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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 7 - Sept 13

Mon 7	*Father's Day Off*		*No Mass*
Tues 8	8:30 am	St. Gabriel	†Rich/Pat Lanners
Wed 9	8:30 am	St. Ann	†Mert Brown
Thur 10	8:30 am	IHM	†Rich/Steve/Rick Illg
Fri 11	8:30 am	St. Anthony	†Desc'd Members of Donnely Family
Sat 12	**4:00 pm**	St. Anthony	†Joe Olsem
Sat 12	**6:00 pm**	IHM	Parishioners
Sun 13	**8:00 am**	St. Gabriel	†Ben/Lorraine Wisdorf
Sun 13	**10:00 am**	St. Ann	†Don Carlson

Church Support - Aug 29 - Aug 30

	Envelopes	Plate/Childrens	Online/ACH
St. Ann	$ 1,305.00	$235.00/34.00	$950.63
St. Gabriel	$ 1,445.00	$203.00/44.00	$311.00
IHM-Currie	$ 1,580.00	$239.00/36.00	$71.00
St. Anthony	$ 199.00	$44.00	$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

No Confession – While there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, September 10th from 5:00-6:00 pm, there will be **NO** confessions offered at that time. Father Schuster will be in Rochester for a meeting that day and will not be able to return in time for Exposition and Confession at St. Ann.

Handicap Door Buttons: People, *please* **DO NOT** use or adjust the door switches to prop open the automatic doors. Use the doorstop on the ground. Switches are not getting reset correctly. When people who need to use the auto entrance try the buttons, the door fails, because **ALL** power has been cut.

Box of Joy shoe boxes are available from the table in the hall. Filled boxes need to be returned by Nov 5th. Suggested item lists and information can be found in the box. Thank you for helping underprivileged children!

Tabernacle Candle was lit week of Aug 30th - Sept 5th for: *David Schreiber Sr.*

Faith Formation Classes 2026

We are still seeking two catechists to teach for our FF program this year. We are in need of a Catechist for the following classes:

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 FF/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 FF TV Carts and can be dropped at the Parish office or in the Sunday Collection.

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 FF office with fees.

Parent Night/1st night of classes is Sept 16th. **Regular Faith Formation classes will begin the following week for classes that have Catechists.** Please contact the FF office with questions.

Confirmation 2027 and 2028: You have a few weeks left to work on any Confirmation items before we return to classes. If you need any service opportunities or help getting started, please contact Diann Timmerman.

Liturgical Duties Sept 13

St. Ann - 10:00 am

Min of Hosp	Judy P, Joe & Renee G, Jill M
Servers	Sylvia H, Gwenna K
Reader	Karen B
Gifts	Adam Pick Family
EMHC	Missy, Angie, Marti
Comm to HB	Joyce R
Music	Dana, Paula

St. Gabriel

Today is the Day! Join us in the Church basement after Mass to socialize and have breakfast treats and beverages on us!! This is our first Sunday for "Youth Café". All parishioners are welcome. If you wish to donate food or beverages or volunteer, scan the QR code or sign up in the back of Church.

Meals on Wheels - Diane Kirchner and Sharon Fuerstenberg are scheduled to deliver meals September 14-18.

Many Thanks - Thank you to all of St. Gabriel's ladies for your support and hard work in helping make the salad luncheon such a success. Your time, effort, and generosity are truly appreciated. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4;10*

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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.

Faith Formation Release Time is right around the corner. Elementary Release begins next Monday, Sept 14th. If you have not yet done so, please register your child as soon as possible. *Thank you.*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) News

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 Sept 13

St. Gabriel - 8:00 am

Min of Hosp	Amy C, Paul R, Barb K, Dave T
Server	Evelyn O, Grace S
Lector	Christian P
Comm	Linda C
EHMC	Roger Z, Karyn Z, Ken S
Sacristan	Mark V
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: *Faith Formation Classes* resume on Sept 0th!! 6:30-7:30pm *Confirmation Class of 2028* will start Class on Sept 30th at 6:30-7:30pm *Confirmation Class of 2027* will resume class on Sept 27th time TBD

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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ALL ARE WELCOME to come and enjoy the IHM Fall Dinner on Sun, Sept 13th in Currie from 11am - 1pm! Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal of: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Bun, Coleslaw, & Desserts. Carry-outs are available. Adults: $15, K-6: $10, Preschool-Free.

ST. ANTHONY

MEALS ON WHEELS: St Anthony's is in charge of distributing meals on wheels for the month of September. Sign up in the back of the church and pick up a copy of the new guidelines.

ATTENTION GREETERS: We are asking all Greeters to learn how to use the lift so you will be available to assist anyone who needs help. Joyce will be available before and after Mass each weekend in September to give instructions.

ADDITIONAL FINANCES: Catholic Home Missions and Black & Native Americans $68.00

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 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 Nicara gua. A Box of Joy may be the only gift a child has ever received. Please return your box, or boxes to the entry at St. Anthony by October 17th.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 13

IHM - 6:00 PM

Server	Devin A, Connor L
Lector	Kelli K
Gift Bearers	Jim & Loann H
EMHC	Dawn K, Jo E, Tim R
Song Leader	Matt K
Sacristan	Jon W
Ushers	Jim G, Jon W, Jim H, Jake S

LITURGICAL DUTIES - SEPT 13

ST. ANTHONY - 4:00 PM

Greet/Gifts	Scott & Judy S
Lector	Carol E
Servers	No Server Available
EMHC	Nicki P
Cleaners	Sheryl W, Anne W

WEEKLY WORDS FROM THE ROCK:

I want touch on an issue which is at the center of many current debates. We hear much regarding a "transgender male" or "transgender female." During these debates, the question arises, "Does the Catholic Church ever allow for transgender surgeries?" Let us take a closer look at the question.

Question: Does the Church allow for transgender surgery in the case of a baby born with male and female organs (hermaphroditism) or in the case of a botched circumcision?

Answer: The situations described in the question are very rare. As such, they are a bit of an anomaly or outlier, not easily covered by general bioethical norms.

A hermaphrodite is a child born with a sex that is not easily determined by looking at the genitals. At times, the child may seem to have both genitalia or parts of both. Usually a genetic analysis of their cells can indicate the true sex of the infant. In such cases as these, surgical repairs to the genitals to indicate the true sex of the infant is licit and not forbidden by the Church.

However, there are some even rarer cases where genetic analysis does not provide a clear answer as to the sex of the child. This is due to chromosomal and genetic irregularities. In such cases as these, the parents are permitted to make a difficult decision to determine the sex of the child and permit necessary surgeries to the genitals to reflect that determination. Some parents choose to wait some time to observe the child and his or her tendencies before making that decision.

Such permitted surgeries are not properly termed "transgender surgery" since they are not intending to change the sex of a person. In truth, there is no such thing as "transgender surgery." Surgery cannot alter the true sex of a person. Transgenderism is based on a lie that one's sex (sometimes called gender) can be changed.

Too, it is worth noting, there is not a broad spectrum of "genders." Scripture is clear that we come in one of two sexes: "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

Even more rare are botched circumcisions. However, in this case it is not permitted to proceed with surgeries that attempt to alter the sex of the child. As noted, no amount of surgery can alter the sex of a child; a boy cannot become a girl. There are some boys and men who, for various reasons, are missing some or all of their genitals. This does not make them female. They are still male, even though some of the masculine aspects are missing or damaged.

(Written by Msgr. Charles Pope, in Our Sunday Visitor, June 11-17, 2023, page 19).

Are you an Optimist or Pessimist?

How would you define yourself? An optimist sees the best in the world, while the pessimist sees only the worst. An optimist finds the positive in the negative, and a pessimist can only find the negative in the positive.

Here is a story. An avid duck hunter was in the market for a new bird dog. His search ended when he found a dog that could actually walk on water to retrieve a duck. Shocked by his find, he was sure none of his friends would ever believe him.

He decided to try to break the news to a friend of his, a pessimist by nature, and invited him to hunt with him and his new dog.

As they waited by the shore, a flock of ducks flew by. They fired and a duck fell. The dog responded and jumped into the water. The dog, however, did not sink instead walked across the water to retrieve the bird, never getting more than his paws wet. This continued all day long; each time a duck fell, the dog walked across the surface of the water to retrieve it.

The pessimist watched carefully, saw everything, but did not say a single word.

On the drive home the hunter asked his friend, "Did you notice anything unusual about my new dog?"

"Yes, sure I did," responded the pessimist. "Your dog can't swim."

So again, where do you fall, an optimist or a pessimist? Jesus is an optimist. Despite our sin, he believes in each of us!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NO CONFESSION - While there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, September 10th at St. Ann's from 5:00-6:00 pm, there will be no confessions offered at that time. Father Schuster will be in Rochester for a meeting that day and will not be able to return in time for Exposition and Confession. Thanks, Father Schuster

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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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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.

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HOSPICE OF MURRAY COUNTY - Our rummage sale is coming soon! Start gathering your gently used items to donate and mark your calendars for one of Hospice of Murray County's largest fundraisers of the year. Every donation and purchase helps us continue providing care and support to patients and families in our community. Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton—Donation Drop-Off: September 15-18 from 9:00 am-7:00 pm. Rummage Sale: September 22-25 from 9:00 am-7:00 pm. Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 am-noon. Bag Sale Friday and Saturday! Thank you for donating, shopping, sharing this post, and supporting Hospice of Murray County.

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ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH—LISMORE - SEPTEMBER 13TH

Fall Bazaar & Craft Auction—Sunday, September 13 - serving from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Turkey and Dressing Dinner. In addition to a great meal, there will be a Country Store (Baked Goods, Plants, Crafts & Fresh Produce; Auction at 1:30 - big ticket drawing throughout the auction; and Children and Adult Games.

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ST. ADRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - FALL FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 20TH

St. Adrian is inviting us to their annual Fall Festival on September 20th, serving from 11:30-1:30 pm. The dinner will be in the Church Hall in their church basement. The entrance to the dinner is on the north side of the building with an elevator available for those in need. The menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Coleslaw, Buns, Pies/Desserts and Beverages. Children's menu: Mac & Cheese, Hot Dogs and Chips. Included in the day is a Country Store, Big Ticket Raffles and a Children's Fair. Free Will Offering. Mass is at 10:30am.

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