



HOLY CROSS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

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
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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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HOLY CROSS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

**Feast of Christ the King
November 20, 2016**

Scripture Connection *Luke 23:35-43* *The two thieves that were crucified next to Jesus show two very different ways of understanding who Jesus was. The first thief insulted Jesus, prodded him, mocked him. He didn't believe that Jesus had any power whatsoever. But the second thief, known in tradition as "the good thief," had a different perception. The good thief understood that the kingdom of God awaits those who believe in the Lord. And when this man made that final act of faith on his own cross, Jesus promised him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Today as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, we are challenged to have as much faith as the good thief. We are challenged to believe that Jesus is, in fact, the "King of the Universe," even when it may not appear that way to those who stand by sneering. Jesus did not choose to hop down off the cross and make everything cheery. Instead he fulfilled his mission for an end result that was infinitely better than simply saving himself and those two thieves—by dying on the cross, he saved us all!*

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From the Pastor

CONGRATULATIONS to the sixty-six young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. These children and their parents will begin preparation for First Holy Communion in January. This is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the frequency of our reception of these two important sacraments which remind us of the importance of forgiveness and union with the Body of Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS to the cast and crew of District 88's play "Sunrise Boulevard" for their excellent production. We truly are blessed to have such talent in our community!

LITURGICAL YEAR ENDS Today, the Feast of Christ the King, marks the end of this liturgical year. Next Saturday at sunset the season of Advent begins. We move into Cycle A of the lectionary of readings which is primarily taken from the Gospel of Matthew. His gospel was addressed to a mostly Jewish community that was facing internal conflict and highlights the conflict between Jesus and some of the religious leaders at his time that eventually led to his trial and death. Matthew's frequent use of the "kingdom of heaven" reminds us that to follow Jesus faithfully, we must consciously work to heal divisions and discord.

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL Thank you to those who have donated to the 2016 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. The video last week demonstrated how our contribution assists people here in our Diocese. By joining with others around the diocese in support of these ministries, we can offer counseling to our neighbors in need and support programs for youth as well as adults in the Church. If you haven't made your pledge or given a gift, please do so. Remember that your donation also supports the project designated in each of our parishes.

INCREASED GIVING APPEAL You are asked to make a prayerful response to our Stewardship Appeal to ensure the pastoral programming in all of our parishes. Please use the form enclosed in the letter you will be receiving and return it in the envelope to any parish collection in the AFC, or mail or drop it off at your parish office. Please note information in the letter concerning online giving as well as the insert in today's bulletin. Online giving makes donating simple, safe and secure.

STEWARDSHIP IS TRANSFORMATIVE Once we embrace the stewardship message it changes the way we look at every decision we make. Stewardship becomes a total way of life.

Msg. Grams

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday 21st 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Clements Brandenburg
Tuesday 22nd 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Timm Lochner
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Jim Hames
8:00 a.m.	St. George	+ Phyllis Gulden
8:20 a.m.	Cathedral (CHS)	+ Dorothy Guggisberg
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+ Roy Carlson
Wednesday 23rd 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Jim Rubie
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Bernice Loe
8:00 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	SGG Rel. Ed. Class of 2010
8:25 a.m.	NUACS SAE	+ NO MASS
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+ Mary Ann Wesselmann
7:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Alice Henle
Thursday 24th - Thanksgiving Day		
8:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Rick Sorenson
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Deloris Clutter
9:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Gladys Hofmeister
9:00 a.m.	St. John	+ George & Hildegard Kuck
Friday 25th 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Don Weise + Mary Weise Weirauch + NO MASS
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ NO MASS
9:45 a.m.	Ridgeway North	+ Georgine Ruby
Saturday 26th 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Walter & Rose Janusz
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Mel Schroepfer
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Marian Guldan
Sunday 27th 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Peter Meyer
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Marlin Gleisner
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Gilbert & Adeline Hoffmann
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Elmer & Preska Guggisberg
10:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Cloe Klinkner
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Willard Portner
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral	Mass for the People

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday 22th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
Wednesday 23th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
Saturday 26th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Sunday 27th	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2016

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Stewardship

Contributions for Week of November 13, 2016

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	10,340.00	9,737.00	1,805.00	330.00	2,011.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	0.00	7,436.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	10,340.00	17,173.00	1,805.00	330.00	2,011.00
Year-to-date Actual	237,813.25	244,440.19	34,636.00	23,222.58	19,661.41
Year-to-date Budget	263,846.20	263,269.20	32,700.00	30,769.20	21,538.60
Ahead/Behind	-26,032.95	-18,829.01	1,936.00	-\$7,546.62	-1,877.19
Student	19.65	22.10	4.00	0.00	1.75
Loose Plate	505.56	329.00	9.00	37.76	25.62
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	
Parish Project (# contributors)					
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54
DMA Actual (# contributors)					
Attendance	1169	685	120	156	86



November 20, 2016 – Christ the King

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

visit www.nuacs.com

Golden Apple Award: Congratulations to Mrs. Kris Hodapp, recently recognized for 38 years of teaching excellence with KEYC's "Golden Apple Award!"

Give to the Max Day: Thank you to everyone who supported NUACS this past Thursday on Give to the Max Day!

Practice Begins: The boys' basketball team will begin practice on Monday, November 21.

Thanksgiving Break: There will be no school for students and staff on November 23, 24, and 25. As a school system, we are blessed in many ways: parents who make sacrifices in order to send their children to NUACS, countless volunteers who enrich our school, supporters who aid us with their blessings, and area Catholic parishes and religious leaders who support our efforts. Let us be ever mindful of all the blessings and give thanks to the Lord. Happy Thanksgiving from NUACS!

Books Make Great Gifts: Support the St. Anthony Elementary Library at their upcoming Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Sunday, December 4, 2016, from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM. A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will directly benefit the St. Anthony Elementary Library. You may also show support online by visiting www.bn/bookfairs from December 3 to December 9, 2016 and entering Book Fair ID #11874880 on the payment section of the check-out screen. For more information and a shopping voucher, check out the NUACS website at www.nuacs.com or contact Amy Gieseke, St. Anthony Librarian, at 507-233-0778.

Alumni Tournaments: The annual Alumni Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2016. These tournaments are a great opportunity to get together with friends and burn some of those Christmas calories! If you are interested in participating, start putting your team together. Information and a printable flyer are on the NUACS website under 'Alumni.' Contact Sara Rieland at 507-766-7593 or sara.rieland@nuacs.com with questions.

NUACS Job Opportunity: NUACS is searching for a Food Service Head Cook. Note that the Head Cook reports on student days only, from 6:45 AM – 2:30 PM. Please log on to www.nuacs.com, *Employment Opportunities* for details and an application.

Religious Education/Faith Formation News

CONFIRMATION NEWS!

Confirmation class of 2017: Remember to pick up the Lectionary Response sheets at Mass to fill out and return. Thank you! If you have questions, please email Julie Soehren at julie.soehren@holycrossafc.org.

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be NO Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, November 23rd, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. May you all enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving! Classes resume November 30th.

Youth Ministry

Coming up for the Youth

Advent - Be on the lookout for more information about our Advent Youth Nights! The New Church Year is a perfect time to re-energize and deepen your faith.

January 7th - If you are interested in going to Lifeline in January, contact Matthew (info below). We will probably take a group, but numbers will determine if we go by bus or car/vans.

- Matthew

For more information regarding Youth Ministry, please search on-line at holycrossafc.org under the *Ministries* tab you will find *Youth Ministry*.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Thank you to everyone who contributed, worked or attended the annual Christian Mother's Bazaar! The winners at the raffle were the following: Rag quilt-Helen Nonnemacher; Lawn chair-Carol Kuehn; Blue baby quilt-Evie Domeier; Afghan-Bernadette Schneider; Crochet baby blanket-Ann Koop; Christmas stocking-Arleen Siemer; \$25.00 Chamber dollar-Rosie Kunz; \$25.00 Chamber dollar-Liz Dittrich; Casserole carrier-Rosie Kunz; 3 piece quilted set-Jan Helget; Square quilted table topper-Liz Dittrich; Two children books-Betty Weier; Holy Family statue-Rosie Kunz; Adult coloring book-Emma Miller; Pink Tupperware-Jeannie Rathmann; Teal Tupperware-Shirley Wendinger; Snowman Cookie Jar-Lois Berg; Willow Tree Angel-Carol Fluegge; Kitchen towels-Monica Mueller; Embroidered Dish towels- Jeanne Kretsch; Flannel Baby blankets & bibs -Maggie Bauer; Christmas Pine Garland- Bernadette Schneider; Set of 3 pillows-Betty Steinbach; Set of 4 Schell's glasses-Arleen Siemer; Jewelry-Jan Helget; Two knitted caps-Arleen Siemer; Baby Gift Basket-Ann Miller

Holy Cross AFC News

November 1st - 30th - Franciscan Brothers of Peace Drive

They are in need of clean, gently used sleeping bags, blankets and NEW stocking caps for the homeless population in the metro area. Donations can be placed in a drop box in the breezeway of Cathedral Parish. Cash donations may be left at the Cathedral Parish Office.

Sunday, November 20th - Closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Join us at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity at 2:00 p.m. for Holy Hour with Confessions, 3:15 p.m. Benediction and Reposition and a 3:30 p.m. Holy Mass with Bishop LeVoi with Closing of the Holy Door.

Sunday, November 20th - Gobble Up a Turkey for Thanksgiving Play Turkey Bingo!

Come join us at St. John's for our Annual Catholic United Financial Fall Fundraiser on Sunday, November 20th, Searles Church Basement. Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. including a delicious bake sale and fabulous raffle. Stay for the duration or come on back and join us at 1:30 for BINGO which includes 30 games of bingo, of which 10 will be for frozen turkeys. Remaining prizes will pertain to entertaining for the holidays: wine, cheese & crackers, boxes of candy, chips and popcorn, 1919 Root Beer. Door Prizes will be given. Dessert buffet with coffee and milk will be available. 1 Card for \$10.00 or 3 Cards for \$25.00. Come and enjoy the day with family and friends; a day to refuel your soul and be grateful for your blessings.

Sunday, November 20th - St. Mary's Men's Ham Dinner

The men of St. Mary's Parish will be preparing and serving their 29th annual ham dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Menu includes ham, coleslaw, corn, potatoes, ice cream and beverages. Adults are \$10.00 and children age 12 and under are \$5.00. Take outs are available. And don't forget to check out the bake sale, homemade pies and raffle!

Monday, Nov. 21st - 1:00 p.m. Rosary at Cathedral Parish

Monday, November 21st - Knights of Columbus Meeting

The St. Patrick's Council 1076 will meet at 5:40 p.m. in Church for the Rosary, with a meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center. Enjoy a pot luck luncheon with your fellow Knights! Bring a dish to pass, your own eating utensils and dinnerware. Refreshments will be provided.

Monday, November 21st - Kitchen and Food Safety Training

Training will begin at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's basement. This 1-hour session will start with Food Safety Training. This training will cover the "Cooking Safely for a Crowd" materials from the University of Minnesota Extension Service. Quantity cooking requires different skills and knowledge. Volunteers learn about storage, safe cooling and cooking temperatures, and serving buffet style. It will end with a tour of the St. Mary's kitchen and a review of operating the equipment. Anyone from AFC is invited. This course is strongly suggested for kitchen supervisors and others who prepare food in a church kitchen. Please pre-register so we can prepare materials. Call Beth at 359-5101.

St. John's 27th Annual Cookie Bake

Order forms are now available. Orders will be accepted through Nov. 27th and will be ready for pickup on Dec. 3rd from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Dec. 4th from 8:00 a.m. to noon in St. John's basement. For more information contact Carol at 359-4339 or Lester at 354-4234. This is a Catholic United Financial Fundraiser.

Saturday, Dec. 3rd - St. Gregory's 26th Annual Cookie Walk

Time to let us do your holiday cookie baking! Join us for the Annual St. Gregory's Cookie Walk from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the church Social Hall. Cookies are \$4.50/dozen. There will be a Nativity Raffle. Don't forget to stay for lunch!

Sunday, December 4th - KOC Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus Family Christmas Party will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Leifeld Hall. Bring a dish to pass and a plate and utensils for each family member. Also bring a gift to exchange (adult gift \$5 and child gift \$3).

Sunday, December 11th - Advent Prayer Service with Bishop John M. LeVoi

All families, especially those with children, are invited to attend an Advent Prayer Service with Bishop John M. LeVoi on Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m. in Morgan at the Church of St. Michael. This service is designed to help us focus on Advent and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas, centered on the birth of Jesus. Families are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set. The figure will be blessed by Bishop LeVoi individually as families come forward in procession. There will be a blessing on families and expectant mothers as they prepare for Jesus' birth in their hearts. A "swaddling clothes" collection (blankets, sleepers, layette items, etc.), as well as any cash donations, will be taken for babies in need and given to We Care in Morgan. For more information, contact the diocesan evangelization and catechesis offices at 507-233-5325.

Diocesan CCW

The Diocesan CCW has chosen the Heartland Girls Ranch located outside of Benson, MN to be their Diocesan Servie Project. The Heartland Girls Ranch is a well established safe haven for girls who have experienced trama. Last year, alone, Heartland served 77 girls mostly between the ages of 14-17, but they do serve girls ages 12 - 21. The girls come from all over the state of Minnesota. Heartland is staffed 24 hours a day and is a safe haven to heal and rebuild their lives.

Gift Certificates Are on Sale for Spring Fever

at St. George for March 18th and March 25th, 2017. Call 354-2428 to reserve yours today!

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration is an expression of our love for Jesus, who loves us so much that he never wants to leave us and so stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament.

For He says: "Behold I am with you always."

*Adorers are needed for the following hour:
Sunday 11:00 p.m.*

*Please consider taking a committed hour of Adoration once a week. You are so important to this ministry!
Thank you!*

For more information, please call Adoration Co-Coordinators
Lora Rahe at 507-354-5563 or 507-276-6838
Janet Neubauer at 507-276-4039 or Kathy Sonnek at 507-947-3043

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.



Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NOVEMBER 26 & 27

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. William & Kate Boston, David Peterson
8:00 a.m. Nicholas & Noah Wolle, Charlie Macho

10:00 a.m. Lauryn, Lily and Levi Franta
6:30 p.m. Ella Landsteiner, Rebekah & Hannah Friendshuh

LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Michelle Grady 8:00 a.m. Anita Shikoski 10:00 a.m. Denny Guldan 6:30 p.m. Denise Richter

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. Don Klavitor, Sharon Klavitor, Gary Mertz,
Mary Mertz, Bob Mertz, Linda Mertz, Arleen Siemer
8:00 a.m. Tom Beranek, Jane Beranek, John Meyer,
LeAnn Miheve, Lois Berg

10:00 a.m. Deb Stadick, Kathy Huebert, Monica Mueller,
Carol Helget, Betty Weier, Joel Schwarz, Steve Kuehn
6:30 p.m. Jill Berdan

Sunday, Nov. 20th 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Holy Hour with Confessions & 3:30 p.m. Year of Mercy Closing Mass

Monday, Nov. 21st 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting in Parish Center

THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION - will be used to help defray the cost of utilities. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to help with this expense.

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20TH

Delbert Fischer Sr.; Lonita Kral; Craig Richter; Victor Kral; Bernie & Grace Lindmeier; Danny Hegler, Robert & Hildegard Roesch; Greg Hoffmann, Art & Val Simmet, Robert & Anna Simmet, Joe & Anna Soukup; Steve Reinhart; Int. Caleb Tyner & Keith Richter; Int. Dave Christian; Don Weise & Mary Weise Weirauch; RS Family; Alex & Alice Portner; Stan & Hazel Schneider; Erwin & Elaine Hillesheim; Pfeiffer, Bonnell & Burdorf; JMF; Edwin Sehr; Good Health for MS & DS; Gervase & Arline Krambeer; Steve Fleck, Joe & Marie Landsteiner; Cornelius Zitzmann; Evangeline Veit; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Larsen Family; Holy Souls; George & Alma Schmid, Harold Schmid and Wally Wendinger; Helget Family; Sp. Int. L-K; Sp. Int. LN & LK; Raymond Portner; Wally Neumann; Norbert Ubl; Florence & Denny Saffert, Miranda Wurtzberger; Jeanette Altenburg; Richard Guggisberg; Susan Kunz; Anton & Minnie Hacker; Tom & Louise Cooling, Bob LeGare; Joseph & Otillia Meyer; Louis & Anna Bushue; Sp. Int.; Better Health, CH; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin

Church of St. Mary

Sunday, Nov. 20th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Men's Ham Dinner **Thursday, Nov. 24th** Office Closed
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting **Friday, Nov. 25th** Office Closed

HELP NEEDED: Monday, November 21st, at 1:00 p.m., we will switch out the old missalettes. Please consider giving whatever time you can to help. In the past, we have had great volunteers and finished in a couple of hours. We appreciate any time you can give!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NOVEMBER 24, 26 & 27

ALTAR SERVERS

8:00 a.m. (11/24) Emma Henle & Katie Hames
5:30 p.m. To be determined
9:00 a.m. To be determined

SACRISTANS

8:00 a.m. (11/24) Laura Dittrich
5:30 p.m. Aleda Beranek
9:00 a.m. Barb Dietz

LECTORS

8:00 a.m. (11/24) Mario DeSouza
5:30 p.m. Tammy Yackley
9:00 a.m. Deb Pribyl

ACCOMPANISTS

(11/24) 8:00 a.m. Marijo Sweeney
5:30 p.m. Peggy Schlumpberger
9:00 a.m. Tom Maidl

CANTORS

(11/24) 8:00 a.m. Anita Hoffmann
5:30 p.m. Mary Carroll
9:00 a.m. Adult Choir

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NOVEMBER 24 & 27

SERVERS : (11/24) Isaac Franta, Josh Dummer, & Adam Franta **GIFT BEARERS:** (11/24) Steve & Lori Dummer
(11/27) Mikayla Lagerwall, Audra Bastian & Avery Wendinger (11/27) Keith & Kaitlin Forst

LECTORS: (11/24) Kaitlin Forst & Evy Olson **USHERS:** (11/24) Rick & Tom Franta
(11/27) Matt Wendinger & Alma Forst (11/27) Jim & Loren Gleisner

COUNTERS: (11/24) Craig Beranek & Mike Bastian **MUSICIAN:** (11/24 & 11/27) Family Choir
(11/27) David Wendinger & Steve Biebl **ROSARY LEADER:** Shirley Wendinger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: (11/24) Alma Forst, Joannie Hillesheim & Bonnie Bastian
(11/27) Terese Gruber, Anna Bastian & Jim Gleisner

ROSARY in November: The rosary will be said every Sunday before Mass at 8:15 a.m. The intention for the rosary will be for those persecuted for their Christianity. If you would like to volunteer to lead the rosary before Mass, call Marianne Bianchi at 359-9873.

Ministry of Praise (prayer network) for anyone having a prayer need or special intentions. You can remain anonymous. Call JoAnn Gitter at 766-4110 or Marian Altmann at 359-2123 with your prayer requests.

CHURCH CLEANING - Remember: The *person calls the others to remind them.

November 26th at 8:30 a.m. *Marian Altmann, Angie Altmann, Diane Arneson, Anna Bastian, Myra Bastian and Bonnie Bastian

December 10th at 8:30 a.m. *Joann Bastian, Natalie Bastian, Ann Bauer, Bonnie B-Fortwengler and Cindy Beranek

Annual Catholic United Financial sauerkraut luncheon and meeting for members and families on December 4th at 11:00 a.m. followed by Holiday Prize Bingo 1:30 P.M. in the parish center. Cookies and coffee after Mass for those who wish to stay.

In this season of Thanksgiving we ask each of our parish members to bring an item or portrait to church for which you are most grateful, and add these items to our Thanksgiving display.

Church of St. Gregory the Great

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NOVEMBER 27

LECTOR: George Beranek
COMMENTATOR: Paul Platz
MUSICIAN/CANTOR: Karen Arlandson
SERVERS: Josh Liebl and Haylee Liebl
EXTRAORD. MINISTERS: Linda Beranek & Mark and Lori Dick
USHERS: Ben Stadick and Mark Schuelke
AFTER MASS SACRISTAN: Ken and Sheri Liebl

Sat., Dec. 3rd - CCW Annual Cookie Walk - 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Beautiful homemade cookies for sale, as well as lunch options available. Don't miss all the tummy-loving goodies!

Sun., Dec. 4th - Donut Sunday following Mass

Sun., Dec. 4th - Lafayette Area Christmas Sing Along at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gregory's with fellowship to follow.

Please lend us your voice and join the St. Gregory's choir. Practices will be held every Wed. at 6:30 p.m. until Christmas. All ages welcome!

Here are some opportunities to become a St. Gregory's Idol!!!

The Annual Christmas Sing-A-Long will be held at St. Gregory's on Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m. If any parishioner would like to share your special talent with our community (singing, instrument playing, storytelling, etc.), please contact Cheri LeBrun or Carol Hoffmann.

Share your talent at one of our most beautiful times of the year. Saturday, Dec. 24th, we will have Music Prelude at 4:30 p.m., with Mass to follow at 5:00 p.m. To offer your talent, please contact Cheri LeBrun.

The 75th Anniversary Decorating Committee is looking for clear glass taper candle holders around 2" - 3" tall. If you have any to possibly use for the Gala, please contact Laurie Platz or Paula Wenninger.

Calling all St. Gregory Parishioners: Please consider donating your time to the adoration chapel. Please see the bulletin for more information and who to contact. Two adorers during each hour are welcome and encouraged!

St. Gregory's is in need of someone to care for and launder the altar linens and server gowns. Very minimal time commitment!!! The CCW does offer a monthly stipend to the person that does this very important job. Contact Arlene Phillips at 507-228-8650 if you are willing to assist.

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NOV. 27

SERVERS Jesse Kraus, Jadda Kraus and Alexa Hornick
LECTOR Craig Braulick
LEADER Jackie Hoffmann
USHERS John Rieser & Jerry Waibel
EUCH. BREAD Ione Grossmann
EUCH. CUP Sue Schumacher & Trisha Griebel
ACCOMPANIST Gayle Waibel
CANTOR Linda Braulick

SUNDAY, NOV. 20TH - Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be served immediately following Mass today including a bake sale and raffle for our **St. John's Annual Catholic United Financial Fall Fundraiser**. Come back and join us for **Turkey Bingo starting at 1:30 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

THURSDAY, NOV. 24TH - 9:00 a.m. Mass - **Annual Thanksgiving Food Collection for the New Ulm Area Food Shelf**

SUNDAY, NOV. 27TH - 10:10 Rosary for Vocations

MONDAY, NOV. 28TH THROUGH SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH - **Annual Cookie Walk** - Baking Days begin at 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and will continue daily until done. All help is appreciated!

FUEL COLLECTION UPDATE - St. John's fuel collection budget is \$4,800. To date we have received \$4,150 from 29 contributors.

Community News

Monday, November 21st - Bloodmobile at Lafayette Charter School from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. To make an appointment, call Lori at 228-8708 or Traci at 228-8970.

Wednesday, November 23rd - Lafayette Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Lafayette AND New Ulm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. at United Church of Christ.

New Ulm Jaycees are now accepting donations for their annual Christmas Basket Fund Drive. They assemble and deliver baskets of food to over 100 local families. Please help us make this year's Christmas a little brighter for less fortunate families. Monetary donations can be sent to New Ulm Jaycees, PO Box 331, New Ulm, MN 56073.

Santa's Helpers of Sibley County is currently accepting donations of new toys, hats, gloves, quilts/blankets for those who need assistance during the Holiday season. Donations may be dropped off or mailed to Sibley County Public Health Services at 111 8th Street, P.O. Box 237, Gaylord, MN 55334. Monetary donations are also accepted to help fill the needs. Items will be distributed Dec. 13/14 at the American Lutheran Church in Gaylord. For questions call 507-237-4000.

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 4th - The Sertoma Club of New Ulm will be hosting its annual Breakfast with Santa at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Church from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, and apple sauce. Advance tickets for \$6 may be purchased at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, Cashwise, Hy-Vee and Sertoma Club members. Tickets at the door will be \$7.50 and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Proceeds from this fundraiser support Santa's Closet.

Southern MN Crisis Nursery is a 24-hour home that exists to provide a temporary, safe and loving environment for children while supporting and strengthening families in a stressful situation. We help to protect and cherish children when the adults in their lives are dealing with a major stressor. We hope to open in the next few months! Our web page is www.smncrisisnursery.org, and our email is smncrisisnursery@gmail.com. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call 507-766-6925. Find us on Facebook and Twitter too!