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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 8**

Sun Is 35:4-7/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:	1-5/Mk 7:31-37
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- Mon 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
- Tues 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19
- Wed 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
- Thur 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
- Fri 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
- Sat Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
- Sun Is 50:5-9/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35

## **MASS INTENTIONS – SEPT 9-15**

Mon	Father's de	ay off	No Mass
Tues	8:30 am	St. Gabriel	†Desc'd of Ivan Kremer Fam
Wed	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Jim LeTendre
Thur	8:30 am	IHM	†Kathy Ruppert Legero
Fri	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Pete/Betty Schoborg
Sat	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	†William Merrick
	6:00 pm	IHM	†Jane Weis
Sun	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	For the People
Sun	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Joe LeTendre

## **CHURCH SUPPORT - AUG 31 & SEPT 1**

Envelopes	Plate	/Childrens	Online/ACH		
\$ 3,640.00	\$ 3	574.00	\$ 1,093.75		
\$ 880.00	\$ 1	61.06	\$		
\$ 980.00	\$ 3	621.00	\$		
\$ 614.00	\$ 1	31.00	\$		
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS					
Goal \$12,9	00	Pledged \$	5 18,925		
Goal \$11,0	65	Pledged \$	6,065		
Goal \$ 9,7	69	Pledged \$	5,625		
Goal \$ 4,8	72	Pledged \$	<b>4,450</b>		
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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

## ST. ANN

ST. MARY, LAKE WILSON COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on Weds, Sept 18, at 6:30pm in the Church basement.

MASS WILL BE HELD at St. Mary Church in Lake Wilson on Tuesday, Sept 17, at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Luella Huerkamp. Lou passed away on Mon, Sept 2. Her funeral was on Fri, Sept 6 at 10:30am, at St. Columba Church in Iona. May she rest in peace.

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 at anytime. The raffle has really helped make the dinner a success and we always have such a nice selection of prizes!

THANKS TO THE generous supporters of our cemeteries. Fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024) with the following donations: St. Ann Cemetery: \$4,330.00 St. Rose Cemetery: \$3,700.00 St. Columba Cemetery: \$2,875.00 We are off to a great start this fiscal year also (2024-2025): St. Ann Cemetery: \$967.00 St. Rose Cemetery: \$2,700.00 Thank You St. Columba Cemetery: \$430.00 Donors!

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 1<sup>st</sup> (this is a big class--will divide it up) 2nd, and 6th grades. Please pray about teaching the great Catholic faith. Classroom helpers also needed. 6th graders welcome to help with grs k & 1. Adults, please volunteer. Some of the older grades need helpers in their rooms.

### **LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 15**

St. Ann - 10:00 am Judy P, Bill & Jan B, Marilou C Min of Hosp Servers Josie S; Easton H Reader Julie K Gifts Chad Baumgartner Family EMHC Katie H; Daryl J; Judy C Comm to HB Sue B Connie M/Dana C Music

### ST. GABRIEL



ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST will be held after Mass on Tuesday Sept. 10th.

HARVEST FESTIVAL MEAL is Sunday, Sept. 15, serving from 4:30-6:30. Take time out to enjoy a scrumptious meal in the Church basement or you can get take outs at the school. And be sure to check out

the Theme Baskets that will be there for you to bid on.

**NOTICE**—Linda is out of the office for a couple of weeks. Please send all information for the bulletin to Dana at Slayton.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: If you haven't already done so, sign up TODAY to help with the upcoming Harvest Festival. Your help is needed! (Boys specifically, we could use your muscle power to transport heavier roasters to and from the church to the school for take-out meals!) Also don't forget your interviews/confessions with Fr. Schuster this week on Sept. 11 & Sept. 14. Text reminders will be sent!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: A very special thank you to Sherri Boehnke & Suzi Zins for 24 years of dedication to our "little ones" during Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Their service to our young families has been invaluable, as they've broken open The Word to our little ones down in the church hall; providing young parents a few minutes of peace and quiet to reflect upon the Liturgy of the Word upstairs without distraction. For the time being, Sherri & Suzi will be stepping away from this important ministry. If you see them, please let them know how much they have been appreciated! THANK YOU SHERRI & SUZI!

**RELEASE TIME:** If you haven't yet registered for Release Time; please do so TODAY! Forms may be picked up at both the HS and elementary offices; in back of church, or downloaded from our parish website, under the St. Gabriel's Faith Formation link: triparishcfw.org Contact Peg if you have questions or want to register your student. (507)329-2103

### **LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 15**

St. Gabriel - <u>8:00 am</u>				
Min of Hosp	Ron & Diane K; Mike & Suzi Z			
Servers	Truman & Owen O			
Lector	Katie C			
Comm	Margene V			
Sacristan	Edie T			
EMHC	Steve C, Roger & Karen Z			
Money	Tom S, Dave T			

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024** 

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Contact Lita Schreier (507-227-8844) to add someone in need of our prayers.

### ST. MARY'S CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

8/31 – Michelle VanderVeen \$100 9/2 – Ed Sweetman \$1,000

#### **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:**

Plate: \$313; Youth: \$8; Donations: \$35.

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

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

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** The Catholic Daughters have always headed this important charity, but now, volunteer(s) will be needed to set up the display in Oct. and collect the money and send in by the end of Nov. The purpose of the campaign is to help women in our Diocese to choose parenting or adoption rather than abortion. Please consider offering a few minutes of your time by volunteering to keep this important campaign going at IHM. Call or text Lana Olivier (507-763-3579) to volunteer or for more information. Thank you.

**GOD'S GARDENERS**: Marianne Ankrum and Ellen LaVoy pulled weeds, trimmed lilies, etc. around the church to ensure the property continues to look nice. Thank you, Marianne and Ellen! Let them know you appreciate their efforts.

### LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 14

ihm - <u>6:00 pm</u>
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Allison E, Mesa E
Joe S
Greg Laleman Family
Jo E, Kim O, Marcia S
LoAnn H
Jim G, Denny J, Dave L, Jon O

## **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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> (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@wwgschools.org

### LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 14

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PMGreet/GiftScott & Judy SLectorChris KServersSydney & LukasEMHCJoyce V; Ethan JCleanersSheryl & Anne W

#### **SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

# Weekly Words from The Rock:

# Did You Hear That?

Our gospel of today moves us into the realm of the senses. I am going to share some thoughts on the five senses this week. My weakest sense is my ability to smell. Let us be clear. If a skunk decided to spray me at a range of five feet, I would have absolutely no problem smelling. It isn't that I can't smell. My nose always seems to be full, so it is difficult for me to smell as well as others.

When it comes to the sense of touch, I have always been fortunate to have all my fingers. I'm reminded of someone like Philip Ignaszewski who grew up in my hometown and only had three fingers on one hand. Working at the lumber yard, he lost two of his fingers while cutting wood with a saw. Somehow, he adapted and continued his work at Freeborn Lumber.

My ability to see. I had cheater glasses for a few years prior to my need for prescription glasses. This was one decision in my life where I didn't try and "tough it out." Rather than being told I need prescription glasses, I made the decision on my own. The decision was made easier when I was having difficulty reading the prayers and texts for the Mass.

My ability to taste. I feel sorry for people who lose their sense of taste. The condition could be diabetes, bell's palsy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, or someone who has suffered a stroke. I have always liked the taste of pizza, spaghetti, and chocolate. I am not a big fan of the taste of coconut.

My ability to hear. I have been fortunate that I still have relatively good hearing. It isn't perfect but decent. I've mentioned previously how my older sister grew up wearing hearing aids from a very young age. Hearing aids, while helpful, are not the perfect tool. That is why she prefers to be away from crowds and around people with whom she is comfortable. Such is the genius of Jesus in today's gospel. Moving into the district of the Decapolis, people brought to Jesus a deaf man who had a speech impediment. Did you ever notice how important our hearing is to our ability to speak? If I can't hear what I am saying, how am I to know how I sound or words sound? Looking at a detail from my sister's story, Jesus, knowing how difficult crowds are to someone who has a difficult time hearing, takes the deaf man away from the crowd. Touching the man's ears and tongue, he utters "Ephphathal" (meaning "be opened") and both senses are brought into alignment. His ears are opened, his speech impediment removed. The consequence? He spoke plainly.

While I have been blessed with the ability to hear and speak, I must remember what I allow myself to hear is what enters my mind and what I speak is what comes from my heart. Both must be attuned with one thing – Jesus Christ. I am not perfect, yet I strive to be more aligned with Jesus each and every day.

Blessings to you!

Father Peter Schuster

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**<u>RCIA</u>** (*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 (a) merrickpfac(a) 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 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: <u>www.cgsusa.org</u> 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 <u>merrickpfac@wwgschools.org</u>.

**ST. GABRIEL FALL HARVEST DINNER** – Join us on **Sunday, September 15**<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ST. ANN FALL DINNER** - Everyone is Welcome to come for food, fellowship, and fun on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 1pm. Serving: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Coleslaw, Buns, Desserts, & Beverages. Eat in or take outs are available. Raffle prize donations are being accepted. Raffle drawing will be held at 1pm.

