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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 – MAR 3 - MAR 9

Mon 3	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 4	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Wed 5	9:00am St. Gabriel	†Albert & Rosella Kirchner
Wed 5	5:30pm IHM	†Barb Surprenant
Wed 5	7:00pm St. Ann	†Lawrence & Lorraine Halbur
Thur 6	8:30am IHM	†Vince Schreier
Fri 7	8:30am St. Anthony	†Bernice Kirchner
Sat 8	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†Ed & Monica Rutten
Sat 8	6:00 pm IHM	Parishioners
Sun 9	8:00 am St. Gabriel	†Hank Lenards
Sun 9	10:00 am St. Ann	†Robert Hartle

CHURCH SUPPORT - FEB 22 - 23

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 2,015.50	\$152.00/29.25	\$783.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 3,591.00	\$178.00/24.00	\$311.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 1,435.00	\$199.00/20.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 835.00	\$ 54.50	\$

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2025 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal \$17,016	Pledged \$
St. Gabriel	Goal \$11,065	Pledged \$
IHM-Currie	Goal \$ 9,991	Pledged \$
St. Anthony	Goal \$ 4,872	Pledged \$

ST. ANN

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE: *March 5*

St. Gabriel, Fulda 9:00am
 Ihm, Currie 5:30pm
 St. Ann, Slayton 7:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGICAL DUTIES: 7:00PM

Servers-Tyler R, Garrett R; Reader-Karen J; Gifts-Zach Brands Family; EMHC-Missy B, Angie F. Marti E; Music: Dana C, Connie M

MASS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 5:30PM

Mass & Stations March 14 St. Ann, Slayton
 Mass & Stations March 21 St. Gabriel, Fulda
 Mass & Stations March 28 St. Anthony, Westbrook
 Mass & Stations April 4 IHM, Currie
 Mass & Stations April 11 St. Anthony, Westbrook

SERVER TRAINING will be held at St. Ann. Any student in 4th grade and up can serve at Mass. If your child would like to become a server please have them attend **ONE** of the following trainings, students needing a review are also welcome to attend. *Option 1:* Thurs, March 6, from 6:15-7:15pm **OR** *Option 2:* Sun, March 9, from 4-5pm. We encourage students to attend and serve, as it becomes a way for them to share their time & talent, and they love the participation!

RICE BOWLS are available on the table in the hall and by the entrances to the church. Help yourself.

CDA is collecting men's & women's underwear, all sizes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, deodorant, foot powder, toilet paper, bath towels, & wash cloths for the Bp Dudley House in Sioux Falls. The House is an ecumenical ministry serving 1st stop resources for those in need of shelter and supplies. Collection will run thru March 31st.

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: MARCH 12

K-5 Tessa Dierks 30-35 people 4:45 to church
 6-9 Heather Meyer 25 people 6pm to church

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.

LENT RECONCILIATION FOR STUDENTS ONLY will be March 19th during regular faith formation class time.

ST. GABRIEL

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGICAL DUTIES 9:00 AM

Reader-Lenore W; Commentator-Linda C; Euch Min-Mike V, Edie T, Ken S; Min of Hosp-Sue (J) Z, Dave T, Delano & Renee D

STATIONS DURING LENT-There will be Wednesday Rosary/Stations on Mar 12; 26; Apr 2; 9 & 16. On Friday March 21 we will have Mass & Stations at 5:30.

YOUTH COFFEE & ROLLS: Join us this morning after Mass as the parish youth serve muffins, kuchen & coffee cake as they continue to raise funds for great summer events like Camp Summit, Steubenville and Mission Trips. *All are welcome to come down to enjoy some great homemade goodies and fellowship!*

LENTEN READING MATERIALS: There are a variety of excellent books to help deepen your faith during this Lenten Season. Feel free to help yourself (and return the book once you are done). Topics of reading range from the lives of the Saints; to writings from well-loved Popes, Bishops and priests.

SUMMER TOTUS TUUS PROGRAM JUNE 8-13: We are trying something new this summer and hoping to beat the "Summer Rush" of family vacations and community ed activities. Mark your calendars TODAY and plan to have your child(ren) attend Totus Tuus week here at St. Gabriel's. There will be four college-aged students on hand to guide this wonderful week-long program. "Totus Tuus" is Latin, for "Totally Yours" ... Children learn about the beauty of trusting and committing their lives totally to Christ; and the beauty of the Catholic Faith! If you have children attending Release Classes at St. Gabriel's it is highly recommended they attend Totus Tuus week ... it's 'continuing education' of the BEST kind! Contact the Faith Formation office to register or if you have questions!

SENIORS: NOTE ON BACCALAUREATE MASS: We are waiting to see how some of our Seniors do at State BPA next week ... Should some of them qualify to go to Nationals, Baccalaureate Mass will be pushed to the following weekend of May 18. Stay tuned!

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 9

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Clayton M, Jim O, Joe B, Darwin J
Servers Kenadie H, William B
Reader Kate B
Gifts Joe Meyer Family
EMHC Pam S, Pam M, Trish K
Comm to HB -----
Music Judy A, Paula H

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 9

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Tom & Mary A, Kay K, Lenore W
Servers Brady M, Kellen H
Lector Don O
Comm Randy K
EHMC Roger & Karen Z, Suzi Z
Sacristan Shelby S
Money Dave T, Jim E

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGICAL DUTIES 5:30 PM

Servers-Nolan & Mason G; Gift Bearers-Mark Gervais Family; Song Leader-Dawn K; Lector-Kris R; Euch Min-Blake H, Tim R, Shari S

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

FAITH FORMATION: March 5 Ash Wednesday Mass 5:30 pm IHM; St. Ann 7:00 pm

Confirmation: March 2 YOU#10 IHM Church Basement at 6pm

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 3/5: 9:00 am St. Gabriel; 5:30 pm IHM; 7:00 pm St. Ann

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

2/21 Suzanne Lightfoot - \$100 Winner

2/28 Darcy Carlson - \$100 winner

CHOIR PRACTICE: Please consider sharing your time and talent this Lent and Easter season. Practices will be on Tuesday, March 4 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.

IHM MUSIC: You will recall that our parish recently removed the piano and the organ and replaced them with a new grand piano. So, if you hear what sounds like organ music, your ears are not playing tricks on you. With the pressing of a couple of buttons, the new electronic/digital piano can sound just like an organ, as well as some other instruments. It is a very nice addition to our church and Patty brings out the best.

ST. ANTHONY

SAVE THE DATES: For the Holy Family Retreat and Pilgrimage Events. They will take place at various locations in Minnesota and Wisconsin from February to May. See the back bulletin board or contact Joyce for more information. This is an Adult Faith and Lay Formation Event.

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.

THE COURIER: Copies are available for pick up in the back of church. Feel free to pick up a copy.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Please see the bulletin for mass times in the other parishes.

ASH WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

This collection provides aid by the Subcommittee on Aid to the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** through bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media. Please be generous.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAR 8

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server Emma A, Brittany G
Lector Kelly K
Gift Bearers Mike Gervais Family
EMHC Romane D, Kim O, Jon W
CANTOR Choir
Ushers Jim H, Matt H, Wyatt P, Mark G

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAR 8

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts Angie & Erik B
Lector Gene O
Servers Sydney
EMHC Ethan J, Joyce V
Cleaners Nate & Crystal K

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

It's Time!

Yes, it is. Lent is upon us. This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. Lent brings many things to mind.

1. Its length. We all know the answer. 40 days and 40 nights.
2. Fasting and abstaining. The laws of fasting and abstaining are posted below.
3. Sin. Yes, we all sin. Jesus came to die for our sins.
4. Ashes. Ashes help recall our brevity on earth. We will not live forever.

But Why Do I Have To Fast and Abstain?

I don't know if I ever did, but kids grumble, "Why can't I eat meat on Fridays in Lent?" Matthew Pinto in his book, Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons and 199 Other Questions From Catholic Teenagers, Question 131, pages 167-168, gives this response. The Church asks us to abstain from meat as a means of "offering our bodies as a living sacrifice" in union with Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1). The purpose is not to make life tough for us. The Church is truly working in our best interest and only asks us to do what is ultimately good for us.

Abstaining from meat is a part of a whole penitential approach to Friday that should be maintained throughout the year but especially in Lent. As a young person, you may not have grown up in an environment when all Fridays throughout the year were days of abstinence from meat. Yet even today we are obliged to do some form of penance *every Friday* because it is the day of Jesus' crucifixion, the ultimate sacrifice (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1438).

We do penance for several reasons:

- A. As a way to atone for sins of the past, both ours and others (Colossians 1:24).
- B. To learn to master our inclinations toward sin (James 1:2-4).
- C. To help prepare for the spiritual feast of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter.
- D. As a sign of our conversion.
- E. As a way to purify our soul (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2043).

Mastering the little challenges of life prepares us for the big challenges (Hebrews 5:8). A person who can rise to little challenges like abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent is more likely to rise to more difficult challenges when they arise.

Laws of Fasting and Abstaining

Fasting:

- A. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- B. Fasting means eating one full meal and two smaller meals that don't add up to a full meal.
- C. Eating between meals is not allowed.

Abstaining:

- A. Catholics 14 years old and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.
- B. Abstinence means not eating meat, but eggs, milk products, and condiments made of animal fat are allowed.

A Final Thought on Lent

Find time this Lent to be alone with the Lord even if it means shutting off the radio, television, or cellphone and allowing God to reach the depths of our hearts. That is why Jesus went into the desert. To be away from it all – the noise, the crowds, the distraction – and allow God to speak in his heart. God has something to say. Listen!

Know of my prayers for all of you over these forty days and forty nights.

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR OUR PARISH YOUTH ...

Camp Summit 2025 (July 21-24): Informational meeting Want to learn more about this fantastic Middle School Youth Adventure Camp? Held in the bluffs of eastern Minnesota (Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center/ Lanesboro) each summer, this camp offers adventure (high ropes & rock walls anyone?) and great Catholic experiences like Mass & Adoration. Students entering grades 5-8 are encouraged to consider attending. Talk with your Faith Formation director to learn more!

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).

SAVE-THE-DATES/CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

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

PARISHIONERS: Mark your calendars & plan to attend this special presentation!

THE BANQUET IN SIOUX FALLS Sat., Mar. 29 – Bus will transport students over.

* **NOTE CONCERNING ‘THE BANQUET’ FOR ALL PARISHIONERS:** We have room for extra volunteers to help serve this day. This is a wonderful opportunity to put your faith into action (especially during the Lenten season). If you'd like to help the Confirmation students in serving those in need in the Sioux Falls area this day, contact your Faith Formation Director so we can save room for you on the bus. All are welcome! Our tentative schedule is to depart around 9 a.m. (8:30 a.m. from IHM/ a stop in Slayton, and perhaps one in Fulda ...) The group will return home @ 3 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES ...

Lenten Suggestions for Families: Now is the time to be prayerfully considering how you will help your family draw closer to Jesus during the upcoming Lenten season. There are multiple wonderful Catholic/Family related websites that will help you as a parent develop some great Lenten practices that you can do within the walls of your home. Did you know that your “home” is a sacred and holy place? The first place where your child(ren) learn about the Faith and God The Father's love for them. YOU are your child(ren)'s first and most important teacher! Check out the following websites for some excellent suggestions to journey together as a family during the Lenten season:

<https://www.catholichomebody.com/lent-activities-for-families/>

<https://acatholicmomslife.com/lent/>

Discipleship Quads/ Bible Study Groups for Men & Women: 'Discipleship Quads' are a group of four men or women who meet together over the course of a year to study Scripture, dig deeply into the Faith and grow together in fellowship. We are opening this opportunity up to all our area parishes to connect like-minded Catholic men and women in order to build and create new relationships. There is a guided program used in a Quad group. If being involved in a study group like this is something you may enjoy doing, contact Marcie Cowan from St. Ann (507)360-1885 or Peg Olsem from St. Gabriel (507-329-2103) and we will get your name on a list for new Quad groups. *ALL* are most welcome! Once we have enough people to create a "Quad" group, we will connect you with one another, and your group, together, can determine the best meeting times/locations.

(Learn more at <https://steubenvilleconferences.net/discipleship-quads/>).

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