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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 13—JAN 19

Mon 13	Father's Day Off	No Mass
Tues 14	8:30 am St. Gabriel	†Earl Thursten
Wed 15	8:30 am St. Ann	†Joe & Ruth Crowley
Thur 16	8:30 am IHM	†Elmer & Lilly Schuler
Fri 17	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Lowell Schuster
Sat 18	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†William Merrick
Sat 18	6:00 pm IHM	† Jane Weis
Sun 19	8:00 am St. Gabriel	For The People
Sun 19	10:00 am St. Ann	†Betty Dahlhoff

Church Support - Jan 4 & Jan 5

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St. Ann	\$ 4,065.0	00 \$	543.00/59.0	0 \$	1,730.25	
St. Gabriel	\$ 2,229.	00 \$	279.00/52.0	0 \$	311.00	
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,430.0	00 \$	213.00/9.00	\$		
St. Anthony	\$ 471.0	00 \$	65.00	\$		
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 GOALS						
St. Ann	Goal	\$12,900	Pledged	\$ 33	,775	
St. Gabriel	Goal	\$11,065	Pledged	\$ 14.	.575	

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6,825

5,500

Goal \$ 9,769

Goal \$ 4,872

IHM-Currie

St. Anthony

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. Mass intention will be for Cathy Hemenway.

FISCAL Y-T-D CEMETERY DONATIONS: Thank you for your continued support of our cemeteries.

St. Ann Cemetery: \$2,177.00 St. Rose Cemetery: \$7,800.00 St. Columba Cemetery: \$3,500.00

ST. ANN FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Thurs, Jan 23, at 6:30pm in the St. Ann Social Room of the school.

REMINDER on weekDAY Masses:

If schools are cancelled OR running 2 hours late - Week<u>DAY</u> morning Masses will be cancelled also.

COURT QUEEN of Peace would like to thank the parish community for their generous donations to the Christmas Basket Program. Your donations allowed us to gift 20+ baskets to members of our parish cluster and the local community.

COURT QUEEN of Peace will meet at 9:30 am on Saturday, January 25 in Divine Mercy Hall.

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: JANUARY 8

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION with grades 6-9 Jan 22nd 6:45-7 pm. Come adore Jesus in the monstrance with us.

LETTER TO SEMINARIANS Jan 22 3rd and 8th graders will be encouraging them this month.

1ST RECONCILIATION for the 2nd graders will be Jan 25 9 am. Please pray for Brooks B. Micah B. Guillermo C. Oliver D. Lucas E. Tucker G. Owen J. Zavion J. Emmett J. Gabe K. & Taya N.

LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 19

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Penny & Todd B, Brian & Angie F

Servers Noah F, Easton H

Reader Kate B

Gifts Troy Van Dyke Family EMHC Katie H, Daryl J, Bill B

Comm to HB Dave/Kathy S **Music** Dana C, Sue B

ST. GABRIEL

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are on the table at the back of Church. If you haven't picked yours up yet, please do so.

MEALS ON WHEELS January 13-17 Marc Hollahan and Katie Clarke.

PASTORAL MEETING January 16th 6:30 pm in Father's office.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION and confession from 9:00 to 10:00 Tuesday, January 14th (after daily Mass).

RELEASE TIME: Release is back in session. Thanks to all our good teachers who dedicate time so faithfully to instruct our youth. This Monday, Renee Dorpinghaus will be preparing a Passover Meal for the 4th graders. Parents, ask your children about this special event! (So far, students in grades Kindergarten, 1, 3, 10 & 11 have had the opportunity to learn how the Passover Meal is related to our Eucharistic celebration). Thanks Renee for this wonderful learning experience! NOTE: There is no HS Release this coming Thursday, due to end-of-semester testing at the HS. <u>An Additional Release Time Note:</u> When school is two-hour's late, there is STILL Release on Monday for the Elementary youth. There is NO Release on Thursday late starts for HS.

COFFEE & CATECHISM NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 19:

ANGELS: Who are these spiritual beings & what do we know about them? We will take a look at what the catechism teaches on this topic and learn more about our own Guardian Angels; the Archangels and this Heavenly realm. All are welcome. We'll meet in Father's office at the school immediately after Mass. (Coffee and rolls will be served!)

EPIPHANY PLAY THANK YOU: Special thanks to all the parish youth who participated in last week's Epiphany Play, especially Juniors, Brenton Erdmann, Valeria Flores & Andrea Lang for their excellent job reading. Thanks to Renee Dorpinghaus, Katie Clarke & Tiffany Sanow for organizing and helping our sweet "little ones"! Finally, thanks to the many parishioners who came down after Mass and helped support our parish youth who continue to raise funds for Camp Summit/Mission trips & Steubenville. Over \$300 was raised! Wonderful! Thank you for your very generous support!

LENTEN STUDY: Are you interested in joining a five-week Lenten study group? "No Greater Love" is a biblical pilgrimage that walks through Christ's last hours and highlights His amazing love for each of us: From the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. You may learn more about this study by going to Ascension Press.com or check out the link on our parish Facebook page. We would meet Sunday mornings after Mass beginning the first Sunday in Lent, March 9. If interested, contact Peg (507)329-2103 by Jan. 31.

LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 19

St. Gabriel - <u>8:00 am</u>

Min of Hosp Amy C, Glenn C, Barb K, Dave T

Servers Kellen H, Brady M

Lector Katie C Comm Shannon W

EHMC Lenore W, Levi Z, Ted W

Sacristan Linda C

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: On break, classes resume on January 22

CONFIRMATION: Jan 15th Session 4 at Fulda at 7pm; Jan 19th YOU 5 at IHM at 6pm.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Corrected IHM offerings for December 21-29: Adults: \$31,734.87; Plate/Youth: \$523.00/265.12; Donations: \$433.00

Plate collection for Jan. 4 of \$213.00 was for Calvary Cemetery.

Additional 2024 church support sent and/or received by 12/31/24: \$9,830.00

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

January 3, \$100 winner Melvin Schreier; January 10, \$100 winner Diane Kimball

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR LENT/EASTER: Have you considered sharing your vocal talent with the IHM choir? If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact LoAnn Hansen at 507-829-3129 or Patty LeClaire at 507-227-9965. Practices for the Lent/Easter season will be starting soon, so please watch the bulletin for upcoming practice dates and times. New voices are always welcome!!

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ST. ANTHONY

FLOWERS: Thank you to all that donated money towards flowers used to decorate the church.

CALENDARS 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 after mass on Saturday Jan 11. 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.

SEXUAL ABUSE: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reports of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Ext 255. Caller will be asked to provide name and phone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The DOW-R is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. Questions about the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, contact Michael Gerard: 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 18

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

Server Ethan S, Noah S

Lector Kris R

Gift Bearers Josh Schreier Family **EMHC** Romane D, Jon W, Tim R

Cantor LoAnn H

Ushers Mark G, Mike G, Kevin & Lori M

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 18

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift Scott & Judy S Lector Carol E

Servers No Server Available EMHC Joan O, Ethan J Cleaners Pat & Shelly M

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

John Micheal Talbot, on pages 160-161 in his book Nothing is Impossible with God, shares the following story.

How many of you saw the movie *Saving Private Ryan*? I found it quite moving. In the movie an army sergeant goes to pull Private Ryan out of combat because his brothers have just died in action, and the higher-ups in the U.S. Department of War will not leave a lone sibling in combat. The Tom Hanks character, the commanding officer, doesn't want to go and get Ryan. All he wants is to go home to his wife and family and get on with his civilian life. But he obeys orders, and he goes. They find Ryan, and he doesn't want to leave his platoon, for he is a patriot. In the battle that ensues, the Tom Hanks character is shot on a bridge. Ryan sees him, runs out onto the bridge, and sees the commander dying. The commander knows he is dying, so he reaches up, grabs Ryan by the collar, and says with his final breath, "Earn it. Go and live a good life."

The scene fades to an aged Ryan kneeling before the commander's grave in France. He is weeping profusely. His wife, who is there with his family, approaches him and says, "What's is the matter, dear?" He looks up through tears and manages to choke out, "Just tell me I've lived a good life." She assures him that he has, and points back to his children and grandchildren, who have made the trip with him. He is profoundly aware of what it means for one to lay down his life so that he could live. Most military people who have been through something similar, or even knows what it is to lose a brother or sister in arms, understand this intimately, and are often reduced to tears when I tell this story at missions.

That's what Jesus did for us on Calvary, and what he does sacramentally at every Mass. That's how much Jesus loves us. It is personal. And it is real. At every Mass Jesus is personally and fully present and gives his life as a sacrifice for us.

And here's the kicker: Jesus would have done all of this for each of us even if we were the only person ever to fully follow him. He would have come to earth, ministered everything in the Gospels, died on a cross, risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, and given the Holy Spirit. And he did it for each of us personally. He knows us from the beginnings of eternity, and planned this "great rescue" because he loves us.

Do you ever feel a tad unloved? Yes, I do too. But let's not dare say that we are not loved, or loved personally and intimately. That would cheapen the sacrifice of Jesus for us, and would reduce the Mass to utter non-sense. But it is not nonsense. We are loved!

Holy Humor

Here are two stories for you:

Story 1 – A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Story 2 – A pastor was speaking to a group of second graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?" The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said. The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, "Tah-dah!"

Peace be to you!

~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<u>9 Day Novena for Life</u> – January 22nd is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The day also marks the national day for prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. There is a nine-day novena being offered for the protection of unborn children from January 16-24. For information and the novena, please visit the website www.9DaysforLife.com. Let us keep the unborn in our prayers and pray for an end to abortion.

CONFIRMATION NOTES:

Next Session: This Wed., 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: Next weekend (Jan. 18-19) at all four parishes.

<u>Students</u>: 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 <u>GET ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY</u> 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.

<u>Totus Tuus:</u> Week of **June 8-13**, St. Gabriel/Fulda. This is for ALL youth, grades K-12 the grade. Four college aged missionaries will be spending the week in Fulda teaching our youth. (Elementary children from 9 am – 2:30 p.m. and HS youth in the evenings). Along with rock-solid teaching on the Catholic faith, the elementary children experience daily Mass, Adoration, confessions, games, water fights and so much more! The HS evening sessions are more open, and an opportunity for your teen to ask questions and learn more about the faith from young adults who are strong in their knowledge and faith.

Mission Trip: June 15-21. It's not too late to sign up! The group will be going to St. Michael's, AZ in the Diocese of Gallup to serve. This is an amazing opportunity for your youth to get a hands-on working experience in outreach; along with times for prayer/worship and reflection. Contact Marcie Cowan at St. Ann's for more information. (507)360-1885

<u>Camp Summit Adventure Camp:</u> *Middle school youth (Those entering gr. 6-8)* **July 29-Aug. 1** Held in the beautiful bluffs of eastern Minnesota near Lanesboro, MN. Camp Summit offers all the things active and curious middle schoolers love: High ropes courses/ archery/ultimate frisbee/rock walls ... BUT, with a great catch ... There is daily Mass, Adoration, engaging speakers, music & much more! Older students who have attended Camp Summit in the past are also eligible to be on the leadership teams (Dream Team/FIAT). We've had many of our youth participate in Camp Summit through the years, and the impact on them is wonderful to see!



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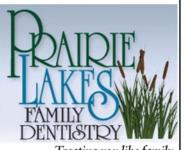
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