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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 11 - NOV 17

Mon	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues	8:30 am St. Gabriel	†Ivan Kremer Family
Wed	8:30 am St. Ann	†Barb Surprenant
Thur	8:30 am IHM	†Gene Dold
Fri	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Pat Miller
Sat	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†John Merrick
Sat	6:00 pm IHM	†Jane Weis
Sun	8:00 am St. Gabriel	For The People
Sun	10:00 am St. Ann	†Paul Beech

CHURCH SUPPORT - NOV 2 & 3

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 3,172.00	\$ 398.75	\$ 1,145.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,479.93	\$ 297.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 407.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 535.00	\$ 95.00	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged \$	28,875
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 Carla Cazares Macias on the baptism of her son, Guillermo Adrian. Guillermo received the waters of baptism Nov 3. Welcome Guillermo!

ST. ANN CCW ladies group will be meeting on Mon, Nov 18 at 4:30pm in Divine Mercy Hall. All parish ladies are welcome to attend.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS want to thank everyone who donated to the Dudley House in Sioux Falls SD. All donations are greatly appreciated and needed.

CDA WILL be holding a memorial Mass on Tues, Nov 19, at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome. After Mass CDA will hold their monthly meeting.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Dec. 24 4pm IHM, Currie
Dec. 24 6pm St. Anthony, Westbrook
Dec. 25 8am St. Gabriel, Fulda
Dec. 25 10am St. Ann, Slayton

FAITH FORMATION supper schedule for Nov 13:

K-5 Amy Kathman 30-35 people 4:45 to church
6-9 Angie Frisk 25 people 6pm to church

RADA CUTLERY SALE will run from Nov 13 to Dec 4. Purchases will arrive before Christmas. See participating youth or Marcie in the FF office

LETTERS TO SEMINARIANS Nov 20th grades 5 and 7 will be encouraging the seminarians with special notes.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT will be held again in Murray County. Requesting new gifts, toys, quilts, & non-perishable food items, by Dec 2nd, for distribution to needy children. Gifts are distributed to infant thru age 11. Drop items at Slayton Shoe Repair. In need of items? Call 507-530-1292. Send Monetary gifts to: Christmas Project, PO Box 111, Slayton, MN 56172.

ST. GABRIEL

FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Gabriel School.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS—There are envelopes on the table at the back of Church for anyone who wishes to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO: Grain Sale \$386.43

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS from 9:00-10:00 Tuesday, November 12th after the 8:30 Mass.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN—A big **THANKS** to everyone who donated to this worthy campaign. The amount came in at \$860.97. Amazing!!!

COFFEE & CATECHISM— Join us next Sunday for our first in a series of learning more about our Catholic teachings and what the Catechism of the church teaches. This month's topic (As November is the month where we remember those who have died), we will explore Catholic teaching on "**The Four Last Things: What Happens When We Die?**" We will meet downstairs in the church hall immediately following Mass. Sessions will last about one hour. All are welcome

PASSOVER MEALS – Our kindergarten/1st grade students will be blessed this Monday afternoon to be the first class of students to experience our new 'Seder Meal Lesson'. Throughout Release this year, students at every grade level, will experience this special Seder (Passover meal) thanks to Renee Dorpinghaus. The goal is for our parish youth to draw the connection between Christ's Last Supper and the giving of Himself to us each week during the Holy Sacrifice of The Mass. *We are very grateful to Renee for providing this great learning opportunity to our children.* (Kay Klein's 3rd grade students will experience the Seder Meal the following week, on Mon., Nov. 18.) Parents of these students, please ask your children after Release what they learned!

RELEASE TIME /REGISTRATION FEES— If you haven't yet paid for, or sent in your family's registration forms, please do so at your earliest convenience! Thank you! Checks can be sent to St. Gabriel Faith Formation, 305 S. Lafayette Ave., Fulda, MN 5613.

LITURGICAL DUTIES NOV 17

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Darwin J; Joe B; Clayton M; Denny S
Servers Emaleigh D, Kenadie H
Reader Todd B
Gifts Tony Moger Family
EMHC Judy C, Dave S, Kathy S
Comm to HB Joanne B
Music Dana C, Sue B

LITURGICAL DUTIES NOV 17

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Dale & Deb K, Ron & Diane K
Servers Brady M, Kellen H
Lector Genell H
Comm Linda C
Sacristan Margene V
EMHC Ted W, Steve C, Barry H
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:

Nov 1: Kari Ourada - \$100

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO: Plate: \$350.00; Youth: \$57.00; Donations: \$75.00 Mission Sunday Total: \$556.00

FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation: Class 6:30-7:30 Confirmation YOU Classes: IHM Church basement Nov.10-6:00pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our parish, IHM, is in need of parishioners to volunteer as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers and ushers. Please contact Lexi Gervais, Kris Rignell or a Parish Council member if you can help out.

CHOIR PRACTICE: It is time to begin practicing for 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. If you have questions, please contact LoAnn Hansen at 507-829-3129 or Patty LeClaire at 507-227-9965.

SOUP & PIE: St. Mary's School is sponsoring a Soup and Pie take out and delivery (Tracy city limits) fundraiser on Sunday, November 24th at St. Mary's Church Basement in Tracy from 11 am-12:30 pm. A take out meal includes a choice of Chili, Vegetable Beef, Ham & Potato, and Chicken Dumpling Soup, Fresh Baked Bread, and a slice of Pie. Take out meal is \$12 and Soup only is \$10. To reserve your meal call/text Claudette Ankrum 507-626-1143 with your choices, or call the church basement (the day of) at 629-3841. Pre-orders are encouraged.

GREENERY PICK-UP: Families can pick up their greenery orders on Nov 23 4pm-5:45pm. Thank you for Supporting the IHM Youth!

VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to Shelly Bassett for keeping the church door glass & carport windows clean & spotless! Thanks to Joe & Marcia Schreier for the material and labor involved in the landscaping and grass planting anwatering by the new sidewalks

LITURGICAL DUTIES - NOV 16

IHM - 6:00 PM

Servers	Dawson S, Evan S
Lector	Matt K
Gift Bearers	Mike & Beth Gervais Family
EMHC	Romane D, Jo E, Shari S
Cantor	Alyssa O
Ushers	George A; Jason S; Mike S; Jake S

ST. ANTHONY

LITURGICAL ROLES: We appreciate all liturgical ministers. Please continue to reach out to others to fill your roles when you cannot be at Mass.

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 noticed

LITURGICAL DUTIES - NOV 16

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift	Tyler & Jessica S
Lector	Pat M
Servers	Sydney & Lukas
EMHC	Shelly M, Nicki P
Cleaners	Joan J, Judy S

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Questions

One of the focuses of the month of November is end-times. Speaking of questions regarding end-times, I am going to share with you some questions and answers from the book *Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons and 199 other questions from Catholic Teenagers*.

Question 102 (page 136): How good do you have to be to go to heaven?

Answer: You cannot be good enough on your own to deserve to go to heaven (Romans 3:23). The Bible and the Catholic Church teach that a person cannot, strictly speaking, earn his or her way into heaven (Romans 3:20). Salvation is the free gift of God through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). But we must accept and freely cooperate with this gift (Galatian 5:6). God's grace can transform us so we can live holy lives and receive heaven as the "reward" for our faithfulness to Him (2 Corinthians 5:17). Salvation means being in proper relationship with God – believing, trusting, and loving God, giving ourselves to Him wholly and freely. Baptism puts us in that relationship by communicating to us the forgiveness of Christ and the grace of being a son or daughter of God (John 3:5). However, just because we have been baptized does not guarantee we will go to heaven. We can alienate ourselves from God if we willingly disobey God's law and turn our backs on Him through mortal sin. Even so, God is always willing to forgive us, especially through the sacrament of reconciliation where Christ cleanses us from our sins and reconciles us to Himself.

Question 103 (page 137): Should we do good things to be saved or because we are saved?

Answer: First, let us be clear on how we are saved. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9), not by our own efforts. In this sense, works can't save us. But we must cooperate with grace; faith must be completed by our love and obedience in order to be living, saving faith. Here, works or Christian obedience, motivated by the love of God and neighbor, come into play. Without such works, our faith is dead and cannot save us. So our cooperation – our "work" in a very limited sense – is necessary for salvation. Yet even our cooperation is a matter of grace. As St. Paul wrote, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:12-13). Even when we cooperate with God by doing good, it is God who is inspiring, enabling, and moving us to do so. Our part is to say "yes" and to love God with our whole heart, mind, and strength by active obedience. One thing to keep in mind: Being saved is more than a "one-time event." It is a process. There are "three tenses" to salvation. If someone asks, "Are you saved?" you should answer: "I have been saved from my sins through Christ's death and resurrection. I am being saved as I cooperate with God's grace. And I will be saved so long as I do not reject God's love and I die in His friendship (that is, in a state of grace)." Salvation is a past, present, and future reality.

Question 109 (pages 142-143): Why are people afraid of death?

Answer: There are probably several reasons. Some people have difficulty believing that if they love God and serve Him on earth, He will embrace them at the time of death. Also, there is a natural fear of the unknown, even if you have faith. In addition, almost every death scene we see in the movies and on television is not a pleasant experience. If we were to continually see the joyful faces of the canonized saints at the time of their death, our fear of death would greatly decrease, if not disappear. It would be a good practice to meditate on the joy of seeing God at the time of our death. Scripture says, "For as a man [thinks]...so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). If we think and pray about what a joyful experience heaven will be, God will give us the grace to firmly believe it. One should also develop a devotion to St. Joseph, who is the patron of a happy death.

Question 114 (pages 146-147): Are there different levels of heaven?

Answer: The Catholic Church teaches there are different levels of joy in heaven because there are different levels of reward (Matthew 20:21). This difference, though, does not cause any jealousy or distance between the saints, because all are perfected in charity and perfectly happy in the presence of God. Here is a frequently used analogy: Imagine your soul is like a glass. In heaven, some people will have a large "glass"; others will have a small "glass." Those with large glasses can have more of God's love poured into them (that is, poured into their soul) because they loved more perfectly on earth. They prepared their soul to receive more of God. The person with a smaller "glass" can hold less of God's love but will still be completely filled with Him. Yet, he or she will want for nothing and will not be jealous of those who receive more of God's love.

Blessings to you! ~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION NOTES:

SESSION 2 MEETING THIS WEEK

WHO: Student & Parent

WHAT: THE 7 SACRAMENTS (*With emphasis on the Three Sacraments of Initiation*)

WHERE: St. Ann's ~ Church Hall

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 13 @ 7 p.m.

CONFIRMATION FALL KICK OFF SUNDAY, NOV. 17 [NOTE: NEW START TIME]

Confirmation Candidates will be meeting for a fun “get-to-know-one-another” session out at Lisa & Pat Kremer’s barn on Lake Corabelle (1314 16th St., Iona, MN. 56131). **We will begin at 4:30 p.m.** and should finish by 7-7:30 p.m. Supper will be served. This is a meeting just for the students (parent is not required to attend). Contact your Faith Formation director for more information or your student needs a ride.

LIVE NATIVITY (Correction!) Each December, St. Ann hosts a “Live Outdoor Nativity” drive through ~ Mark your calendars and plan to attend this very special Christmas experience on Wed., Dec. 4 from 7-8 p.m. This is a program hosted strictly by the St. Ann Faith Formation HS students (We incorrectly stated youth of all ages would be welcome. Our apologies for the error!) – That being said, children of ALL ages (toddler to 100 years old!) will love to experience the wonder of the Nativity in this drive-through program. Put it on your calendar today!

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 4 men or 4 women make up these groups, but we’ve had groups with 5 or 6 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).

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SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE RELIEF – A second collection will be taken this weekend **November 9-10** to support Catholic Charities in their relief efforts. Please be generous. Thank you.

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 (WVME)** weekend. The 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.

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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