



# 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

St. Anthony Elementary  
School (Pre K-6)  
Shelly Bauer, Principal  
(507) 354-2928

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William Schumacher, Principal  
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(507) 354-2719

## 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.



## The Nativity of the Lord

**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** - Monday: 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  
St. John the Baptist**  
18241 1st Avenue  
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**Church of St. Mary**  
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**Cathedral of the  
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**Church of St. George**  
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**Church of  
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## The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2016

### Bulletin Connection

*"What joy in the morning, for my Savior is born!" There is great truth in the words of this spiritual. It's not "a" savior, or "the" savior, but my Savior who is born. It is not just the historical birth of Jesus that we commemorate. Christ is born today in us. As early as the fifth century, St. Leo the Great was preaching that the birth of Christ had a sacramental effect. In a famous Christmas sermon he said, "Christian, recognize your true worth. Now that you share in God's own nature, never return to sin." (Liturgical Publications, Inc. Resource Center 2005).*

### From the Pastor

**BLESSED CHRISTMAS** On behalf of the priests and staff of the Holy Cross Area Faith Community, I would like to wish all of you a blessed Christmas. "A virgin shall be with child; she shall bear a son and call him Emmanuel, a name that means God-is-with-us" (Mt 1:23). "The incarnation does not provide us with a ladder by which to escape the ambiguities of life and scale the heights of the heavens. Rather it enables us to burrow deep into the heart of the planet and find it shimmering with divinity." (Quote from the late Cardinal Avery Dulles). May each of us always find the divinity shimmering inside all our experiences.

**WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS** and family members who may be returning to the Catholic Church this Christmas.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way in each of the parishes to enhance our celebration of the Incarnation. Thanks to all who planned, donated toward and carried out the Church environment; to those who provided music – cantors, choirs, instrumentalists and accompanists; to those who served as lectors, ushers and greeters, gift bearers and servers. God bless you for your generosity.

**'RESISTING HAPPINESS'** books by Matthew Kelly are free for the taking. Thank you to the anonymous donor.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS AND END OF THE YEAR OFFERINGS** Each parish has a budgeted goal for the Christmas collection. Please be generous as we thank God for the many blessings He has given each of us. Thank you to the generous and consistent givers who help ensure our responsibility to carry out the mission of the Church in our Area Faith Community and beyond. If you have fallen behind on your Sunday offerings, be mindful that there is one week left in this calendar year. Online giving is now an option as well. We can never outdo our Lord in generosity. I also encourage you to instill the virtue of stewardship (time, talent and treasure) in your children and grandchildren. Forming good habits when we are young hopefully carries into our adult life. We have much to be grateful for.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Amanda Pearson who was named the Sibley East Public School Teacher of the Year recently. Amanda, her husband Andy and their two children are members of St. Mary's parish.

**FORMED.org** If you haven't had a chance to check out Formed.org, I encourage you to do so. To access the free resources of this program, register at [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and type in the parish code: ZY2TQG. Formed can deepen your faith, draw families closer together and empower you to make a difference in the lives of others. Check it out!

Msgr. Grams

## Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
<b>Monday 26th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Walter Sellner Family
<b>Tuesday 27th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Walter & Matilda Sellner Fam.
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	NO MASS
8:00 a.m.	St. George	+ Stanley Klinger
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+ Louis Kahle
<b>Wednesday 28th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Ron, Alice, Vernon Rolloff
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Bernice Loe
8:00 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Francis & Veronica Dauer
<b>Thursday 29th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Leroy & Violet Haas
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Wallace Wendinger
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+ Don Fiebiger
6:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ D. Werner/Adelia Reinhart
<b>Friday 30th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ George Rubie
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Mary Ann Wesselmann
<b>Saturday 31st - Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Cornelius Zitzmann
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Mel Schroepfer
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ James Weisensel
<b>Sunday 1st - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b> 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Cloe Klinkner
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Marlin Gleisner
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Wallace Leick
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Eugene LeMoine
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Clarence Maidl
10:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ D. Norbert/Viola & Martin Seidl
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Mass for the People

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

<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 27th</b>	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
<b>Friday 30th</b>	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
<b>Saturday 31st</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 1st</b>	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

### Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Ps 128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

## Stewardship

### Contributions for Week of December 18, 2016

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	10,456.00	14,707.60	3,450.00	627.00	1,486.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	5,355.00	0.00	223.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,811.00</b>	<b>14,707.60</b>	<b>3,673.00</b>	<b>627.00</b>	<b>1,486.00</b>
Year-to-date Actual	315,817.25	311,456.79	53,404.00	39,407.32	25,833.27
Year-to-date Budget	329,807.75	329,086.50	40,875.00	38,461.50	26,923.25
<b>Ahead/Behind</b>	<b>- 13,990.50</b>	<b>-17,629.71</b>	<b>12,529.00</b>	<b>945.82</b>	<b>-1,089.98</b>
Student	10.25	16.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loose Plate	453.55	281.00	35.91	16.75	31.12
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	26,590.00 (67)	5,515.00 (26)	1,832.55 (5)	1,240.00 (6)	200.00 (2)
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54
DMA Actual (# contributors)	47,860.00 (151)	35,900.00 (93)	5,375.00 (14)	8,480.00 (29)	3,176.70 (12)
Attendance	1030	590	117	127	71



**“And the Word became flesh” John 1:14** Jesus is God’s ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.



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

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** The staff and faculty of NUACS wish each of you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Christmas Vacation:** NUACS students and faculty are enjoying Christmas vacation. School resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

**Christmas Vacation Office Hours:** The CHS Office is closed over Christmas break. The SAE/Business Office will be open December 26-30 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, be closed on January 2, and reopen on January 3.

**Alumni Tournaments:** The annual Alumni Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2016, starting at 8:00 AM in the SAE, HTMS and CHS Gymnasiums. The championship basketball game will be at 2:00 PM in the CHS Gym. Admission is FREE! A game schedule is posted online at [www.nuacs.com](http://www.nuacs.com) under 'Alumni,' then 'Alumni Events.' Please contact Sara Rieland, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at 507-766-7593 or [sara.rieland@nuacs.com](mailto:sara.rieland@nuacs.com) for more information.

**Snowfest Tickets:** Our annual Snowfest celebration is on Saturday, February 4, in the Holy Trinity and St. Anthony Elementary buildings. Admission is free to this cool blast of big fun! CHS students are 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.

**Snowfest Auction Items/Volunteers:** The Snowfest committee is always looking for unique and interesting donations for the silent and live auctions. If you have an appropriate item to donate, please drop it off at the St. Anthony Elementary Office or call Sara Rieland at 507-766-7593 to arrange for pick-up. If you would like to donate a service, you may drop off a gift certificate to be handed to the winner. In addition, there are many locations where help is needed on the evening of Snowfest. Please consider volunteering your time for this important event.

**Family Fun Night:** On Wednesday, February 1 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM, we will have our Family Fun Night to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Events include a family-friendly meal and a carnival of games. Mark your calendars for this upcoming event!

## Religious Education & Faith Formation News

### CONFIRMATION NEWS!

**Junior Confirmation Candidates:** Please return your Sponsor Books and turn in your paper work. If you have any questions, please email Julie at [Julie.soehren@holycrossafc.org](mailto:Julie.soehren@holycrossafc.org).

### PLEASE NOTE!

**Faith Formation/Religious Education** classes will NOT be held on Wednesday, December 28th, due to the school break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4th. Have a Blessed Christmas!

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

**December 30th - Middle School New Years Eve Party!** From 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., let's celebrate the new year together with some games, snacks, prayer and maybe a movie as well. Open to all 6th-8th graders. Permission forms can be found on our parish website under Youth Ministry. You can register online, or print a form to drop off at a parish office. If possible, register before December 28th. Registration is available at the door as well.

**January 15th - Save the Date - Youth Ministry Visioning and Discussion.** Come to learn, share, and discuss ideas about Youth Ministry for our AFC. This is a chance for us to hear from you about what you would like to see regarding the faith life of our youth. We will be meeting in the social hall at St. Mary's in the afternoon.

- 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*.

## Holy Cross AFC News

### Monday, December 26th - Rosary at Cathedral

Everyone is welcome to come pray the Rosary at 1:00 p.m.

### 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!

### Thursday, January 12th - Catholic United Financial

Catholic United Financial will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. (note the time change) in the Cathedral Parish Center.

### Monday, January 16th - Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. at Cathedral, followed by a meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

### Sunday, January 22nd - March for Life 2017 Pilgrimage

starting at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and loading a coach bus at 11:20 a.m. for MCCL Rally at the MN State Capital at 2:00 p.m. and returning at 5:00 p.m. Register soon to reserve a seat by calling the Cathedral office at 354-4158. Questions can be directed to trip coordinator Kate Sloom at [sloom@newulmtel.net](mailto:sloom@newulmtel.net).

### Saturday, January 28, 2017 - 75th Church Anniversary

St. Gregory the Great would like to invite all former members and other HCAFC members to our special 75th Church Anniversary on Saturday, January 28, 2017. The evening will begin with a 5:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop LeVoi, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and a program to follow. Tickets are \$20 each. To reserve your spot, please send payment and number of tickets requested to St. Gregory's, P.O. Box 5, Lafayette, MN 56054 or call the church office and leave a message at 507-228-8298.

### From FORMED.org

Dear Lord, use my heart, my mind and the talents and abilities You've granted me to serve others by spreading Your love.  
Amen.

### A Christmas Reflection

"So God throws open the door of this world—and enters as a baby. As the most vulnerable imaginable. Because He wants unimaginable intimacy with you. What religion ever had a god that wanted such intimacy with us that He came with such vulnerability to us? What God ever came so tender we could touch Him? So fragile that we could break Him? So vulnerable that His bare, beating heart could be hurt? Only the One who loves you to death."

-Ann Voskamp

### March for Life

Did you know that on Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalized abortion on demand? Would you like to speak out against abortion and rally together to help change laws and save lives? The area Knights, CCW and Cathedral parish are sponsoring a bus to join thousands of people at the MCCL's March for Life at the State Capitol on Sunday, Jan. 22nd.

A group from the New Ulm area has been attending this march every Jan. 22nd for several reasons: to speak out publicly against abortion, to influence our legislators to support pro-life legislation, to remember the unborn babies who have been aborted, and to pray for the mothers who have been wounded physically, emotionally and spiritually. We gather to demonstrate to others what it means to be pro-life.

Please register with the parish office to reserve your seat on the coach bus by calling 354-4158 or email trip coordinator Kate Sloom at [sloom@newulmtel.net](mailto:sloom@newulmtel.net). RSVP early--there is no charge. Schedule is as follows: Jan. 22nd - Prior to Mass Leifield Hall will be available for pilgrims to store their extra clothing; 10:00 a.m. Mass at Cathedral; 11:00 a.m. pack lunch in Leifield Hall; 11:25 a.m. load bus in Cathedral parking lot, prayers and sharing about pro-life actions on bus; 2:00 p.m. MCCL March at the capital; 3:00 - 3:20 p.m. load bus; 5:00 p.m. arrival back in New Ulm. The coach bus will be parked along the marching route for those who need to take a break or use bathroom.

I hope you can join us for this most important event.

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

*"O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the King!"  
Come to worship Him!  
Join us in perpetual adoration of our King!*

### ADORATION WEATHER HOTLINE

Winter weather may require us to close the Adoration Chapel for safety's sake. We will make every effort to contact our adorers, but please check the hotline 233-9510 for the latest information.

Or you can call your Division Leaders:

Midnight to 6am	Gwen Christiansen 354-5771
6am to Noon	Denise Richter 354-3870 or Willy Osgood 359-4134
Noon to 6pm	Sharon Illikman 354-3145 or Carolyn Keller 354-1708
6pm to Midnight	Frani Knowles 359-5490 or Sue Schommer 354-8934

Coordinators: Lora Rahe at 507-354-5563 or 507-276-6838  
Janet Neubauer at 507-276-4039  
Kathy Sonnek at 507-947-3043

CHAPEL ACCESS: To access the Adoration Chapel when the church building is locked, use the code on the keypad located on the building entrance by the chapel.

CHAPEL CLOSINGS: Please call the Hotline at 233-9510 for closings due to weather.



## Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 31ST AND JANUARY 1ST

#### **SERVERS**

5:00 p.m. David Bode, Isaac Roufs and William Boston  
8:00 a.m. Greta and Thomas Finstad and Charlie Macho  
10:00 a.m. James and John Gillis and Alex Hillesheim  
6:30 p.m. Caleb and Ethan Kirchberg and Hunter Landsteiner

#### **LECTORS**

LeAnn Miheve  
Lynn Flygare  
Lisa Fleck  
Linda Arduser

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Due to space limitations, the Eucharistic Ministers schedule will not be included in the bulletin. It can be found online at [www.holycrossafc.org/ministries](http://www.holycrossafc.org/ministries), or paper copies are available in the work sacristy.

**CHT Office Closed:** Monday, December 26th, and Monday, January 2nd.



*Sympathy and prayers to the family of  
Charles "Chuck" Tastel*



**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**  
*Haakon Kevin Rick Wald*

#### **VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/25**

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; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Larsen Family; Holy Souls; Helget Family; Sp. Int. L-K; Sp. Int. LN & LK; Wally Neumann; Norbert Ubl; Florence & Denny Saffert, Miranda Wurtzberger; Jeanette Altenburg; Susan Kunz; Wally Bauer; Clarence A. & Dolores Dauer; Craig Dauer; Joseph & Louisa Fischer; Leo & Elizabeth Schugel; Anton & Minnie Hacker; Tom & Louise Cooling, Bob LeGare; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin; Living & deceased members of Mary & George Wurtzberger/Margaret & Mike Tauer families; Employment-J; Warren Jorgensen; Joe's Health; Larry Waibel; Shirley Forster-COF; Kristopher Clyne; Loretta Fussner; Robert Schnobrich family; Walter Gareis; Roman & Dorothy Kahle; Tom Reinhart; Better Health Ron; Sp. Int.; Thanks giving for Msgr. Richter; Thanksgiving for Fr. Aaron; Thanksgiving for Fr. Cornelius; Favorable Prognosis

## Church of St. Mary

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 31ST AND JANUARY 1ST

<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>SACRISTANS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ACCOMPANISTS</b>	<b>CANTORS</b>
5:30 p.m. Joshua & Luke Gieseke	Jean Nielsen	Carey Kittler	Brenda Lenertz	Mary Carroll
9:00 a.m. Anna & Sam Knowles	Kathy Schnobrich	Mary O'Connor	Marijo Sweeney	Carolyn Keller

**Monday, December 26th** - Office will be closed

**Would you consider being at greeter at Mass?** We are in need of more greeters. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call Maureen Miller at 354-3687.

**Year-end Donation Reminders** - Please keep in mind the following if you are planning to make a year-end donation. The IRS offers the following reminders: Contributions are deductible in the year made. Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of Dec. 31, 2016 count for 2016. This is true even if the credit card bill isn't paid until 2017. Also, checks count for 2016 as long as they are mailed in 2016 and have a 2016 postmark date. Thank you for your generosity!

**Thank you for donating 3,000 lbs of food and \$2,523** to our food shelf in 2016. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped so much this past year!

## Church of St. George

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 1ST

<b>SERVERS :</b> Michelle Gruber, Adam Franta and Avery Wendinger	<b>GIFT BEARERS:</b> George and Marian Altmann
<b>LECTORS:</b> Alma and Kaitlin Forst	<b>USHERS:</b> Daryl and Doug Nosbush
<b>COUNTERS:</b> David Wendinger and Terese Gruber	<b>MUSICIAN:</b> Tom Maidl
<b>EXTRA. MINISTERS:</b> Greg Hillesheim, Joannie Hillesheim, Kathy Kokesch	<b>ROSARY LEADER:</b> Cindy Wendinger

**Church Cleaning** - Remember: The (\*) person calls the others to remind them.

January 7th at 8:30 a.m. \*Shari Beranek, Shirleen Beranek, Gail and Mary Ann Berle and Marion Beyer

**Anyone wishing to donate towards our Christmas Environment** in memory of a loved one may do so by placing your donation along with your name and the name of your loved one in an envelope in the Sunday collection basket, or you can log on to [www.holycrossafc.weshareonline.org](http://www.holycrossafc.weshareonline.org) and donate to the St. George fund there.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, January 8th - Epiphany Program at 8:30 a.m. with Mass following and a parish potluck in the Parish Center after Mass. Please bring a dish to pass. The parish will provide beverages. Please let Shari Beranek (507-276-4417) know if your child would like to be in the program. Practice times will be: Wednesday, January 4th, at 6 p.m. and Friday, January 6th, at 6 p.m.

**All Mass intentions for St. George** should be directed to: Sheri Liebl, St. George Mass Intentions, PO Box 5, Lafayette, MN 56054. Sheri schedules the Mass intentions for both St. George and St. Gregory's.

## Church of St. Gregory the Great

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 1ST

<b>LECTOR:</b>	Arlene Phillips	<b>SERVERS:</b>	Jay Webster and Tyler Bless
<b>COMMENTATOR:</b>	Richard Schuerer	<b>EXT. MINISTERS:</b>	Carl and Michelle Oswald and Ken Liebl
<b>MUSICIAN/CANTOR:</b>	Katie Schuerer	<b>USHERS:</b>	Scott and Jorja Bless
		<b>SACRISTANS:</b>	Bobbie Schuelke and Sheri Liebl

**Thank you to everyone** that shared their time, talent and/or treasure to make it another successful CCW Cookie Walk. It is always amazing how everyone comes together to make an event so special. Many great compliments were once again received from the shoppers. ~2016 CCW Cookie Walk Chairpersons

**Reminder:** In order to prevent scheduling conflicts and to make sure doors are unlocked or locked, please remember to contact the church office (228-8298) to reserve a meeting space in the hall or rectory. The St. Gregory calendar can also be viewed by going to the HCAFC website at [holycrossafc.org/st-gregory-the-great-calendar.html](http://holycrossafc.org/st-gregory-the-great-calendar.html).

## Church of St. John the Baptist

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 1ST

<b>SERVERS:</b>	Morgan Ranweiler, Joey Griebel, Brianna Schumacher	<b>EUCH. BREAD:</b>	Wayne Braulick
<b>LECTOR:</b>	Harvey Stadick	<b>EUCH. CUP:</b>	Shirley Kuck and Betty Kuck
<b>LEADER:</b>	Kathy Drexler	<b>ACCOMPANIST:</b>	Gayle Waibel
<b>USHERS:</b>	Pete Hoffman and Jerry Scheibel	<b>CANTOR:</b>	Women of Song

<b>Wednesday, December 28th</b>	Please RSVP by this Wednesday, December 28th, to Curt Miller 217-6751 if you plan to attend the CUF Juvenile Party.
<b>Saturday, December 31st</b>	St. John's CUF Juvenile Party will be held Saturday, December 31st, at Concordia Lanes starting at 1:00 p.m. with bowling and then over to Happy Joe's for Pizza and Pop!! All kids are invited to attend.
<b>Next Sunday, January 1st</b>	10:10 Rosary for Vocations
<b>Thursday, January 5th</b>	CCW Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, January 8th</b>	SAVE THE DATE...CCW January Lunch immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

### PRAYER REQUESTS NETWORK

Please add Eric D., Tom K., and Ron A., to your December prayer list.  
Thank you.



### *BAPTIZED IN CHRIST*

*Ezra Samuel Sobania,  
son of  
Matthew and Jessie Sobania*

## Community News

**Wednesday, January 11th** - Patty Wetterling will be at the Springfield High School sharing her story and talking about "Creating a Better World for Our Children." The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Free will donations are appreciated.

**January 11th through 13th** - The January blood drive at Vogel Arena for The American Red Cross will be held on January 11th and 12th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on January 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 15th** - Super Sausage Supper Sunday from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Turner Hall. Tickets are \$9.50 in advance and available at CashWise. This event is sponsored by St. John's Catholic Order of Foresters. All proceeds benefit Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery in New Ulm.

**Sunday, January 15th** - SAVE the Date for the Lafayette Lions Belgian Waffle Breakfast. Watch for more details to come.

**Essig Softball 14 & Under ASA Southern Star Softball League** - There has been interest in forming a 14 & Under ASA team. Practices would usually be once per week, and double-header games would be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. For questions or signup, contact Ron Domeier at 354-8424, Marv Hose at 995-3479 or Kyla Franta at 276-2399 before December 31, 2016. For interest in a 16 to 18 years-of-age team, contact Ron Domeier.

**February 3rd - 5th** - Married Couples Retreat at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse in Collegeville. To learn more or to register, go to [www.abbeyguesthouse.org](http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org) or call the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.

**New Ulm Food Shelf** - We are open Mondays from noon to 3:00 p.m., Wednesdays from noon to 3:00 p.m., and the 1st Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We are adding hours: We will be open the 3rd Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and every Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. by appointment. We will need volunteers for the added hours, as well as Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings unloading food that has been picked up at stores. If you are able to help, please call the food shelf or e-mail [foodshelf@newulmtel.net](mailto:foodshelf@newulmtel.net). Thank you again!

*"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."  
- C.S. Lewis*