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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 27—FEB 2

Mon 27	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 28	8:30 am St. Gabriel	†Madden Hein & Family
Wed 29	8:30 am St. Ann	†Dave McDonald
Thur 30	8:30 am IHM	†Ceci/Gini/Pat Swift
Fri 31	8:30 am St. Anthony	†Barb Surprenant
Sat 1	4:00 pm St. Anthony	For Our Parishioners
Sat 1	6:00 pm IHM	†Fran Gervais
Sun 2	8:00 am St. Gabriel	Special Intention
Sun 2	10:00 am St. Ann	†Colleen Dolph

CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN 18 - 19

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$1,265.00	\$236.35/22.00	\$648.75
St. Gabriel	\$ 715.00	\$143.00/1.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$ 931.00	\$289.00/8.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 272.00	\$93.00	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$	Pledged \$
St. Gabriel	Goal \$	Pledged \$
IHM-Currie	Goal \$	Pledged \$
St. Anthony	Goal \$	Pledged \$

ST. ANN

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available for pickup and will be handed out before/after Mass. Please pickup your envelope. *Thank you for your support!*

NEW 2025 AD PAGE will print next weekend, Feb 2! Thanks goes out to our designer, Sherri Halbur, who puts the ad page together for us each year. We appreciate her expertise! Thanks go out to our advertisers who help support our bulletin. Please patronize those listed on the back page. *Thank You!*

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! If you are able to help please call/text Kathy Schreiber at 507-227-3471.

NEXT CCW MEETING will be held on Sunday, Feb 9th, following Mass, in Divine Mercy Hall for all ladies who can join us. A light lunch (\$5 donation requested) will be served.

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: JANUARY 29

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2nd graders on their 1st Reconciliation. Thanks to catechist, Sarah Brands

QUILTS for graduating seniors will be tied on Feb 1 8:30 am at the Iona Township Community Center

SPEAKER during 6-10 faith formation time. Feb 26 free supper at 6:15, Eucharistic Adoration 6:45-7 pm Then Katie and Doug Clark speaking on how the Holy Spirit worked and works in their lives since their daughter's death. Everyone invited.

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

ST. GABRIEL

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are on the table at the back of Church. Please pick yours up. Thank You.

ST. GABRIEL QUILTERS will start up again on this coming Wednesday, January 29 at 1:00 pm. All are welcome...many hands make light work!!

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY MEETING Parents of second grade students, mark your calendars for our family session on Sat., Feb 8 at 9 a.m. We will be going over expectations and other important items as we enter into Sacramental preparations for First Holy Communion this spring. Contact Mrs. Sue (Jeff) Zins if you have questions (507)360-5749.

COFFEE & CATECHISM: ANGELS/ Who are these Heavenly Beings? If you missed last week's session, there are handouts in back of church with information from our session. Feel free to take one home with you and learn about the Angels. If you'd like some video links, email stgabrielfaith@gmail.com In back of church, there is a "Coffee & Catechism Suggestion Sheet." Is there a topic that interests you? Something about Catholicism you don't understand or would like to learn more about? Write down your suggestions on the sheet for possible future topics of conversation!

LENTEN STUDY: Interested joining a Lenten study group? Parishioners from all our cluster churches most welcome! "*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 the St. Gabriel Facebook page. We would meet Sunday mornings after 8 a.m. Mass beginning the first Sunday in Lent, March 9. ***If interested, contact Peg (507) 329-2103 by Jan. 31.*** Cost for study guide & book is \$25.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS): STAY TUNED ... Do you have woodworking skills or other artistic talents you could share with our Faith Formation program? We are looking to begin a new program for our parish youth, tentatively beginning next fall! In the months ahead, we'll be setting up an Atrium (classroom) for Level1A (ages 3-6) CGS ... We'll need shelving/figurines miniature, child-sized Altars/tables and much more. Contact Peg for more information (*see our parish Facebook page for Atrium images for a better idea of what CGS is all about.*)

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 2

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Joe & Renee G, Paul L, Jill M
Reader	Childrens Mass
Gifts	Childrens Mass
EMHC	Judy C, Kathy S, Dave S
Comm to HB	
Music	Sharon Lais

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 2

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Delano & Renee D, Mark V, Sue (J) Zins
Lector	Mara C, Grace S
Comm	Mary A
EHMC	Renee D
Sacristan	Mary L, Mike & Margene V
Money	Shelby S
	Mike & Suzi Z, Tom & Mary A

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

FAITH FORMATION: January 29th classes at 6:30pm

CONFIRMATION: January 26th YOU 6 at IHM at 6:00 pm

SMA CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

January 17, \$100 winner Ralph Surprenant

January 24, \$100 winner Brad Hennen

SECOND COLLECTION: After Communion today for Latin America and Catholic Communications

CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES: If you haven't already done so, please pick up your envelopes to avoid the expense of mailing them. Thank you.

2025 CALENDARS: There are still some left...even if you already have one, take one for a friend, or for another room in your home.

THE COURIER: Copies of our diocesan paper are in both entries.....please take one, unless you already receive them in the mail.

ST. ANTHONY

PRAYER CARDS: There are prayer cards in the back of church with names of our confirmation students. Please pick up one or more and pray for our students. St. Anthony students are Hadley Jenniges, Jackson Jenniges, Ian Knakmuhs, Sydney Swenson.

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.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 1

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	St. Mary's Students
Lector	St. Mary's Students
Gift Bearers	St. Mary's Students
EMHC	Lori M, Loretta G, Romane D
Cantor	Matt K
Ushers	Jerry F, Jon O, Mike S, Jason S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 1

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift	Tyler & Jessica S
Lector	Gene O
Servers	Hudsen & Kendall
EMHC	Nicki P, Ethan J
Cleaners	Joan O, Nancy B

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Beginning

My homiletics professor constantly preached the importance of how one begins a homily. His words, “If you can’t get their attention right away, it is awfully difficult to get them back.” It is true. Think of a movie. If the movie drags on and on at the beginning, a person may stand up and walk out. Luke, the gospel writer, sets out to make certain his beginning doesn’t drag. His introduction to his gospel is unique. Let us look at how the other gospel writers begin their compositions:

1. Matthew lays out the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Matthew 1:1 reads, “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the son of Abraham.” The next fifteen verses of his work are devoted to the genealogy of Jesus Christ beginning with Abraham.
2. Mark states the obvious. Mark 1:1 reads, “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ [the Son of God].” One isn’t left wondering what Mark’s purpose might entail. His is the story of Jesus Christ.
3. John begins with his famous prologue. John 1:1 reads, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John leaves no doubt to the identity of Jesus. He is the Word who was in the beginning, was with God, and was God.

Luke takes a little different path. Acknowledging that others have undertaken compiling the story of Jesus, he will also pen the story of Jesus Christ. How?

- A. After investigating everything anew.
- B. After investigating to write the story in an orderly sequence.
- C. All for the purpose of being certain of the teachings being received and passed down.

Luke takes great pains to ground the story of Jesus Christ in fact, order, and truth.

I got to thinking how if I was an author the beginning of my work might sound. Here are foundation pieces:

- I would ground it in history. I don’t have the mind to compose something in fiction. Fact is the name of my game.
- It would have something to do with my story. A story designed around faith, hunting or fishing.
- If surrounding hunting and fishing, it would may be a mix – factual yet including a “yarn.” It would leave one guessing. Is it fact or is Father Schuster stretching things?
- If surrounding priesthood, it would be factual. Either something I experienced or something foolish I have done.

How might you begin your work? The Church, for this weekend, includes Luke’s introduction (noted above) then moves to the fourth chapter of Luke’s gospel. In Luke 4:16-20, Jesus has returned to Nazareth. He finds himself in the synagogue on the sabbath day. Standing up to read, he is handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. The passage contains the following:

- The Spirit of the Lord is upon.
- He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
- He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind.
- He has sent me to let the oppressors go free.
- He has sent me to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

All these references point to Jesus.

The references remind me of a story of six-year-old Maria. Her dad was in the den at work at the computer, finishing a report due the next day. After a few minutes, he realized Maria was standing next to him. “Honey, what do you need?” “It’s bedtime, Daddy. I came to say good night.” Still keeping one eye on the screen, he gave Maria a big hug and kiss. “Good night, Sweetie. Sleep tight. I love you. Now off to bed,” Dad said, and returned to his computer screen. A few minutes later he looked up and there was his daughter still standing there. “Honey, I gave you a hug and kiss. What do you want now?” Little Maria said, “Daddy, you gave me the hug and kiss, but YOU WEREN’T IN IT!” Little Maria could sense her father was more concerned about what was before him on the computer screen than about his daughter. The opposite is the message Jesus is trying to portray. To the poor, captives, blind, and oppressed, the message of Jesus Christ is I am here FOR YOU! That is the message he shares with all of us. I am here FOR YOU! Seek out Jesus and let him fill you with his grace.

Peace be to you!

~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION – *Congratulations to our 14 students who have committed to studying & learning more about the Sacrament of Confirmation (A Sacrament of ‘Initiation’). Please keep them in your prayers! Student Pray Cards can be found in the back of church. Please take one home and pray especially for a candidate (or two!) in the months ahead.*

Session 5 – Next Confirmation Meeting:

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

Topic: PRAYER: *Ways to pray ... What ‘style/type’ of prayer 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** – Mankato, MN/ St. Joseph the Worker parish. This is a fantastic weekend for anyone (adults also), age 16 and older. For more information, contact your Faith Formation Director.

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 will 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)

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!

United Community Action is reaching out asking for help. Do you like to drive? United Community Action Partnership has a volunteer driver program in your community. Volunteer drivers help get people to appointments and social outings so they can continue to live independently and active within the community. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org.

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