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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 – FEB 3 - FEB 9

Mon 3	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 4	8:30am St. Gabriel	Those Affected By Cancer
Wed 5	9:15am Sunrise	†Ed & Margaret Dorn
Thur 6	8:30am IHM	†Clarence & Sue Almjeld
Fri 7	8:30am St. Anthony	†Lowell Schuster
Sat 8	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Paul & Sandy Theisen
Sat 8	6:00 pm IHM	For Our Parishioners
Sun 9	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†RoseMary Schweigert
Sun 9	10:00 am St. Ann	†Fr. Jerry Dorn

CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN 25 - 26

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 1,845.00	\$196.00/42.50	\$ 948.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,105.00	\$306.00/27.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,212.00	\$203.00/16.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 1,121.00	\$72.00	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

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

ST. ANN

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Robert Robinson. Bob passed away on Jan 22. His funeral was at St. Ann Church. May he rest in peace.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Charles Like. Chuck passed away Jan 24. May he rest in peace.

REMINDER: Eucharistic adoration at St. Ann Church every Thursday from 5 – 6pm. All are welcome.

I'D LIKE TO THANK those who help transport the bulletin between parishes on a regular basis, your dedicated assistance is greatly appreciated! Thank you: Sheila Crowley, Patty LeClaire, Allisen Jagow, & Fr. Schuster!

SEE NEW 2025 AD PAGE: which can be found on the back of the bulletin! Thanks go out to our advertisers; we are grateful for their continued support. Please patronize those listed on the back page.

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 will be served. (suggested donation for lunch is \$5). See insert for additional information.

OFFICE HAS RECEIVED several questions concerning a few different, upcoming projects at St. Ann. Please watch the bulletin for an insert in the next few weeks regarding additional information on the installation of the display cases and windows from the St. Columba Church, and a more in-depth explanation of the church bell, our CMA25 project. Please be patient as information is compiled for presentation to everyone. Thank you, and as always, please ask if you have questions.

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: February 5

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

CATHOLIC MISSION TRIP raffle see flyer on bulletin board or FaceBook—digitally buy a ticket to win a lighted Immaculate Heart of Mary statue to support our mission trip.

Mardi Gras—Mar 1 6-8 pm more info coming soon.

Ash Wednesday—Mar 5 NO faith formation—attend Mass.

ST. GABRIEL

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: This is the last Sunday you can pick up your contribution envelopes. The remainder will be mailed out. Thank you to all who have already gotten theirs.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 10:30-2:30; Wednesday 8:00-11:30; Thursday 10:30-12:30; Friday 9:00-10:00.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Latin America Collection—\$538.50

YOUTH COFFEE & ROLLS: TODAY AFTER MASS! Join the youth downstairs as they serve up delicious rolls and goodies as part of their *First Sunday of the Month Socials* for earning money towards summer youth events like Camp Summit, Steubenville and Mission Trips. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Students, grades 4 and older will learn how to serve at Mass. (Older students, already serving, will be a part of the training also, as there are some things that are now done differently). Edie Troje will train *all elementary students, grades 4-6*, on Monday, Feb. 10 during Release time. Retraining for HS students will be Thursday, Feb. 6 during Release. (*HS students who have never served, but are interested in serving, should plan to attend this Feb. 6 training during Release!*)

NOTE: Parents of elementary students in grades 4-6, check your emails next week and respond whether or not you'd like your student(s) to be added to the church list for serving for Sunday Mass. (Even if you're not interested in your child serving at Mass; their participation in the training session will serve as a great teaching tool in helping them understand the sacredness of what takes place on the Altar at Mass!)

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.

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 9

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Joe & Renee G, Paul L, Jill M Walker B, Ethan N
Reader	Kate H
Gifts	Mick Keleher Family
EMHC	Missy B, Angie F, Bill B
Comm to HB	Joanne B
Music	Dana C, Judy A

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 9

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Kay K, Dave T, Barb K, Paul R Brady M, Kellen H
Lector	Caleb A
Comm	Linda C
EHMC	Ken S, Roger & Karyn Z
Sacristan	Edie T
Money	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: Feb 5 Class 6:30-7:30; reconciliation for grades 4, 6 and 7

CONFIRMATION: Feb 2 YOU #7 IHM Church Basement at 6pm

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Donations: \$100.00

Latin America Collection: \$358.00

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

1/24 \$100 winner Brad Hennen

1/26 \$500 winner Catholic Schools Week: Matt Schreier

1/31 Jeremy Wendlandt \$100 winner

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.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Maverick & Gabrielle Maynard on the baptism of their son, Max Matthew at ihm on 1/25/2025.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Welcome to the students and parents from St. Mary's school in Tracy. St. Mary's students are participating in the Mass today. Keep up the good work!

CHOIR PRACTICE: Please consider sharing your time and talent this Lent and Easter season. Practices will start Tues, Feb. 11th at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome!

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 8

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	BR H, Brittany G
Lector	Matt S
Gift Bearers	Chris & Kelly Konechne Family
EMHC	Kim O, Tim R, Blake H
Cantor	Dave L
Ushers	Jerry F, Jon O, Mike S, Jason S

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.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Latin America Collection—\$396.60

ALL PARISHES WELCOME to St. Ann's Pancake Breakfast today. The CCW ladies group are raising funds to help fix the bell. Serving from 11:00 am—1:00 pm in the Church hall. Menu includes: Pancakes, sausages, fruit cups and beverages to all ages. Free will offering.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 8

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift	Sheila K & Volunteer
Lector	Joan O
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Joyce V, Ethan J
Cleaners	Helen P, Jan J

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

What is the Matter with Gossip?

Question: People sometimes ask, “What is the problem with gossip? Sometimes, I just need to vent.”

Answer: What are we talking about when we are talking about gossip? First, gossip is different from venting. A person could vent about their situation with little danger (other than becoming a complainer). Gossip is about others. At its most general, gossip is talking about others. There are three forms this can take.

The least potentially harmful form is talking about others’ good qualities. This wouldn’t be a sin at all, but the ancient rabbis cautioned against even this, because a conversation about someone else can start off with their good qualities and then easily turn in a bad direction. We all know why: The good things are boring! We want to know the bad things about a person’s character or situation.

The next level in “talking about others” is detraction. This is the technical term for gossip. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that a person is guilty of detraction if they, “without objectively valid reason, disclose another’s fault and failings to persons who did not know them” (CCC 2477). It is also continuing to talk about those faults or failings for the purpose of curiosity and not in order to offer help or assistance.

The worst step in the category of “talking about others” is calumny. This unusual little term refers to lying about the faults of another in order to damage their reputation. It is clearly the worst, because malicious intent is always present and because it involves lying.

But back to gossip. Gossip is a big deal. Gossip always infects and corrupts. Talking about the faults or wounds of others causes dissension in families, kills lifelong relationships and breeds mistrust among peers. It is diabolical.

This sounds a little excessive, yet in Dante’s “Inferno,” the deepest cycle of hell is for the sin of treachery or betrayal. Dante placed famous betrayers in this lowest pit, and among them are people who could be classified as “betrayers or family, country, guests and benefactors.” What does this have to do with gossip?

You could call gossip “everyday betrayal.” It is a real betrayal, but since it happens so often, the temptation can be to quickly excuse the betrayal as “venting” or the even more deceiving euphemism, “sharing.”

And yet, gossip not only destroys relationships with each other, but also renders our relationship with God void. The Letter of James does not mince words when it comes to watching how we talk about others: “If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless” (James 1:26). St. James says that, for anyone who gossips, their attempts at religion are worth nothing.

There are probably some people in your life who do not see gossip as a problem. They may see gossip as a connector. They view it as good thing; it is one of the ways they bond with others. In these cases, how you proceed is tricky. Often, when talking with them, it is not enough for you to patiently listen; they want you to contribute. They want to be validated in their assessment of the other person and can be upset if you don’t offer some piece of agreement or gossip in return.

Connection is good. Human beings connect with each other through words, sharing ideas, stories, and experiences. Using words to talk about others is an easy method. Gossip is attractive not only because it serves to scratch our curiosity itch, but also because it appeals to the “rubbernecker” in all of us. This is why we slow down on the highway to look at the scene of an accident but don’t slow down to look at the sunset on the horizon. This is why “the news” is dominated by bad news. Networks have to add in “feel good” stories at the end of a broadcast because the news that grabs our attention is the bad stuff. The same is true for our conversations: The news about others that grabs us is the bad stuff.

At best, gossip is merely a substitute for real connections, for real processing, for real actions. Rather than addressing the person themselves and their upsetting behavior, we are tempted to tell everyone except the one person who could actually benefit from the conversation. At its worst, it is poison that makes life unbearable. This is why gossip is so bad.

(The article was written by Father Michael Schmitz and was published in [The Catholic Spirit](#), July 7, 2016, page 15).

Peace be to you! Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.*

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.

CONFIRMATION STUDENT SAVE-THE-DATES:

Confirmation students will be practicing and performing *The Shadow Stations of The Cross*, Mar. 11 (*practice*) and Mar. 12 (*performance*) at St. Ann's in Slayton.

All Confirmation candidates are required to be a part of this special event.

Additionally ... Confirmation candidates will be helping to serve at *The Banquet in Sioux Falls* on Mar. 29. *Mark your calendars TODAY!*

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. This is for all HS students in grades 9-12 and will include an afternoon of great speakers, music, food as well as Mass/ Adoration & Confessions! There will be a bus to transport students from Slayton and Fulda. Pick up times to be announced soon – Stay tuned and mark your calendars today! (Contact your Faith Formation director to register).

LENTEN STUDIES AVAILABLE WITHIN OUR PARISH CLUSTER

(Open to all! Let's get to know one another though these good faith-building opportunities!)

St. Ann's, Slayton: *A Study of The Gospel of Luke:* This study will take you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings.

The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*, you will experience joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives.

Join us for *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* at St. Ann School-Social Room in Slayton beginning Mondays, March 3rd to April 14th, For more information or to register for the study, contact Marcie Cowan at 507-360-1885 or by email at faith@acmcatholic.org.

St. Gabriel, Fulda: *"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion":* This is a five week 'Biblical pilgrimage' that will reveal Christ's amazing love for us with a step by step walk with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. If interested in learning more about this study visit Ascension Press.com or tap on the link the St. Gabriel Facebook page. We would meet Sunday mornings after 8 a.m. Mass beginning the first Sunday in Lent, March 9 and concluding on Sunday, April 6. ***If interested, contact Peg (507)329-2103 by Feb. 2 so we can order materials.*** Cost for study guide & book is \$25.

Katie and Doug Clarke will be speaking on how the Holy Spirit had/is working in their lives since the loss of their daughter, Molly, in an accident. They will be speaking on Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 pm. Eucharistic Exposition from 6:45-7:00 pm with faith formation grades 6-10. Free supper served 6:15-6:40 pm at St. Ann Church. **All are welcome!**

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