



HOLY CROSS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. (Cf. Gal. 6:14)

Pastoral Leadership

- Msgr. Douglas Grams
Rector/Pastor
- Msgr. John Richter
Senior Associate
- Fr. Aaron Johanneck
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku
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Representatives

Cathedral.....Tim Rahe
Jackie Finstad
St. Mary'sShirley Laraway
Paul Wieneke
St. John the Baptist.....Jim Drexler
Lester Braulick
St. George.....Jeff Franta
Penny Forst
St. Gregory the Great....Linda Beranek
Carol Hoffmann

New Parishioners: Welcome! We are happy to have you join us. Please call or stop by your parish office to register.

Baptisms: Call your parish office to schedule a Baptism. Preparation program required.

Marriages: Begin making plans with parish priest at least six months in advance.

Outreach: If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact your parish office.

RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church, please invite them to join the RCIA program. Classes will begin in September. This is a time of prayer, instruction, questions/answers and discernment that will lead up to full union in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Contact your parish office to register.



JUBILEE OF MERCY

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of New Ulm provide individual, marriage and family counseling, pregnancy counseling, Project Rachael, adoption resources, transition and grief services. Offices are located in Hutchinson, Marshall, New Ulm and Willmar. Call 1-866-670-5163

Bulletin Copy Deadline - Tuesday: noon

Holy Cross Area Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 pm Cathedral, New Ulm
5:30 pm St. Mary's, New Ulm

Sunday

8:00 am Cathedral, New Ulm
8:30 am St. George,
West Newton Twp.
9:00 am St. Mary's, New Ulm
10:00 am Cathedral, New Ulm
10:30 am St. John the Baptist,
Searles
10:30 am St. Gregory the Great,
Lafayette
6:30 pm Cathedral, New Ulm

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Church of St. George
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New Ulm, MN 56073
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**Church of
St. Gregory the Great**
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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2016

Scripture Connection *Luke 11:1-13* “Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” This is a promise that anyone would love to hear. With these words Jesus comforts and reassures us. His message in today’s Gospel assures us that our heavenly Father loves us even more than earthly parents love their children. But God’s care may not always look exactly the way we expect it to. His care for us is based on knowing what is best for us and what will make us flourish. And, sometimes, what we think we need isn’t really best. As the end of the passage makes clear, this asking and seeking that Jesus refers to is ultimately fulfilled in the gift of the Holy Spirit. For most of us, we actually received this gift at our baptism. But have we taken full advantage of this? God knows that all of these gifts and fruits make us very well equipped for life on earth, and for eternal life in heaven! What more do we really need to ask for?

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From the Pastor

TORNADO RELIEF Today all parishes in our Holy Cross Area Faith Community are taking up a second collection for the needs of the people who were affected by the July 11 tornados in Watkins and Litchfield. Your donations are for needs based issues such as replacement of household items, debris removal and other unexpected losses people are facing. Checks can be made payable to Diocese of New Ulm with ‘tornado response’ in the memo. You may also choose to make a contribution through the DNU website (Catholic Charities or Online Giving pages). Contributions through August 5 will be designated for this effort.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER Bishop LeVoir, the young people and their chaperones from our Diocese who are attending World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. The pilgrims left July 20 and will return August 1.

REGISTRATION A reminder to those who have not yet returned their registration forms for our Faith Formation/Religious Education programs to do so as soon as possible. Planning for the 2016-17 academic year is underway.

NEW ULM AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS We are blessed with a K-12 Catholic school system, which was founded in 1872. Catholic schools have been and continue to be a way to assist parents in passing on the Catholic faith to their children. I encourage you to consider Catholic education for your child(ren).

NFP AWARENESS WEEK celebrates God’s design for married love and the gift of life. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness week highlight the anniversary of *Humane Vitae*, the papal encyclical articulating Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. Please see the insert in today’s bulletin.

Monsignor Grams

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday, 25th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+Victor Kral
Tuesday, 26th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+Larry Oslund
NO MASS	St. Mary	NO MASS
8:00 a.m.	St. George	+Kathy Baune
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+Lauretta Holm
Wednesday, 27th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+Jim & Georgine Rubie
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+Catherine Manley
8:00 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	All those suffering from recent natural disasters
Thursday, 28th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+Cal Verna Wilfahrt
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+Pat Fischer
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+Joseph Stueber
6:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+Wilbert & Angie Haala
Friday, 29th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+Jo Tauer
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+Evie Mulder
Saturday, 30th		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+Donald Rausch
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+Alan & Nathan Richter
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+Leo DeSouza
Sunday, 31st		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	Mass for the People (AFC)
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+Marlin Gleisner
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Sr. Mary Dominic (profession of vows)
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+Robert Tauer
10:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	+Grossmann Relatives
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+Howard Hoffmann
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral	+Linus Hillesheim

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, 26th	
NO CONFESSION	St. Mary
7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
Wednesday, 27th	
7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
Thursday, 28th	
7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Friday, 29th	
7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Saturday, 30th	
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Sunday, 31st	
7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

Mass Schedule for the Homebound

<u>Channel 45 NU Tel & Channel 12 Comcast</u>		
Sundays	11 - 11:30 a.m.	from St. Cloud
<u>KEYC Mankato Fox Channel 13 NU Tel</u>		
Sundays	6:30 - 7:00 a.m.	
<u>KEYC (1) - Old Channel 12 KEYC (NU Tel Ch. 12 / Comcast Ch. 6)</u>		
Sundays	7:30 a.m.	
<u>NUCAT Mass from Cathedral of the Holy Trinity</u>		
Sundays	11:00 a.m.	(doesn't run all the time)

Stewardship

Contributions for Week of July 17, 2016

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	9,807.22	7,249.00	865.00	1,140.00	792.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,442.31	1,076.93
Elec. Tnsf. (# contributors)	4,960.00 (36)	7,511.00 (52)	223.00 (2)	-----	-----
Total	14,767.22	14,760.00	1,088.00	1,140.00	792.00
Year-to-date Actual	35,385.22	39,536.00	6,478.00	3,245.00	2,064.00
Year-to-date Budget	39,576.93	39,490.38	4,905.00	4,326.93	3,230.79
Ahead/Behind	-4,191.71	45.62	1,573.00	-1,081.93	-1,166.79
Student	30.73	17.83	9.50	-----	3.20
Loose Plate	671.80	396.60	22.00	93.00	57.00
Peter's Pence	3,068.91	1,267.75	172.00	180.00	161.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	184,754.44 (118)	29,446.87 (104)	4,125.00 (17)	23,093.27 (30)	5,777.51 (9)
DMA Goal	60,796.36	41,336.00	9,454.14	7,176.87	5,727.69
DMA Actual (# contributors)	54,132.20 (167)	44,051.70 (122)	5,345.00 (23)	8,110.00 (35)	4,135.00 (19)
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>725</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>81</i>



July 24, 2016 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

visit www.nuacs.com

Back to School Dates: School begins on Tuesday, August 30. Please note that there will be **no bussing** until Monday, September 12. There is no school on Friday, September 2 and Monday, September 5.

School Calendars: The school calendars will be mailed in the next couple weeks. They will also be available on the NUACS website at www.nuacs.com. In the meantime, you may find a "quick glance" student calendar with need-to-know dates at: http://www.nuacs.com/page/hot_news/view/153.

Cathedral Golf Classic: The Cathedral Golf Classic will be held on Monday, August 1 at the New Ulm Country Club. Heartfelt thanks go out to our organizers, donors, and volunteers who help to make this a successful fundraiser!

NUACS Metro Golf Tournament: The 7th annual NUACS Metro Golf Tournament will be held **Monday, August 29** at 12:00 p.m. at the beautiful **Island View Golf Club in Waconia**. The registration form may be downloaded at www.nuacs.com, *Alumni* then *Alumni Events*. The silent auction at this tournament includes *many great items* such as: **Grand View Lodge getaway package, Ruttger's Bay getaway package, Gopher football tickets, St. Thomas football tickets, lunch with Twins 3rd base coach Gene Glynn, Twins Champion Club tickets**, and much, much more! It's an event you don't want to miss. For more information, contact Sara Rieland at sara.rieland@nuacs.com or 507-766-7593.

Activity Club: The NUACS Activity Club raises money for our extracurricular activities. Tickets may be purchased at the St. Anthony Elementary Office weekdays between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for \$25, or by calling Sara Rieland at 507-766-7593. There are **twenty-five** chances to win \$100, and a grand prize winner of \$500. The drawing will take place on Friday, September 23.

NUACS Job Opportunities: Open positions for the 2016-2017 school year are listed at www.nuacs.com, *Employment Opportunities*. Please call 354-2719 if you have any questions regarding the positions.

Help Us Weed Our Pumpkin Patch: We could still use help weeding the Pumpkinfest pumpkin patch. If you are able to pitch in, please call Ron Domeier at 354-8424.

Religious Education News

CONFIRMATION NEWS!

- ~ There are 65 Incoming 10th grade students that will prepare for Confirmation at CHS and in Religious Education. Of those, only 20 have had or are signed up for the **WELCOME INTERVIEW!** PLEASE call 354-4158 or email Julie at julie.soehren@cathedralht.org right away to schedule your interview. There are limited days in August to interview.
- ~ Our Confirmation classes help fill the **Luminaries for Relay for Life** on July 29 at 1:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds - we need at least 10 more helpers and the more the merrier!

Please register your child/children for Religious Education/Faith Formation ASAP if you have not done so, as we are looking at ordering supplies very soon! You may find the registration form at www.holycrossafc.org under the *ministries tab/faith formation*. Please call Sarah Gillis at 354-4158 or e-mail sarah.gillis@cathedralht.org with any questions.

Please prayerfully consider teaching or volunteering for the Religious Education program. We will be in need of teachers for the AFC high school and Cathedral elementary grade levels as well as hall monitors and office help. Please contact Sarah Gillis at sarah.gillis@cathedralht.org or 354-4158 with any questions. Thank you!

Youth Ministry

Diocesan Youth Camps at Schoenstatt on the Lake! Young ladies camp is July 24th-28th. Young men's camp is Aug. 1st -5th. Please see www.dnu.org/youth for more information and/or to register. Please contact amberyouthministry@yahoo.com with any questions regarding youth ministry.

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2016

- Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Holy Cross AFC Events

Sunday, July 24th

7:00 a.m. *The Future Depends on Love – Episode 15, with Fr. Mark O’Connell.* The NUCAT programs are on channel 3 NU Tel & channel 14 Comcast.

7:30 p.m. TRUTH ON TAP continues, with our own Deacon Rick Christiansen sharing his story. Please join us at the Green Mill. Complimentary beverage served! Invite a friend! Mark your calendars for the following Sunday, July 31st. Father Craig Timmerman will be speaking! Hope to see you there.

Monday, July 25th

11:30 a.m. *The Future Depends on Love – Episode 15, with Fr. Mark O’Connell.* The NUCAT programs are on channel 3 NU Tel & channel 14 Comcast.

1:00 p.m. Rosary at Cathedral. Everyone welcome.

5:00 p.m. Cathedral TV Liturgy.

Sunday, August 7th

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. The St. George Catholic United Financial annual Matching Grant for education will be held at the St. George parish center. An outdoor supper featuring Nicollet County Pork Producers grilled pork chops, German potato salad, sauerkraut and bar-b-que beans will be served for \$10. A hot dog, chips, and watermelon will be available for children for \$5. Root beer floats included for all. In conjunction with our dinner and in celebration of National Night Out the Nicollet County sheriff and their canine will make a visit with information for living safely in our community. Meet your neighbors and join in the fun.

Sunday, August 14th

SAVE THE DATE...St. Gregory the Great Harvest Festival. Mass at 10:30 a.m. Buffet style ham & meatball dinner serving from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Adult and kids Bingo, games, silent auction, raffles, country store, bake sale, live entertainment, and food stands. NEW THIS YEAR: free fire truck rides, kids bouncy slide, bean bag tournament, popcorn wagon and high striker game. Everyone welcome. Fun for the whole family.

Last week tornadoes in central Minnesota caused much damage and hardship to people in our diocese, especially in Watkins and to a few households in Litchfield. In light of the state of emergency in Watkins, Catholic Charities has submitted a \$10,000 grant request to Catholic Charities, USA for Disaster Assistance funds for needs based issues such as the replacement of household items, debris removal and other unexpected losses people are facing following this disaster. **If you wish to support this disaster response fund, please contribute to the second collection today.** A check to Diocese of New Ulm with “tornado response” in the memo will support this cause. Or, you may also consider making a contribution through the DNU website via the Catholic Charities or the online Giving pages. Any contributions through August 5, 2016 will be designated to this effort.

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father’s charitable works through the Peter’s Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

National NFP Awareness Week – July 24-30, 2016

“**Natural Family Planning. Love, Mercy, Life. Opening the Heart of Marriage**” is the theme of this year’s Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, to celebrate God’s design for married love and the gift of life and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP). “NFP,” as the U.S. bishops have written, is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because it “respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being” The slogan for this year’s NFP Awareness Week was inspired by the Holy Father’s call for a Jubilee Year of Mercy, a special time of grace in the Church wherein all, including married couples and families, are invited to open their hearts more fully to the unconditional love, mercy and life Christ and the Church offer us. Want to learn more about NFP, one of today’s best kept secrets? Check out the information on NFP at dnu.org/nfp. Read couple stories, articles, etc. that give witness that NFP is a safe, natural – no chemicals or devices, and highly effective method of family planning that strengthens a couple’s relationship. You’ll also find the diocesan list of NFP teachers and programs that are available. If you have questions or would like more specific information, contact Sr. Candace Fier at 507-233-5328, cfier@dnu.org.

NEW ULM CATHOLIC CEMETERY NOTICE

Cemetery Price Change: The price of a grave will increase from \$550 to \$600, cremations will increase from \$300 to \$350 as of August 1, 2016. The Columbarium prices will remain the same.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Give yourself the gift of time with the Lord! Please consider taking a committed hour of Adoration once a week. Thank you! You are so important to this ministry!

Urgent need for adorers for the following hours:

Sunday 12 a.m.

Sunday 11 p.m.

Wednesday 12 a.m.

Friday 1 a.m.

For more information, please call Lora Rahe at 354-5563 or 276-6838 or Janet Neubauer at 359-4225 or 276-4039.

CHAPEL ACCESS: If you need to access the Adoration Chapel when the church building is locked, contact St. Mary’s parish office at 233-9500 during business hours for the code to the keypad located at the building entrance by the chapel.

IN INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL THE ADORATION HOTLINE AT 233-9510 TO DETERMINE IF THE ADORATION CHAPEL HAS BEEN CLOSED.



TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? Don’t forget to make Mass a priority while you’re on vacation. You can make Mass something the whole family can look forward to by planning a family activity afterward. It is fun to explore different churches and experience the unique flavor of parishes across the country (or around the world). Visit www.MassTimes.org for churches and Mass times.

P A R I S H N E W S

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 24th

5:00 p.m. No Vespers

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JULY 30 & 31

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Melanie Merkel, Jordan Reinhart, Kate Klimek
 8:00 am Caleb Kirchberg, Ethan Kirchberb, Isaac Roufs
 10:00 am John Gillis, James Gillis, Matthew Gillis
 6:30 pm Jacob Haala, Brendon DeVries, Jacob DeVries

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Catherine Rasmussen 10:00 am Lois Sveine
 8:00 am Joan Boyle 6:30 pm Lisa Fleck

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Don Klaviter, Sharon Klavitor, Gary Mertz, Mary Mertz, Bob Mertz, Linda Mertz
 8:00 am Tom Beranek, Jane Beranek, John Meyer, LeAnn Miheve, Lois Berg
 10:00 am Deb Stadick, Kathy Huebert, Monica Mueller, Carol Helget, Betty Weier, Joel Schwarz, Steve Kuehn
 6:30 pm Jill Berdan

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24

Delbert Fischer Sr.; Lonita Kral; Craig Richter; Victor Kral; Bernie & Grace Lindmeier; Danny Hegler, Robert & Hildegard Roesch; Art & Val Simmet, Robert & Anna Simmet, Joe & Anna Soukup, & Greg Hoffmann; Steve Reinhart; Caleb, Tyner & Keith Richter; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Int. Dave Christian; Wally Neumann; RS Family; Alex & Alice Portner; Special Int. L-K; Stan & Hazel Schneider; Edwin Sehr; Erwin & Elaine Hillesheim; Willard Portner; Jeanette Altenburg; Joseph Schneider; Don Weise & Mary Weise Weirauch; Pfeiffer, Bonnell & Burdorf Families; Norbert Ubl; Larry Waibel; JMF; Good health for MS & DS; J and R Families; Gervase & Arline Krambeer; Steve Fleck, Joe & Marie Landsteiner; Cornelius Zitzmann; Living & deceased members of Margaret & Mike Tauer/Mary & George Wurtzberger families; Leo Kral; Sp. Int. N. Family; Sp. Int.; Michael, Henry & Clarence Polzin; Sp. Int. Jackie & Nick; COF Ron Seitz; COF Adele Fischer; Sp. Int.; Doug Kraus, Lorraine Gulden, Dennis Tremly; Peace in Family; Leonard & Alice Portner.

Church of St. Mary

FALL FESTIVAL NOTES

- **Chair Person needed for the 'Misc. Raffle Tent.'** We are looking for someone to be in charge of selling the miscellaneous raffle tickets. New this year will be a pork raffle in addition to the beef raffle. The raffles will be housed under one tent. The chair person will need to schedule volunteers to sell the tickets and will be responsible for keeping the proceeds separate for each raffle. *The raffle items are already secured, no need to solicit.* If interested please contact the parish office at 233-9500.
- As you peruse the clearance shelves at shopping venues or hit those summer-time garage sales please keep in mind suitable **prizes for our Children's Raffle and games and items for the silent auction or Theme Basket booth.** These items can be dropped off anytime at the parish office.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST ON JULY 16TH

Carter David Kral,
son of Katie Christian.



Sympathy and Prayers to the families of **Lucille Wolf;**
and **Evie Mulder,** mother of Mike Mulder (Deb Pribyl).

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JULY 30 & 31

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30 pm Mark & Emily Schommer
 9:00 am Kenzie Hose & Christopher Knowles

LECTORS:

5:30 pm Jacob Gangelhoff
 9:00 am Julia Stadick

SACRISTANS:

Jean Nielsen
 Colleen Zeig

ACCOMPANISTS:

5:30 pm Peggy Schlumberger
 9:00 am Jody Braulick

CANTORS:

Sarah Sauter
 Scott Hogen

Church of St. George

HARVEST FESTIVAL UPDATE

Food donation sign up will be August 7th, 14th, and 21st in the parish center after church. Chairpersons are asked to please pick up their folder's in the parish center after church on Sunday, August 7th. Each family is asked to please donate \$5 for angel food cakes. We also need donations for adult and children's raffles as well as prizes and cash donations for children's games. If you have any questions please contact: Chelsey Franta - 766-0973, Ryan Franta - 276-9740, Kristin Hillesheim - 276-2742, or James Hillesheim - 276-0184. Thank you!

Any youth grade 4 and higher that is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Penny Forst (stgeorge@newulmtel.net or 507-276-5461). Practices will be scheduled during the summer.

Attention Flower Gardeners: Please continue to bring flowers to beautify the church environment during the summer months. Bring your flowers and place them in the vase near the baptismal font. Thank you!

If you are interested in signing up for automatic withdrawl from your checking or savings accounts, there are forms on the table in the back of church.

CHURCH CLEANING

August 6 @ 8:30 a.m. * Kristen Hillesheim, Lisa Hoffmann, Katie Johnson, Shelly Kitzberger, Arline Klingler

August 20 @ 8:30 a.m. *Kathy Kokesch, Rebecca Lagerwall, Kathy Jo Lux, Michelle Luther, Marlys Matties

*Remember, the *person calls the others to remind them.*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JULY 31

LECTORS: Glenn Forst & Alma Forst

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Jim Gleisner, Ann Franta & Terese Gruber

SERVERS: Jared Beranek, Audra Bastian & Avery Wendinger

USHERS: Craig & Glenn Beranek

MUSICIAN: Ann Wendinger

COUNTERS: Terese Gruber & Chris Wendinger

GIFT BEARERS: Linus & Mary Jane Beranek

Ministry of Praise (prayer network). If anyone has a prayer need or special intentions (you can remain anonymous if you wish) please call JoAnn Gitter at 766-4110 or Marian Altmann at 359-2123, with you prayer request.

Church of St. Gregory the Great

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday, August 14th

Come to St. Gregory's Harvest Festival for an afternoon of good food, beverages, games and laughter. Famous Ham Meatball Dinner served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (takeouts available); Food Stand, silent auction, games for all ages, entertainment and big raffle drawing at 4:30 p.m.



Sympathy and Prayers to the family of **Bennett Juenemann**, father of Michelle (Carl) Oswald.

A huge and appreciative THANK YOU to all the parish members that helped with the two funeral meals in the last few weeks. It so amazing to see parish family members of all ages come together to all assist the family of one of our own.

~ Mona Nelson, Funeral Kitchen Coordinator

HARVEST FESTIVAL UPDATE

~ **Can you believe it....the Harvest Festival is 21 DAYS AWAY!** Donations are still needed and very much appreciated. See your packet for more info. Donations can now be dropped off in the Social Hall - church is open generally from 8-5 every day or join us for Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. and bring your items at that time.

~ **CONTAINERS are needed in the Kitchen for the Harvest Festival leftovers!** Containers (with lids) that are approximately 24 oz in size (i.e. Cottage cheese, yogurt, cool whip) are perfect size. Even 1-2 qt. ice cream containers are great! Make sure they are clean and have a secure lid. Please NO ice cream pails.

~ **Harvest Festival dates to remember:**

- ★ *Sunday, August 7th* - move heavier items in/out of dining room/kitchen after Mass
- ★ *Wednesday, August 10th* - Final cleaning and setup of Kitchen and Dining Room; 6:30 p.m.
- ★ *Friday, August 12th* - Tent setup; contact Mark LeGare if you are able to help (phone 507-228-8596)
- ★ *Saturday, August 13th* - 9:00 a.m. "Meatball Making Party". Come join in the fun - guaranteed laughs!
 - Outside set up will also take place at this time
 - RAFFLE TICKETS due back to the Social Hall by 11 a.m.

If you would like to praise a loved one, living or deceased, offering a Mass Intention is a great gift in honor of them! Please let us know if you have a Mass Intention to be said. Just grab an envelope at the back of church and return it via the collection basket.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JULY 31

LECTOR: Nancy Dauer
COMMENTATOR: Maggie Mages
SERVERS: Rachel Dauer & Audrey Beranek
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
 Linda Beranek, Mark & Lori Dick
MUSICIAN/CANTOR: Cheri LeBrun
USHERS: Mark & Paul Schuelke
SACRISTANS: Bobbie Schuelke, Mark & Lori Dick

Church of St. John the Baptist

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

Next Sunday, July 31st

10:10 a.m. Rosary for Vocations

Sign-Up Sunday for Fall Festival. The work list will be available at this time. Parish members are asked to make a donation of \$25 per couple or \$13 per individual toward dinner expenses. **Calling all bakers.** ...if you love to bake, sign-up to bake a cake or cookies for the Cake Walk at this time as well.

Saturday, August 6th

8:00 a.m. **Festival Baking Day.** We would appreciate any help you can offer even if it is just for an hour or two. Please call Arlys Stueber (359-2157) if you can help. Next baking day is August 20th.

ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

~ **The Big Ticket Committee** - The raffle tickets for the Fall Festival are here, located in the back of church. Please do your best to sell as many tickets as you can! When you need more books, see Tom & Shirley Kuck, Al & Kathy Drexler, John & Jamie Rieser, or Curt & Ann Miller. Please have the people filling out tickets give us complete addresses and phone numbers otherwise it may not be possible to get their prizes to them. **Once again...this year's Big Ticket has over \$10,000 worth of cash & prizes. Now that's an easy sell!!** ** If you have not paid your donation yet, PLEASE do so as soon as possible.

~ See July Pew News for more festival news.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JULY 31

SERVERS: Samantha, Mathew, Maria or Emma Miller
LECTOR: Lester Braulick
LEADER: Kathy Drexler
EUCH. BREAD: Wayne Braulick
EUCH. CUP: Ione Grossmann & Shirley Kuck
USHERS: Roger Abels & Al Schumacher
ACCOMPANIST: Gayle Waibel
CANTORS: Jessie Sobania & Catherine Miller

Community News

Now - July 28th STUFF THE BACKPACKS...this United Way Project serves the Brown County Area. Help local kids get the tools they need to start their school year off right. There are donation boxes and a list of supplies needed located in the main entry of St. Mary's in New Ulm or in the new entryway of St. John's in Searles. Keep these items in mind as you are shopping sales throughout the upcoming weeks. Our AFC parishioners have been very generous with this project in the past and we're hoping for the same results this year. Thank you so much for your generosity!

July 27th SAVE the DATE - St. Anne's in Wabasso is hosting speaker Nic Davidson, a Catholic speaker and writer, from 7-9 p.m. No charge, a free will donation will be taken at the end.

July 29th Join in on the 21st Annual Brown County Relay for Life at the Brown County Fairgrounds beginning at 5 p.m. with supper, program at 7 p.m., survivor's lap at 7:30 p.m., lighting of luminaries at dusk and teams walking from 9:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.

July 31st You are invited to the annual Parish Dinner and Festival at the Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth. the day begins with a 9:30 a.m. polka Mass, followed by a chicken and ham and homemade dressing dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$11 Adults, \$5 ages 6-12, and \$1 ages 5 & under. Take outs are available. Stay for the festival with live music, country store, games for all ages, bingo and refreshments and a kiddie tractor pull at 2:30 p.m.