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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 – NOV 4 - NOV 11

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	† <i>No Mass</i>
Sat	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†William Merrick
Sat	6:00 pm IHM	For the People
Sun	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Barb Elsing
Sun	10:00 am St. Ann	†Angeline Thom

CHURCH SUPPORT - OCT 26 & 27

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,685.00	\$ 323.50	\$ 1,243.75
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 285.02	\$ 311.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,276.00	\$ 320.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 1,289.00	\$ 127.00	\$

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

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Travis & Miranda DeLong on the baptism of their son, Maddox Mark. Maddox received the waters of baptism Oct 27. Welcome Maddox!

BOXES OF JOY need to be returned by tomorrow, **Nov 4th**, in order to prepare them for shipping. Trucks will be picking them up later in the week. *Thank you!!*

INFORMATION/UPDATE: As mentioned previously, the St. Ann bell is done. A brief recap: The 700lb, bronze bell was installed in 1954. It has worked perfectly for 70 years. Recently, parts such as the solenoid & magnetic coils have given out or corroded, causing the inability of the striker to be lifted and hit the bell casting, which produces the tone heard. Manufacturing parts, for this bell, ended early 2001. Research shows it can be removed and repaired at the bell plant, in Ohio. However, this comes with a price tag of \$28,000. *Oh my*, is right! The council discussed the bell, options (like mounting speakers), and voted to repair the existing bell. It was discussed this will be next year's CMA25 project, but funds could still be given to CMA24 this year. With the goal already met, everything gets returned, non-assessed. Once the cemetery shed is paid off remaining funds would be held for the future bell project. If you have questions please speak with a Council member: Don Carlson, Zach Brands, Angie Frisk, Pam Johnson, Sharon Lais, Fr. Schuster, or B & G members: Dave Schreiber, Gary Eich, Chuck Platt, Bill Ellefson, & Dana Clarke.

SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION will take place next week for disaster relief due to the recent hurricanes. See announcement on the Additional Information page of the bulletin.

MORE USHERS are still needed to help with the weekly collection. Ushers are scheduled for a month at a time. Please call Marti Engelkes if you would like to be put on the schedule. *Thank you!*

FAITH FORMATION supper schedule for Nov 6:

K-5 Faith Formation 30-35 people 4:45 to church

6-9 Kathy Vroman 25 people 6pm to church

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

ST. GABRIEL

MEALS ON WHEELS Diane Kirchner and Sharon Fuerstenberg are scheduled for next week Nov 4-8.

SPECIAL COLLECTION next week for disaster relief due to the recent hurricanes. Please read the announcement on the Additional Information page of the bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. GABRIEL PARISHIONERS: As you can see from the financials on the first page, we have surpassed our 2024 goal for the CMA appeal! Any additional support will be returned to us untaxed.

ADDITIONAL CHURCH SUPPORT:

IRA Contribution \$8,000

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Special thanks to Mrs. Chelsea Hein and her 5th and 6th grade students hosting this event today. November is the month we remember our beloved dead. Candles for loved ones we have lost this past year will be lit throughout November each Sunday at Mass. Please remember them in your daily prayers:

“Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and may Your Perpetual Light shine upon them.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN”

RECONCILIATION PREP – Families of 2nd grade students: Thanks to all for turning in your Sacramental preparation homework sheets in on a timely basis each week. Remember to drop them off in the basket on the Faith Formation table in back of church each Sunday, or have your child give them to Mrs. Zins Monday afternoon during Release Time class.

COFFEE & CATECHISM: COME ONE AND ALL, as we begin a monthly series of learning and fun. Tentatively every third Sunday of the month, everyone is invited to gather after Mass to explore a variety of topics pertinent to our Faith/the Church Season/Current events in light of our faith and other faith-related issues. This month, we will gather on **Sunday, Nov. 17 immediately after Mass.** The topic of conversation (In this the month of “The Holy Souls”) will be: ***What Happens When We Die?*** What is church teaching on this? What does the Catechism tell us? All are welcome.

LITURGICAL DUTIES NOV 10

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Darwin J; Joe B; Clayton M; Denny S
Reader	Kate B; Renee R
Gifts	Julie K
EMHC	Dan Blankenship Family
Comm to HB	Bill B; Travis S; Gary E
Music	Sue B
	Paula H; Judy A

LITURGICAL DUTIES NOV 10

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Ken & Cathy S, Steve & Lori T
Lector	Truman & Owen O
Comm	Christian P
Sacristan	Shannon W
EMHC	Edie T
Money	Mike & Margene V; Suzi Z
	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:

October 25: Gauge Liebl (\$100);
November 1: Kari Ourada (\$100)

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO: Plate: \$305.00;
Youth: \$15.00; Donations: \$120.00
Mission Sunday Total: \$556.00

FAITH FORMATION:

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

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: the Advent/Christmas season. Our first practice will be held on **Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m.** (**note date change**). 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

CMA: Only 20 IHM Parishioners have given to this appeal so far, totaling \$6,375.....IHM's goal is \$9,769. Your contribution will help fund diocesan-led ministries, such as Youth ministries, faith formation, RCIA, Vocations discernment, Life, Marriage, & Family, Catholic schools, Newman centers, evangelization, etc. Please consider giving yet this calendar year.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - NOV 9

IHM - 6:00 PM

Servers Levi K; Ethan S
Lector Linnea S
Gift Bearers Mark & Lexi Gervais Family
EMHC Loretta G; Joe S; Marcia S
Cantor Matt K
Ushers George A; Jason S; Mike S; Jake S

ST. ANTHONY

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: As October has ended, please return your baby bottles to the table in the back of church. Thank you for donating to this cause.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If anyone would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place money in collection basket and label accordingly.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN: Our students began their Confirmation preparation recently. Please keep all students in your prayers 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

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LITURGICAL DUTIES - NOV 9

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift Josh & Courtney B
Lector Shelly M
Servers Hadley & Easton
EMHC Ann J; Ethan J
Cleaners Dean & Elizabeth J

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

REFLECTIONS ON NOVEMBER

As I sat down to write this column, I thought back on the month of November and what it was like for me growing up. Here are some thoughts:

1. While in primary and secondary school, it meant Thanksgiving vacation.
2. Thanksgiving always meant gathering around the kitchen table and eating turkey with all the sides. If my memory serves me correctly, we usually packed together in the family car and attended Mass on Thanksgiving.
3. Harvest was in full swing. I am struck by how times have changed. My brother usually has harvest complete and soil tilled by the end of October. Not so back in the day. The corn harvest was still in full swing.
4. When I was younger, I can remember us picking, not combining, corn. The corn was still on the ear and elevated into steel or wood bins.
5. Being a hunter, I spent time hunting ducks. A spectacle I haven't seen for years was the various flocks of mallards circling and landing in fields. As a young squirt, I would try to crawl after them or hide myself for a passing shot.
6. November meant deer hunting. Deer hunting was an all-day affair. I usually assisted my father with cleaning hog barns and grinding feed on Saturdays however during deer hunting a reprieve was given.
7. The lakes were iced over by the end of November and ice fishing was in full swing.
8. More often than not, snow was on the ground sometime during November.
9. The Novembers of yesteryear seemed colder than the more recent Novembers. Colder weather meant bundling up.

All serve as great memories. From a priest's perspective, I would add the following to my November list.

A. All Saint's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is a time to call the people together and remember the saints who have paved the way prior to us. I think of Saints like Peter, Andrew, Hubert, John Vianney, Joseph, and Mother Teresa. Their inspiration paved the way for us to live the faith Christ has laid out for us.

B. All Soul's Day. We all have people who have gone before us that remain in our prayers. I think about my grandparents who played an instrumental role in my vocation and the priests who helped in my vocation. The priest to whom I am most indebted was Father John Tighe. If my memory is correct, Father Tighe moved from St. Casimir's in Wells to St. Francis Xavier in Windom. You didn't mess around with Father Tighe. He demanded respect yet he encouraged me along my vocational path to priesthood. I would be remiss to not think of the people whose funerals and/or interments I celebrated over the past year.

C. The Sundays of November focus on the end-times. They ask us to ready ourselves for the coming of our Lord. They challenge us on how to ready ourselves in facing the Lord at our death.

D. With the arrival of Thanksgiving Day, I include on my thanksgiving list the gift of priesthood and the people I have been given the honor and privilege of serving.

E. Advent. Depending upon the year, the season of Advent begins in November with its call to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

To conclude this column, here is a November story for you. I was home for Thanksgiving during my college years. I saw flock after flock of mallards landing in a field which jutted up to Grandpa Schuster's farm. The temptation was too great. I grabbed my gun and headed for the corner of my grandfather's field. I didn't have permission to hunt the neighbor's property, so I leaned against the corner post which marked the intersecting property lines. For hours on end, flock after flock kept landing in the neighbor's field. While it was a majestic sight, it had a twist of frustration to it. Not a duck would come close to my location. This went on and on and on. Duck after duck passing well beyond shooting range. Then it happened. One flock passed over and I took a chance. I got lucky and one mallard found itself on the way home with me. All is true; however, what I remember the most was how cold I was. Leaning against the fence post, it snowed and snowed and snowed with a northwest wind blowing. Try to stay as still as possible in that weather. On the walk home, my dad drove out to pick me up and I was shaking from the cold. Still, the mission was accomplished.

What memories do you have of the month of November? Whatever they might be, keep them close to the vest.

Blessings to you! ~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation*) Our next session is this coming Wed, Nov 6 at 6:30pm. If you missed the first session, no worries – You are not too late to join in the learning.. All are welcome! Meeting location is Sheryl & Loy Woelber's barn, 2590 121st. St., Avoca, MN 56114. For more information, contact Pat Merrick at (507)407-1063.

CONFIRMATION FALL KICK OFF NOV 17. *[NOTE: DATE CHANGE]* The student "Fall Kick Off" date has been changed to Nov. 17. It will be held at Lisa & Pat Kremer's barn on Lake Corabelle (1314 16th St., Iona, MN. 56131). This will be a fun 'get-to-know-one-another' session. Contact your Faith Formation director for more information or if you need a ride.

ATTENTION YOUTH! Learn More About Seminary Life & Vocations!

YOUTH & FAMILIES INVITED TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, WINDOM: This coming Wednesday evening, Nov. 6 at 6:15 p.m. 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 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: Donations must be turned in by this weekend! Thanks for everyone's very generous support of this worthy cause!

LIVE NATIVITY Each December, St. Ann's hosts a "Live Outdoor Nativity" drive through ~ This year, the Live Nativity will be Wed, Dec 4 from 7-8pm. Any student from throughout our parish cluster is invited to be a part of this special event! Stay tuned for future notices and updates concerning this! Parents – put it on your calendar now and have your child(ren) participate in this beautiful experience (Contact Marcie Cowan, (507)360-1885 for more information).

DISCIPLESHIP QUADS Are you interested in digging deeper in Scripture with a group of like minded men and women? We've had a number of these groups taking place within our parish cluster for a couple of years now. What is a Quad group? Generally, it entails meeting once a week with your "Quad" group for a year. (Typically four men or four women make up these groups, but we've had groups with five or six persons in them). The one year time frame may sound daunting, but don't let that scare you away! The connections/relationships that are built as you grow together in God's Word is amazing. We can have mixed groups of parishioners from all our parishes; so it wouldn't necessarily need to be parishioners from the same parish forming a "Quad" ~ What a great way to get know other people of faith! Learn more about what Quads are all about at <https://steubenvilleconferences.net/discipleship-quads/> (Contact Peg (507)329-2103 or Marcie (507)360-1885 if interested in becoming a part of a group).

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE RELIEF – This announcement is from the Diocese. Recent hurricanes have created devastation and caused many deaths in Florida, North Carolina and throughout the southeastern part of the United States. Catholic Charities USA is coordinating relief efforts. Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is currently providing support and assistance to its Diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the regions that are being impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. **A second collection will be taken the weekend of November 9-10** to support Catholic Charities in their relief efforts. To learn more about the supporting local efforts through Catholic Charities, go to: www.ccsomn.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)** weekend. The next weekend in our area is Feb 14-16, 2025 in WINDOM. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact us at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

SOUP & DESSERT Fundraiser on Sun, Nov 3, 11am-1pm at the Iona Presbyterian Church in Iona. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome to attend!

SLAYTON KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Sun, Nov 10, serving 9am - 12:30pm, at the 4-H building in Slayton. All you can eat of Pancakes, Sausage Links, Orange Juice, Milk, and Coffee. Everyone is Welcome!

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