

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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- Dcn. Rick Christiansen
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Representatives

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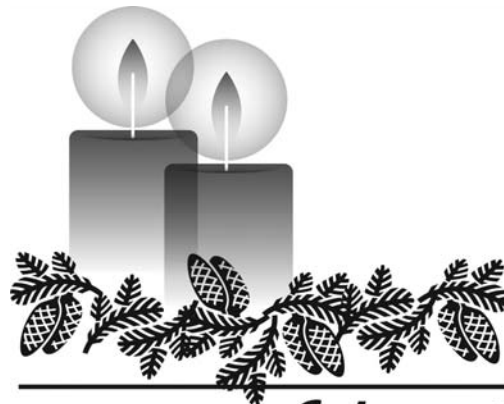
New Parishioners: Welcome! We are happy to have you join us. Please call or stop by your parish office to register.

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.



SECOND 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
St. John the Baptist**
18241 1st Avenue
New Ulm, MN 56073
(507) 359-4244
sjs@newulmtel.net

Church of St. Mary
417 South Minnesota Street
New Ulm, MN 56073
(507) 233-9500
stmarys@newulmtel.net

**Cathedral of the
Holy Trinity**
605 North State Street
New Ulm, MN 56073
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cathedral@holycrossafc.org

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

**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016**

Bulletin Connection *“Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” John the Baptist meant business. Indeed, he must have been a sight to behold draped in his penitential garb, nibbling on his locusts and honey. If nothing else, John the Baptist surely got people’s attention. But will he get ours? Because we’ve heard this story before, we might be inclined to glaze over its inherent drama. He urges, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” This is the moment! Now is the time! Advent especially reminds us to examine our lives and renew our commitment to Christ. As John the Baptist put it, we are called to “produce good fruit as evidence” of our repentance.*

(Liturgical Publications. Resources Center 2013)

From the Pastor

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE Next Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary’s. There will be six priests present to help celebrate the gift of forgiveness and healing in preparation for Advent. Also, please note the insert in today’s bulletin listing additional times for individual confessions.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Thursday of this week we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. This feast celebrates our belief that Mary, from the moment of conception, was sinless. It is the patronal feast of the United States. Mass times for this feast as well as Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses in our AFC can be found in the bulletin.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Next weekend is the annual national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious which distributes financial assistance for retirement needs to eligible religious institutes. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests received small stipends that just met the needs of the day. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of U.S. religious communities lack adequate retirement savings. Please be generous.

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 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.

CHECK IT OUT Go to our AFC holycrossafc.org website to view three short videos on our Area Faith Community: ‘Welcome to Our Faith Community,’ ‘My Faith Matters’ and ‘Returning to the Catholic Faith.’ Please share and encourage others to watch the videos, especially if they have been away or estranged from the Church or are interested in joining the Catholic Church. These videos were produced by Flying Buttress Media.

Msgr. Grams

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday 5th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Donald Rausch
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+ Erwin Portner
Tuesday 6th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Don Weise & Mary Weise Weirauch
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Francis & Frances Brandel
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+ Lauren Stueber
Wednesday 7th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Wm. & Florinda Richter
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Phillis Herring
5:15 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Jim Kienlen
7:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Alice Henle
7:00 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Mary Ann Wesselmann
Thurs. 8th - Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Maurice Louwagie
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Kathy Hoffmann
1:30 p.m.	NUACS	+ John Tobin
6:30 p.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Mary Beth Hauser
7:00 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ D. Don “Blimp” Schmitz
7:00 p.m.	St. George	+ Cletus Franta
Friday 9th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Robert Roman Zangel
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Richard Guggisberg
9:45 a.m.	Ridgeway North	+ Francis & Veronica Dauer
Saturday 10th		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	Caleb Tyner & Keith Richter
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Delbert Fischer Sr.
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Timothy Haag
Sunday 11th		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Victor Kral
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Joseph & Gerdie Beranek
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Wally Leick
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Helen Simmet
10:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ D. Melvin Braulick Sr.
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Lyle & Florence Windschitl
2:00 p.m.	St. Mary	AFC Advent Penance Service
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 & Channel 12 Comcast</u>	11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
from St. Cloud	

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday 6th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
Wednesday 7th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
Thursday 8th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Friday 9th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Saturday 10th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Sunday 11th	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Stewardship

Contributions for Week of November 27, 2016

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	10,949.00	13,516.00	3,650.00	5,541.59	522.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	0.00	6,536.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	10,949.00	20,052.00	3,650.00	5,541.59	522.00
Year-to-date Actual	269,171.25	270,865.19	42,212.00	29,384.17	21,772.41
Year-to-date Budget	290,230.82	289,596.12	35,970.00	33,846.12	23,692.46
Ahead/Behind	- 21,059.57	-18,730.93	6,242.00	-4,461.95	-1,920.05
Student	16.00	14.00	2.00	4.00	5.35
Loose Plate	513.68	417.00	33.00	64.25	50.00
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	11,533.00 (50)	3,065.00 (18)	1,132.55 (3)	10.00 (1)	100.00 (1)
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54
DMA Actual (# contributors)	21,170.00 (75)	11,250.00 (46)	1,325.00 (6)	3,710.00 (15)	1,175.00 (4)
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>1165</i>	<i>798</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>100</i>



December 4, 2016 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

visit www.nuacs.com

Books Make Great Gifts: Support the St. Anthony Elementary Library at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair in Mankato 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, 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 or contact Amy Gieseke, St. Anthony Librarian, at 507-233-0778.

All School Mass: There will be an All School Mass with the Most Reverend John M. LeVoir presiding at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on Thursday, December 8, at 1:30 PM, to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Mid-Quarter: Mid-quarter is this Friday, December 9.

Christmas Concert: NUACS students in grades 5-12 will participate in a Christmas band and choir concert on Monday, December 12, in the CHS Gym. The concert begins at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.

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 many Christmas calories! If you are interested in participating, start putting your team together. Registration information may be found at www.nuacs.com under 'Alumni.' For questions contact Sara Rieland at 507-766-7593 or sara.rieland@nuacs.com.

Simple Gift: Having trouble finding the perfect gift for someone on your list? How about a Scrip gift card – everyone loves those! By purchasing Scrip, you save money on your tuition bill and help the school as well. The Scrip program has many participating locations in and out of town. Check out www.nuacs.com for the full list and details regarding the program.

Snowfest Tickets: 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 "Snow Much Fun": Plans are underway for Snowfest 2017, which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017. We would like to again offer childcare for the evening so our elementary parents can enjoy this great event. The Development Office is currently looking for a Virtus-trained volunteer to chair Snowfest childcare - "Snow Much Fun!" The Development Office will assist with registration of students. Please contact Tammy Klawitter at tamara.klawitter@nuacs.com or 507-233-0767 if you are able to help.

Snowfest Auction Items: The Snowfest committee is always looking for unique and interesting donations for the silent and live auctions. If you have an appropriate item or service 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.

Religious Education & Faith Formation News

CONFIRMATION NEWS!

Junior Confirmation Candidates: Please return your Sponsor Books and turn in your paper work. Use the purple Lectionary response forms for Advent. For questions email Julie at Julie.soehren@holycrossafc.org.

PLEASE NOTE!

Regular Faith Formation classes will NOT be held on Wednesday, December 7 due to the Mass scheduled that night celebrating the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All students and families are encouraged to attend Mass at 7:00 pm at one of the Masses scheduled in the Holy Cross AFC.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Message from Matthew: December is such a busy time for the youth of our parish! I encourage you to go support them in all of their activities - basketball, hockey, choir and band concerts, wrestling, dance and more! The talents of our youth are amazing! Take some time to admire the joy they bring to the world!

Young Adult Ministry - Truth on Tap: December 4th - This weekend! 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. - Matthew

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

Holy Cross AFC News

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!

Immaculate Conception & Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 7 - Vigil of Feast of Immaculate Conception

5:15 p.m. Mass at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
7:00 p.m. Mass at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
7:00 p.m. Mass at Church of St. Mary

Thursday, December 8 - Feast of Immaculate Conception

7:00 a.m. Mass at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
7:30 a.m. Mass at Church of St. Mary
1:30 p.m. NUACS All School Mass at Cathedral
6:30 p.m. Mass at Church of St. Gregory the Great
7:00 p.m. Mass at Church of St. John
7:00 p.m. Mass at Church of St. George

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass at Church of St. Mary
4:30 p.m. Mass at Church of St. John
5:00 p.m. Mass at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
5:00 p.m. Mass at Church of St. Gregory the Great
8:00 p.m. Mass at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
9:00 p.m. Mass at Church of St. Mary

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Mass at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
8:30 a.m. Mass at Church of St. George
9:00 a.m. Mass at Church of St. Mary
10:00 a.m. Mass at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

Monday, December 5th - Rosary at Cathedral

1:00 p.m. - Everyone is welcome!

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.

Saturday, January 14, 2017 - Sixth Annual Sewing for Sight Event!

You are invited to be our guest for a one day quilting retreat on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at the St. George Parish Center from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Your \$60 registration fee includes all-day sewing space, valet service upon arrival, lunch, dinner, snacks and refreshments, evening wine tasting, quilt show attendance and participation in the silent auction. Independent vendors will be available throughout the day for your shopping convenience. The event is sponsored by St. George Catholic United Financial and Sewing Seeds Quilt Company. Sewing space is limited! Please register early by contacting Jackie Forst at giforst@newulmtel.net. All proceeds from this event will be directed to the Foundation for Saving Sight and their mission to support sight saving eye care for the villagers of San-Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. Financial donations or silent auction items are graciously accepted for this charitable event! Our continued commitment is sincere and their need is real. Contributions can be mailed or delivered to 1417 South State Street, New Ulm, MN 56073. Please make checks payable to: Sewing for Sight. For more information contact Jackie Forst (507)276-1069, Ann Wendinger (507)766-3389 or Cindy Wendinger (507)276-2716. Thank you for your very generous and continued support!

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate a memorial in honor of a loved one for Christmas Flowers, you can do so on the online giving page: holycrossafc.weshareonline.org and find the parish you would like to donate to.

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!

Harvest Fest Raffle Winners

Joann Guggisberg, Kay Seifert, Doris Schroeffer, Lisa Schwartz, David Zenk, Brenda Reinhart, Sharon Walter, Rita Gareis, Richard Domeier, Charlotte Fischer, Kathleen Berg, Carol Marti, Barb Saffert, Pearl Newton, John Altenburg, Noel Olson, Shelly Schugel, Rosie Portner, Eldor, Wilfahrt, Melinda Cooling, Tom Kirchberg and Ralph Waltz.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

*The season of Advent is upon us!
As we begin a new spiritual year, why not make
a New Year's resolution to spend more time with
Jesus? Come to worship Him in the adoration
chapel and make this your best new year!*

*Adorers are needed for the following hour:
Sunday 11:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 p.m.*

*Please consider taking a committed hour of Adoration
once a week.
We need you. 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
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 DECEMBER 10 AND 11

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Sam Guldán, Julia & Melanie Merkel
 8:00 a.m. Jacob & Joelle Haala, Jenna Hotovec

LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Dave Lynn 8:00 a.m. Corrine Dittrich 10:00 a.m. Nick Schultz 6:30 p.m. Kathrine Krebs

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. Karen McClellan, C. Lewandowski, Connie Wendinger, Ron Wendinger, Pat Herzog
 8:00 a.m. Ruth Palmer, Mary J. Portner, Lynn Flygare, Rose McCourtney, Dan Bentler
 10:00 a.m. Patrick Portner, Alan Hoffmann, Jean Hoffmann, Betty Weier, Linda Arduser, Larry Stueber, Kate Sloat
 6:30 p.m. Katherine Krebs

Sunday, Dec. 4: Vespers 5:00 p.m., Parish
Monday, Dec. 5: Sts. J & E meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Center
Tuesday, Dec. 6: Youth Choir, 3:00 p.m., Parish Center
 Christian Mothers, 6:00 p.m., Leifeld Hall
Wednesday, Dec. 7: RCIA at 6:45 p.m., Parish Center
Thursday, Dec. 8: Adult Choir, 7:00 p.m.
 COF, 7:30 p.m., Parish Center
Saturday, Dec. 10: WRM, 8:45 a.m., Parish Center
Sunday, Dec. 11: Sunday School, 10-11:00 a.m., Parish Center

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. The Christian Mothers will host a Potluck and meeting in Leifeld Hall. Spouses welcome.
Seasonal Children's Choir - Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 3 PM. All youth are encouraged to join in singing for Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. To register contact Nathan or Lisa Knutson @ nknutson@dnu.org.
German Choir - Rehearsals Thursdays, Dec. 1 & 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft – all are welcome!



Sympathy and prayers to the families of
 Dorothy Manderfeld and Paul Griebel.



Tim and Brooke Guldán
 November 26, 2016

Church of St. Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 7, 10 AND 11

<p>7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>ALTAR SERVERS Jacob & Sarah Runck Zach Helget & Piper Mangen Anthony & Dan Rosenhammer</p> <p>ACCOMPANISTS Jody Braulick Donna Donahue Jody Braulick</p>	<p>SACRISTANS Jean Nielsen Mario DeSouza Sue Schommer</p> <p>CANTORS Sarah Sauter Anita Hoffmann Scott Hogen</p>	<p>LECTORS Sue Schommer LuAnn Vanderwerf Kathy Grausam</p>
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December 3 & 4 - CCW Pre-St. Nick's Craft and Bake Sale after Mass in the Social Hall.
Monday, December 5 - Everyone is welcome to join in a Christmas Get-Together between Cathedral CUF and St. Mary's CUF at St. Mary's Church with a 5:30 p.m. meeting and a pot luck at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!
ALL EMHC's - There will be some procedural changes in distributing Communion. If you haven't attended a meeting, the final meeting date will be Saturday, December 10th following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.



Sympathy and prayers to the families of
 Gramer "Skip" Davis &
 Hildegard C. (Windschitl) Housgard



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST
Emmy Marie Walters,
 daughter of Justin & Ashley Walters

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 8 & 11

<p>SERVERS : Elizabeth & Abigail Bianchi & Aidan Bastian LECTORS: Glenn & Kaitlin Forst COUNTERS: Jim Forst & David Wendinger EXTRA. MINISTERS: Jim Gleisner, Denny Lux & Alma Forst</p>	<p>GIFT BEARERS: Linus & Mary Jane Beranek USHERS: Zack Gunninck & Steve Hesse MUSICIAN: Jackie Forst</p>
<p>SERVERS : Lily Brennan, Audra Bastian, Isaac Franta LECTORS: Frank Bianchi & Sue Sieve COUNTERS: Craig Beranek & Mike Bastian EXTRA. MINISTERS: Steve Biebl, Cindy Wendinger, Bonnie Bastian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11TH</p> <p>GIFT BEARERS: Brad & Diane Franta USHERS: Greg & James Hillesheim MUSICIAN: Adult Choir ROSARY LEADER: Mary Mills</p>

CHURCH CLEANING - Remember: The *person calls the others to remind them.
 12-10-16 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 today at 11:00 a.m. followed by Holiday Prize Bingo at 1:30 p.m. in the parish center. Cookies and coffee after Mass for those who wish to stay.
ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE TOWARDS OUR CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT in memory of a loved one may place your donation along with your name and the name of your loved one in an envelope in the Sunday collection basket.

Church of St. Gregory the Great

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 8 & 11

LECTOR: Maggie Mages
COMMENTATOR: Arlene Phillips
MUSICIAN/CANTOR: Cheri LeBrun

SERVERS: Cassidy, Jarrett & Kolbe Platz
EX MINISTERS: Bruce & Laurie Platz, Mark Dick
USHERS: Mark & Bobbie Schuelke
AFTER MASS SACRISTAN: Bruce & Laurie Platz

11th

LECTOR: Richard Scheurer
COMMENTATOR: Randy Gjerde
MUSICIAN/CANTOR: Karen Lyimo

SERVERS: Jennifer & Robbie Wear
EX MINISTERS: Adeline Cox, Nancy Reed, Michelle Oswald
USHERS: Dave Reed & Greg Bieraugel
AFTER MASS SACRISTAN: Carl Oswald

Sunday, Dec. 4th - Donut Sunday following Mass

Sunday, Dec. 4th - Lafayette Area Christmas Sing Along at 7 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 inch 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 every Wed. at 6:30 p.m. until Christmas. All ages welcome!

Show your talent at one of our most beautiful Masses of the year. Saturday, Dec. 24th we will 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.

Reminder that any End of the Year Contributions are due to the Church office no later than Dec. 31st. Thank you for your support and generosity throughout the year.

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DEC. 8 & 11

SERVERS: Casey Kuck, Maria & Emma Miller
LECTOR: Kathy Drexler
LEADER: Lester Braulick
USHERS: Mike Waibel & Darv Turbes

EUCH. BREAD: Patrice Scheibel
EUCH. CUP: Dea & Harry Zea
ACCOMPANIST: Gayle Waibel
CANTOR: Linda Braulick

11th

SERVERS: Alexa Hornick, Leah & Laura Schmitt
LECTOR: Jerry Grathwohl
LEADER: John Griebel
USHERS: Mike Waibel & Darv Turbes

EUCH. BREAD: Ione Grossmann
EUCH. CUP: Trisha & Phyllis Griebel
ACCOMPANIST: Gayle Waibel
CANTOR: Women of Song

Monday, December 5th: 7pm CUF Meeting-Society Pays Lunch

Next Sunday, December 11th: 10:10 a.m. Rosary for Vocations

Fuel Collection update: St. John's fuel budget is \$4800. To date we have received \$5900 from 32 Contributors. We made it! Thank you!

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

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.

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.

Wednesday, December 7th - Pro Kinship for Kids fundraiser at New Ulm McDonald's from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. 15% of all the business during those three hours will go to support this cause. A special appearance by Santa Claus from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9th - New Ulm Epilepsy Awareness Girls' Basketball Game beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a large silent auction, shirt sales, half-court shooting contest, raffle and more. All proceeds go directly to Jerry Kill's Chasing Dreams Fndn.

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!