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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 17 - MAR 23

		<i>Father's Day Off</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Mon 17			
Tues 18	8:30am	St. Gabriel	†Brittany Lais
Wed 19	9:00am	Lindenwood	†Flavia Kirchner
Thur 20	8:30am	IHM	†Jane Weis
Fri 21	8:30am	St. Anthony	†Barb Surprenant
Fri 21	5:30pm	St. Gabriel	†Desc'd of Mary Reith Fam
Sat 23	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	†Lee Peterson
Sat 23	6:00 pm	IHM	†Fran Gervais
Sun 24	8:00 am	St. Gabriel	†Don/Gerry/Todd Appel
Sun 24	10:00 am	St. Ann	Parishioners

CHURCH SUPPORT - MAR 8 - 9

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	\$ 4,125.00	\$182.00/27.46	\$1,024.00
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,240.00	\$138.00/24.00	\$1,270.00
IHM-Currie	\$ 2,477.00	\$146.00/13.00	\$
St. Anthony	\$ 930.00	\$82.00	\$

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

TABERNACLE CANDLE will be lit the week of March 16 in memory of Bruce Parrott.

ST. ANN SPRING DINNER is Sun, April 13. Remaining letters have been mailed. We are currently collecting raffle items which can be dropped off at the Wheel Herald office, on Broadway, M-Th between 8am-4pm. The raffle and its prizes help make the dinner a great success!

CMA25 donations can be placed into the regular collection basket instead of mailed. The office will forward them onto the Catholic Foundation in one, consolidated envelope.

ST. ANN PARISHIONERS: At the time of our merging/closing many from both St. Columba & St. Mary were undecided which parish they were going to join and that was understandable, it was a difficult decision to make. Now, we need to know if you have made a final decision and where you will be a member; records need to be updated. This is a benefit for your families receiving the Sacraments now and, in the future, as it will keep needed information together. If you have decided to stay with St. Ann, please call the office at 507-836-8030 and let us know.

LITURGICAL HELP is still needed: If you are interested in sharing your time or talent...we need you! Duties that need more help are Ushers/Readers/Communion to the Homebound/Greeters/Song Leaders/& EMHC (Communion Ministers). Please call Marti Engelkes (507)227-3101 and let her know of your willingness to help. If you are in the area only certain months-she will work with you, and you can still “fly south” for the winter. ☺ It takes everyone to keep our parish viable and vibrant! We can find a spot for *you!*

CDA will meet at IHM in Currie on Sat, March 22 at 9:30am.

FF SUPPER SCHEDULE: MARCH 19

K-5 Mardi Gras Leftovers 30-35 people 4:45 to church
6-9 Mardi Gras Leftovers 25 people 6pm to church

MARDI GRAS was a success & a lot of fun. We made \$1670.02 for faith formation expenses.

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.

CHRISM MASS Mon, Apr 14, Sacred Heart, Heron Lake

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 23

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Clayton M, Jim O, Joe B, Darwin J
Servers	Kiya T, Grace N
Reader	Carson E
Gifts	Nick Hodgson Family
EMHC	Kathy S, Dave S, Missy B
Comm to HB	Jill M
Music	Sharon L, Connie M

ST. GABRIEL

ROSARY, MASS & STATIONS Friday, Mar 21st, beginning with the rosary at 5:00 pm, Mass @ 5:30, Stations to follow.

SERVERS: We have new students that have volunteered to be servers. They are on the schedule starting April 6th. There are copies of the April Liturgical schedule in the red folder by the bulletins at the elevator entrance.

BACCALAUREATE MASS/ MAY 11: ATTENTION SENIORS & PARENTS OF SENIORS ...

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, May 11 is Baccalaureate! Please talk with Lori at the office ahead of time, so you can procure your graduation robe ahead of time. Also, plan to attend the **Senior Retreat on Sat., May 10** beginning at 9 a.m. (If you need to ask off work, *now would be the time* to do that! The retreat is required – Not only will it be a great time of prayer/reflection ... but we will also be practicing for Baccalaureate Mass!)

PASSOVER MEALS/HS RELEASE: As we wrap up the year for High School Release (our last class was this past Thursday), we want to extend a sincere thank you to our wonderful teachers Katie Clarke, Christian Potocnik, Mark Bartosh and Don Olsem (... and also Ken Zins, who stepped up numerous times to sub!) – What a **bliss-ing** they have been to our young people. Also, special thanks to Renee Dorpinghaus (and husband/behind-the-scenes assistant Del) who provided fantastic Passover Learning Suppers to *every grade* level this year during Release Time. The correlation between Christ’s last supper and the true Passover Feast we celebrate each Sunday at Mass is undeniable! Thanks Renee for making this reality present for our students.

LENTEN RESOURCES: Check out the back table in church for some excellent Lenten reading materials and activities. Also, be aware, that the beauty of the internet allows for countless great resources/Lenten activities. If you are a parent of young children or teens, Google “Catholic family activities for Lent” and you’ll see a host of wonderful suggestion or ideas. If you’re looking for good listening; check out the Ascension or Hallow apps. Both have 90 day free trials happening. Need other ideas: Start “The Rosary in A Year” podcast by Fr. Mark Mary; or “The Catechism (or Bible) in a Year” with Fr. Mike Schmitz. (all available on the Ascension App).

LITURGICAL DUTIES MAR 23

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Ken & Cathy S, Mike & Suzi Z
Servers	Caleb & Kole A
Lector	Mary A
Comm	Linda C
EHMC	Barry H, Randy K, Lenore W
Sacristan	Margene V
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 FINANCE INFO: Donations: \$1,362.00; Eastern Europe Church Collection: \$396.25

FAITH FORMATION: *Faith Formation:* 3/19 Class 6:30-7:30 *Confirmation:* 3/16 High School Youth Festival

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, 3/18 at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome!

STATIONS 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

WELCOME: Maury & Christina Kuehl and family are new members of IHM. Please welcome them when you have the chance.

RICE BOWLS: This is a good way to give alms during Lent. They are available at the church entries, please take one for the family.

IN MEMORY: The funeral for RJ Ehleringer, 92, will be at IHM on Friday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. May he rest in peace.

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 22

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server Ethan & Noah S
Lector Jim G
Gift Bearers Cassidy Arnold Family
EMHC Romane D, Becky L, Lori M
CANTOR Choir
Ushers Jim H, Matt H, Wyatt P, Mark G

LITURGICAL DUTIES - MAR 22

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts Josh & Courtney B
Lector Joan O
Servers Hadley & Easton
EMHC Ann J, Ethan J
Cleaners Carol E, Kassandra Q

Taming the Tongue – Part 2

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. Last week we looked at the first five ways that our tongues can abuse speech. This week we take up the final five so let us delve into the words of Father Broom.

Sarcasm in Speech. Sarcasm is using irony and mockery to show contempt. Utilizing sarcasm wounds charity; it is like adding salt to the opened wound. It hurts, burns and smarts! The sarcastic person belittles, disparages and pokes fun at others, gets the listeners to laugh and degrades others and their innate dignity. Before giving in to sarcasm, apply the Golden Rule. How would you like it if you were to be the butt of a sarcastic joke? Do to others what you want them to do to you. So speak to others and about them as you would like to be spoken to and about.

Breaking Confidence. If what you have heard is meant to be kept in confidence, not revealed, or to be kept in secret, then it's best to keep your mouth shut and sealed. Priests must maintain the seal of the confessional. Professionals are obliged to maintain confidence in many cases. In this case, the common proverb, *silence is golden*, is indeed very true. Therefore, in taming the tongue to prevent this fatal flaw, we sometimes are obliged to simply remain silent.

Blasphemy. Of the utmost serious flaw of the tongue is that of blasphemy. What then is blasphemy? In Father John Hardon's Pocket Catholic Dictionary, we read: "Blasphemy is speaking against God in a contemptuous, scornful, or abusive manner. Included under blasphemy are offenses committed by thought, word or action, serious contemptuous ridicule of the saints, sacred objects, or of persons consecrated to God is also blasphemous because God is indirectly attacked. Blasphemy is a grave violation of charity against God. Its gravity may be judged by capital punishment in the Old Testament, severe penalties in the Church, and in many cases also of the State." A concrete example of this was the abuse and the desecration of a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary by pouring blood over the statue on Christmas Eve in Oklahoma. Through this act, the Church was mocked and Our Lord's mother was attacked.

Abusive and Vulgar Language. While not as serious as blasphemy, a great abuse of the tongue is the all-too prevalent proliferation of vulgar language. Often words are used to degrade the human person as well as the intimate act that God has designed for procreation of new human beings. This is wrong and should be brought to a screeching halt for those who are in the habit of using such ugly and indecent language. We should never forget that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. As Catholics, our tongues partake of the Body and Blood of Jesus whenever we receive Holy Communion. As part of our preparation for Holy Communion we should tame the tongue to be ready to receive such a great gift. We should act according to the dignity of who we are temples of the Living God. We ought to also act according to our dignity as future citizens of Heaven, our eternal home with God.

Bragging and Boasting. Another form of speech that we should be careful of is that of bragging or boasting. What is this form of speech? It is when we are praising and placing ourselves above all, lauding and adulating our own supposed greatness. In this we attribute all of our successes, merits, and rewards to our own greatness. This is very displeasing to God because it is the epitome of pride! God lifts up the lowly but despises the proud of heart. Our Lady in her Magnificat expresses this truth: "For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness...He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly." Our attitude of heart should be that of the Psalmist: "Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name give glory."

May our speech this Lent radiate the grandeur and power of God!

Simple Things

In the March 2025 publication of Our Sunday Visitor, Father Augustine Wetta, on pages 6-7, shares some simple life lessons. I share three of his simple things.

1. Going to bed on time. I'm convinced that 50% of holiness is simply getting to bed on time. It's harder to be nice, harder to focus, harder to pray, harder in general when I'm tired; everything's easier when I'm rested.
2. Nothing. I mean that literally. I was once asked, "If you had 30 seconds to tell everyone in the world something, what would it be?" I said, "I'd give everyone in the world 30 seconds of silence." To sit alone in silence is the easiest, and most difficult, thing I can do right now to draw closer to God.
3. Listening. An old monk once told me, "When you meet a wise man, listen to him, and you will learn wisdom; when you meet a foolish man, listen to him, and you will learn patience; when you are alone, listen to God, and you'll learn everything else."

This is pretty good advice to live a life dedicated to our faith and God. Good luck!

Peace be to you! ~Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR OUR PARISH YOUTH ...

High School Youth Retreat (LIVING OUR FAITH IN LOVE): **TODAY! 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! Please keep our area youth who are attending in your prayers. A bus will transport students over. Pick up times as follows: 11 a.m. (*Currie*)/ 11:20 (*Slayton*) & 11:40 (*Fulda*).

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 activities including high ropes courses, hiking & rock climbing and great Catholic experiences like Mass & Adoration! Students entering grades 5-8 are encouraged to attend. Registration happening now!

Thanks to our Confirmation Students for the wonderful job they did with the Shadow Stations of the Cross this past Wednesday! A special "Thank You" to Marcie Cowan for the time and energy she put into coordinating this!

SAVE-THE-DATES/CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

The Banquet In Sioux Falls Sat., Mar. 29 – Bus will transport students over. Time TBD.

'The Banquet' Opportunity 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.,

Next Confirmation Meeting: April 2/ IHM – Currie 7 p.m.

Summer Totus Tuus Program JUNE 8-13: We are trying something new this summer and hosting Totus Tuus early this year in the hopes of beating the summer rush of family vacations and community education activities. Mark your calendars TODAY and plan to have your child(ren) attend Totus Tuus week at St. Gabriel's in Fulda. Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a fantastic weeklong Catholic 'VBS' – Four college-aged missionaries will be on site to lead and guide the youth. There is a daytime program for K-6th grade and a nighttime session for HS youth. We will provide more details as the event gets close; but mark your calendars NOW! There is no better way to ensure your children's Catholic faith grows and flourishes. Totus Tuus is well-worth being a part of. ALL ARE WELCOME ... The more the merrier!!! Contact your Faith Formation director to assist in arranging carpools!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES ...

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's (507)360-1885 or Peg Olsem from St. Gabriel's (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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