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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 – AUG 24 - AUG 30

Mon 24	*Father's Day Off*		*No Mass*
Tues 25	8:30 am	St. Gabriel	†Jeff Zins
Wed 26	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Babe Schoo
Thur 27	8:30 am	IHM	†Louise Hofstadler
Fri 28	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Leo Wagner
Sat 29	**4:00 pm**	St. Anthony	†Leo & Agnes Vortherms
Sat 29	**6:00 pm**	IHM	†Wayne Jensen
Sun 30	**8:00 am**	St. Gabriel	Parishioners
Sun 30	**10:00 am**	St. Ann	†Tony & Sophie Bonnstetter

CHURCH SUPPORT - AUG 15 - AUG 16

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	$ 1,080.00	$346.00/47.00	$655.21
St. Gabriel	$ 1,200.00	$454.00/39.50	$76.88
IHM-Currie	$ 1,455.00	$216.00/8.00	$71.00
St. Anthony	$ 670.00	$107.00	$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	$17,830	Pledged	**$25,089.44**
St. Gabriel	Goal	$11,457	Pledged	**$15,591.00**
IHM-Currie	Goal	$ 9,548	Pledged	**$ 7,397.50**
St. Anthony	Goal	$ 4,524	Pledged	**$ 6,572.00**

ST. ANN

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES for Sept & Oct are available in the white folder on the wooden table in Divine Mercy Hall

LIVING FAITH pocketbooks for Oct, Nov, & Dec can be found at the entrances of the church.

AUGUST COURIER is available in print and can be found at the parish entrances.

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

Everyone has talent! If you are willing to sign up for any Liturgical duties, please call the office or talk to Fr. Schuster to let us know. We would love to have you share your gift! Needed: Readers, Ushers, Communion Ministers (at Mass and as Communion to the homebound) & song leaders. Training will be provided. New servers are trained annually when they are in 4th grade.

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.
We need Catechists for the following classes:
*****K/1*****8th Grade*****9th Grade*****

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.

ST. GABRIEL

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Gene Kirchner. Gene passed away on August 3. His funeral was held on August 12 at St. Gabriel's. May he rest in peace.

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.

THE WORD AMONG US book for September is out and on table at the back of church and at the entrances.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) NEWS
Would you like to help out as we continue to set up our second year Atrium for children for CGS at the school? We've purchased figurines for the children to use with the lessons (or works) and would like to offer parishioners an opportunity to adopt or sponsor a figurine. There's a sign-up sheet in the back of church with more information. (*Figurines up for 'adoption' include: The three women who visit the empty tomb on Easter morning, along with the angel and Mary and Elizabeth, from the Visitation).*

Opening day for CGS for children ages 3-6 is **Sunday, October 4,** immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (Parents are invited for fellowship while students are in the Atrium).

Contact Stephanie Funk, Peg Olsem or Jamie Opdahl for more information.

LITURGICAL DUTIES AUG 30

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Marilou C, Clayton M, Brian & Angie F
Servers	Louis J, Mason H
Reader	Amy K
Gifts	Hailey Berg Family
EMHC	Katie, Daryl, Bill
Comm to HB	Sue B
Music	Judy, Rita

LITURGICAL DUTIES AUG 30

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Steve & Donna C, Doug & Katie C
Server	Mara C, Landyn Z
Lector	Mark B
Comm	Don O
EHMC	Mike V, Sue (J) Z, Linda C
Sacristan	Margene V
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:
8/14/2026 $100 winner Jeff Peters
8/21/2026 $100 winner Michelle Zabella

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!!

St. Anthony

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 Time: 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 o 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!

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 29

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Avery H, Mallory S
Lector	Kelly K
Gift Bearers	Jim & LoAnn Hansen Family
EMHC	Dawn K, Romane D, Joe S
Song Leader	Matt K
Sacristan	Alyssa O
Ushers	Jason S, Jim H, Maury K, George A

Liturgical Duties - Aug 29

St. Anthony - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Joyce V, Nicki P
Lector	Joan O
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Ethan J
Cleaners	Amy S, Nicki P

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Those were the Days

I was listening to a podcast with football being the topic. They were amazed at how a sport begins with practice around 90 degrees and can finish, with the playoffs, in snow and wind. That got me reflecting on my football days.

Did I look forward to two-a-day practices in August? No. I remember how nervous I was the days leading up to practice. Dread might be a better word. Practice meant the following:

- Stretching. We always started practice with stretching. An important practice to condition the body.
- Running. We ran and ran and ran. The practice of running I didn't like was call "The Ladder". We would run up the football field and back down the football field in 10-yard increments.
- Sit-ups on the bleacher. We had a bleacher where fans could sit. We would do sit-ups using the bleacher as our support.
- More running. The bleacher I just mentioned was on a hillside. Our coach loved to have us run up the hill.
- And more running. We ran from one practice station to the next.
- Weightlifting. After practice, we would have weightlifting sessions.

Between all the running, we were split up by groups. On offense, I played tight end. I practiced with the offensive line. We did various drills:

- Hit dummies.
- Practiced blocking skills.
- Refined techniques.
- Practiced blocking against each other.
- Learned how to block and release in going out for a pass.
- Learned how to double-team block.

On defense, I played middle linebacker. Some of the various drills were:

- Learning proper tackling techniques.
- Learning how to shed a blocker.
- Learning how to flow along the line of scrimmage without over pursuing a play.

These drills we practiced day after day for the sole purpose of preparing us for game day. Thinking back to the podcast I mentioned previously, they were correct. We began in the heart of summer and played into November. The weather in November was unpredictable varying from unseasonably warm to cold and snow. I never liked playing in the cold. Cold plays with your mind. Too, it messes with one physically. My hands would get cold making it more difficult to tackle or catch a football.

In the end, everything was about formulating a team. A team which believed in each other and played for each other. Such is the story of God. He molds us each day to make us the holiest person we can be, and every Sunday we gather as a "team," as God's people, to give God worship and praise. Nourished by God's word and sacrament (Christ's body and blood), we are sent into the world to proclaim a belief in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the week ahead, let us allow God to mold us and ready us to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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

IHM FALL DINNER - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Mark this date on your calendar!! We all look forward to this home-cooked meal of Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Grave, Corn, Bun, Coleslaw and Desserts. Serving is from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Handicap accessible and Carry-outs are available Adults: $15, Grades K-6: $10, Preschool Free.

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SECOND COLLECTION TODAY– Please be generous. Thank you!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS (50%) strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin & Eastern Catholic dioceses. This collections funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education. and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN (50%)portion continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease.

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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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THE STORY OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the **Blessed Virgin Mary's** queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

Reflection: As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28–30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.

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