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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	
	2 nd Tuesday of every month after the 8:30	
	Mass.	
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	of every month after the 8:30 Mass.	
St. Anthony	Confessions-Before the 4:00 pm Saturday	
-	Mass. (3:30 - 3:45pm)	
Mass Intentions – dec 2 - Dec 8		
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Tues	10:00 am	Maple Lawn	†Molly Clarke
Wed	9:15 am	Sunrise	†Gary Swart
Thur	8:30 am	IHM	†Clarence & Sue Almjeld
Fri	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Barb Surprenant
Sat	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	For The People
Sat	6:00 pm	IHM	†Sandra Coon
Sun	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Jeff Zins
Sun	10:00 am	St. Ann	†Lennie & Gustie Biren

CHURCH SUPPORT - NOV 23 & 24

	Envelopes	Plate/Children	s Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 260/66.25	\$ 945.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 690.00	\$ 213.26/7	\$
IHM-Currie	\$ 985.00	\$ 301.50/44	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 780.00	\$ 93.00	\$
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS			
St. Ann	Goal \$12,9	00 Pledged	\$ 31,325
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,0	65 Pledged	\$ 11,860
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,7	69 Pledged	\$ 6,575
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,8	72 Pledged	\$ 5,050

ST. ANN

TABERNACLE CANDLE will be lit for Bruce Parrott for the week of December 1.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER: If schools are cancelled or running 2 hours late - Week<u>day</u> morning Masses will be cancelled. This will include the nursing home/ assisted living/Sunrise Terrace Masses also.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING will be renewing for the 2025 calendar year. If you would like to continue your ad on the back of the bulletin please submit payment to the office by Jan 10 with any ad changes (letters will be mailed next week). Interested in placing an ad? Call 507-836-8030. Small spaces are \$100; large are \$190. Current advertisers will have priority. Please patronize those listed on our bulletins back page. Their support of the parish bulletin is GREATLY appreciated!

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: All tax-deductible gifts to the parish/cemeteries MUST be in the office by Dec 30 (or postmarked by Dec 31) if the donation is to be credited to the 2024 calendar year. Thank you for your continued support and generosity towards our parish and cemeteries!

Donations towards the CMA24 will be accepted until the end of the year. Make sure postmark is by Dec 31 for 2024 credit.

FAITH FORMATION supper schedule for Dec 4:

K-5 Kate DeLong 30-35 people 4:45 to church
6-9 Anonymous 25 people 6pm to church
RADA CUTLERY SALE will run until Dec 4. Purchases will arrive before Christmas. See participating youth or Marcie in the FF office

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION with faith formation grades 6-9 will be Wed, Dec 11 from 6:45-7 pm

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT featuring students in grade K-5 will be Sun, Dec 22 after 10 am Mass. We will have the pageant as soon as we are set up and dressed. Rehearsal will be Dec 18 during FF class time.

LITURGICAL DUTIES DEC 8

St. Ann - <u>10:00 am</u>

Min of Hosp	Jim O, Mike M, Judy P, Marilou C
Servers	Easton H, Eli B
Reader	Karen B
Gifts	Tony Doeden Family
EMHC	Katie H, Daryl J, Bill B
Comm to HB	Sue B
Music	Dana C, Judy A

ST. GABRIEL

MEALS ON WHEELS—Mike & Suzi Zins are scheduled to deliver meals Dec 9-13. I am also working on the schedule for next year. If you are willing to help, please contact the office.

FOUND-A ring and commemorative coin was included in the coins from the Baby Bottle campaign. Please stop in the office to claim these items.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH SOCIAL/YOUTH COFFEE & ROLLS: Join us this Sunday morning after Mass as the parish youth will be serving delicious coffeecakes and rolls as part of their monthly fundraising for great events like Camp Summit and Steubenville Rochester. Come down for fellowship; and support our youth! What a nice way to start the Advent Season with our fellow parishioners!

COFFEE & CATECHISM: We will not meet in December, but will pick up again with a new topic in January (third Sunday of the month, Jan. 19). If you have questions about the faith, you'd like to dig deeper into and explore in one of these sessions, email the parish Faith Formation office at stgabrielfaith@gmail.com. Also, there is literature covering our November topic of discussion: **"The Four Last Things:** *Death/Judgement/Heaven/Hell* on the table in back of church and at the school for anyone interested in learning more and also a video link on our parish Facebook page from Fr. Chris Alar that intelligently goes through what we will face at the 'Hour of Death.'

EPIPHANY PLAY SUNDAY, JAN. 5: Calling ALL families! Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this special event! We will practice Sat., Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m. – meeting first in the Church Hall. Older HS students, we will need your help with the speaking roles (Typically, the Junior class is 'on call' for this ... but we're open to all volunteers!) – Needed: Adorable angels/precocious shepherds and wise wisemen to help fill the roles. If you are interested in helping direct this traditional play (or can just be there to help with 'kid control' please let Peg know (507)329-2103.

LITURGICAL DUTIES DEC 8

St. Gabriel - <u>8:00 am</u>		
Min of Hosp	Steve & Donna C, Doug,Katie,Mara C	
Servers	Ivan O, Truman O	
Lector	Mary A	
Comm	Renee D	
Sacristan	Shelby S	
EMHC	Ken S, Levi Z, Sue (J) Zins	
Money	Steve & Donna C, Charlotte A	

1st Sunday of Advent

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation & Confirmation: Class 6:30-7:30 & Confirmation JC's Birthday Party in church basement. WORKERS NEEDED FOR LASAGNA MEAL

CHOIR PRACTICE: Practice will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Dec. 3rd at 7:00 p.m.</u> If you have questions, please contact LoAnn Hansen at 507-829-3129 or Patty Le-Claire at 507-227-9965.

MICROPHONE: A new wireless mic & receiver were recently installed using previous funds received in memory of Myrna Surprenant

HEAVENLY DUSTERS NEEDED: We are in need additional dusters to dust windows sills, furniture, etc in the church. Several women have had to quit on account of health issues, re-locating, etc. If we have enough you only need to dust once every 8-10 weeks. Please text or call if you are willing to be added to the list. Thank you! Patti Dold. 507-221-0021

LASAGNA MEAL: IHM will be hosting the Southwest Minnesota Mens Chorus Christmas concert on December 7 at 8:00 PM. The youth will be serving lasagna 7-7:45pm in the Basement. Free will offering toward youth activities.

SMS CALENDAR WINNERS:

11/29, \$100 winner: Andy Michaels

WELCOME: New IHM parishioners, Chris and Kelly Konechne and their children: Teddy, Joe, Johnny, and Leona. We're happy to have you with us at IHM.

ST. ANTHONY

CHRISTMAS GREENERY: Greenery will be available for pick up starting 11/23. Contact Joyce for pick up options. (507-822-4318)

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

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

PLEASE KEEP: Our Confirmation students in your prayers during the coming year. St. Anthony students are: Hadley Jenniges, Jackson Jenniges, Ian Knakmuhs, Sydney Swenson.

MASS SCHEDULES/CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

Mon	Dec 9 9am Mass - St. Ann (Immaculate Conception)
Wed	Dec 11 No Masses
Sun	Dec 15 2pm Communal Penance - St. Gabriel
Tues	Dec. 24 4pm IHM, Currie
Tues	Dec. 24 6pm St. Anthony, Westbrook
Wed	Dec. 25 8am St. Gabriel, Fulda
Wed	Dec. 25 10am St. Ann, Slayton
Thur	Dec 26 No Masses
Fri	Dec 27 No Masses
Wed	Jan 1 9am Mass - St. Ann <i>(Solemnity of Mary)</i>

LITURGICAL DUTIES - DEC 7

IHM -	<u>6:00</u>	PM

Server	Melaina A, Emma A
Lector	Jim G
Gift Bearers	Phil & Shelly Sweetman Family
EMHC	Romane D, Dawn K, Tim R
Cantor	Choir
Ushers	Wyatt P, Dan S, Diane S, Steve S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - DEC 7

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PMGreet/GiftAngie & Erik BLectorSteve KServersHadley & EastonEMHCNicki P, Joyce VCleanersNicki P, Amy S

DECEMBER 1, 2024

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Weekly Words from The Rock:

The New...

Back in 2018, I had to make a decision. My 2004 Chevrolet Silverado clicked the odometer at 300,000 miles. My goal had been reached. What a pickup! We had traveled far and wide together. Rain, snow, sleet and sun, we had driven through it all. I thought about keeping the pickup with the dream of perhaps 400,000 or even 500,000 miles. My only difficulty was the pickup was beginning to nickel and dime me to death. In the shop one month only to call the shop again the next month. Thus, the decision was made. It was time to purchase a new vehicle. I knew I needed another pickup. Why? Two reasons:

- 1. When you have a fishing boat which is eighteen feet in length, you need something with pulling power.
- 2. Because of my hunting trips, I also needed something with some capacity to hold decoys, boat, oars, etc.

I called around to various dealerships and finally settled upon a new 2018 Chevy Silverado. It is the pickup I drive to the present day.

Many people like trading vehicles on a far more frequent occasion then me. I don't like going through the hassle of trading, so I keep driving my vehicle year after year. I dream my current vehicle could stretch to 500,000 miles. Pipe dream? Perhaps yet I like to hope. There is a sense of excitement in purchasing a new vehicle. One thing being everything is new – a new engine, new transmission, new tires. Still, I never lose sight of the smell of a new vehicle. Open that door for the first time and the smell is nothing but "new." You wish that smell would never dissipate but with time, it always does.

Today marks "the new." It is a new liturgical year – the Year of Grace 2025. The season which marks the new is that of Advent. Think of the unique story of the church seasons. We have:

- A. Christmas speaks to us of the birth of our Savior and his epiphany to the world.
- B. Lent is a forty-day, forty-night journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It prepares us for the Paschal Mystery.
- C. Easter is the season of glory and victory. Jesus Christ is risen and ascends to the right hand of the Father. The Holy Spirit is poured forth on Pentecost to mark the beginnings of our Church.
- D. Ordinary Time journeys us through the gospel stories challenging us to live the gospel.
- E. And Advent, it is about preparing ourselves for the story of God becoming man.

I would really encourage us in the days ahead to not lose sight of the call of Lent. To pray, fast and give alms is something which can mark our Advent journey. How?

- 1. Pray Pray that the peace of Jesus Christ reign in our world. Our world is very divided. Our country is very divided. It is only the Prince of Peace who can establish peace.
- 2. Fast The season can be about getting and giving. We get gifts. We give gifts. We are blest as a people. Is there something we could fast from this season? Our language? Our impatience? Each of us should challenge ourselves to become better, holier people.
- 3. Almsgiving Be charitable this time of the year. I always give something to someone less fortunate. They appreciate it and I feel better about myself.

May God watch over us this Advent and our new liturgical year find us filled with grace and peace.

Blessings to you!

Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION MEETING (Session 3): Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm, at IHM/Currie. This is the first meeting where Sponsors should attend with their students. **Students:** At this meeting, please bring your signed "*Sponsor Agreement*" form, and also your Saint Report. Be ready to present to the group who your chosen saint is and why you picked him or her!

ST. ANN LIVE NATIVITY: The annual "Live Outdoor Nativity" drive through is THIS Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 7-8 p.m. Don't miss this wonderful experience and opportunity to start the Advent Season off on a great note!

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES: With the start of Advent, there's no

better time to consider how you will grow closer to Christ during this most Holy Season:

ADVENT BOOK STUDY: Encountering Emmanuel/with Heather Khym. Join other adults from our cluster in preparing your hearts for Christmas with this excellent book & video study led by Marcie Cowan. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings. Our first session was this past week, but you can still join us! Call today! Cost is \$10. Contact Marcie (507)360-1885. All are welcome!

"LIVING OUR FAITH ADVENT BIBLE STUDY" (via zoom), offered by Maria Stumpf-Ahmed. Monday nights at 7 p.m. starting tomorrow, Dec. 2. The study will examine each of the Sunday Advent Readings, how this can relate to our Catholic Social Doctrine and Saints that lived the theme for the week. There is no cost. If you would like to be part of this study, please contact Maria at mahmed@ccsomn.org or cell (507)905-8602.

FACE TO FACE/ ADVENT WITH FR. MIKE: Available only on the Ascension App. (Download for free, on your phone), or visit Ascensionpress.com for more information.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE: December 15, 2:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Below is a note from Father Schuster about this Holy Day.

There has been some confusion wrapped around the Immaculate Conception and whether it is a Holy Day of Obligation due to its being moved to December 9th. While it is a Holy Day of Obligation, due to all the confusion, Bishop Barron has issued a decree dispensing the faithful from the obligation.

To honor the day, while it is not a day of obligation for the people, each cluster will still offer a Mass on December 9th. Our clusters Mass is at St. Ann at 9:00 a.m.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - Retirement Fund for Religious (90%) & Catholic University (10%)

The Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding to religious institutes in the U.S. It distributes direct care, planning and implementation assistance from the fund.

The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. This collection underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education in over 50 disciplines.

SAVE THE DATE: Totus Tuus will again become to our parish cluster! *Hooray!* A team has been reserved for the week of June 8-13. This fantastic week of learning and fun will take place at St. Gabriel's in Fulda. <u>ALL</u> parishes are encouraged and welcome to come ~ Mark your calendars now and plan to start your child(ren)'s summer off well, by participating in this wonderful week-long program. Four college-aged students (two men/ two women), specially trained by the Diocese, will be on hand to lead the program that, for elementary youth, runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (HS sessions, grades 7-12, run from approx. 7-9:30 p.m.). Along with rock solid teaching on the Catholic faith, the children experience daily Mass/Adoration/Confessions/ Games/FUN/Water fights and so much more!! If you've not heard about Totus Tuus, contact your parish Faith Formation director for more information. It's well worth your time; and GREAT things happen for our youth by participating in Totus Tuus!

