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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 10 - MAR 16

Mon 10	<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 11	8:30am St. Gabriel	†Madden Hein
Wed 12	8:30am St. Ann	†Frank & Tess Halbur
Thur 13	8:30am IHM	†Cecil, Gini & Pat Swift
Fri 14	8:30am St. Anthony	†John Vortherms
Fri 14	5:30pm St. Ann	†Mary & Julie Heitkamp
Sat 15	4:00 pm St. Anthony	†John Weids
Sat 15	6:00 pm IHM	†Gene Dold
Sun 16	8:00 am St. Gabriel	Parishioners
Sun 16	10:00 am St. Ann	†Marty Jorgenson

CHURCH SUPPORT - MAR 1—2

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$1,350.00	\$204.00/78.00	\$1,440.25
St. Gabriel	\$1,740.00	\$111.00/44.00	\$
IHM-Currie	\$6,230.00	\$229.00/11.05	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 420.00	\$	\$

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Lenten Communal Penance service for St. Ann, St. Gabriel, IHM, & St. Anthony which will be held at St. Ann Church on Sunday, March 30 starting at 2pm.

MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During lent we are all asked to pray, fast, and give alms. Mass will be celebrated (rotated in our cluster) on Friday evenings at **5:30pm**, immediately followed by The Stations of the Cross during the Lenten Season. Extra Mass/prayer times:
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 serve please have them attend: Sun, March 9, from 4-5pm.

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 resources. 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

SHADOW STATIONS of the Cross Wed Mar 12 7pm St. Ann Church. One performance only!

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

LETTERS TO SEMINARIANS Grades 10 & 1 will be writing on March 26.

ST. GABRIEL

RICE BOWLS are available on the table at the back of Church.

HIGH SCHOOL RELEASE NOTES: This week, Chris Potocnik's 8th & 9th grade class was able to celebrate the Passover Meal thanks to Renee Dorpinghaus' dedication and hard work. The students are learning about this traditional Jewish celebration; and drawing the connections to our Catholic Mass and how it is the true Passover Feast! *What a blessing ...* Thanks Renee! Next week, Thurs., Mar. 13 is our last day of the HS Release time program. (Elementary Release Time ends on April 14). Thanks to all our dedicated teachers who have made the great effort to teach this year! You are appreciated! High School teachers are Katie Clarke, Chris Potocnik, Mark Bartosh and Don Olsem.

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!

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 16

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp Clayton M, Jim O, Joe B, Darwin J
Servers Gwenna K, Louis J
Reader Todd Boock
Gifts Brandon Lolkus Family
EMHC Daryl J, Judy C, Gary E
Comm to HB Dave & Kathy S
Music Dana C, Sue B

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 16

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp Steve & Lori T, Dave T, Mark V
Servers Ivan & Truman O
Lector Mary L
Comm Sue (J) Z
EHMC Torri Z, Peg O, Linda C
Sacristan Shelby S
Money Dave T, Jim E

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

OTHER FINANCIAL INFO: Plate collection of \$229 was for cemetery

FAITH FORMATION: *Faith Formation:* 3/12 Class 6:30-7:30 *Confirmation:* Stations of the Cross Rehearsal 3/11, Live Stations at St Ann's 3/12

SMS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:
3/7 Tom Dolan-\$100; 3/14 Rebecca Larson-\$100

CHOIR PRACTICE: Please consider sharing your time and talent this Lent and Easter season. Practice will be on Tuesday, 3/11 at 7:00pm. New voices are always welcome!

STATION OF THE CROSS: The IHM Youth will be hosting Stations of the Cross on 3/26 at 6:30pm. ALL are welcome to come take part!

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Please keep our 2nd Graders in your prayers as they prepare for their 1st Reconciliation on 3/23. Isaich Arnold, Raelynn Buysse, Garrett Gervis, Theron Laleman, Vanessa Radke, Claire Schreier, Levi Schreier and Tyson Spielman

ROYALTY: Congratulations to Katelin Ruppert on being chosen as Snow Queen at TMB!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: St. Mary's is hosting a kindergarten open house on 3/10 from 9-11 a.m. Parents are welcome to stay and should plan to meet in the library at 9:00 a.m. The students will spend the morning with our kindergarten teacher. If your child is not currently at SMS, please plan to pick them up at 11:00 a.m.

Later that evening will be a come-and-go open house for Pre-School from 5-6:30 p.m. Stop by anytime to meet our teachers, explore the classrooms and learn more about our program.

IHM parishioners are reminded that our parish supports St. Mary's with a monthly stipend. Parents, especially those in the Tracy school district, are encouraged to visit this wonderful school.

ST. ANTHONY

RICE BOWLS: Rice bowls are available in the entrance of the church. Please pick one up.

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.

SYNOD ON EVANGELIZATION & VOCATIONS

His Excellency Bishop Robert Barron has convoked a Diocesan Synod focused on the themes of evangelization and priestly vocations. This event aims to inspire and equip our community to share the joy of the Gospel and respond to God's call in their lives. As Pope Francis reminds us, we have a duty to share the Gospel with all whom we meet as we strive to be witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

The preparatory phase of the Synod began on March 2, 2025. During this phase, consultation will take place across the Diocese in order to aid the deliberations of the Synod assembly in August, on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. We invite every member of the local church to participate in this preparatory phase by completing the survey on evangelization and vocations, which can be accessed by visiting our Synod website (dowrsynod.my.canva.site) or by scanning the code on the flyer that is posted in our churches.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAR 15

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server Mesa E, Vivian R
Lector Matt S
Gift Bearers Scott & Kim O
EMHC Becky L, Shari S, Jon W
CANTOR Choir
Ushers Jim H, Matt H, Wyatt P, Mark G

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAR 15

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts Scott & Judy S
Lector Pat M
Servers Ian
EMHC Shelly M, Sophie J
Cleaners Nicki P, Amy S

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Taming the Tongue

Father Ed Broom, OMV wrote an article entitled, Taming the Tongue: 10 Fatal Abuses of Speech. With Lent upon us, I want to challenge each of us by looking into our interior lives and finding the face of Jesus Christ. This article can help as an examination of conscience so let us delve into the words of Father Broom.

Saint James warns us that we should be slow to speak and quick to listen. *The Imitation of Christ* asserts that few have ever regretted refraining from speaking. On the other hand, many regret having opened their mouths when they should have kept them shut. Still more, Jesus warns us that every word that comes forth from our mouth will be judged; and Jesus says: “From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

Finally, St. Bonaventure asserts that we should open our mouths on three occasions: to praise God, to accuse ourselves and finally, to edify others. Hopefully, this will be our criteria for speaking! The primary purpose for the gift of speech that God has given to the human person is to communicate the truth with love.

I would like to briefly go over the ten fatal flaws that result from improper speech. In each instance, our goal is to find the preventative medicine rather than curative. ***The reason being is that once a word has been issued forth from the mouth, it cannot be retrieved.*** Much like when a rock is launched in the direction of a window pane, it cannot be returned to the hand but it instead goes out and shatters the glass in nearly an instant. So when it comes to taming the tongue, it is far better to prevent the stones of our words than to try to repair the damage.

Lying. Lies should be avoided at all costs. A lie perverts the proper end and purpose of human speech by falsifying the truth that ought to be spoken. If all were to lie then human solidarity and unity would be impossible because nobody could trust anybody's word and we would then always be living with the suspicion that the other who speaks is deceiving. Jesus said that the devil is the father of lies. Therefore, in a very real sense liars are sons and daughters of the devil! A strong statement, but true.

Telling White Lies. Many will justify the lie by saying it is only a white lie, that nobody will be hurt, or even the white lie was said to avoid harm to the other person. There was a moment when Charlie Brown told Lucy that what he told was only a white lie. Lucy responded: “Charlie, I did not know that lies come in colors.” In sum, your speech should always communicate the truth in the big as well as in the small things. Jesus reminds us that those who are faithful in the small will be faithful in the large.

Shouting and Yelling. Frustrated people who have little self-control often have recourse to yelling or shouting, with the hope of moving the listeners to action; this might also be the case of parents with their children. The end is to get those subject to the shouting to submit in obedience, which rarely results as planned. On the contrary, people will pay even less attention to the overly-emotional and uncontrolled shouting. Rather than losing control of our emotions, it is far better to give fraternal correction but with calmness and peace. In this way, you show love, even while giving parental or fraternal correction, while also maintaining control over your tongue.

Slander or Calumny. At all costs, we should strive to maintain and defend not only our own good reputation but also the reputation of others. All have a right to the defense of their good name. But how quickly somebody's good name can be undone by the slander of another! Therefore, calumny or slander can be defined as “character assassination” – that is to say, killing the good name of another. Actually, in this light, slander not only violates the Eighth Commandment – “Thou shall not bear false witness against his neighbor” – but it can be seen as a violation of The Fifth Commandment – “Thou shall not kill.” Even the Book of Proverbs tells us the harm that is done by slander, “A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.”

Speaking Gossip. All too prevalent in our modern society are those who have become the gossip-er. Such a person always finds the negative act and motivations in the other person and then speaks about that behind their back. Gossipers cause damage in many ways:

- They hurt God, the source of truth who hears all things.
- They hurt themselves by sinning by their speech.
- They hurt the persons listening to the gossip.
- Finally, and most obviously, they hurt the person against whom they are gossiping.

If you are a gossip-er, or you even listen to gossip, stop right now! The Bible is clear about avoiding this: “Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people” (Leviticus 19:16). Remember, Jesus says, that every careless word that comes from your mouth will be judged. Be prepared for judgment day!

Let us pause at this point and pick up with the final five abuses of speech next week.

Peace be to you! ~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR OUR PARISH YOUTH:

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).

Camp Summit 2025 (July 21-24) This middle school adventure camp is held in the beautiful bluffs of eastern Minnesota (*Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center/Lanesboro*). The camp offers a variety of activities including high ropes courses, hiking & rock climbing and great Catholic experiences like Mass & Adoration! Students entering grades 5-8 are encouraged to attend. Talk with your Faith Formation director TODAY for more information. Registration is happening now!!!

SAVE-THE-DATES / Confirmation Candidates:

Shadow Stations Of the Cross: Practice for *everyone*, next **Tues., Mar. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.** (*supper provided*). **Shadow Stations Play for public is Mar. 12** at St. Ann's in Slayton (Students arrive at 6:15 p.m.) Performance at 7 p.m. 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.

'The Banquet' Opportunity for All Parishioners: We have room for anyone interested in helping the Confirmation students in serving 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:

Discipleship Quads Group Update: We have one women's Quad group (in Fulda) looking to start soon, with room for one more participant (You would not need to be from St. Gabriel's to join this group). Contact Kay Klein for more information at (507)227-4134. Meeting time/day will be determined by what works best for the group. Also, we've had interest expressed in starting a young men's group. If this is something you might be interested in, contact Marcie Cowan at (507)360-1885 or Peg Olsem at (507)329-2103. This group would be between the clusters; and again, meeting time/day would be determined by what works best for the group. Discipleship Quads are a year-long weekly study that helps to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith and Scripture; while building comradery and relationships with like-minded Catholics. Prayerfully consider if joining a Quad group is something you are called to do!

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

Lenten Suggestions for Families: Now is the time to be prayerfully considering how you will help your family draw closer to Jesus during this Lent. 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. Your "home" is a sacred and holy place ... it is the first place where your child(ren) learn about the Faith and God. 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 this Lent:

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

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

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