. roles are on the website. Triparishcfw.org/currie/

FAITH FORMATION: Classes will start Sept. 25 at 6:30. IHM Confirmation class of 2025 will start on Oct. 23 at 7 pm, location TBD.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: *Home Missions and Black/Native Americans* will share the collection today equally. The *Home Missions* works primarily in the United States and its territories in 87 Latin American dioceses. The *Black/Native American* collection works to evangelize those groups within the United States

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TAKE RUGS TO SF AFTER FALL DINNER: Looking for someone to take 26 rugs to Dustex in Sioux Falls on Monday, 9/9 after Fall Dinner. Please contact Linnea if able to help out. 507-829-8437

LITURGICAL DUTIES - AUG 31

IHM - 6:00 PM

Servers	Katelyn R, Amarah G.
Lector	Romane D
Gift Bearers	Cassidy & Mary Arnold Family
EMHC	George A, Kim O, Marcia S
Cantor	Alyssa O
Ushers	Steve & Diane S., Harold & Deb L.

ST. ANTHONY

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass said in memory of someone or for a special need, there are envelopes available at the back of church. Remember the requested donation is now \$10.00.

BOXES OF JOY: Boxes are again available in the back of church for anyone to take, fill with recommended gifts for under privileged children around the world. Instructions are included. Return by October 20th.

COMBINED BULLETIN: Starting August 1, we will have a combined bulletin with the four parishes. As a result, all bulletin announcements will need to be sent to Elizabeth or Joyce by **Tuesdays @ 5:00 p.m.**

MEALS ON WHEELS: St Anthony's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of September. If you can help out, please sign up on the back bulletin board at church.

THANK YOU to all those who helped prepare for and participated in the Liturgy for the installation Mass. What a beautiful service it was.

THANK YOU to all who helped set up, helped serve, helped clean up or brought bars for the reception following the installation Mass—Thank you so much---Joan O.

WINDOM CHORDHUSTLERS will be having their annual concert Saturday Sept 7, 3:00 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church Windom. See Ethan J for tickets.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - AUG 31

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift	Steve & Kathy K
Lector	Carol E
Servers	Jack & Keegan
EMHC	Nicki P, Sophie J
Cleaners	Jake & Sophie J

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Final Thoughts on the Eucharist

This weekend marks the fifth and final Sunday whereby we will hear from the sixth chapter of John's gospel. I want to focus on two things today. Let us first look at the effects of our reception of Holy Communion. I would like to mention four.

Holy Communion gives the communicant the power to resist temptation and reinforces the ability of our free will to withstand the assaults of the devil.

Holy Communion strengthens the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit we possess.

Holy Communion cures the spiritual diseases of the soul by cleansing it of venial sins.

Holy Communion gives us a spiritual joy in the service of Christ, in defending his cause, in performing the duties of our state of life, and in making the sacrifices required of us in initiating the life of our Savior.

Secondly, I would like to help us understand what happens to the Eucharist in transubstantiation. Transubstantiation is the theological term that describes what happens to the bread and wine during the consecration as they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. For starters, in philosophical and theological terms, all material things are made up of what we call substance and accidents. The substance of a thing is essentially what a thing is. For example, the substance of a guitar is simply a guitar, that's what it is. It's not a rocking chair, it's not a camera; a guitar is a guitar. The accidents of a thing are its physical attributes: what it looks like, feels like, etc. Going with the guitar again, its accidents are that it's brown, it's hard, the wood has a certain feel to it, etc.

What takes place, then, during a transubstantial change is: the accidents of a thing remain the same, while the substance changes. I once did a rather graphic demonstration of this for some teenagers by taking an old guitar and smashing it to bits. After I smashed the guitar apart, I took all the pieces and put them in a pile. After that episode, the accidents of the guitar remained the same: the pile of rubble was still brown, hard, and the pieces still had the same texture and feel of wood. However, the substance of the guitar had dramatically changed; it was clearly no longer a guitar. It had turned into a pile of junk!

This is what happens to the bread and wine during the consecration. Their accidents remain the same: the host still looks and tastes like bread, the wine still looks and tastes like wine, but what they are, their substance, has changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Now, all this may sound good and make sense to a certain degree, but many Catholics still just don't believe it. And that is where faith comes in. If at every Mass the host physically turned into flesh and the wine physically turned into blood, I think a lot of people would be too scared to receive Communion, but if that happened, we would have absolutely no doubt at all and thus we would have no need for faith at all. And that is not how God operates. Jesus challenges us to be a people of faith. Our life on earth is about faith, and our eternal life is our reward for how we lived that faith.

(The above was taken from Father Joe Classen, Meat and Potato Catholics, pages 135-136).

Blessings to you!

Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Confirmation Notes:

Our 2024 Confirmation Candidates are gathering today (Sun., Aug. 25) for their final retreat and gathering before being Confirmed on Sept. 21 in Wilmont. Please keep all the following candidates close in prayer in the weeks ahead. May the POWER of the Holy Spirit fill them with wisdom, joy and the courage to do great things!

Attention families of NEW (2025) Confirmation students:

Mark your calendars today -- Our first group meeting will be Oct. 23 @ 7p.m. Stay tuned: More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Middle School Youth Festival - Oct. 6

ALL middle school students (grades 6-8) are invited to an afternoon of great fellowship/fun and challenges as we gather for the annual Middle School Youth Festival at Full Family Farms in Edgerton. There will be group challenges; Mass with Fr. Schuster; a cookout with hotdogs and s'more and MUCH more! Contact your Faith Formation director for more information and registration forms. Parents - Please encourage your children to join us!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training:

Are you gifted in teaching elementary and preschool aged youth? Do you love Jesus and our Catholic Faith? If so, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program might be something to look into! This program (CGS) is a method of teaching that focuses on a Montessori (hands-on) method of learning. We are hoping to incorporate CGS into some of our elementary level Faith Formation programs. Visit: www.cgsusa.org to learn more, or contact your parish Faith Formation office. Training will be at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Minneota Oct. 18- Oct. 20 and Dec. 13 - Dec. 15. (\$235 cost – Individual parishes may be willing to pay a portion of this fee – Check with your Faith Formation director).

Interested in becoming part of a Discipleship Quad?

Discipleship Quads are a great way to dig deeper in the Bible on a weekly basis with like-minded friends. Quads are a group of four (or more, in some cases!) people of the same gender, committed to one year of walking together through a study put out by Franciscan University. If you are curious to learn more visit: steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads or contact your Faith Formation director.

CDA, Court Queen of Peace Summer Potluck will be held on Tues, August 27th at 5 pm in Gullord Park.

IHM FALL DINNER– The annual Fall Dinner is **September 8th, serving from 11:00-1:00**. The menu includes turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, salad, & pie/dessert, coffee/water. Join us for a sit down meal although take outs are available.

ST. GABRIEL FALL HARVEST DINNER – Join us on **Sunday, September 15th** for our harvest festival dinner. We are serving from **4:30 pm – 6:30 pm** a wonderful hand-cut pork loin dinner that includes real potatoes w/gravy, corn, buns, pie and coffee/lemonade/water. Take outs are available from St. Gabriel's school.

The Second Collection this weekend supports *Catholic Home Missions and Black and Native Americans* equally. The *Home Missions* work within the United States and its territories in Latin American dioceses. The *Black/Native American* collection works with groups within the United States.

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