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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 10 - FEB 16

Mon 10	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 11	8:30am St. Gabriel	†Maurice Odenbrett
Wed 12	8:30am St. Ann	†Clarence & Kathryn Eich
Thur 13	8:30am IHM	†Jane Weis
Fri 14	8:30am St. Anthony	†Brenda Schoborg
Sat 15	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Roy & Rosemary Peterson
Sat 15	6:00 pm IHM	†Norbert Schmitz
Sun 16	8:00 am St. Gabriel	For Our Parishioners
Sun 16	10:00 am St. Ann	†Jean Eich

CHURCH SUPPORT - FEB 1 - 2

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$2,525.00	\$201.50/43.50	\$1,155.25
St. Gabriel	\$1,775.00	\$213.00/21.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$1,247.00	\$287.00/15.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$1,422.00	\$114.00	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

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

ST. ANN

REMINDER THAT there is Eucharistic adoration at St. Ann Church every Thursday from 5 – 6pm. Fr. Schuster is also available to hear confessions from 5 – 6pm on Thursdays. All are welcome to come and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and adoration.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE: *March 5th*

St. Gabriel, Fulda 9:00am

IHM, Currie 5:30pm

St. Ann, Slayton 7:00pm

REMINDER with all the changes that have taken place in the last few months if you are a member of the church and would like to be receiving parish envelopes, but have NOT been, please call the office and you can be added to the envelope delivery list. If you are currently receiving envelopes and have joined a different parish, please notify the office with this information also. Changes can be easily updated. Another option for contributing is through the online giving platform via the website. Visit www.acmcatholic.org, select the green online giving button and follow the prompts. *Thank you!*

CCW MEETING will be Sun, 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)

CDA, Court Queen of Peace will meet on Sat, Feb 22 at 9:30am in Divine Mercy Hall.

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: February 12

K-5 Cara Mahon 30-35 people 4:45 to church

6-9 Volunteer needed 25 people 6pm to church

MARDI GRAS—Mar 1 6-8pm Iona Township Hall. Donations needed-copy and paste the link into your browser for the sign up, or contact Marcie. Cash donations also welcome to cover expenses of items not donated.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48ACA72AA4F49-54817896-mardi>

ASH WEDNESDAY-Mar 5 NO faith formation-attend Mass 7 pm St. Ann

SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS Wed Mar 12 7pm St. Ann Church, performed by the quad parishes' Confirmation Students.

ST. GABRIEL

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

IRA Contribution - \$2,500.00

2024 CMA REFUND: We have received the \$10,510 from the Diocese because we exceeded our 2024 goal.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Mike & Suzi Zins deliver Feb 17-21

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Server training for students in grades 4-6 will take place this week during Release (HS students, grades 7-11, were trained/retrained this past Thursday). If your child is not already on the Altar Server List; but you would like them to be, let the office know this week. *Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in this wonderful opportunity to serve during Sunday Masses!*

INTERESTED IN JOINING A DISCIPLESHIP QUAD?: These groups are a wonderful way to grow in fellowship and faith! Discipleship Quad groups consist of four men or women, meeting one day a week over the course of a year. The groups use “Discipleship Quad” booklets that guide them together through Scripture/Church teaching and valuable life lessons. St. Gabriel’s presently has three groups going (Two women’s/ one men’s). All three of these groups are nearing the end of their year-long studies. If being a part of a group like this is something you may like to do, please let Peg know (stgabrielfaith@gmail.com or 507-329-2103) and we will get your name on a list for a possible new group. ALL are most welcome!!!

YOUTH COFFEE & ROLLS: Thanks to everyone who joined us last Sunday after Mass (and for those who provided the delicious baked goods!) The youth took in over \$250 for their summer events. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

COFFEE & CATECHISM: Is there a topic that interests you? Something about Catholicism you don’t understand or would like to learn more about? Write down your ideas and suggestions on the sheet in back of church for possible future topics of conversation!

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! Contact Peg for more information.

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 16

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Joe & Renee G, Paul L, Jill M
Reader	Teague M, Emerson M
Reader	Karen J
Gifts	Travis Spartz Family
EMHC	Karen J, Pam S, Pam M
Comm to HB	Dave/Kathy S
Music	Judy A, Rita L

LITURGICAL DUTIES FEB 16

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Servers	Steve & Donna C, Doug, Katie, Mara C
Servers	Colten & Brenton E.
Lector	Sharon F
Comm	Shannon W
EHMC	Barry H, Lenore W, Torri Z
Sacristan	Margene V.
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 12 Class 6:30-7:30;
Confirmation: Feb 9 No Class and Feb 12 Session #5 in Westbrook with Sponsor at 7pm; Catholic Teen Homework Due

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFO:

Plate: \$287.00(Cemetery)
Donations: \$15.00
Latin America Collection: \$120.00

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

1/26 \$500 winner Catholic Schools Week: Matt Schreier; 1/31 Jeremy Wendlandt \$100 winner

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.

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

FREE: Check out various items, including booklets, pamphlets, rosary, and hard-cover history books of the Winona Diocese. All are there for the taking, please do so.

CONDOLENCES: Sympathy is extended to Linda Wendorff whose brother, Jim Almjeld, passed away at the age of 78. Funeral services will be on Feb. 15 in Marshall. May he rest in peace.

ST. ANTHONY

GIVING STATEMENTS: Are available and will be mailed this week. If you have any questions, call Joyce, 507-822-4318.

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.

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.

Saint of the Day - Saint Jerome Emiliani's Story

A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood. In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital. Around 1532, Jerome and two other priests established a congregation, the Clerks Regular of Somasca, dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928, Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children. St. Jerome Emiliani shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Josephine Bakhita on February 8. Taken from FranciscanMedia.org/saint of the day calendar

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 15

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server Alayha V, Mara V
Lector Jim G
Gift Bearers Chuck & Claudette Ankrum Family
EMHC Shari S, Jo E, Dawn K
Cantor Alyssa O
Ushers Jerry F, Jon O, Mike S, Jason S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FEB 15

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gift Dean & Elizabeth J
Lector Shelly M
Servers Hadley & Easton
EMHC Ann J, Sophie J
Cleaners Joan J, Judy S

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

I Was Once Presented...

When you hear the heading I just presented, one thinks many things. I was presented:

- a. A Gift.
- b. A Stern Warning.
- c. An Award.
- d. A job offer.

None of that is what I am going to present today. This weekend celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple in Jerusalem. The day marks forty days after Christmas. I was once “presented.” No, it wasn’t in the Temple. It wasn’t a gift, stern warning, award, or job offer. I was presented “an offer.”

In my undergraduate years at Saint John’s University, during the month of January, we used to have what was called “J-Term.” We took only one class and never received a grade. You either received a Pass or Fail. It was enjoyable because it was a much lighter load than semester work and one could spend time with friends. I recall two of my J-Term classes. The first was a business class. The second was a study in the ways of the Benedictines where one spent time with the monks in the monastery at St. John’s. The third J-Term? For the life of me, I can’t remember. St. John’s implemented a change during my senior year whereby one only needed to graduate with three J-Term’s completed. I had fulfilled my obligation thus decided I would take the month of January off and spend time with family. It was then that I was presented “an offer.” My mother and father had never been away on vacation (just the two of them) since their wedding. In conversation together, my mother, father, and I batted around the idea of them taking a significant vacation while I was home during J-Term. I was finally asked, or presented, the question, “Would you (Peter) be willing to take care of the hogs, move snow, and take care of your brother while mom and dad took vacation?” I said, “Certainly.” With that, they were gone on a tour of the southern part of the United States.

The task was in front of me. This was a time when we regularly received snow over the winter months. Fox hunting was a priority. I tried to go every day; however, I had to remember responsibilities. They were:

- A. Get my brother off to school.
- B. Pick up his gun safe at school which he made in carpentry class.
- C. Check on the hogs.
- D. Bed them each night.
- E. Grind feed.
- F. Make certain the barns kept a warmth to them.
- G. Clean barns.

When it came to F., cleaning barns, my father used to wait until I arrived home for the weekend. We would together clean the hog barns and grind feed. While I was home over J-Term, I tried to do everything on my own. I wanted this to be a “vacation” for my brother too. That meant, along with hog chores, I had to cook for my brother each evening. Overall, things went well and I can’t remember any hiccups. It was a fun three weeks.

The story reminded me of when I was younger and my father went away on either a hunting or fishing trip for three or four days. My mother stayed home still I was “presented” a responsibility. I would have to do the hog chores. I was really young and this was a big responsibility. It didn’t entail grinding feed or cleaning barns. I was asked to:

- A. Check the waters.
- B. Make certain the feeders were flowing so the hogs could eat.
- C. Bed the hogs each night.
- D. Keep an eye on one hog which was ill.

When it came to the hog that was ill, the hog was really sick. My father told me that it might need a vaccination with penicillin. The first night I didn’t think it necessary. By the second night, I knew something had to be done. I had never given a vaccination before to any hog. This was my first time. I did everything my father told me to do yet after I was finished, I didn’t know if I had given the hog any penicillin or not. So, I did it a second time. Then a third time. Poor hog. It was so sick that it didn’t really put up a fight. Yet, I had done it. The task had been done. Did the hog survive? Sadly, it didn’t. It was too late by the time I had “done my duty” but I was proud I had done what I could.

When I think of the story of Jesus, the number of his healings were remarkable. Unlike me, when people were healed, healing happened. Such was the power of Jesus Christ. His healing power continues today. May he heal us of our frailties, sins, and hardened hearts so we may be ready when he comes in glory. Peace be to you! Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION NOTES:

STUDENT PRAYER 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.

SAVE-THE-DATES/Confirmation Candidates:

The Shadow Stations of The Cross: March 11 (*practice*) and March 12 (*performance*) at St. Ann's in Slayton. *All Confirmation candidates required to attend.*

PARISHIONERS: *Mark your calendars & plan to attend this special and moving presentation*

The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Mar. 29 – Bus will transport students over (*Time of departure TBD*)

TEC (*Together Encountering Christ*): **Feb. 15-17** – Mankato, MN/ St. Joseph the Worker parish. This is a fantastic weekend for anyone (adults are also welcome to make a TEC retreat). Attendees must be 16 or 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 and 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. (Contact your Faith Formation director to register).

DOUG & KATIE CLARKE ~ A TESTIMONY OF FAITH: Wed., Feb. 26 @ 7 p.m. at St. Ann. The Clarkes will be speaking about how the Holy Spirit has/and continues to work in their lives since the loss of their beloved daughter Molly, in an ATV accident in the fall of 2022. They will be speaking to the St. Ann Faith Formation students in grades 6-10 and to all who are interested in hearing about how their lives have been touched. Supper will be served from 6:15-6:40 p.m. (free to all!) There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:45-7 p.m., with the Clarkes speaking at 7 p.m. *All are welcome!*

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: Don't miss the fun Sat., Mar. 1, 6-8 p.m. Iona Township Hall (*formerly St. Columba Hall*). There'll be something for everyone with great food at great prices and fun for everyone! This is a St. Ann Faith Formation Fundraiser. *All are welcome!*

LENTEN STUDIES AVAILABLE WITHIN OUR PARISH CLUSTER

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

St. Ann, 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.

Join us for *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* at St. Ann School-Social Room in Slayton beginning Mondays, March 3rd to April 14th. Register by Feb. 19 by contacting Marcie Cowan at 507-360-1885 or by email at faith@acmcatholic.org Cost for workbook \$30.

St. Gabriel, Fulda: *"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion":* This is a five week 'Biblical pilgrimage' with Dr. Edward Sri that reveals Christ's amazing love for us with a step by step walk with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Calvary; and a DVD guided 'tour' of these most holy sites. If interested in learning more about this study visit [Ascension Press.com](http://AscensionPress.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. 16 so we can order materials.*** Cost for study guide & book is \$25.

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