



# 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  
Parochial Vicar
- Dcn. Rick Christiansen  
Permanent Deacon

## NUACS

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School (Pre K-6)  
Shelly Bauer, Principal  
(507) 354-2928

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## AFC Pastoral Council

### Representatives

Cathedral.....Tim Rahe  
Jackie Finstad  
St. Mary's .....Shirley 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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**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

**Church of  
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**Church of St. George**  
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New Ulm, MN 56073  
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**HOLY CROSS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY**

**1st Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2016**

**Bulletin Connection** *“Stay awake! Be prepared.” The advice is clear enough. And chances are, most of us are inclined to follow this fervent instruction from the Lord. We’d like to be vigilant. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn’t necessarily enough to keep us from drifting off into a spiritual siesta. How can we stay awake? St. Paul gives us a hint in today’s epistle: “Put on the armor of light...Put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light prevents physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. So when Jesus comes again – even like a thief in the night – he will find us ready and waiting.*  
(Written with permission of Liturgical Publications Resources Center 2016)

**From the Pastor**

**BLESSED ADVENT** The season of Advent has begun. In this year, Matthew’s gospel is used. Matthew’s gospel is placed first in the New Testament because it is a bridge between the Old and New Testament. He quotes extensively from the Old Testament prophets to show how Jesus fulfilled all that was spoken about the coming Messiah. Matthew writes as a Jew to his fellow Jews to present to them the evidence for Jesus’ claim to be the King of the Jews. The Old Testament prophets foretold that the Messiah would be a direct descendant of David.

**ON BEHALF** of the Holy Cross AFC, I would like to extend sympathy and prayers to Fr. Cornelius at the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Harryson Eze Nnadi. Harryson passed away at age 53 in Nigeria. Our condolences also to Father’s sister Scholastica and their children Hyacinth, Cornelius and Joy. Eternal rest grant unto Him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

**DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL** Thank you to those who have given to the DMA. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available. You can return your envelope in the collection or drop it in the mail. You may also go online at [www.dnu.org/diocesan-ministries-appeal](http://www.dnu.org/diocesan-ministries-appeal) to make your pledge or contribution there. Either way, the parish will receive full credit for your gift. Remember that your gift benefits those ministries vital to our church as well as to our parish projects.

**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 received 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. Online giving makes donating simple, safe and secure.

**END OF YEAR** Please remember that the calendar year ends December 31. If you are behind in your offerings, I encourage you to make your stewardship of treasure before the end of the calendar year. Thank you to those generous and consistent givers who support the core ministries of our parishes.

**LOOKING AHEAD** Please mark the following on your calendars: December 7/8- Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day of obligation); December 11 – AFC Advent Penance Service, 2:00 pm at St. Mary’s; December 11 – Diocesan Advent Service at St. Michael’s in Morgan, 4:00 pm.

**STEWARDSHIP IS A LOVE RESPONSE** Once we allow God to truly take up residence in our hearts we become so overwhelmed by His abundant love for us that we just naturally feel the need to join our lives with Him and dedicate our time, talent and treasure to carrying out God’s work here on earth. Our generosity comes from within and not from any external pressure or reward.

Msgr. Grams

**Mass Schedule for the Week**

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
<b>Monday 28th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Laretta Holm
<b>Tuesday 29th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Sally Miekle
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Phyllis Herring
8:00 a.m.	St. George	+ Bob Gleisner
8:20 a.m.	Cathedral (CHS)	+ John Tobin
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+ Jo Tauer
<b>Wednesday 30th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Alex, Alice & Ray Portner
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Jim Hames
8:00 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Edna Maidl
8:25 a.m.	NUACS SAE	+ Leander Forster
<b>Thursday 1st</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Gervaise & Arline Krambeer
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Wally Leick
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+ Don Fiebigger
6:30 p.m.	St. John	+ NO MASS
<b>Friday 2nd</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Robert Roman Zangel
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Ernest Manfredo
9:45 a.m.	Ridgeway South	+ Frank & Veronica Forstner
<b>Saturday 3rd</b> 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Jim Weed
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Donna Olson
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Leo & Marie Stoeber
<b>Sunday 4th</b> 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	Mass for the People
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Earl Altmann
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Mary Ann Wesselmann
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Warren Jorgenson
10:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Sheri Ubl & Elaine Wilfahrt
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Phyllis Gulden
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Lonita, Harry & Francis Kral
<b>SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOMEBOUND</b>		
<u>KEYC Mankato Fox Channel 13 NU Tel</u>		6:30 - 7:00 a.m.
<u>KEYC(1) -Old Channel 12 KEYC (NU Tel Ch. 12/Comcast Ch. 6)</u>		7:30 a.m.
<u>NUCAT Mass from Cathedral of the Holy Trinity</u>		11:00 a.m.
(doesn’t run all the time)		
<u>Channel 45 NU Tel &amp; Channel 12 Comcast</u>		11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
from St. Cloud		

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule**

<b>Tuesday 29th</b>	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
<b>Wednesday 30th</b>	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Cathedral
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

**Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016**

Monday:	Is. 4:2-6/ Mt. 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is. 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is. 26:1-6/Mt. 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is. 29:17-24/Mt. 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is. 30:19-21,23-26/Mt. 9:35-10:1,5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is. 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## Stewardship

### Contributions for Week of November 20, 2016

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	14,964.00	6,373.00	3,703.00	650.00	1,589.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	5,445.00	0.00	223.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,409.00</b>	<b>6,373.00</b>	<b>3926.00</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>1,589.00</b>
Year-to-date Actual	258,222.25	250,813.19	38,562.00	23,842.58	21,250.41
Year-to-date Budget	277,038.51	276,432.66	34,335.00	32,307.66	22,615.53
<b>Ahead/Behind</b>	<b>-18,816.26</b>	<b>-25,619.47</b>	<b>4,227.00</b>	<b>-8,465.08</b>	<b>-1,365.12</b>
Student	21.50	18.57	2.00	0.00	3.25
Loose Plate	759.21	774.00	43.00	47.25	77.00
Hurricane Matthew	1,496.64	962.96	122.00	103.02	197.00
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	9,693.00 (36)	1,495.00 (13)	100.00 (1)	10.00 (1)	0.00
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54
DMA Actual (# contributors)					
Attendance	1327	771	136	129	112



**November 27, 2016 – 1st Sunday of Advent**

The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for his coming.



**New Ulm Area Catholic Schools**  
visit [www.nuacs.com](http://www.nuacs.com)

### 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](mailto:julie.soehren@holycrossafc.org).

#### PLEASE NOTE!

Regular Faith Formation classes will be held on Wednesday, November 30th for grades K-6 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Mary. This is also a Parent Night. This month we will focus on the upcoming celebrations in the church; Advent, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas. Come learn more about these and how to celebrate them at home with your family.

Thank you to all that participated in the Religious Ed. food drive this past week. A total of 375 pounds was collected. Mrs. Stewart's tenth grade class brought in the most items.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, students should attend Mass at their respective parishes for the Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception. This will be in place of having classes. Mass times are 5:15 p.m. at Cathedral, 7:00 p.m. at Cathedral and at St. Mary's.

### Youth Ministry

**Truth on Tap: December 4th** - Once again we meet at Green Mill @ 7:30 p.m. for drinks and discussion. Come this month for a chat about Advent and about what we're really waiting for - hint: it's not just about Christmas! This changes everything.

#### Interested in assisting with youth or young adult ministry in some way?

Contact Matthew to get on the volunteer list!  
Thank you to all of our current volunteers!

- Matthew

For more information regarding Youth Ministry, please search on-line at [holycrossafc.org](http://holycrossafc.org) under the *Ministries* tab you will find *Youth Ministry*.

**Metals Collection and Scrip Sales:** There will be a metals collection with Scrip sales on Saturday, December 3, 2016, in the St. Anthony Elementary parking lot from 8:30 - 10:30 AM.

**Sonics Mini Meet:** The CHS Sonics Dance Team will be hosting a Mini Meet on Saturday, December 3, in the CHS Gym. The doors open at 4:00 PM and the meet begins at 5:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students.

**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](http://www.bn/bookfairs) from December 3, 2016 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](http://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. Registration information can be found at [www.nuacs.com](http://www.nuacs.com) under 'Alumni.' Contact Sara Rieland at 507-766-7593 or [sara.rieland@nuacs.com](mailto:sara.rieland@nuacs.com) with questions.

**Snowfest Tickets:** CHS students have begun selling Snowfest tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 each with 24 chances to win \$100 to \$500! Please help support our school in this important fundraising effort. CHS students are striving to meet their goal of \$14,000 in student ticket sales in order to earn a free day from school on Wednesday, April 12.

**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](http://www.nuacs.com), Employment Opportunities for details and an application.

# Holy Cross AFC News

## November 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> - 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.

## St. John's 27th Annual Cookie Bake

Order forms are now available. Orders will be accepted through Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for pickup on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Monday, November 28th - Rosary at Cathedral

Everyone is welcome!

## Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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 4th - St. George CUF Holiday Bingo

St. George Catholic United Financial Matching Grant for Education will host Holiday Prize Bingo at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Fun for the entire family!

## Thursday, December 8th - Catholic Order of Forsters

Catholic Order of Foresters will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Cathedral Parish.

## Sunday, December 11th - Advent Prayer Service with

### Bishop John M. LeVoir

All families, especially those with children, are invited to attend an Advent Prayer Service with Bishop John M. LeVoir 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 LeVoir 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.

## 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!

**The Diocese of New Ulm invites you to take part in the following programming on NUCAT**  
on Sundays at 7 a.m. and Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 4, 5	Behold the Man – Episode 1 (26:20 min.)
Dec. 11, 12	Behold the Man – Episode 2 (26:32 min.)
Dec. 18, 19	Behold the Man – Episode 3 (26:23 min.)
Dec. 25, 26	Behold the Man – Episode 4 (26:22 min.)
Jan. 1, 2	Behold the Man – Episode 5 (26:25 min.)
Jan. 8, 9	Behold the Man – Episode 6 (26:26 min.)
Jan. 15, 16	Behold the Man – Episode 7 (26:33 min.)
Jan. 22, 23	Behold the Man – Episode 8 (25:41 min.)
Jan. 29, 30	Behold the Man – Episode 9 (26:31 min.)
Feb. 5, 6	Behold the Man – Episode 10 (26:32 min.)
Feb. 12, 13	Behold the Man – Episode 11 (26:41 min.)
Feb. 19, 20	Behold the Man – Episode 12 (26:41 min.)
Feb. 26, 27	Behold the Man – Episode 13 (26:31 min.)

## Holy Cross AFC Online Giving

It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient.

Donating online is made easier than ever with Holy Cross Area Faith Community's online giving and registration system, WeShare. Donate today using your debit card, credit card or your checking or savings account.

Step 1: Visit <http://www.holycrossafc.org> and click on any collection.

Step 2: Select your donation amount and frequency.

Step 3: Enter in your account and payment information.

## 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-Coordinator

Lora Rahe at 507-354-5563 or 507-276-6838

Janet Neubauer at 507-276-4039 or Kathy Sonnek at 507-947-3043

**CHAPELACCESS:** 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 DECEMBER 3 AND 4 SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Matthew, James and Maggie Gillis  
8:00 a.m. Thomas Finstad, Even Bentler, and Charlie Macho

10:00 a.m. Marcarius Amoah, Michael Sloom, Aaron Dewanz  
6:30 p.m. Hannah & Rebekah Friendshuh and Will Schabert

### LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Theresa Bock  
8:00 a.m. Don Brand  
10:00 a.m. Linda Arduser  
6:30 p.m. Michelle Grady

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. Corrine Dittrich, James Guse, Carol Guse, Arleen Siemer, Vince Branch, C. Lewandowski  
8:00 a.m. Mary Forst, Don Brand, Linda Wiesner, Joan Berdan  
10:00 a.m. Peter Roufs, Lisa Fleck, Paul Henle, Alyce Konz, John Konz, Vince Sloom, Scott Osborne  
6:30 p.m. Denise Richter

**Sunday, Nov. 27:** Vespers 5:00 p.m., Parish

**Wednesday, Nov. 30:** RCIA at 6:45 p.m., Parish Center

**Tuesday, Nov. 29:** Youth Choir, 3:00 p.m., Parish Center

**Thursday, Dec. 1:** Adult Choir, 7:00 p.m.

The CCW is looking for sewers to make small fabric "quiet bags" for little children to use at church. If you are interested please contact Amber Bentler at 359-9343.

Everyone is welcome to join in a Christmas Get-Together between Cathedral CUF and St. Mary's CUF at St. Mary's Church on Monday, December 5th, with a 5:30 p.m. meeting and pot luck at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27TH:** 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; Eugene LeMoine; Louis Kahle; Evangeline Veit; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Larsen Family; Holy Souls; Iget Family; Sp. Int. L-K; Sp. Int. LN & LK; Wally Neumann; Norbert Ubl; Florence & Denny Saffert, Miranda Wurtzberger; Jeanette Altenburg; Richard Guggisberg; Susan Kunz; Anton & Minnie Hacker; Tom & Louise Cooling, Bob LeGare; Sp. Int.; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin; Sp. Int.; Sp. Int.; Sp. Int.; Hugo & Rose Deml; Better Health; Peter Meyer

## Church of St. Mary

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 3 AND 4

#### ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 p.m. Garrett Grathwohl  
9:00 a.m. Nicole Gangelhoff

#### SACRISTANS

5:30 p.m. Sharon Miller  
9:00 a.m. Darlene Beranek

#### LECTORS

5:30 p.m. Vicky Rolloff  
9:00 a.m. Linda Reising

#### ACCOMPANISTS

5:30 p.m. Jody Braulick  
9:00 a.m. Marijo Sweeney

#### CANTORS

5:30 p.m. Anita Hoffmann  
9:00 a.m. Carolyn Keller

**Saturday, Dec. 3** - Communal Anointing of the Sick following 5:30 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, Dec. 4** - Donut Sunday

**THANK YOU** so much to the nine individuals who assisted with putting the new missalettes in the pews on Monday. The old missalettes were taken out, boxed up for recycling and the new ones put in – all in an hour and a half. Your help was greatly appreciated, and it was wonderful to see stewardship in action!

Everyone is welcome to join in a Christmas Get-Together between Cathedral CUF and St. Mary's CUF at St. Mary's Church on Monday, December 5th, with a 5:30 p.m. meeting and pot luck at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**ALL EMHC's:** There will be some procedural changes in distributing Communion. Plan to attend one of the following meetings: SUNDAY, December 4 after 9:00 am Mass or SATURDAY, December 10 after 5:30 Mass.

#### *Sympathy and prayers to the families of*



Sharon McInturff &  
Harold "Harry" A. Frericks



#### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Ava Lee Sabatino, daughter of Joshua & Ashton Sabatino  
&  
Raelyn Mae Koch, daughter of Adam & Courtney Koch

## Church of St. George

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 4

**SERVERS :** Adam Franta, Michelle Gruber & Brianna Beranek

**LECTORS:** Sue Sieve & Glenn Forst

**COUNTERS:** Don & Karen Wendinger

**EXTRA. MINISTERS:** Greg Hillesheim, Frank Bianchi & Kathy Kokesch

**GIFT BEARERS:** Don & Karen Wendinger

**USHERS:** Jeff Gruber & Bernard Gulden

**MUSICIAN:** Tom Maidl

**ROSARY LEADER:** Mary Mills

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

**December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 DECEMBER 4

**LECTOR:** Maggie Mages  
**COMMENTATOR:** Joe Maidl  
**MUSICIAN/CANTOR:** Cheri LeBrun

**SERVERS:** Tyler Bless & Josh Wenninger  
**EXTRAORD. MINISTERS:** Bruce & Laurie Platz, Chuck Fitterer  
**USHERS:** Scott & Jorja Bless  
**AFTER MASS SACRISTAN:** Bruce & Laurie Platz

**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-a-long at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gregory's with fellowship to follow.

**The 75th Anniv. 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 HCAFC adoration chapel. Please see the bulletin for more information and who to contact. Two adorers during each hour are welcome and encouraged!

**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!!!** (1) The Annual Christmas Sing-a-long will be held at St. Gregory's on Dec. 4 at 7 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. (2) Show your talent at one of our most beautiful Masses of the year. Saturday, Dec. 24th we'll have a Music prelude at 4:30 p.m., with Mass to follow at 5 p.m.. To offer your talent, please contact Cheri LeBrun.

## Church of St. John the Baptist

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DEC. 4

**SERVERS** Heidi Hoffman, Ava Lawson, David Berg  
**LECTOR** Lester Braulick  
**LEADER** Jerry Grathwohl  
**USHERS** Mike Waibel, Darv Turbes

**EUCH. BREAD** Jackie Hoffman  
**EUCH. CUP** Betty Kuck, Kathy Drexler  
**ACCOMPANIST** Ginifer Simon  
**CANTOR** Ministers of Music

**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!

**NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH** - 10:10 a.m. Rosary for Vocations

**MONDAY, DEC. 5TH** - 7 p.m. CUF Meeting - Society Pays Lunch

**FUEL COLLECTION UPDATE** - St. John's fuel collection budget is \$4,800. To date we have received \$4,300 from 30 contributors. Thank You! Almost There!

**Christmas Memorials** - Anyone wishing to donate (\$10 or more) towards our Christmas flowers and/or decorations in memory of a loved one may do so by putting your donation along with your name and the name of your loved one in the Sunday Offering Basket.

## Community News

**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.

**December 2nd through 4th** - Advent Retreat at St. John's Abbey Guesthouse in Colledgeville. Visit [www.abbeyguesthouse.org](http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org).  
**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.

**Sunday, December 4th** - The Church of the Japanese Martyrs is having a Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast serving from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 11th** - The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Ulm, with a potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m. The candle lighting is in memory of our children who have died, and bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, relatives and friends are invited. You may bring a special candle to light and pictures and remembrances to share. Candles will also be available for those who need them.

**Tuesday, December 13th** - Lafayette Santa Day will be held at the Lafayette Community Center (540 7th Street, Lafayette) from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Come visit with Santa and get a treat!