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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 31 - Sept 6

Mon 31	*Father's Day Off*		*No Mass*
Tues 1	10:00 am	Maple Lawn	†Betty Olsem
Wed 2	9:15 am	Sunrise	†Bob Timmer
Thur 3	8:30 am	IHM	†Bob Ackerman
Fri 4	8:30 am	St. Anthony	*No Mass*
Sat 5	**4:00 pm**	St. Anthony	Parishioners
Sat 5	**6:00 pm**	IHM	†Vince Schreier
Sun 6	**8:00 am**	St. Gabriel	†Jack & RoseMary Holinka
Sun 6	**10:00 am**	St. Ann	†Lawrence Halbur

Church Support - Aug 22 - Aug 23

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	$ 2,700.00	$209.00/34.30	$626.38
St. Gabriel	$ 2,027.00	$314.00/37.00	$40.00
IHM-Currie	$ 1,195.00	$351.00/10.00	$71.00
St. Anthony	$ 350.00	$98.80	$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

2ND COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous donations to Home Missions/Bl & Native American - $458.00

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

CCW MINUTES are available and can be found hanging on the east entrance (Parking lot) bulletin board.

ICE CREAM TREATS will be handed out following Mass on Aug 30 by the CCW ladies in Divine Mercy Hall. Everyone is welcome to ice cream!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2026

We are still seeking three catechists to teach for our Faith Formation program this year.

We are in need of a Catechists for the following classes:

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

Please continue to pray for these Catechists to volunteer and pray for all of those who serve our youth.

FAITH FORMATION ITEMS NEEDED: There are a few items that are needed for our Faith Formation program this year! We are adding additional interactive pieces to our Wednesday night lessons through videos. If you have an unused DVD player at your home, please contact the Faith Formation/Parish Office to donate. We are in need of two.

We are also in need of a few TV carts. The two carts needed will be purchased. If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost, we would be grateful! Please mark any donations as Faith Formation TV Carts and can be dropped at the Parish office or in the Sunday Collection.

Faith Formation REGISTRATION Forms are located in the back of church. Emails have been sent to families in program with this registration. Please return completed registrations to the Faith Formation office with fees.

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.

PLEASE PRAY for our students that will be joining us on Wednesday nights!

LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 6

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Judy P, Joe & Renee G, Jill M
Servers	John L, Ethan N
Reader	Julie K
Gifts	Tracy Keleher Family
EMHC	Gary, Kathy, Dave
Comm to HB	JoAnn B
Music	Judy, Trent

ST. GABRIEL

ADDITIONAL FINANCES: Catholic Home Missions and Black & Native American $433.00

RELEASE TIME SCHEDULES are on the table at the back of Church.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES for September & October are in the red folder on the table at the back of church.

GOOD MORNING!

We're excited to introduce a new ministry at St. Gabriel's: Youth Café – Faith. Food. Fellowship. Future.

Beginning next **Sunday, September 6,** our youth will host Youth Café on the first Sunday of each month following Mass, serving breakfast treats and beverages while creating a welcoming place for our parish family to gather.

More than breakfast, Youth Café gives our young people an opportunity to grow in faith through service. Free-will donations will support youth faith formation, retreats, camps, service projects, and other faith-building opportunities.

Families with children in Kindergarten through Grade 12 will soon receive information about participating. All parishioners are also welcome to donate food or beverages, volunteer, or simply stay after Mass and enjoy the fellowship.

Join us September 6 for our first Youth Café as we invest in the future of our parish—one Sunday at a time.

Scan the QR code or sign up in the back of Church to volunteer or donate.

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).

LITURGICAL DUTIES SEPT 6

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Tom & Mary A, Jody & Kathy S
Server	Kole & Aiden A
Lector	Genell H
Comm	Shannon W
EHMC	Lenore W, Levi Z, Barry H
Sacristan	Linda C
Money Counters	Dave T, Tom S

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:
8/21/2026 $100 winner Michelle Zabella
8/28/2026 $100 winner Cassidy Arnold

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Home Missions/ Black & Native Americans: $490.00; Donation: $30.00

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!!

ICE CREAM: Celebrate the end of summer with us! The Parish Life Committee will be serving ice cream treats after Mass on August 29th at the church entrances. Join us for a sweet treat, good conversation, and a chance to enjoy dessert before supper. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 - SEPT 5

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Teddy K, BR H
Lector	Marcia S
Gift Bearers	Matt & Michelle V
EMHC	Becky L, George A, Kim O
Song Leader	Alyssa O
Sacristan	Mary S
Ushers	John H, Rich L, Jon O, Dawson S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 5

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Nicki P, Helen P
Lector	Joan O
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Joyce V
Cleaners	Diane R, Evelyn B

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Eucharist and the Forgiveness of Sins

Does the Eucharist forgive sins? Certain sins, yes. Read ahead and learn about the Eucharist, forgiveness, and sins.

One of the greatest blessings and least known facts about the Eucharist is that, in the reception of Holy Communion, a person's venial sins are forgiven.

The Eucharist is one of four sacraments that impart the forgiveness of sins. The waters of baptism wash away all prior sins. Both sacraments of healing – reconciliation and anointing – also grant forgiveness. The sacrament of reconciliation grants the absolution of both mortal and venial sins, and it offers God's pardon and peace. And the instruction to the sacrament of anointing says, "If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them" (see James 5:15).

When we attend Mass, even if we have not committed a mortal sin, we still have blemishes on our souls, the venial sins that we have committed. Some of these sins may be smaller, others may be larger, but they offend God and alienate us from his son Jesus and the body of Christ, the Church. A person with venial sins is still in the state of grace, and he or she is not only eligible to receive holy Communion, but also is encouraged to receive holy Communion. Then, when we receive the Eucharist, "Holy Communion separates us from sin…the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1393). When Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist, he wipes away our venial sins (see No. 1394).

Jesus made the Eucharist-forgiveness connection at the Last Supper when he took a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood…which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). The first generation of Christians considered the gift of forgiveness in the Eucharist to be a foundational belief: "by his blood…[we have] the forgiveness of sins previously committed" (Romans 3:25); "the blood of…Jesus cleanses us of all sins" (1 John 1:7); and, "Jesus Christ…has freed us from our sins by his blood" (Revelation 1:5).

The teaching that sins are forgiven in the reception of the Eucharist is reaffirmed in other writings and the words of the liturgy. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) referred to the Eucharist in a homily on Corpus Christi saying, "No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away." Preface I of the Most Holy Eucharist in the Roman Missal says, "As we drink his blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean."

It is important to make a distinction when it comes to the forgiveness granted through the reception of the Eucharist: venial sins are forgiven, but mortal sins are not. The Catechism teaches, "The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sin – that is proper to the sacrament of reconciliation" (No. 1395). St. Paul explained the danger of receiving holy Communion when a person is separated from God and neighbor: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 11:27).

A person with mortal sin is not in the state of grace, and the path to holy Communion is to approach the sacrament of reconciliation first, receive sacramental absolution, be restored to the state of grace, reestablish full communion with the Church, and then receive holy Communion.

When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus extends to us his love, compassion, mercy, healing grace, pardon, and peace. He offers a new beginning, strengthens us in the battle against future sin, and nourishes us to live a virtuous and holy life.

(Written by Father Michael Van Sloun, in The Catholic Spirit, June 21, 2018, page 15).

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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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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OCIA

AFTER **ALL MASSES on October 3 and 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 Catholics 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. OCIA is a relaxed time and truly a chance to explore God's Grace and Love for us. I hope to see you in October!

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FULDA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be held at the Community Center, Thursday, September 17th from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FuldaMN to schedule an appointment or scan the QR code that's on the flyers posted on the bulletin boards and register that way. Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood! Please give if you are able. Thank you.

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AUGUST 29: The Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24 June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly. Both his parents were descendants of priestly families. John's birth took place about six months prior to that of Christ, and coincides with the Gospel episode of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The liturgical celebration of his martyrdom, which occurred between 31 and 32, has ancient origins. It was already celebrated in France in the 5th century, and in Rome the following century and can be traced to the dedication of a small basilica that dates back to the 5th century where he was buried in Sabaste in Samaria. Tradition holds it was on this day that his head was found. Pope Innocent II had it later transferred to Rome to the Church of Saint Sylvester in Capite.

The king promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back his head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison. He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. (MK 6:17-29)

The motivations for John the Baptist's martyrdom

A woman played the primary role in his martyrdom. Herodias, the wife of Herod Antipas, was the former wife of his half-brother. John was arrested because he had denounced her illegal marriage. During the celebration of Herod's birthday, Herodias's daughter, Salome, performed a dance in honor of the king who remained enchanted and told her she could ask him for anything she wanted, even to half of his kingdom. After consulting her mother, Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist. Herod did not want to do it, but could not refuse: he had, after all, made a promise.

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