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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 – JAN 7 - JAN 12

Mon 6	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 7	10:00 am Maple Lawn	†Noah Salentiny
Wed 8	8:30 am St. Ann	†Linda McDonald
Thur 9	8:30 am IHM	†Wayne Jensen
Fri 10	8:30 am St. Anthony	†John Vortherms
Sat 11	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Ed & Monica Rutten
Sat 11	6:00 pm IHM	For The People
Sun 12	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Jim & Lois Larsen
Sun 12	10:00 am St. Ann	†Leo & Dolores Crowley

CHURCH SUPPORT - DEC 21 - 29

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$32,256.00	\$ 987.15/185.25	\$ 4,421.75
St. Gabriel	\$11,460.10	\$ 617.10/84.00	\$ 311.00
IHM-Currie	\$18,435.00	\$ 2,187.00/288	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 4,011.00	\$ 273.00	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged \$	33,175
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged \$	11,875
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,769	Pledged \$	6,875
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged \$	5,500

ST. ANN

MASS WILL BE held in St. Mary Church, Lake Wilson on Tues evening **Jan 14th, at 5:30pm** with Fr. Schuster. All are invited to celebrate Mass.

THANKS GO OUT to Judy Carlson, Kathy Ellefson, Jeaneen Nelson, & Dana Clarke for decorating the church for the Christmas season. *Thank you!*

2025 BULLETIN ADS are renewing! Please submit notification of renewal/changes by Jan 10. After Jan 10, openings will be offered to those on the waiting list.

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: JANUARY 8

K-5 Katie Hoffmann 30-35 people 4:45 to church
6-9 Volunteer needed 25 people 6pm to church

CONGRATULATIONS to Sylvia Higer, Eduardo, Alondra, Alan, & Fabiola Cazares on their **1st Holy Communion**, Dec. 29.

SPEAKER: Maria Stumpf Ahmed will be speaking on "Saints of Civil and Human Rights" on Wed, Jan 8 from 7-8 pm during gr 6-9th FF classes. Supper served from 6:15-6:40. Everyone invited for supper and speaker.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: *Joyce Wynia in memory of Alf Wynia, Bill & Mary Gaul*Dave & Sue Bau in memory of Vernon & Delores Bau*Mike & Connie McNab*Lonny & Jody Jackels*Jeff & Stacy Like*Walter & Julie Kautz in memory of Harold, Delores, Jeff Seifert*Dave & Kathy Schreiber in memory of John Jacobson, Allan Schreiber, Maddy Forsberg, Rose Oakland, and Jon Guttormsson*Maxine Gaul in memory of Sylvan Gaul, Marty Jorgensen, Joe Ackerman, Mike & Margaret Gaul*LeRoy & JoAnn Biren in memory of Bob & Gen Spartz, Lenny & Gustie Biren, Joy Biren*Jeaneen Nelson in memory of Stelter family, Daryl Nelson, My Parents*Deanna Hamann in memory of Duane & Berneva Johnson, Bill & Rhonda Belanger*Marge Schoon in memory of Roy Schoon, Natalie Krohn, Rosalie Soukup*In memory of Grandma Lorraine Halbur by all Lorraine's Grandchildren*In memory of Grandpa Lawrence Halbur by all Lawrence's Grandchildren*Joe & Louise Biegler in memory of our Parents*Don & Colleen Gengler in memory of Leo & Dolores Gengler, John & Dorothy Hondl*Judy Parrott in memory of Bruce Parrott, Phil & Gen Moritz, Polly & Rossella Parrott*Bill & Kathy Ellefson*Bernice Stoderl

LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 12

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Penny & Todd B, Brian & Angie F
Servers	Jada J, Renee R
Reader	Joe M
Gifts	Dave Kathman Family
EMHC	Pam S, Pam M, Trish K
Comm to HB	Joanne B
Music	Judy A, Paula H

ST. GABRIEL

CEMETERY BOARD MTG January 7 @ 1:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: *Donna Lenards in memory of Hank Lenards *JoAnne McCormick in memory of Noah Salentiny, Molly Clarke, & Brittany Lais *Mike & Margene Vortherms in memory of George & Mildred Vortherms and Bernard & Dorothy Smith *Mark Voss in memory of Lois Elskamp *Ken & Cathy Salentiny in memory of Noah Salentiny *Tom & Tammy Ahlers in memory of the Carlson & Ahlers Families *Steve & Kay Klein in memory of Orville & Mary Ann Hebig *Elaine Kirsch in memory of the Kirsch Family *Judy Holden in memory of Gary Holden *Anonymous donation

EPIPHANY PLAY Thanks to all the youth and parents who took part and helped out for the Epiphany Play. A special thanks to the Junior Class (Brenton Erdmann, Valeria Flores & Andrea Lang in particular!) for hosting and taking on the speaking roles. Additional 'Thanks' to Dana Hogan and the choir, Renee Dorpinghaus, Katie Clarke & Tiffany Sanow. What a wonderful team effort by all!

FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE & ROLLS: Everyone is invited downstairs after Mass today to continue the "Epiphany Celebration" with our youth. (This is first-Sunday-of-the-month "Coffee & Rolls"!) Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our parish youth who are working to raise money to attend great summer youth events.

RELEASE TIME: After a long Christmas break, we are eager to again begin our Release Time classes, beginning with Elementary Release this coming Monday (2-3 p.m.) and HS Release on Thursday (1st & 2nd hours). Please note: There will be no HS Release on Jan. 16 due to the semester break at school. Also, in the event of a late start, **on Thursdays**, there will be no HS Release. **On Mondays**, in the event of a late-start, Elementary Release will still take place.

COFFEE & CATECHISM ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, JAN. 19: *Want to Learn more about our wonderful Catholic faith?* This month we will be talking about the Angels: Who are these Heavenly Beings and what role do they play in God's divine plan? We will meet in Father's office at the school immediately after Mass. All are welcome.

LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 12

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve & Donna C; Doug, Katie, Mara Clarke
Servers	Caleb A, Aiden A
Lector	Ken S
Comm	Don O
EHMC	Mark V, Sue (J) Z, Barry H
Sacristan	Margene V
Money	Jason A, Jason & Kelsey B

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

FAITH FORMATION: Christmas Break.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO: (Past 2 weeks combined): Plate: \$495; Youth: \$49.31; Religious Retirement: \$477; Christmas: \$100; Thanksgiving: \$100
December 24th—Envelopes \$18,335.00, Plate/Youth \$1,692.00/\$239.00

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

12/20 \$100-Kim VanMoer;
12/27-\$100 Emily Hartman

ADORATION: Thursday January 9th after Mass from 9:00—10:00 a.m.

MEETINGS: IHM Pastoral Council and Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, January 8th @ 5:30 and about 6:30 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY

CHURCH DECORATING: Thank you to all those that helped to decorate the church for Christmas.

CALENDAR FOR 2025: Are available in the entrance to the church.

GIVING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your giving envelope in the back of church.

HELP NEEDED: If you can lend a hand in taking down decorations Friday Jan 10 after mass or on Saturday Jan 11 after mass. It would be greatly appreciated.

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

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

December 21st—Envelopes \$1,436.00, Plate \$87.00, Christmas \$50.00

December 24th—Envelopes 2,355.00, Plate \$186.00

December 28th—Christmas \$170.00

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 11

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Mesa e, Mallory S
Lector	Kelly J
Gift Bearers	Luke & Joyce Radke Family
EMHC	Jo E, Loretta G, Shari S
Cantor	Linnea Surprenant
Ushers	Mark G, Mike G, Kevin & Lori M

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 11

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift	Josh & Courtney B
Lector	Pat M
Servers	Ian
EMHC	Nicki P, Shelly M
Cleaners	Joyce V, Evelyn B

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Happy New Year

Happy New Year! This weekend marks the “new.” The first weekend of 2025. We enjoy that which is new. Here are a few:

1. Our new Christmas gifts.
2. A new school year filled with hope and expectation.
3. A new friend who has the voice of reason and challenges us to be a better person.
4. A new job which allows us to share our talents.

A new opportunity whereby the old is forgotten and forgiven.

AA new year is often marked by resolutions. The church marks a new year with the word “peace.” One of the titles of the newborn Christ-child is the Prince of Peace. Take note, we don’t say that Christ is a nice option regarding peace. He is **the** Prince of Peace. To find true peace one needs to find Jesus Christ. Christ came to establish peace.

- A. Peace amongst peoples.
 - B. Peace amongst nations.
 - C. Peace in areas torn by strife.
 - D. Peace in relationships strained by sin.
- Peace where hope and forgiveness seem distant.

Christ’s way to peace is simple. Follow me. Follow my teachings. Follow my way of life. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me. Peace is found in Jesus Christ.

Epiphany

The story of the birth of the Prince of Peace is the Christmas story. That God came to his people is marked by songs and hymns. The Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of the new-born child. Here are some examples of one’s manifesting:

The smile on a woman’s face when her spouse appears manifests how much she loves him.

A man’s tears at the death of his spouse manifests how much he loved her.

A challenge offered by a friend manifests their love for the friend.

The epiphany of Jesus Christ manifests Jesus’ love for all people. Jesus didn’t come solely for the Jews, intellectuals, wealthy, politically or religious noteworthy. Jesus can’t be compartmentalized. Jesus’ message of peace is for all people. Jesus desires people to live with him, to be with him. May our lives manifest Christ’s peace and love to all we encounter!

Father’s New Year Resolution?

I mentioned above how with the new year resolutions are a common practice. People ask, “Father, do you have a new year’s resolution?” I was never one to set a resolution. It isn’t my cup of tea; however, for those of you who have formed a resolution and are determined to follow through, I wish you luck in this year.

Peace be to you!

~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Thank You to Cheryl Thiner for her years of ministry to St. Gabriel as the parish bookkeeper. Beginning January 1st, 2025, Dana Clarke, the bookkeeper for St. Ann's, will also become the bookkeeper for Westbrook and Fulda. Thanks again Cheryl for your dedicated ministry. It has been greatly appreciated!

Come join the **Southwest Crisis Center 2025 Winter Support** group as we explore the themes of kindness, friendship, and resilience featured in the book "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse." Through open discussions and shared reflections, we will connect with one another and find comfort in the book's gentle spiritual message of hope, understanding, and support.

6 sessions (don't worry if you can't be at all of them)

Dates: January 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 20

Time: 7 pm to 8 pm

Location: Southwest Crisis Center, 2551 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, MN

Books will be provided.

Refreshments will be provided.

Sign up by calling Allan at 507-360-0053 or email allan@mnsbcc.org

CONFIRMATION NOTES:

Next Session: Jan. 15 @ 7pm at St. Gabriel/Fulda:

Topic: *WHO is the Holy Spirit, and how will the Holy Spirit impact your life?*

Who attends: *Student and sponsor*

Assignment due: *First page of the "Catholic Handbook" project you are working on with your sponsor.*

Rite of Commitment: Weekend of Jan. 18-19 at all four parishes. **Students:** *If you plan to attend Mass at a parish other than your own, talk with your Faith Formation Director, so we know to announce your name to come forward for the Rite.*

Looking For a Web Page Developer ... Are you technologically gifted? We are looking for someone with the skills to develop a web page for our parish cluster including the parishes of St. Ann/St. Gabriel/IHM & St. Anthony. It has been a number of years since any work has been done to update these websites. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If this is something you think you'd be able to volunteer for, please contact your parish administrator.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH! Children and teens are the future of our Church ... and teaching them the deep truths of Catholicism will guide and direct their lives into eternity! Our "Greater Catholic Church" offers so many opportunities for young people to witness the fullness of this truth – The following are a few items that, if you're a parent of a teen or middle school youth, you should **GET ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY** and encourage your child(ren) to participate! You can learn how to involve your child(ren) in any of these excellent opportunities by visiting with your parish Faith Formation director.

TEC (*Together Encountering Christ*): **Feb. 15-17** – Luverne, MN. This is a fantastic weekend for anyone (adults also), age 16 and older. For more information, contact your Faith Formation Director. TEC weekends are indeed transformative!

High School Youth Retreat (*Living Our Faith in Love*): **Mar. 16** (1-7 p.m.), Jackson, MN. This year we will have a nationally-known youth speaker on hand to talk with the youth; along with Mass, top-notch music and times for prayer/outreach.

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