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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

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| **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 – AUG 17 - AUG 23

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|---|---|---|---|
| Mon 17 | *Father's Day Off* | | *No Mass* |
| Tues 18 | 10:00 am | Maple Lawn | †Betty Olsem |
| Wed 19 | 9:00 am | Lindenwood | †Bernadine Hennings |
| Thur 20 | 8:30 am | IHM | †Jim Almjeld |
| Fri 21 | 8:30 am | St. Anthony | †Susan Edwards |
| Sat 22 | **4:00 pm** | St. Anthony | †Ryan Byers |
| Sat 22 | **6:00 pm** | IHM | †Clarence & Sue Almjeld |
| Sun 23 | **8:00 am** | St. Gabriel | †James Kirchner |
| Sun 23 | **10:00 am** | St. Ann | Parishioners |

## CHURCH SUPPORT - AUG 8 - AUG 9

| | Envelopes | Plate/Childrens | Online/ACH |
|---|---|---|---|
| St. Ann | $ 1,865.00 | $438.00/23.00 | $926.38 |
| St. Gabriel | $ 1,035.00 | $251.75/66.00 | $1,195.00 |
| IHM-Currie | $ 685.00 | $179.00/11.00 | $96.00 |
| St. Anthony | $ 667.00 | $69.25 | $171.75 |

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS**

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| St. Ann | Goal | $17,830 | Pledged | **$23,997.00** |
| St. Gabriel | Goal | $11,457 | Pledged | **$15,191.00** |
| IHM-Currie | Goal | $ 9,548 | Pledged | **$ 6,897.50** |
| St. Anthony | Goal | $ 4,524 | Pledged | **$ 6,572.00** |

## St. Ann

**Our Sympathy** goes out to the family of Janice Kunselman. Jan passed away on Mon, Aug 3. Her funeral was on Mon, Aug 10. May she rest in peace.

**Thank you Correction** must be made. The St. Ann dinner corn was donated by Oliver Kremer! Thank you Oliver, for growing, tending to, keeping the wildlife out, and your generous donation of sweet corn to the church. It was greatly appreciated, *Thanks again!*

**Liturgical Schedules** for September and October roles are available in the white folder on the wooden table in the hall or a paper copy can be taken from the bulletin boards. Thank you to all who help each month with liturgical duties, you are greatly appreciated! If you don't have a role and are willing to help, we can find you a place to fill. Help is always needed. Please contact Marti Engelkes 507-227-3101 or call the office.

**CCW will be** meeting on Thurs, Aug 20th at 6pm in Divine Mercy Hall, following adoration. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

**CDA will meet** Tues, Aug 18th at Gullard Park at 5pm for our potluck supper.

**The offices** are closed on Fridays in the month of August through Labor Day. *Thank you!*

**Faith Formation Classes 2026**

**Catechist meeting** Wednesday, Aug 26th @ 6pm.

**We are still seeking three catechists to teach for our Faith Formation program this year:** Catechists are needed for the following classes:

*****K/1*****8th Grade*****9th Grade*****

**Our Faith Formation** program is only possible with family participation. This includes parents that are willing to help teach. This could be individual teaching, team teaching, or a creative blend of options. If you are able to commit to helping the Faith Formation program, please contact Diann Timmerman @ 507-401-1038. Parent Night/1st night of classes is September 16th. Regular Faith Formation classes will begin the following week for classes that have Catechists. Please contact the Faith Formation office for any questions.

**Preparation is happening** for our 2026-27 Faith Formation year! If you know of any new students to our program, please encourage those parents to contact the Faith Formation office.

## Liturgical Duties Aug 23

**St. Ann - 10:00 am**

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| **Min of Hosp** | Marilou C, Clayton M, Brian & Angie F |
| **Servers** | Tyler R, Garret R |
| **Reader** | Todd B |
| **Gifts** | Chris LeTendre Family |
| **EMHC** | Marti, Sarah, Dana |
| **Comm to HB** | Jill M |
| **Music** | Sharon, Connie |

## St. Gabriel

**St. Gabriel's** is hosting a Salad Luncheon on **Wednesday, August 26th** in the Church basement. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm. Entertainment to follow by Jerry Zins and his partner Shilo. The group is called L'attitude. Bring your friends for an evening of socialization and entertainment.

**August Courier** is now available and located on the table in back of Church and at all entrances. Feel free to take one to see what is going on in the Diocese.

**Parishioners**—You will notice that the envelope for the Catholic Home Missions and Black and Native American collection is dated August 30th. That is incorrect. It should be August 23rd. So please use that envelope next week. Thank you.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Update:** This program will start up again in September. If you are interested in signing your child(ren) up for this program, please see the sign up sheet in back of church. Note: Children do not need to have attended last year's classes to take part in this coming year's program.

**Faith Formation Teachers Still Needed**

If you were in church last week you heard the plea for elementary teachers for the upcoming year. We still need 3 teachers. If we don't get them, some children will not be able to come to release time. Elementary Release Time is on Monday's from 2:00-3:00. Please consider volunteering. If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact Chelsea at stgabfaith@gmail.com or call 507-360-4553.

## Liturgical Duties Aug 23

**St. Gabriel - 8:00 am**

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| **Min of Hosp** | Dale & Deb K, Dave T, Paul R |
| **Server** | Peyson G, Colten E |
| **Lector** | Mary A |
| **Comm** | Margene V, |
| **EHMC** | Randy K, Mary L, Torri Z |
| **Sacristan** | Edie T |
| **Money Counters** | Doyle A, Mike & Sue Z |

## Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Lita Schreier (507-227-8844) to add someone in need of prayers.

**Funeral Luncheons**: To help with food or working, please contact Marie Heronimus (507-360-2307) or Sandy Anderson (507-227-7063)

**Faith Formation**: All classes are on summer break.

**St. Mary's Raffle Winners**
8/7/2026 $100 winner Greg Zwach.
8/14/2026 $100 winner Jeff Peters

**Fall Dinner Signup:** The annual fall dinner will be held on Sunday, September 13th. Please be sure to look at and complete your sign up for the fall dinner duties, including working, cooking a turkey, and/or making pies/desserts. Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of church, or the new entrance. Many hands make light work, and all help is appreciated and needed to make the annual fall dinner a success!!

**Thank You:** Thank you to the IHM Parish for honoring the Class of 2026 with Baccalaureate Mass this past May. Your kindness, support and prayers are appreciated and to those who remembered us with special gifts, thank you! ~Owen Moline

## St. Anthony

**Mass Intentions:** Mass intentions are $10 now. Please place them in the collection basket.

**Help Needed:** Looking for someone to compile the liturgical role schedules each month. Please let Joyce know if you would be willing to do this.

**Weekday Mass Times:** St Anthony's Church offers Mass every Friday at 8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered at 3:30 pm on Saturdays, half hour before the start of Mass.

**OCIA:** After all Masses on Oct 3-4, Pat Merrick will be in the entryway, of each parish to answer any and all questions about OCIA (a pathway for people looking at joining the Catholic Church). If you, or someone you know, might be interested, simply stop by and chat. This is also available to Catholic that might want to understand more about our Faith. If you are available that weekend, then stop by, if not, contact Pat at 507-407-1063. OICA is relaxed time and truly a chance to explore God's Grace and Love for us. I hope to see you in October!

**Grace/Trinity:** Lutheran churches of Westbrook Salad Supper is scheduled for August 19th at 6:00 pm. Grace Church address: 755 Adams Ave., Westbrook. The inspirational speaker will be Megan May.

**Boxes of Joy** - We have the opportunity to fill a Box of Joy that will be sent to children in the Bahamas, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua. A Box of Joy may be the only gift a child has ever received. Each box also includes a rosary and a booklet titled "The Story of Jesus". Last year our diocese collected 876 boxes of joy, 11,000 from MN and a total of 896,000 were delivered around the world. When filling a box, be sure to mark the age group on the box, read the sheet that comes inside your box and pay special attention to the "do not pack" instructions. Please return your box, or boxes to the entry at St. Anthony by October 17th.

## Liturgical Duties - Aug 22

**IHM - 6:00 PM**

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| **Server** | Nolan G, Mason G |
| **Lector** | Marcia S |
| **Gift Bearers** | Mark & Lexi Gervais Family |
| **EMHC** | Blake H, Tim R, Chris K |
| **Song Leader** | Alyssa O |
| **Sacristan** | Jon W |
| **Ushers** | Mark G, Steve S, Diane S, Mike S |

## Liturgical Duties - Aug 22

**St. Anthony - 4:00 PM**

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| **Greet/Gifts** | Dean & Elizabeth J |
| **Lector** | Gene O |
| **Servers** | No Server Available |
| **EMHC** | Nicki P |
| **Cleaners** | Jan J, Helen P |

## WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

**Heaven's Grocery Store**

This is for all of you who enjoy a shopping spree from time to time.

I was walking down life's highway, a long time ago when I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store."

As I came a little closer, the door opened wide, suddenly I was surprised, to find myself inside. I saw a host of angels, they were everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. All you can't carry, you're welcome to come back for more.

First, I picked up some patience, love was in the same row. Next was understanding, you need that wherever you go. I picked up a box of wisdom and a bag or two of faith. I couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, for it was over all over the place. I stopped to get some strength and courage; I always need a lot of them to help me run the race.

By then my basket was starting to get very full, but then I remembered I also needed grace. I didn't forget salvation, for salvation is offered free. I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's will. As I walked up the aisle, I saw prayer and had to put that in, for I knew when I stepped outside, I'd run right into sin. Peace and joy were plentiful; they were on the last shelf. Songs and praises were hanging near, so I helped myself.

When I finally reached the counter, I asked the angel, "How much do I owe?" The angel smiled and said, "Jesus paid your bill a long-long time ago."

(Author of the Story is unknown).

**Cold Water**

This is for all the germ conscious folks that worry about using cold water to clean.

John went to visit his 90-year-old grandfather in a very secluded, rural area of Northern Wisconsin. After spending a great evening chatting the night away, the next morning John's grandfather prepared a breakfast of bacon, eggs, and toast. John noticed a film like substance on his plate, and questioned his grandfather asking, "Are these plates clean?" His grandfather replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them. Just go ahead and finish your meal, Sonny."

For lunch, the old-man made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as the plate appeared to have tiny specks around the edge that looked like dried egg and asked, "Are you sure these plates are clean?" Without looking up the old man said, "I told you before, Sonny, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them. Now don't you fret, I don't want to hear another word about it!"

Later that afternoon, John was on his way to a nearby town. As he was leaving, his grandfather's dog started to growl and wouldn't let him pass. John yelled and said, "Grandfather, your dog won't let me get to my car." Without diverting his attention from the Packers football game he was watching on television, the old man shouted, "Coldwater, go lie down, yah hear me!"

Maybe, hot water is a good idea after all.

(Author of story is unknown).

**Electric Motors**

Do you have any electric motors that are lying around, and you would like to be rid of? Even with the passing of my father, I would be happy to take any electric motors. You can leave them by the rectory garage in Slayton, or I can pick them up at any of the parishes. Thanks!

Peace be to you!
Father Peter Schuster

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**ST. ANN, IHM & ST. GABRIEL PARISHIONERS - PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON!!**
Do you remember the **Boxes of Joy** that you so generously filled and sent off to under-privileged children last year? Well it's getting to be that time again and the boxes will be arriving soon. So keep an eye out for them and when they arrive take one or two, fill them and return to your respective parish and we will get them to Slayton. With this amount of advance notice you should be able to shop early and get some good deals! St. Ann's is a shipping location so we will have until early November to get them there. Watch the bulletin for more information!

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**SECOND COLLECTION -** There will be a second collection next week. This collection will be split with 50% going to Catholic Home Missions and 50% to Black and Native American. Please be generous. Thank you.

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**ONLINE GIVING** is available for all parishes in our cluster. The following Church/Cemetery funds are listed as:
**St. Ann, Slayton - Church Support **St Ann Cemetery **St Columba Cemetery ** St Rose of Lima Cemetery
**St. Gabriel, Fulda - Church Support **St. Gabriel Cemetery, Fulda **St. Mary Cemetery, Dundee
**St. Anthony, Westbrook - Church Support
** IHM, Currie - Church Support **IHM, Currie Calvary Cemetery

**Online Donations** can be set up as a One-time Gift or as a Recurring Gift. One-time is just that, one and done. Recurring gifts give you the option to select the frequency such as weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, etc. and a start date. The site takes credit cards, debit cards, or ACH through your bank account. Depending on your selection of payment, will determine which steps you will need to follow for set up. The easiest access to the online giving site is through the website at www.acmcatholic.org (listed on the front of each bulletin) and clicking on the green button "Slayton Online Giving" **or** by using the QR code on the front of the bulletin. Nothing is saved until you hit submit. Feel free to investigate what is available. Donations can also be made to the CMA appeal (this fund will require you to list your parish in the note box for proper distribution). The diocesan appeal funds are also listed, such as Catholic Charities - Peter's Pence - World Mission, etc as these funds are always forwarded onto the diocese for distribution. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office, 507-836-8030. I do appreciate the inclusion of your phone number if you set up an account - that way if a question arises I can call you to verify information. *Thank you to the **many** that utilize the online giving option!*

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**SEXUAL ABUSE**: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Ext 255. Caller will be asked to provide name and phone number. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** The DOW-R is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. Questions about the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, contact Michael Gerard: 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org

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