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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 20 - JAN 26

Mon 20	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 21	8:30 am St. Gabriel	†Brittany Lais
Wed 22	8:30 am St. Ann	†Wayne & Jean McDonald
Thur 23	8:30 am IHM	†Sue Almjeld
Fri 24	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Bernice Kirchner
Sat 25	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Craig Olsem
Sat 25	6:00 pm IHM	†Gerald/Eric/Tim Schreier
Sun 26	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Dale Kirsch
Sun 26	10:00 am St. Ann	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN 11 & 12

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,890.00	\$222.55/43.00	\$ 414.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,030.00	\$253.00/31.00	\$1,270.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,182.00	\$145.00/53.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 200.00	\$ 49.00	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2024 FINAL AMOUNT

St. Ann	Goal \$12,900	Pledged \$	34,925
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged \$	21,575
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,769	Pledged \$	7,725
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged \$	5,700

ST. ANN

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available for pickup and will be handed out before/after Mass for the next 2 weekends. Please pickup your envelope to help save on postage. *Thank you for your support and donations!*

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

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held at St. Ann Church on Sun, Feb 2, from 11am – 1pm. The CCW ladies group are raising funds to help fix the bell. Serving: Pancakes, sausages, fruit cups, and beverages to all ages! Free will offering! Everyone Welcome! If you are able to help work at the breakfast, please call/text Kathy Schreiber at 507-227-3471 and let her know. *Thank you!*

CMA2024 – *Thank you* to all who contributed to the 2024 Catholic Ministry Appeal. Our goal was surpassed by \$22,025. The remainder of these funds will be returned to the parish by the end of February. The new St. Ann Cemetery shed looks great and was our selected 2024 project! Each year, we must submit a project. The **2025** project is to repair the St. Ann bell, so it will toll again. This project will cost a bit more at approximately \$30,000. CMA funds have already started to come in and we have the entire year to collect donations, which get returned to the parish, NON-assessed. If you donated in 2024 to the CMA appeal, statements are mailed separately and are sent directly to the donor.

SECOND COLLECTION next week is for Latin America and Catholic Communications.

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 Volunteer needed 30-35 people 4:45 to church
6-9 Kelly Nelson 25 people 6pm to church

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.

QUILTS for graduating seniors will be tied on Feb 1 starting at 8:30 am. Where: TBD

MARDI GRAS - Mar 1 6-8 pm more info coming soon.

ST. GABRIEL

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Leona Gieselman. Leona passed away on Jan. 6. Her funeral was held on Sat. Jan 11 at St. Gabriel's. May she rest in peace.

END OF YEAR contribution statements for 2024 are available and ready to be picked up. They will be on the table at the back of Church for the next 2 weekends. Please pick them up to save on postage. *Thank you for your support.*

MASS ON TUES. JAN 21ST will be held at 8:30 am at the Church due to flooring project at Maple Lawn.

CMA2024—We surpassed our goal by \$10,000. *Thank you to all who contributed.* If you donated to the appeal, your statement is mailed separately and directly to you.

COFFEE & CATECHISM TODAY (January 19). **TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: The Angels.** Join us immediately after Mass at the school to learn what the Catholic Church teaches about the Angels. Who are these spiritual beings & what do we know about them? *Guardian Angels? Archangels? Thrones & Dominions?* Come learn more about this great Heavenly realm! All are welcome. (Coffee and rolls will be served!)

RELEASE TIME NOTES: Our high school students will be blessed to receive the Sacrament for Reconciliation this coming Thursday with Fr. Schuster. Please keep them in your prayers! Cathy Stewart's fourth grade class was blessed to experience a Seder/Passover Meal with Renee Dorpinghaus this past week during Release Time. For photos, visit our parish Facebook page. *Winter Release Time note: When school is two-hour's late, there is STILL Release on Mondays (Elementary). There is NO Release when late starts happen on Thursdays for the HS program.*

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 26

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Penny & Todd B, Brian & Angie F
Reader	Olivia K, Kyra B
Gifts	Amy K
EMHC	Travis Reith Family
Comm to HB	Dana C, Travis S, Gary E
Music	Jill M
	Judy A, Connie M

LITURGICAL DUTIES JAN 26

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Steve & Lori T, Paul R, Mark V
Lector	Colten & Brenton E
Comm	Genell H
EHMC	Mary L
Sacristan	Suzi Z, Randy K, Christian P
Money	Edie T
	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: Classes are back on!! See you all at 6:30pm on Jan 22

CONFIRMATION: Jan 19th YOU 5 at IHM at 6pm.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Donations: \$270.00

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

January 10, \$100 winner Diane Kimball
January 17, \$100 winner Ralph Surprenant

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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LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 25

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Levi K, Asher K
Lector	Matt K
Gift Bearers	Brett & Karli S
EMHC	Blake H, Dawn K, Jon W
Cantor	Alyssa O
Ushers	Mark G, Mike G, Kevin & Lori M

ST. ANTHONY

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

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

THE COURIER: Copies are available for pick up in the back of church

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

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR ALL PARISHES

Next week is the collection for the Church in Latin America (50%) and the Catholic Communications Campaign (50%). The **Church in Latin America** portion supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. The mission of the **Catholic Communications Campaign** is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - JAN 25

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift	Barb & Josef R
Lector	Joan O
Servers	Hadley & Easton
EMHC	Ann J, Sophie J
Cleaners	Sheila K, Kathy S

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Third Day

If I were to ask, what is the most familiar link to the “third day” in the pages of the Bible, what would be people’s response? It is a common phrase. Here are some examples:

1. Genesis 1:12 – On the third day, the land bears plants and trees which produce fruit.
2. Genesis 22:1-12 – On the third day, Isaac is spared being sacrificed and in his place a ram is offered as a burnt offering.
3. Genesis 19:11 – On the third day, Moses tells the people to be ready for the Lord will come down on Mount Siani for all to see.
4. Esther 5:1 – On the third day, Esther enters the presence of the king for the purpose of saving the Israelite people.
5. Hosea 6:2 – Hosea’s expectation is the Lord raising the people after they have been torn and struck down.

Most people’s response to the question I posed would be on the third day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. I wouldn’t put up an argument. This weekend is the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. How does the story begin? John 2:1 states, “On the **third day** there was a wedding in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there.” There it is again, the “third day.” And with the phrase, we launch into the first miracle of Jesus Christ. Over my almost thirty years as a priest, I have officiated at many weddings. I like to remind couples your most important goal in life is to get your spouse to heaven. Fail at that and you have failed at your most important work.

What strikes me about the Wedding Feast miracle is the words of Mary. She makes two statements. Let us look at each.

- A. In John 2:3, Mary makes the most obvious of remarks, “They have no wine.” Her words are meant to illicit a response. Jesus, do something about this. It is difficult for a son to refuse the request of his mother. Even while saying in John 2:4, “Woman (meaning his mother), how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.”, Jesus’ intention is to set to work.
- B. In John 2:6, we have the final recorded words of Mary in the Bible. They read, “Do whatever he, Jesus, tells you.” Jesus tells the servers to fill the six jars with water and the rest is history. The water is changed into wine.

Sticking with the words of Mary, what does Jesus tell us? Ask a group of young children and they would list the following:

1. Obey your parents.
2. Don’t fight.
3. Share what you have.
4. Be fair.

As adults, we would add:

1. Learn how to love as Jesus loved – sacrificially not selfishly.
2. Seek the good of the other without counting the cost.
3. Forgive, with no exceptions.
4. Learn to be just.
5. Keep in mind the poor.

These are only a few. Others could be added. As a priest, I have learned:

- a. Serve your people. Don’t expect them to serve you.
- b. Treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- c. Ask forgiveness when you hurt someone.

And that is where Jesus leaves us this week. In every situation we encounter during the week ahead ask, “What is Jesus telling me.” He is speaking. What we need to do is listen. Pray that we be faithful in the task.

Peace be to you!

~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

9 Day Novena for Life – 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.

SECOND COLLECTION next week for the Church in Latin America and Catholic Communications. Please be generous.

CONFIRMATION – *Rite of Commitment this weekend!*

Our cluster has 14 students preparing for Confirmation next fall. This weekend, they will give public testimony during Mass to their readiness to prepare for this important Sacrament of Initiation. Please keep the following students in your prayers as they strive to continue on this important faith journey! NOTE: There are prayer cards available in the back of church for you if you are willing to take one home with you and pray for a candidate in the months ahead

STUDENTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION:

Melaina Ankrum (*St. Dymphna*)

Addy Dirks (*St. Veronica*)

Gabe Jacobson (*St. Hubert*)

Jackson Jenniges (*St. Roch*)

Ian Knakmuhs (*St. Francis*)

Brady Madison (*St. Hubert*)

Albert Vega (*St. Sebastian*)

Alex Betz (*St. Lawrence*)

Riley Grogan (*St. Thomas the Apostle*)

Hadley Jenniges (*St. Aloysius Gonzaga*)

Alondra Hansen (*St. Cecelia*)

Levi Kopperud (*St. Joseph*)

Sydney Swenson (*St. Mildred*)

Mason Wendorff (*St. Isidore the Farmer*)

Session 5 – Next Confirmation Meeting:

Wed., Feb. 12 @ 7pm at St. Anthony/Westbrook

Topic: *Prayer ~ How do we pray? What prayer form 'works' for you?*

Who attends: *Student and sponsor*

Assignment due: *Second section of "Catholic Handbook" project you are working on with your sponsor.*

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PARISH CLUSTER: *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 items are wonderful events for our older high school-aged youth. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend!*

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. Great speakers and music; good food ... Mass/Adoration & Confessions!

FAMILY RETREATS & PILGRIMAGES OFFERED THROUGH THE DOW-R:

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is proud to offer a series of three retreats and a pilgrimage for its Catholic adult population. The theme for this diocesan event is *The Holy Family*. Each retreat has a particular focus, on the Holy Family as a whole or on one of its members. The retreats will offer Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, important faith formation, and time for retreatants to engage in small group discussion and reflection. Lunch and snacks will also be provided along with daycare assistance for those with young children. The culmination of this diocesan event will be a pilgrimage in May to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin.

Holy Family Retreat: *Sat., Feb. 8th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. St. Edwards Parish in Austin, MN*

St. Joseph Retreat: *Sat., March 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. St. Joseph, Owatonna, MN*

St. Mary Retreat: *Sat., April 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. SS Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth, MN*

Walk to Mary Pilgrimage: *Fri., May 2nd – Sun., May 4. Champion, WI*

For more information about these retreats and pilgrimage or to register, contact Brian Hansen, DOW-R Coordinator for Adult Faith and Lay Formation (bhansen@dowr.org or (507)361-1939)

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