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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 – SEPT 28 - OCT 4

Mon 28	*Father's Day Off*		*No Mass*
Tues 29	8:30 am	St. Gabriel	†Tony Perez
Wed 30	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Fr. Jerry Dorn
Thur 1	8:30 am	IHM	†Terri Luft
Fri 2	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Greg Schoborg
Sat 3	**4:00 pm**	St. Anthony	Parishioners
Sat 3	**6:00 pm**	IHM	†Vilas & Velarie Mayer
Sun 4	**8:00 am**	St. Gabriel	†Wm. & Joan Sauer
Sun 4	**10:00 am**	St. Ann	†Tony & Sophie Bonnstetter

CHURCH SUPPORT - SEPT 19 & SEPT 20

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	$ 1,305.00	$342.00/105.00	$860.00
St. Gabriel	$ 2,565.00	$207.00/13.50	$76.88
IHM-Currie	$ 1,295.00	$271.00/9.34	$71.00
St. Anthony	$ 265.00	$93.00	$171.75

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026 GOALS

St. Ann	Goal	$17,830	Pledged	**$27,409.44**
St. Gabriel	Goal	$11,457	Pledged	**$15,591.00**
IHM-Currie	Goal	$ 9,548	Pledged	**$ 8,897.50**
St. Anthony	Goal	$ 4,524	Pledged	**$ 6,572.00**

St. Ann

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 November 5th.

Christmas Wreaths are now available for 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 Nov 23rd. Call Dana to order at 507-836-8030. *Thank you!*

Classic-$35

Victorian-$40

Cranberry-$40

Wintergreen-$40

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 a bottle 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

Youth Mass will happen on the 1st Sunday of each Month from October – May. If your child would like to participate, please contact Diann Timmerman.

Confirmation 2027 Wellness checks will start soon. Please email the Faith Formation office to schedule your meeting.

Faith Formation Families: An email has been sent to you about the annual Baby Bottle Campaign that is held by Catholic Charities. This campaign begins on Respect for Life Sun, Oct 4th. Support women that are choosing life for their babies. Funds raised help pay rent and utilities for new mothers. Donations should be returned by Oct 31st. Thank you for supporting the gift of life!

Liturgical Duties Oct 4

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Youth Mass
Servers	Youth Mass
Reader	Youth Mass
Gifts	Youth Mass
EMHC	Kathy, Dave, Missy
Comm to HB	Jill M
Music	Sharon, Paula

St. Gabriel

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

St. Ann's is graciously sharing a box of the nightlights they got from Xcel. These are free of charge. They are on the table at the back of Church.

Additional Finances - IRA Contribution $1,000

Youth Café - Join us after Mass next Sunday, October 4th, for our second Youth Café. Enjoy visiting with each other and eating some delicious breakfast treats.

Boxes of Joy shoe boxes are available on the table in back of Church. Be sure to mark if it is for a boy or girl and the age group it would fit. Filled boxes need to be in Slayton by Nov 5th, so please get them to the office or the Church by Oct 29th.

Fulda Railroad Heritage Day—Sunday, September 27th from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Tour the Fulda Depot, Heritage Museum and Caboose. Enjoy the music talents of Rebby Lee as you eat a luncheon consisting of Hotdogs, Chips, Root Beer Floats (free will donation).

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.

CGS - Adopt a figurine!

Our Catechesis of The Good Shepherd atrium continues to grow. You can help out by sponsoring a figurine that the children will use in the atrium as they learn about the life of Jesus. Cost is $30. There is a sign up sheet and picture in back of church!

Liturgical Duties Oct 4

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Children's Mass
Server	Children's Mass
Lector	Children's Mass
Comm	Children's Mass
EHMC	Steve C, Torri Z, Linda C
Sacristan	Margene V
Money Counters	Tiffany S, Sue (J) Z

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Timothy Bassett. Tim passed away on Sept 16th. His funeral will be Oct 2nd at IHM. May he rest in peace.

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: *Faith Formation Classes* resume on Sept 30th!! 6:30-7:30pm *Confirmation Class of 2028* will start Class on Sept 30th at 6:30-7:30pm Parent Meeting at 5:00pm on the 27th *Confirmation Class of 2027* will resume class on Sept 27th at 6:15 PM

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS
9/18/2026 $100 winner Greg Lanoue
9/25/2026 $100 winner Lexi Gervais

IHM FALL DINNER THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone who helped with the IHM Fall dinner. It was once again a wonderful turnout. We served 582. (298 dine in and 284 takeout). All donations were appreciated as well as the pies and desserts. Thank you everyone for making this annual event such a success!

BOX OF JOY shoe boxes are now available on the tables at both church entrances. A list of suggested items is included inside the box. Be sure to mark if it is a boy or girl and the age group it would be for. Filled boxes need to be in Slayton by Nov. 5th so please put your filled boxes in the back of church or you can drop them at the office at St. Ann's. by Oct. 29. Thank you for your support of this project.

ST. ANN is graciously sharing nightlights received from Xcel. These are free of charge. They are on the table by the carport entry.

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.

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.

OCIA: After all masses on Oct 3-4, Pat Merrick will be in the entryway, of each parish to answer 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 any Catholic that might want to understand more about our Faith. If you are available that weekend, stop by, if not, call 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 - 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.

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LITURGICAL DUTIES - OCT 3

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Devin A, Oliver K
Lector	Joe S
Gift Bearers	Scott and Kim Olafson Family
EMHC	Blake H, Dawn K, Loretta G
Song Leader	Matt K
Sacristan	Alyssa O
Ushers	John H, Kristin H, Theresa G, George A

LITURGICAL DUTIES - OCT 3

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Barb & Josef R
Lector	Joyce V
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Kathy S
Cleaners	Pat & Shelly M

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

What if?

What if? That was the question which came to mind as I was writing this column? What if I was a farmer instead of a priest? Things would be different in my life:

- I would be preparing machinery for the fall harvest rather than preparing a Sunday homily.
- I would be wondering about the corn and bean prices, doing a comparison with my input costs, wondering if there was money to be made.
- I would be asking the question, "Should I be purchasing fertilizer and fuel for the spring months?"
- I would be constantly checking the weather for just the right mixture of rain and sun.
- I would be doing a test run of the dryer and bin fans.
- I would be walking the fields checking pods (in beans) and ears (in corn).
- I would be making runs to implement dealers to purchase parts.
- I would have my semi/s go through DOT inspection.
- I would pay bills prior to harvest because there isn't time to pay bills while the harvest is in full swing.
- I would be wondering how many bushels a field will hold.

The reality is that I am not a farmer. I am a priest. But let us stay with the question for a moment. What if Jesus…

- What if Jesus concerned himself with healing everyone who came to him?
- Some desired Jesus to overthrow the Romans. What if Jesus concerned himself with staffing and preparing an army?
- What is Jesus tried to teach everything?
- What if Jesus never left Nazareth?
- What if Jesus had lived thirty more years?
- What if Jesus concerned himself only with debating the religious leaders?

These questions pose the reality of Jesus focusing on something other than his suffering, death, and resurrection. If Jesus had refused to suffer, die, and rise, these are some of the realities:

- I find it hard to believe we would be worshipping a Savior.
- I find it hard to believe that as many people would follow Jesus Christ.
- I find it hard to believe that we would believe in the resurrection.
- I find it hard to believe that we would come together as the Body of Christ and receive the Eucharist.
- I find it hard to believe we would have the hope we currently have.
- I find it hard to believe we would make sense of suffering.
- I find it hard to believe we would make sense of death.

In the end, aren't we glad that Jesus knew the path the Father had in store for him **and** he remained faithful to the will of the Father. For without that resolve, we would be left posing the question, "What if? What if Jesus Christ, instead of being a military leader, great healer, renowned debater, had chosen to die and rise for each of us? How would my life, my hope, my faith be different if Jesus suffered and died for me?" Aren't you glad such a question does not need an answer? Jesus Christ did suffer, die, and rise for you and me. He is our Lord and Savior!

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FESTIVAL will be January 9th-10th, 2027. This is an overnight retreat for Confirmation students. If your student needs a retreat for Confirmation preparation, please mark your calendar for this great event.

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

You can help Catholic Charities in providing help and hope to new and expectant parents in your community! 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 through the Baby Bottle Campaign 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 55987
- Give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section.

"This program has helped me in an unexpected hard time. Catholic Charities answered my prayers and helped me pay rent at 8 months pregnant with no job. I'm so happy they were able to lend a hand!" – Catholic Charities Client

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PET BLESSING - The Little Portion Secular Franciscans of the Marshall area are sponsoring a "Blessing of the Animals" on Saturday, October 3rd at 3:00 pm. in the parking lot of Holy Redeemer, Marshall. All animals and their favorite people are welcome. The Secular Franciscan Order is an order for lay persons that was started by St. Francis some 800 years ago. If you are interested in more information about the Secular Franciscan Order please contact Nancy Rebstock at 507-430-0910.

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NOTE FOR ALL USHERS-October is the month that we do Mass counts to send to the Diocese. These will need to be done each weekend during the month of October.

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ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH, PIPESTONE ANNUAL FALL DINNER - Sunday, October 4 serving from 10:30 to 1:00 pm. Serving in the St. Leo Hall at 415 S. Hiawatha Ave in Pipestone. Menu includes: Turkey and all the fixings, home-made pies & desserts.

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