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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 – OCT 21 - OCT 27

Mon	Father's 1	Day Off	No Mass
Tues	8:30 am	St. Gabriel	†Ken Freking
Wed	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Gary Hindt
Thur	8:30 am	IHM	†Wayne Jensen
Fri	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Barb Surprenant
Sat	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	†Craig Olsem
Sat	6:00 pm	IHM	For The People
Sun	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Ben/Lorraine Wisdorf
Sun	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Roy Schoon

CHURCH SUPPORT - OCT 12 & OCT 13

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	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH						
St. Ann	\$ 1,882.90	\$ 222.00	\$ 526.75						
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 381.00	\$						
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 306.00	\$						
St. Anthony	\$ 1,828.92	\$ 35.00	\$						
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS									
St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged \$	27,725						
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	5 Pledged \$	6,545						
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,769	Pledged \$	6,375						
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	2 Pledged \$	4,850						

ST. ANN

SECOND COLLECTION this week is for The Society of The Propagation of the Faith (World Mission Sunday) **ST. ANN FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet on Thurs, Oct 24, in the St. Ann Social Room at 6:30pm.

THANKS to all who have donated (45 families/15%) to the CMA24 appeal! Donations are accepted until Dec 31, 2024. Our project overage funds are being set aside for a new shed at the cemetery. Reminder that the overage will be returned **non assessed** - a *huge* parish benefit! This is the best way to fund any parish projects.

FINAL WEEK FOR CHRISTMAS WREATHS. Sale ends October 27th. Don't delay if you wanted to get an order in. *Thank you for your support!*

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Friday - November 1st

8:30am - St. Anthony, Westbrook

5:30pm - St. Ann, Slayton

BOXES OF JOY can be found in the hall (information is in each box). Fill and return by **Nov 4**th to the office for shipping. Yes – you can fill more than one if desired. Gifts are distributed to under privileged children around the world who have never received a gift before.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS is collecting all sizes of underwear/socks/hats/gloves, toothpaste, shampoo for adults & children. Collecting through October. Items will be given to the Dudley House in Sioux Falls. Collection basket is located in Divine Mercy Hall.

COURT QUEEN OF PEACE is scheduled to meet on Tues, Oct 22, at 5:30pm at the home of Jeaneen Nelson-2917 Norwood Ave, Slayton.

JULY 1, 2024 - PRESENT (YTD) Cemetery donations:

St. Ann Cemetery - \$1,162.00 Thank you for

St. Columba Cemetery - \$580.00 your generosity!

St. Rose Cemetery - \$7,700.00

FAITH FORMATION supper schedule for October 23:

K-5 Miranda DeLong 30-35 people 4:45 to church **6-9** Pam Schreier 25 people 6pm to church **MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING** October 30 8pm, right after faith formation, in the social room-St. Ann School (north of the church)

LITURGICAL DUTIES OCT 27

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Joe & Renee G, Brian & Angie F

Servers Madison J, Louis J

Reader Kelly N

Gifts Justin Hoffman Family EMHC Trish K; Dave & Kathy S

Comm to HB Dave & Kathy S

Music Connie M/Dana C

ST. GABRIEL

WE ARE IN NEED: St. Gabriel's is in need of a person to do snow removal for just the upcoming winter season. This would be for both the Church and the school. We furnish the equipment. Please contact Randy Kremer @ 507-360-9131 if interested.

HIGH SCHOOL RELEASE/FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

– Classes begin this week, with classes 1st & 2nd hours on Thurs., Oct. 24. If you have not yet registered your student for classes, registration forms are available at the HS office, in back of church and at St. Gabriel school. Register TODAY! (You may text or call 507-360-2103) Students must be on the registration roster in order to be dismissed from school. A big shout out to these wonderful individuals who have adjusted their schedules and made the great commitment to teaching this year: Katie Clarke (7th gr), Christian Potocnik (8th & 9th grades), Mark Bartosh (Sophomores & Juniors) and Don Olsem (Seniors). Please keep these teachers and their students in your prayers as the new year of diving deep into our Catholic Faith begins!

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF 7TH GRADE STUDENTS— Plan to attend Mass next Sunday morning at 8am at St. Gabriel's on Oct 27. Your student will be presented with a Bible from the parish and Fr. Schuster will bless them. These Bibles are an essential component for Release time classes with teacher Katie Clarke as she walks them through the Bible Timeline series. Students will become more familiar with Scripture and learn how to integrate daily use of the Bible into their lives.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE – The Mass of Remembrance will be Sunday, Nov 3. Parents of 5th and 6th grade students should plan to attend. These students will be helping with the presentation of candles at Mass that morning. Families of those who have lost loved ones – If you haven't already RSVP'd your intention to attend (or not attend), kindly do so this week, so we can better prepare! *Thank you!*

LITURGICAL DUTIES OCT 27

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Mike & Suzi Z; Steve & Lori T

Servers Grace S & Kellen H

LectorKen SCommLinda CSacristanWillie S

EMHC Mike & Margene V; Peg O

Money Mark V, Mike V

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:

10/11 – Chris Schons (\$100 Weekly) 10/18 - Ron Peterson (\$100 Weekly)

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Plate: \$278.00; Youth: \$28.00; Donations \$1,100.00

FAITH FORMATION:

Greenery Orders Due to Dawn: Oct. 20th

Classes resume Oct. 23rd - 6:30 to 7:30 - Wednesdays until Thanksgiving break.

IHM Confirmation class of 2025 will start on Oct. 23 at 7pm, at St Anthony's.

ROSARY: We will be saying the rosary 20 minutes before Mass during the month of October.

The leaders are:

Oct. 19 - Mary Sweetman

Oct. 26 - Michelle VanderVeen

GREENERY SALES: The Youth are selling Greenery again this year as a Fundraiser for upcoming youth events.

24" Wreath: \$34 36" Wreath: \$84

26" Mixed Wreath: \$40

Planter: \$35 Swag: \$29

Roping: \$45/25'

Cross: \$36

Place your order with any youth family or let Dawn know at 612-554-5663 or ihmyouthcurrie@gmail.com.

Orders are due October 20.

TODAY: Second collection: The Propagation of the Faith

ST. ANTHONY

SOUTHWEST AREA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:

There will be a meeting of the SW Area CCW on Tuesday, October 22, at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church in Heron Lake. If anyone would like a ride to this meeting contact Carol Olsem 507-329-7224 to make arrangements.

ROSARY: We will be saying the rosary 20 minutes prior to mass during the month of October. Please contact Shelly M if you can help out with leading it.

GREENERY SALES: The Youth are selling Greenery again this year as a Fundraiser for upcoming youth events. Contact Joyce Vortherms (507-822-4318) to place your order. Orders due by Oct 20th!

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THE BANQUET: On Wednesday, October 30, St. Anthony and Partners in Ministry will again be coordinating their efforts to serve the evening meal (6pm – 7:30pm) at The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Students (grades 7-12) will leave from the WWG high school at 3:15pm. Sign up with Joyce to get your parent permission slip which is required and a copy of the dress code. Adults are welcome to chaperone the students and help serve the evening meal if they would like to come. Sign up with Joyce (507-822-4318)

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LITURGICAL DUTIES - OCT 26

IHM - 6:00 PM

Servers BR H, Alayah V

Lector Kris R

Gift Bearers Scott & Kim Olafson Family **EMHC** Blake H, Becky L, Tim R

Cantor Linnea S

Ushers Mary A, Jim H, Tim R, Matt V

LITURGICAL DUTIES - OCT 26

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift Elizabeth & Dean J

Lector Ioan O

Servers Hadley & Easton
EMHC Shelly M, Ann J
Cleaners Cindy J, Nancy B

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Weekly Words from The Rock:

It is the Most...

There is a song by Andy Williams that is one of the most well-known of Christmas songs. It is entitled "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." The song begins:

It's the most wonderful time of the year

With the kids jingle belling

And everyone telling you to be of good cheer

It's the most wonderful time of the year.

Christmas and Easter mark the pivotal events in the life of our Christian faith; thus, in stating, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year has a true ring to it. On a personal front, the time we currently find ourselves in is the most wonderful time of Father Schuster's year. I base these words on the following:

- 1. Football is in full swing.
- 2. Baseball is at its pinnacle.
- 3. Games are being played for the Minnesota Wild.
- 4. The Minnesota Timberwolves seek to make a deeper run in the playoffs. Their season begins this week.
- 5. Fall harvest is well-underway.
- 6. The hunting season has begun.
- 7. The sports season is underway for high school athletes.
- 8. Some of the best fishing can be had at this time of the year.
- 9. For a priest, everything is back in full swing.
- 10. The beauty of driving and admiring the leaves changing colors.

What is your favorite season? I have no difficulty if someone disagrees with my assessment. Such is what makes all of us different. When it comes to faith, a change is just around the corner. Beginning in a few days, we will turn our calendar to the month of November which marks All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Our Church year will be wrapping up and our readings will focus on end-times and end-things. Before we know it, the month of December will be upon us. Questions will be answered:

- 1. Will December 1st begin with snow on the ground?
- 2. Will our lakes be frozen over or will waves still be the norm?
- 3. Will the Vikings be in playoff contention?

To such, we will have to wait and see. One thing is for certain. The season of Advent will be upon us, and we will be preparing ourselves for the coming of our Savior. Until then, for the months of September, October, and November you will hear Father Schuster singing, "It is the Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

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? Are you, or someone you know and love just plain curious to know more? All are welcome at this informative gathering that begins at 7pm. (2590 121st St, Avoca - 'The Woelber Barn'). There is no obligation to continue after the initial inquiry session. This program is open to all adults, 18 and older. Childcare will be provided throughout the series of 12 sessions culminate at Easter Vigil Mass with the Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic Faith! ALL ARE WELCOME! Spread the word! For more information, or to register, contact Pat Merrick @ merrickpfac@wwgschools.org or call (507)407-1063.

NEW (2025) CONFIRMATION STUDENTS Our first group meeting for new Candidates for Confirmation will be Oct 23, @ 7pm, at St. Anthony/Westbrook. A parent, (or both parents!) and student should attend. Meeting will last approximately 1 ½ hours. Contact your Faith Formation Director if you have questions or need more information.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Thanks for your continued generosity to the Baby Bottle Campaign. Remember to drop your contributions off by the end of October. October is "Respect Life Month" ... This campaign is an excellent way to financially support those young families in our Diocese that need help with unexpected pregnancies. Our assistance encourages young moms to CHOOSE LIFE; through financial, emotional and spiritual assistance! Thank you!

CATHOLIC MISSION TRIP: Youth in grades 8-12 (and adults also!!!) are encouraged to participate in a mission trip to the Diocese of Gallop New Mexico June 15-22. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith and reach out to those in need. Contact Marcie Cowan in Slayton for more information (507)360-1885

PRAYER CARDS can be found in the entryways of each parish; St. Ann, St. Gabriel, IHM, & St. Anthony to pray for our nation during this election season. Please take a prayer card with you—and PRAY!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCT 20, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. World Mission Sunday is our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over 1,000 local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy. His hope and peace. SEXUAL ABUSE: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Ext 255. Caller will be asked to provide name and phone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The DOW-R is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. Questions about the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, contact Michael Gerard: 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org. WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;" Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) week-

end. Next weekend in our area is Feb 14-16, 2025 in WINDOM. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit: **southmnwwme.org** or contact us at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

HOSPICE OF MURRAY COUNTY will hold a bereavement group for adults at the Hospice Office in Slayton. For 6 sessions, on Tuesdays, beginning Nov 12 thru Dec 17, 4 – 5pm. No cost. Sponsored by Hospice of Murray County. Pre-registration is appreciated for needed material prep. Call 507-836-8114 by Fri, Nov 8 to pre-register. Bereavement group is for ALL adults who have lost a loved one, not just those served by Hospice.

DEMENTIA EDUCATION EVENT: The Murray County Dementia Awareness Network (MCDAN) invites everyone to attend a presentation on "Healthy Living for your Brain and the 10 Warning Signs of Dementia", presented by Heidi Haley-Franklin - Tues, Oct 15, 2:30pm - 4:30pm at the 4-H Building - Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton. To attend, please register in advance by calling Joyce at (507)836-8705. This event is open to the public, including anyone interested in improving their health or who may be concerned about memory issues.



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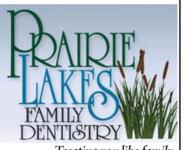
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