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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 – Oct 5 - Oct 11

Mon 5	*Father's Day Off*		*No Mass*
Tues 6	10:00 am	Maple Lawn	†Del Goedtke
Wed 7	9:15 am	Sunrise	†Wm/Bertha Crommert
Thur 8	8:30 am	IHM	†Fr. Michael Schmitz
Fri 9	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Betty Schoborg
Sat10	**4:00 pm**	St. Anthony	†William Baxter
Sat 10	**6:00 pm**	IHM	Parishioners
Sun 11	**8:00 am**	St. Gabriel	†Jeff Zins
Sun 11	**10:00 am**	St. Ann	†Leo/Dolores Crowley

Church Support - Sept 26 & Sept 27

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	$ 2,600.00	$179.00/31.00	$701.38
St. Gabriel	$ 1,235.00	$238.00/31.00	$301.00
IHM-Currie	$ 1,060.00	$179.00/41.00	$71.00
St. Anthony	$ 1,045.00	$113.00	$171.75

Catholic Ministries Appeal - 2026 Goals

St. Ann	Goal	$17,830	Pledged	**$29,529.44**
St. Gabriel	Goal	$11,457	Pledged	**$15,871.00**
IHM-Currie	Goal	$ 9,548	Pledged	**$ 9,017.50**
St. Anthony	Goal	$ 4,524	Pledged	**$ 6,205.00**

St. Ann

Knights of Columbus plaques and trophies from past KC events are on the table in the hall. With the local Council having been disbanded, any Knights wanting to take an item from the table, and keep for yourself, please feel free to do so.

We recently received a second shipment of nightlights from Xcel. They can be found in the church hall, and all are welcome to take a box, or 2. Free of charge!

Boxes of Joy are available in the church hall if you would like to fill a box for a child living in a third world country. Filled boxes will need to be returned to St. Ann Church/office no later than Nov 5th.

Christmas Wreaths are on sale through the St. Ann office. Wreaths can be purchased for home, business, or for a loved one's gravesite. Please place all orders by **Oct 27th**! If you are purchasing a wreath for a gravesite, it will be placed and removed for you in the cemeteries of St. Anne, St. Columba, or St. Rose of Lima. Wreaths will arrive the week of November 23rd. Call Dana to order at 507-836-8030. *Thank you!*

CDA Sunday will be on Oct 18th with the CDA doing liturgical duties. Following Mass ALL are invited to stay for Coffee, Juice, and Cookies in Divine Mercy Hall.

CDA monthly meeting will be held Oct 20th at 2pm at the apple orchard. A new schedule of meetings and events for CDA is available near the bulletin board slot for all members who have not received it.

Baby Bottles can be found in the hall, in a basket, for anyone who would like to donate to the annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Fill bottles with loose change to help support women that are choosing life for their babies. Filled bottles can be left on the table in the hall at any time, (checked daily) please return all bottles by Oct 31st.

Faith Formation Classes 2026

2nd Grade Families: There will be a Sacramental Preparation meeting for all 2nd grade students after Mass this Sun, Oct 4th @ 11am. If you are unable to attend, please reach out to meet with Diann Timmerman for information.

Confirmation 2027 Wellness checks will start soon. Each Confirmation student and a parent will have a short meeting with the DRE. Watch emails for additional information.

October is the month of the Rosary and to celebrate the Faith Formation students will have a Living Rosary on October 7th, 2026 starting @ 6:15pm. All parents and parishioners are invited to join us in prayer that evening. October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and we look forward to teaching our youth the power in this prayer form.

MEA Break: There will be no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, October 14th, 2027.

Liturgical Duties Oct 11

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Bill & Jan B, Joe B, Denny S
Servers	Jada J, Madison J
Reader	Joe M
Gifts	Brandon Lolkus Family
EMHC	Angie, Jill, Marti
Comm to HB	Sue B
Music	Dana, Connie

St. Gabriel

Cemetery Board Meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in the Church basement.

Congratulations to Alex and Jessica Olsem on the baptism of their daughter, Quinlynn Kay who was baptized last Sunday. Sept 27th. Welcome Quinlynn!

Liturgical Schedules for October and November are in the red folder on the table at the back of church.

Youth Café Today!! Come on down after Mass to support our youth. Enjoy socializing over a cup of coffee and a breakfast treat.

OCIA - Pat Merrick is at the back of Church today and is available to answer any and all questions about OCIA (a pathway for people looking at joining the Catholic Church). This program is also available to Catholics that might want to understand more about our faith.

Baby Bottle Campaign starts today on Respect Life Sunday. Support women who are choosing life for their babies by taking home a bottle and filling it with change or a check and returning to church by October 31st. We have students at the back of church handing them out.

discipleship Quad Bible Studies

Do you have an interest in forming fellowship with like-minded Catholics in a weekly Bible Study? Discipleship men/women's groups are forming. (A quad group consists of four men or women). This is an excellent study put out by Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH (more information can be found at https://dquads.com.) Groups can be organized from within our parish cluster (Slayton/Currie/Westbrook/Fulda). Contact Christian Potochnik 218-969-3276 or Kay Klein 507-227-4134.

Boxes of Joy - You are doing a great job of turning in filled boxes. We already have 15 turned in! You have almost a month yet before they need to be sent to Slayton, but don't wait till the last minute. The time slips by faster than you think., so please get them to the office or the Church by Oct 29th.

Liturgical Duties Oct 11

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Mark V, Dave T, Kay K, Barb K
Server	Peyson G, Oliver M
Lector	Mary A
Comm	Shannon W
EHMC	Thomas S, Lenore W, Barry H
Sacristan	Linda C
Money Counters	Tiffany S, Sue (J) 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: *Youth*: Oct 7th Faith Formation Class 6:30-7:30. Oct 7th *Grades 6-12* Fields of Faith-Bus is at 6:15 pm *Confirmation Class of 2028* Oct 7th fields of Faith-Bus at 6:15 pm *Confirmation Class of 2027* Oct 7th Fields of Faith-Bus at 6:15 pm Greenery Orders DUE October 19th

GREENERY ORDERS: The Youth of IHM will be selling Greenery again this year from Greenwood Nursery. Place your order with any IHM youth or with Dawn today! Orders due by Oct. 19th and you will have by Thanksgiving!
$34–Traditional 24" Wreath; $42-Mixed 26" Wreath; $88-Large 36" Wreath; $30-Holiday Swag; $36-Cross Wreath; $35-Holiday Planter; $47-Roping

RAFFLE WINNERS:
9/25/26 - $100 Lexi Gervais
10/2/26 - $100 Greg Lanoue

IHM QUILTING GROUP: This group of faithful ladies have decided to retire from quilting. Over the years, many IHM ladies have given of their time and talents to create quilts for the needy. Going back to 30 plus years, it is estimated that over 3,000 quilts have been sewed and distributed to nursing homes, Hospice, shelters in Sioux Falls and local towns for those in need. Without listing names, blessed are those women who have given to those who have been less fortunate.

IN MEMORY: Former IHM alumnus, Patricia (Ehleringer) Metty passed away on September 13, 2026 at the age of 93. Pat graduated from IHM high school with the Class of 1951. Her obituary can be found in Facebook on the Currie site. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Bridgit's Catholic Church in Whistler, Alabama. May she rest in peace.

CALVARY CEMETERY: The new memorial monument dedicated to the memory of all children lost before birth has been installed in the cemetery. As a result of the generosity of IHM parishioners to the CMA Appeal, the excess funds over the goal completely paid for the beautiful memorial. Take a look….it's located inside the cemetery gate by the parking lot.

ST. ANTHONY

HOSPICE OF MURRAY COUNTY FUNDRAISERS: Drive through meals will be held at the Westbrook Community Center on Tues Oct 6th and at Tracy Midwest Supply on Monday Sept 28th. Both run from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is $15.

ROSARY: During the month of October, we will be saying the rosary beginning at 3:40 pm before Saturday Mass. Contact Shelly Merrick if you would like to help lead.

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.

BOXES OF JOY - Please return your box, or boxes to the entry at St. Anthony by October 17th.

BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The Baby Bottle Campaign starts next week on Respect Life Sunday, October 4th. Support women who are choosing life for their babies by taking home a bottle and filling it with change or a check and returning to church by October 31st. All donations will be used for rent and utility assistance for new mothers. Three ways to give: Fill a bottle with cash, change or check at your parish. Mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987Give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - OCT 10

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	BR H, Avery H
Lector	Kelli K
Gift Bearers	Mark & Dawn Kopperud Family
EMHC	Marcia S, Kim O, Tim R
Song Leader	Alyssa O
Sacristan	Jon W
Ushers	John H, Kristin H, Becky L, Rich L

LITURGICAL DUTIES - OCT 10

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Lon & Jeanie S
Lector	Carol E
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Ethan J
Cleaners	Amy S, Nicki P

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

Why is the God of the Old Testament so Violent?

Question: A nurse I know with experience in the ER and ICU had planned to read the complete Bible when she retired, starting with the Old Testament, but she gave up because of the violence. Why is the Old Testament so violent?

Answer: It is true that the early books of the Bible and most of the Old Testament depict acts of great violence. The crucifixion of our Lord is also an act of great cruelty and violence in the New Testament. The first thing to remember about all such matters is how the fact that the Bible records them does not necessarily mean the Bible approves of them. That said, there are difficult and dark passages that record God commanding certain cities and places to be utterly destroyed and that no one is to be left alive, not man, woman, child, or animal. There is great debate at how to interpret these passages. Some say they are simply the Israelites projecting their own genocidal wishes on God. Others see them as merely an admonition to make no compromises with the world or the nations around them. Still others, as I do, see them as straight-forward commands to completely remove a people or city, leaving nothing that might influence the people of God to idolatry or imitation of the nations they were supplanting.

Two things should be observed. First, God, who gives life, also has the right to set limits and end life when He sees fit. If I own property and decide to remove roses and plant begonias, that is within my rights to do…Even more so with God with individuals or nations.

In a broader sense, we need to recall that, in the ancient world, things were tough all over. Life was brutal and short. There were no agreed-upon borders, there was no body of law to adjudicate differences, there was no judicial system of trial persecution, there was no police force. Tribes moved about and conflicted over food, land, and resources. Mankind emerged from the garden in a fallen and brutal state. That is what God was dealing with.

However, God, by stages, brought us from this brutal chaos to better order and peace. He chooses a people, Israel, gives them the Law, instructs them, and prepares them for the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. He limits retaliation, establishes the structures of family, the corporal works of mercy, the importance of hospitality, the rights of foreigners and the proper punishments due to sin. He commands that we love our neighbor and so forth. Hence, God draws them away from violence and chaos toward love, respect, and order. It is somewhat like a parent who has a small child who is subject to tantrums, selfishness, and only understands punishments. But as the child grows older, the parent can reason with him and call him to respect, justice, and love. When Jesus arrives, he builds on the progress and calls us even higher: to love our enemies, not retaliate, and to be willing to suffer for the truth without hatred.

Hence, your friend might consider that the Scriptures depict a journey of God's people out of brutality and chaos toward a growing sense of justice, respect, and love. The early days were brutal, and God dealt with them in ways they could understand. But he brought them higher and to a better understanding of godliness and being more fully human.

(Written by Msgr. Charles People, Our Sunday Visitor, January 24-30, 2021, page 19).

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

JUST A QUICK REMINDER to the October Ushers that Mass counts begin this weekend! Each year, parishes are asked to record the total attendance of all adults (18+) and children (0-17) who attend Mass at all weekend Masses throughout October and submit their numbers to the Diocese.
The 2026 Mass Attendance Form for recording your parish's attendance can be found in each parish. Thank you for your help! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out the office or to your parish contact.

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CAMP SUMMIT 2027! Emails have been sent to all Families of students in grades 5-7 about the upcoming Summer Camp. We will be signing up to attend July 19th – 22nd, 2027. There will be fundraising events to help cover the cost of this Catholic camp. If your family would like more information, please contact the Faith Formation office.

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STEUBENVILLE-ROCHESTER 2027! The dates for this event will be July 9th – 11th, 2027. All students grades 8-11 are invited to attend. There will be fundraising events to help cover costs for students. Please encourage your students to add this amazing event to their Summer Schedule!

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FESTIVAL will be held @ Shetek Baptist Camp January 9th -10th, 2027. All 2028 Confirmation students are encouraged to attend this retreat. 9th grade parents should check their emails for important information about this great opportunity

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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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CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE - Baby Bottle Campaign Provides Help and Creates Hope

Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings through financial assistance, free baby items, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, and adoption planning and placement. We need your help in meeting the needs of new and expectant parents in difficult situations. Every dollar donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign is used for rent or utilities for women who are pregnant or have a new baby at home. While applying for assistance, women learn about adoption and parenting supports in order to feel confident carrying their baby to term. Your gift offers a tangible gift of hope during a crisis. Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign!

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