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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 28 - NOV 3

Mon	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues	8:30 am St. Gabriel	† <i>No Mass</i>
Wed	8:30 am St. Ann	† <i>No Mass</i>
Thur	8:30 am IHM	† <i>No Mass</i>
Fri	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Paul & Sandy Theisen
Fri	5:30 pm St. Ann	†Bob Schreurs
Sat	4:00 pm St. Anthony	For The People
Sat	6:00 pm IHM	Kate Calderon
Sun	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Gary Holden
Sun	10:00 am St. Ann	†Bob/Gen Spartz

CHURCH SUPPORT - OCT 19 & 20

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,904.00	\$ 446.00	\$ 848.50
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 334.11	\$
IHM-Currie	\$ 2,380.00	\$ 451.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 685.00	\$ 47.00	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged \$	28,675
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged \$	11,545
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,769	Pledged \$	6,375
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged \$	4,850

ST. ANN

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE: Fri - Nov 1st *A Holy Day of Obligation*

8:30am - St. Anthony, Westbrook

5:30pm - St. Ann, Slayton

Liturgical duties Nov 1: USHERS & GIFTS: Darwin J/Joe B/ Clayton M/Denny S; SERVERS: Madison J/Gwenna K; LECTOR: Karen J; EMHC: Judy C/Jill M/Pam M; MUSIC: Judy A/Rita L

SUNDAY - OCT 27 is the final day to order Christmas wreaths from the youth or if you would like a wreath placed and removed for you at the Cemetery, please order through the office. Orders will be submitted Monday night at 5pm. *Thanks to all who supported the sale!*

ST. ANN PARENTS AND YOUTH: Reminder, if you want to take part in the Youth Mass on the first Sunday of the month, you must be at practice on the last Sunday of the month, right after Mass. November celebrates Saints and we will include those who have gone before us. Servers, greeters, musicians/singers, gift bearers and readers; youth what are your talents that can be shared? Parents, please be encouraging. K - 2nd gr., there will be something special for you to color to bring up at offertory time.

THANK YOU for your donations to World Mission Sunday (SOPF) - \$402.00 was collected.

BOXES OF JOY need to be returned by **Nov 4th** to the office. Yes—you can fill more than one box if desired.

FAITH FORMATION supper schedule for October 30:

K-5 Amanda Berreau 30-35 people 4:45 to church

6-9 Faith Formation 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)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION for grades 6-9 will be held on Nov 6 from 6:45-7 pm in St. Ann church. All are welcome to come adore Jesus with us.

LITURGICAL DUTIES NOV 3 (NOV 1 - SEE ABOVE)

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Darwin J; Joe B; Clayton M; Denny S
Servers	<i>Youth Mass</i>
Reader	<i>Youth</i>
Gifts	<i>Youth</i>
EMHC	Pam S; Daryl J; Dana C
Comm to HB	Jill M
Music	Sharon L

ST. GABRIEL

7TH GRADE STUDENT/BIBLES – Congratulations to the 7th grade students who received new Bibles this morning at Mass ~ Thanks to the parish for supporting these youth through the purchase of these Holy Books! Please keep these students, and their teacher, Katie Clarke in your prayers as they embark on a year-long study of Sacred Scripture during Release Time this year. May these Bibles be well-used for many years to come!

SACRAMENTAL PREP – Families met Saturday to begin preparation of their 2nd graders to receive Reconciliation in December. Please keep Noah, Matthew, Hudson, Makenzie, Eli, Darrin, Gray & Teddy (and their families!) in your prayers in the weeks ahead. Also, this past week, a group of 14 students from our parish cluster met for their first Confirmation session. From St. Gabriel's, keep Alberto & Brady and their families in your prayers as they enter into this year-long Confirmation preparation process! Holy Spirit Come!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE– The Mass of Remembrance is next Sunday, Nov. 3. Thanks to Mrs. Chelsea Hein and her 5th and 6th grade students for planning and hosting. Everyone is invited downstairs after Mass that morning for coffee and rolls. Please plan to come down and enjoy some great fellowship! Our parish youth will be serving rolls and coffee for their “First Sunday of the Month Socials.”

HIGH SCHOOL RELEASE/FAITH FORMATION CLASSES began this past Thursday. Thank you to those who have given of their time and talent to teach the youth this year! Please keep all our Faith Formation teachers (and the students too!) in your prayers as we kick off another year of Release Time.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD – Stay tuned in the months ahead for more information about this program and what Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is all about. We have begun training and hope to institute this program into our Faith Formation program for our younger elementary and preschool-aged youth. It is a wonderful Montessori (hands on) method of learning that truly introduces children to the Heart of Jesus.

LITURGICAL DUTIES NOV 3

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve & Donna C; Doug, Katie, & Mara C
Servers	Colten & Brenton E
Lector	Caleb A
Comm	Lenore W
Sacristan	Shelby S
EMHC	Mary L; Torri Z; Sue (J) Z
Money	Barb K; Linda C

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:
10/18 - Ron Peterson (\$100 Weekly)

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:
Plate: \$421.00; Youth: \$30.00; Donations \$516.00

FAITH FORMATION:
Faith Formation: Class 6:30-7:30
Confirmation YOU Classes: IHM Church basement Oct 27th

ROSARY: We will be saying the rosary 20 minutes before Mass during the month of October.
The leaders are:
Oct. 26 - Michelle VanderVeen

IN MEMORY: Sympathy is extended to Sandy & Del Anderson on the loss of Sandy's mother. Fay (Wiese) Anderson passed away on October 9, 2024 at the age of 93. Burial was in the Lake Sarah Baptist Cemetery in rural Slayton. May she rest in peace.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our parish, IHM, is in need of parishioners to come forward and volunteer for liturgical functions, such as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers and ushers. Please contact Lexi Gervais or Kris Rignell or any member of the Parish Council if you are willing to volunteer for any of these important roles in our parish. Thank you for your consideration.

CHOIR PRACTICE: It is time to begin practicing for the Advent/Christmas season. Our first practice will be held on Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. Please consider sharing your time and talent with our parish this season. All voices are welcome. If you have questions, please contact LoAnn Hansen at 507-829-3129 or Patty LeClaire at 507-227-9965.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - NOV 2

IHM - 6:00 PM

Servers Christian H; Katelyn R
Lector Jim G
Gift Bearers Blake & Marie Heronimus Family
EMHC Romane D; Jo E; Lori M
Cantor Linnea S
Ushers George A; Jason S; Mike S; Jake S

ST. ANTHONY

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN: Our students began their Confirmation preparation last Wednesday. Please keep all student in your prayer during the coming year. St. Anthony students are. Hadley Jenniges, Jackson Jenniges, Ian Knakmuhs, Sydney Swenson.

FLY PATROL: As the weather turns cooler, we tend to have our usual fly problem. If anyone has time to spot check the church on Saturdays before Mass, vacuuming them up, it would be greatly appreciated. Together we can keep our church looking well kept. Thanks to all who are taking their turn with weekly cleaning. We appreciate you as well and your efforts are notice

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)

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Mission Sunday - \$131.00

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Friday - November 1st
8:30am - St. Anthony, Westbrook
5:30pm - St. Ann, Slayton

LITURGICAL DUTIES - NOV 2

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift Austin & Cassandra Q
Lector Carol E
Servers Ian
EMHC Sophie J; Joyce V
Cleaners Derrick & Ann J

Weekly Words from The Rock:

The Three B's

Today's gospel comes from Mark 10:46-52. I sum up the story in three B's.

1. The name of the person involved – Bartimaeus
2. His condition – Bartimaeus was blind.
3. The result of his condition – Bartimaeus was blind; thus, he needed to beg.

Imagine having to be a beggar. You rely completely, totally upon others for your very existence. Due to this reliance, it is my sense that Bartimaeus was not the quiet sort. Upon hearing someone approach, he would say, "Due to my blindness, I cannot work. Please help me." I make such an assessment because in our gospel we hear, "On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to **cry out** and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.'" The very act of crying out meant Bartimaeus was outspoken in nature.

What really grabs my attention in this gospel is the response of the people to Bartimaeus' request of Jesus. Pity was the far from their minds. We hear instead, "Many rebuked him, telling him to be silent." In a frank sort of well, imagine someone telling you to "shut up" or "be quiet." Such phrases mean you are nothing but a bother and people don't want to hear from you. This can happen in many situations:

1. When someone doesn't agree with us politically.
2. When it is someone who constantly gets under our skin.
3. When someone disagrees with our position, and we firmly believe we are in the right.

To such, our words are the cutting of "shut up" or "be quiet" as my voice is the only voice of reason.

In response to such an attitude, I offer three alternative B's which point to our faith. They sound like this:

1. The **Beatitudes**. Think for a moment about the Beatitudes and ask if what I am about to say reflects the spirit of the Beatitudes. Can I be humble? A peacemaker? Merciful (thus understanding)?
2. The **Being** of every person. No matter who a person is God loves them unconditionally. Every person has dignity. The being of a person, that a person has been created by God and offers a purpose in God's grand scheme, matters.
3. The **Bringing** of another to life. It boils down to one of two choices. We can either demean the dignity of another in our speech or we can build up another. Think of the amount of time Jesus spent in building up those whom society deemed "worthless."

It is my hope that the Beatitudes, Being, and Bringing be at our core as followers of Jesus Christ.

Blessings to you!

~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RCIA (*Rite Of Christian Initiation*) classes have begun! If you missed our first session this past Wednesday, no worries ... Join us for **Session Two**, on Wed., Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. (**Session Three** will be Wed., Nov. 20). For more information, contact Pat Merrick at (507)407-1063. All are most welcome!

MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING Wed., Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. at St. Ann School (West door entrance). Students in grades 8-12 (adults also) are invited to journey on a mission trip to the Diocese of Gallop New Mexico this coming June 15-22. The trip is being organized through St. Ann in Slayton. Those participating will experience many service opportunities; along with time to deepen their Catholic faith through worship, fellowship and prayer. Please consider joining us! For more information, contact Marcie Cowan at (507)360-1885

CONFIRMATION Student “Fall Kick Off” is next Sun., Nov. 3, 5-8 p.m. at Lisa & Pat Kremer’s barn on Lake Corabelle (328 130th Ave, Iona, MN. 56131). This will be a fun ‘get-to-know-one-another’ session for all THIS year’s new students. Contact your Faith Formation director for more information or if you’ll need a ride.

ATTENTION YOUTH! Learn More About Seminary Life & Vocations! *Youth & families invited to St. Francis Xavier, Windom.* Wednesday evening, Nov 6 at 6:15pm. Minor seminarians of St. Jose Sanchez del Rio (from Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Mankato) and young women from the Servants of the Lord of the Virgin Matara will be on hand. Both groups are part of the religious order: The Institute of the Incarnate Word. (The youth coming to speak to the Faith Formation students are junior high – high school aged) This would be a wonderful opportunity to interact and witness youth who are discerning religious life at a very young age! Contact Peg if you’d like to carpool over from Fulda, or contact Vicky at (507)830-0537 or Sherri at (507)221-0354 for more information

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Thanks for everyone’s continued generous support of the annual Baby Bottle Campaign collection! (Coins AND large bills! Awesome!) Funds raised will go to help young families in need! We are a pro-life Church; and this means supporting the most vulnerable from conception to natural death. By financially helping families who might otherwise not be able to choose LIFE for their unborn child; we put our faith into action! All bottles should be turned in by NEXT SUNDAY. You may turn them in at weekend Masses or to your parish office by Oct. 31. Thank you!

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!

HARVEST SOUP LUNCH & BAKE SALE A variety of tasty soups, bread & desserts will be served Sat., Nov. 9 from 11am - 4pm at First Lutheran Church in Dundee. All are welcome! There will be a quilt and bake sale throughout the day, and people are encouraged to stop by beginning at 8:30am for coffee and rolls. Hunters: Take a break from hunting and stop on in for a tasty treat!

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)** weekend. 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.

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