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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 SEPTEMBER 1

Sun	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mon	1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 Lk 4:16-30
Tues	1 Cor 2:10-16 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wed	1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44
Thur	1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11
Fri	1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39
Sat	1 Cor 4:6-15 Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 Lk 6:1-5
Sun	Is 35:4-7 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

MASS INTENTIONS – SEPT 2-8

Mon	<i>Father's day off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues	10:00 am Maple Lawn	†Jackie Kuehl
Wed	9:15 am Sunrise	†Fran Gervais
Thur	8:30 am IHM	Special Intention
Fri	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Barb Surprenant
Sat	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Brenda Schoborg
	6:00 pm IHM	For the People
Sun	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Ben & Lorraine Wisdorf
Sun	10:00 am St. Ann	†Gary Hindt

CHURCH SUPPORT - AUGUST 24 & 25

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 333.00	\$1,063.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 745.00	\$ 183.00	\$ 311.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 2,836.00	\$ 275.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 565.00	\$ 48.00	\$

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

ST. ANN BUSINESS Office will be closed on Mon, Sept 2.

ALL TRUSTEES for Sts. Ann, Columba, Mary, and our Cemeteries. Yearend paperwork is finally complete, and you are needed to stop by the office for signatures this week. Thank you to those who have already signed.

THE OFFICE WOULD like to thank all the online donors who needed to setup “new” accounts under the St. Ann tab for contributions to your parishes and end the existing donations from the St. Mary and St. Columba tabs, your timeliness was greatly appreciated, and everything is processing as it should – *Thank you!* Anyone can contribute online by visiting www.acmcatholic.org, select the Slayton online giving “button” and follow the steps. This is a safe, convenient way to support your parish. Donations to St. Mary, St. Columba, & St. Columba Cemetery are still accepted through the Slayton “button” by selecting the proper fund from the list provided online.

THE FALL DINNER is fast approaching, and we need your help! Anyone interested in helping please contact Penny Boock @ **507-227-1560**. Sign up for: Serving, Dining Room, Kitchen, Carryout, 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!

FAMILY NIGHT at Faith Formation will be Wed, Sept 25, 5-7pm Supper for everyone, FF registration, games, and parent meeting at 6:30 Faith formation will start Oct. 2. Catechists needed for sure 2nd and 8th. Please pray about teaching the great Catholic faith.

ST. GABRIEL

OUT OF THE OFFICE: I will be gone for a couple of weeks for knee surgery. So those who get bulletins emailed to them will not get them. Dana in Slayton will be putting the bulletin together. If you have announcements, please send them to her.

THEME BASKETS FOR FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION
Let your creativity be your limit. We would like to encourage those who wish to participate to create a themed basket. Simply purchase new or hand made gifts to create a basket. For example: Garden Theme-A nice sized planter with gardening tools, a plant, sm container of dirt and garden gloves. Put all things inside the planter and you have a garden theme. Other ideas: family game night, campfire basket, taco basket, baby basket, etc. Please have your baskets to the church basement by Sept 8 so those unable to attend may have a chance to bid. Questions: Contact Shannon Welling 507-360-0165.

PLEASE HELP: In order to make this **last** Harvest Festival a success we need more help. We are still in need of about 40 pies and 12 doz. Buns. And, of course, there are several areas that need workers. Please check the signup sheets to see where help is needed and signup today.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELEASE: Families with students in grades K-12 are reminded to register for Release Time. By registering now, we are better able to prepare for the year ahead. Forms may be found on our parish website; in back of church and over at the school. You may also register your students at the public-school Open House on Sept. 3.

HARVEST FESTIVAL/CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: All Confirmation students are requested to help out at the parish Harvest Festival, Sun., Sept. 15. Please register in back of church today! (Boys, please consider helping to transport roasters to and from the church to the school for take-out meals! The more muscle power we have the better!)

LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 8

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Judy P, Bill & Jan B, Marilou C
Servers	Kate B, Renee R
Reader	Todd B
Gifts	Jordan Jessop Family
EMHC	Pam M, Travis S, Gary E
Comm to HB	Jill M
Music	Judy A, Sue B

LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 8

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve & Donna C, Doug, Katie, Mara C
Servers	Kole & Aiden A
Lector	Sharon F
Comm	Mary L
Sacristan	Margene V
EMHC	Mark V, Lenore W, Torri Z
Money	Tom S, Dave T

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

8/24 – Greg Lanoue \$100;

8/31 – Michelle VanderVeen \$100

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Plate: \$253; Youth: \$22; Home Missions & Black/
Native Americans: \$776.

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!

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.

VOLUNTEER 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

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to Steve, Mike and Jason Schreier for the corn they donated for the IHM fall dinner. Also thank you to everyone who helped with freezing! Greatly appreciated!!

FALL DINNER: Just a reminder that the IHM Fall Dinner will be on Sunday September 8th from 11-1. We will be serving turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, bun, coleslaw and pie or dessert. Please join us for this fun family event put on by the IHM Fall Festival Folks. Carry outs will be available.

ST. ANTHONY

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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR 2024-2025: The Education Committee of the Pastoral Council met to discuss the upcoming Faith Formation year. We would like to meet with all families following Mass on Saturday, September 14th (Supper will be provided) to discuss the options and the plan we feel will best serve our youth going forward. If you are not able to attend, please contact Joyce Vortherms to set a time when she can meet with you personally. Joyce Vortherms, Angie Benson, Anne Woelber

BIBLE STUDY: Join us for When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God a study for the cluster. The study will take place in Westbrook beginning September 29, at 7:00 and continuing for 7 weeks.

For more information or to register for the study, contact Patrick Merrick at 507-407-1063 or by email at merrickpfac@wvgschools.org

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: \$271.50

LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 7

IHM - 6:00 PM

Servers	Christian H, Levi K
Lector	Matt S
Gift Bearers	Matt Hansen Family
EMHC	Dawn K, Becky L, Lori M
Cantor	Matt K
Ushers	Jim G, Denny J, Dave L, Jon O

LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 7

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift	Barb & Josef R
Lector	Gene O
Servers	Neil & Ian
EMHC	Sophie J, Nicki P
Cleaners	Pat & Shelly M

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Story Week

I am going to share some stories with you this week. Some are humorous while others will make you stop and think.

Story 1 – Adam was very lonely in the Garden of Eden and told God he had to have someone besides God to talk to. God replied that He would give Adam a companion – a woman. God said the woman will cook for Adam, wash his clothes, clean his home, bear his children, and take care of them. The woman, God said, will always agree with every decision Adam makes and never argue with him. She will be full of love for him, and she will heal his wounds. She will always be in good humor. “What will a woman like this cost me?” Adam asked. “An arm and a leg,” God replied. Thinking for a moment, Adam asked, “What can I get for just a rib?”

Story 2 – Pete and Joe were the best of friends, and shared a lifelong love for baseball, from Little League to college. Pete was a pitcher and Joe was a catcher. As they grew older, they went together to many baseball games. In their senior years, they often speculated as to whether there was baseball in heaven. They agreed that whoever passed away first would find a way to contact the other one and let him know if there was baseball in the hereafter. Joe passed away first. Years passed, and Pete never heard the answer to the question. Finally, one night at bedtime, he heard a voice say: “Pete, it’s true! There really is baseball in heaven!” “Joe, is that really you?” Pete asked. “Sure, it’s me, and I want to tell you how great it is up here.” Joe said. “I have seen Walter Johnson strike out Ty Cobb. And once I saw Babe Ruth hit a home run off Cy Young. I even got to catch Dizzy Dean in a game one time.” “That’s wonderful to hear, Joe,” said Pete. “Yeah,” said Joe. “I saw tomorrow’s lineup card, and you’re scheduled to pitch.”

Story 3 – A number of years ago, I was hospitalized for severe depression. One morning, while sitting on the edge of my bed and spilling buckets of tears, a lady came and sat next to me. Not knowing that I was a Christian, she held my hand and related the following to me: “The world was never sadder than on Good Friday when Christ was crucified, but just three days later, the world was never brighter than when Christ rose from the grave. Whatever your problem is today, it will seem a lot less worrisome to you if you can just wait three days.” The lady was not a nurse, and when I inquired about her later, no one seemed to know who she may have been. (My guardian angel perhaps?) I have clung to this thought for twelve years, and it has pulled me through many a trying time.

Story 4 – A young boy was walking down the street pushing a lawn mower. A priest who was out in his yard said, “Hi, son. Where are you going with the mower?” The boy said, “I’m trying to sell it. I want to buy a bicycle.” The priest said, “How much do you want for it? We may be able to use a mower around the yard here.” The boy thought thirty dollars would buy him a bicycle, so he sold the mower to the priest for thirty dollars. A couple of days later, the boy rode by the rectory on his new bike. The priest was out in the yard pulling on the cord, trying to start the lawn mower. The boy said, “Oh, Father, you have to cuss a little to get that mower started.” The priest replied, “I’ve been a priest for twenty-five years, and I’ve forgotten how to cuss.” The boy said, “You keep on pulling the cord, and it’ll come back to you!”

Blessings to you!

Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) CLASSES TO BEGIN OCT. 23: Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Here is the perfect opportunity to begin exploring this possibility. Join us at 7 p.m. at 2590 121st ST, Avoca (The Woelber's Barn near Dovray). There is no obligation to continue after the initial inquiry sessions. This program is open to all adults, 18 and older. Childcare will be provided throughout the series of 12 sessions which end at Easter Vigil Mass with the Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic Faith! All are welcome! To register or gain more information, contact Pat Merrick @ merrickpfac@wwgschools.org or call (507) 407-1063.

CONFIRMATION: On Sat., Sept. 21 at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Wilmont, 23 students from our cluster will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Barron. **STUDENTS:** Begin preparing for your interview with Fr. Schuster (check with your Faith Formation Director for times/dates). Be prayerfully considering your desire to be Confirmed into the Faith; and also prepare your hearts to receive Reconciliation with Fr. Schuster at the time of your interview.

NEW (2025) CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Mark your calendars! The first group meeting for the next class of Candidates for Confirmation will be Oct. 23 @ 7p.m. at St. Anthony/Westbrook.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FESTIVAL: Sunday, 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 pre-school 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).

BIBLE STUDY: You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Join us for **When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God** a study for the cluster. The study will take place in Westbrook beginning September 29, at 7:00 and continuing for 7 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact Patrick Merrick at 507-407-1063 or by email at merrickpfac@wwgschools.org.

IHM FALL DINNER– Don't Miss It!! Our annual Fall Dinner is next Sunday, **September 8th, serving from 11:00-1:00.** Come and join us for a pre-Thanksgiving meal of turkey, dressing and the works. You can enjoy a sit down meal or get a take out. All are welcome.

ST. GABRIEL FALL HARVEST DINNER – Join us on **Sunday, September 15th** for our Harvest Festival dinner. The scrumptious hand-cut pork loin dinner includes real potatoes w/gravy, corn, buns, pie and coffee/lemonade/water and will be **served from 4:30 – 6:30.** Take outs are available from St. Gabriel's school.

The Second Collection – A big thank you for all that contributed to the second collection last week for the *Home Missions* and *Black & Native Americans*. Your generosity is appreciated.

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