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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 10 - AUG 16

Mon 10	*Father's Day Off*		*No Mass*
Tues 11	8:30 am	St. Gabriel	†Dean Lanners
Wed 12	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Kathryn Eich
Thur 13	8:30 am	IHM	†Kathy Zens
Fri 14	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†John Vortherms
Sat 15	**9:00 am**	St. Ann	Parishioners
Sat 15	**4:00 pm**	St. Anthony	†Brenda Schoborg
Sat 15	**6:00 pm**	IHM	†George Reiter
Sun 16	**8:00 am**	St. Gabriel	Parishioners
Sun 16	**10:00 am**	St. Ann	†Virgil & Margaret Baumgartner

CHURCH SUPPORT - AUG 1 - AUG 2

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	$ 3,850.00	$353.00/25.00	$1,088.18
St. Gabriel	$ 1,040.00	$162.00/25.00	$35.00
IHM-Currie	$ 1,320.00	$157.00/7.00	$711.00
St. Anthony	$ 255.00	$107.00	$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	$17,830	Pledged	**$23,597.00**
St. Gabriel	Goal	$11,457	Pledged	**$15,031.00**
IHM-Currie	Goal	$ 9,548	Pledged	**$ 5,610.00**
St. Anthony	Goal	$ 4,524	Pledged	**$ 6,572.00**

St. Ann

Congratulations go out to Vladimir & Brenna Ross on the baptism of their son Theodore. Theodore was baptized on Sun, Aug 2. Welcome Theodore!

Thanks go out Pat & Lisa Kremer for donating sweet corn for the parish's dinner next March and to Jill McCord for organizing all those who helped pick, shuck, cut, & freeze corn. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated!

Fr Schuster will be offering an additional Mass at St. Ann Church on Saturday morning, Aug 15th for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:00am. Only one Mass will be offered for the Solemnity, which is not obligatory since it falls on a Saturday this year. The Saturday morning Mass does not fulfill the weekend Mass obligation but will be in addition to. All are welcome!

CCW will be meeting on Thurs, Aug 20th at 6pm in Divine Mercy Hall. 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 summer months of July & Aug through Labor Day. *Thank you!*

Faith Formation Classes 2026

There will be a Catechist meeting on Weds, Aug 26 @ 6 pm.

We are still seeking three (3) catechists to teach in our Faith Formation program this year.

If you are an adult member of the St. Ann Parish community that would like to share an hour each week with our youth, please reach out to the Faith Formation office @ 507 -836-8030. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, single person, retired or anywhere in between, you may have the exact skills that God needs to share your faith with our kids. Please continue to pray for members of our parish to answer the call to share their faith with our youth.

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.

Faith Formation 2026-27 will begin on Weds, Sept 16th. There will be more information in a future bulletin.

Liturgical Duties Aug 16

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Marilou C, Clayton M, Brian & Angie F
Servers	Kiya T, Brynn B
Reader	Kelly N
Gifts	Austin Boock Family
EMHC	Kathy, Dave, Jill
Comm to HB	Sara B
Music	Judy, Sue

St. Gabriel

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Bishop Barron will be celebrating Mass at St. Gabriel's on Sunday, August 16th at 8:00 am. The Bishop has emphasized the importance of being able to celebrate Mass in each parish of the diocese, and this will be his opportunity at St. Gabriel's. We welcome Bishop Barron. Thanks, Father Schuster

There will be a reception in the Church basement after Mass on Sun, Aug 16th . All are welcome!

Meals On Wheels - Marc Hollahan is down to deliver meals August 11-14 but we need another person. Is anyone available that can help out? Also Marc is not available on the 14th-Linda C can take his place that day. Please let me know if you can help. Thanks

Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 7:00 pm in Father's office.

Please Consider Volunteering: We are still in need of 3 teachers for the upcoming Monday Release Time. Elementary release is on Monday from 2:00-3:00. Without volunteers stepping forward, we will be asking approximately 20 kids in grades K-1 and 5-6 to stay back until a teacher is found. If you have any questions or would like more information, you can email Chelsea at stgabrielfaith@gmail.com or call 507-360-4553.

Have You Signed Up Your Child Yet? It's already that time of year to get your children signed up for release. There are forms on the table at the back of church. You will notice a "volunteer opportunities" side of the form if you have talents to share with our parish. We are only able to have a thriving program due to the dedication and efforts put forth by our volunteers and the eagerness of families signing up their kids. We are so excited for this coming year. We have been working hard behind the scenes this summer for a fun year with your kiddos. Please return the sign up forms and payment by Sept. 8th to the parish office, or the hand in basket at the back of church.

Liturgical Duties Aug 16

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Barb K, Kay K, Ron & Diane K
Server	Ivan O, Truman O
Lector	Loy W
Comm	Shannon W
EHMC	Roger & Karyn Z
Sacristan	Shelby S
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
7/31/2026 $100 winner Rae Kaare.
8/7/2026 $100 winner Greg Zwach

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!!

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St. Anthony

Parish Council Nominations: We need to nominate people for Parish Council. Please prayerfully discern if you feel called to leadership in our parish or if you know of someone who would serve our parish well on the Finance Committee, Education Committee or Liturgy Committee. The Parish Council now meets every 4 months at 5:30pm (subject to change according to schedules) Contact Joyce Vortherms (507-822-4318) with questions. Strong leadership is needed for our Parish to thrive and grow in faith.

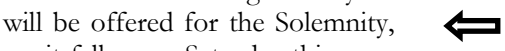
Mass Intentions: Mass intentions are $10 now. Please place them in the collection basket.

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

Confessions are offered at 3:30 pm on Saturdays, half hour before the start of Mass.

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



Liturgical Duties - Aug 15

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Asher K, Christian H
Lector	Joe S
Gift Bearers	Mike & Beth Gervais Family
EMHC	Lori M, Jon W, Shari S
Song Leader	Dave L
Sacristan	Mary S
Ushers	Kevin M, Rich L, Becky L, Denny J

Liturgical Duties - Aug 15

St. Anthony - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Leo & Kristina O
Lector	Pat M
Servers	Sydney & Lukas
EMHC	Shelly M
Cleaners	Joan J, Judy S

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

The Apostles

In the October 17-23, 2021 edition of Our Sunday Visitor, pages 9-12, there is a special section entitled "Getting to know the apostles." Thus far, we have learned the story surrounding Judas Iscariot, Matthew, Andrew, Simon, Jude, Matthias (who replaced Judas Iscariot), James the Less, James the Greater, John, Philip, and Bartholomew, . Our work this week looks at Peter and Thomas. Also, although not considered one of the original 12 apostles, we will also look at Paul.

Peter – Peter denied Jesus three times on the night he was arrested, "before the cock crows twice," just as Jesus predicted (Mark 14:30). Yet even after this grievous rejection our merciful savior forgave Peter and singled him out as the head of the Church on earth. Peter became the prince of the apostles, and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit was the first to spread the Good News to the Jews. Any place in the New Testament where the 12 original apostles are named, Peter is always listed first.

In the Gospel according to Luke, Jesus initially met Peter, James, and John at the Lake of Gennesaret where they had been fishing all night but with no catch. Jesus suggested the fishermen should lower their nets again. Peter complained because of their earlier experience but eventually agreed. Suddenly they had so many fish they couldn't bring in the nets. Peter fell to his kneels in front of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord for I am a sinful man." Jesus told him not to be afraid, then said to the three fishermen, "'from now on you will be catching men'…they left everything and followed him" (Luke 5:8-11).

Peter demonstrated a lack of faith and even argued with Jesus on occasion. He showed little faith when he attempted to walk on the water toward Jesus; as long as his attention was on his savior, he was OK, but once he took his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink (cf. Matthew 14:28-33). Peter argued with Jesus when he said he would be killed by the Jews and again when Jesus wanted to wash his feet. Along with James and John, Peter fell asleep during Christ's agony in the garden. But for all these human flaws, Jesus saw Peter as the one to lead the Church by becoming the first pope. Peter not only evangelized the Jews but was responsible for the first gentile conversion: the centurion, Cornelius (cf. Acts 10).

Thomas – St. Thomas is remembered as the one who doubted when told that Christ was resurrected and had appeared to the other apostles in the Upper Room. Thomas was not convinced until he placed his hands in Christ's wounds. His initial unbelief is understandable because Christ had been crucified and sealed in a tomb. According to Pope St. Gregory the Great, it was not an accident that Thomas was absent when Christ appeared to the other apostles: "In a marvelous way God's mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of the master's body, should heal our wounds of disbelief. The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith strengthened. So, the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection."

Thomas is our witness, his eyes are our eyes and his hands are our hands; accordingly, we have no doubt – Christ lives.

Paul – While not among the original Twelve Apostles, Paul was chosen by Jesus as a "chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites" (Acts 9:15). Paul (originally called Saul) was among the most extreme Christian haters of his time. He was an onlooker and supporter at the stoning of St. Stephen, and he excelled at rounding up Christians in Jerusalem and turning them over to Jewish authorities to be persecuted.

At one point he was going to Damascus to capture additional followers of Christ. On the road between the two cities, he was confronted, blinded, and converted by Jesus, who sent him into Damascus. Here he would regain his sight and be baptized. From that point, Paul became the greatest of the evangelizers, the Apostle to the Gentiles. He established at least 14 Christian communities and preached to thousands of individuals while crisscrossing the Middle East and into Europe four different times. His letters to the communities he established fill much of the New Testament.

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

BISHOP BARRON will be celebrating Mass at St. Gabriel's on **Sunday, August 16th** at 8:00 am. The Bishop has emphasized the importance of being able to celebrate Mass in each parish of the diocese, and this will be his opportunity at St. Gabriel's. We welcome Bishop Barron. Thanks, Father Schuster

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MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS—AUGUST 15

The Most Reverend Robert Barron, in recognition and gratitude of your years of marriage, requests the honor of your presence at the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass on Saturday, August 15, 2026. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will take place at 10:00 in the morning at Holy Family Catholic Church, 211 N Hunt St, Lake Crystal, MN followed by a light reception with the Bishop. Please register at dowr.org/events/marria

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SIENA, ITALY (1730)

On a summer day when Catholics in Siena were attending a festival on the **eve of the feast of the Assumption,** robbers stole hundreds of consecrated hosts from the Church of St. Francis. Two days later, someone at another church found the missing hosts in an offering box, covered in dirt and cobwebs. They then returned them to the Church of St. Francis.

The priests avoided consuming the hosts because they were dirty and chose to have them deteriorate naturally. Over the next few decades, the hosts never deteriorated. In fact, they appeared fresh as the years wore on.

You can still see the hosts today in the Basilica of St. Francis in Siena, Italy.

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ONLINE GIVING is available for all parishes in our cluster. The following Church/Cemetery funds are listed as:

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**St. Gabriel, Fulda - Church Support **St. Gabriel Cemetery, Fulda **St. Mary Cemetery, Dundee
**St. Anthony, Westbrook - Church Support
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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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