



HOLY CROSS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

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

Pastoral Leadership

- Msgr. Douglas Grams
Rector/Pastor
- Msgr. John Richter
Senior Associate
- Fr. Aaron Johanneck
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku
Parochial Vicar
- Dcn. Rick Christiansen
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AFC Pastoral Council

Representatives

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

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

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

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

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

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

He is Risen!



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

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Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 22 AND 23

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. David & Alexis Petersen and Sophie Albachten
8:00 a.m. Jaydan or Jarred Hotovec and Greta & Thomas Finstad
10:00 a.m. Aaron Dewanz, David Wilfahrt and Macarius Amoah
6:30 p.m. Jacob & Joelle Haala and Matthew Gillis

LECTORS

Monica Prechel
Joan Boyle
Katherine Krebs
Julie Soehren

EXTRAORD. MINISTERS

Please refer to the following:
holycrossafc.org/ministries
or
Paper copies in Work Sacristy

ADULT CHOIR - Practice will be held on Thursday, April 20th, at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER CANDLE - The Easter candle is donated in memory of Larry Bauer, Leonard and Leona Seidl and Ray and Ida Mueller.

MEN'S FISH FRY - Thank you to all the volunteers, cash raffle donors, Carl's Corner (cabbage), Origo (grease waste), River Region (propane), Hermel (refrigeration truck), Rooms & Rest (cardboard), and Msgr. Richter (sherbert). Raffle winners are posted on the parish bulletin boards.

CROP WALK - A member of the Holy Cross Area Social Concerns Committee will collect donations for the ecumenical CROP Walk following Masses on April 22nd and 23rd.

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR WEEK OF 4/16: 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; My Children; Don Weise & Mary Weise Weirauch; RS Family; Stan & Hazel Schneider; Erwin & Elaine Hillesheim; Pfeiffer, Bonnell & Burdorf; JM&F; Edwin Sehr; Good Health for MS & DS; Gervase & Arline Krambeer; Cornelius Zitzmann; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Jeanette Altenburg; Living & deceased members of Mary & George Wurtzberger/Margaret & Mike Tauer families; Helget Family; J&R Families; Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld, T.W. & Clara Manderfeld, Joseph & Margaret Zenk; Souls in Purgatory; Leo & Lorraine James; Sp. Int. J; Paul Griebel; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin; Tom & Louise Cooling, Bob LeGare; Wally Neumann; Sp. Int. L-K; Ila Wieseler; Clem Hoffman; George & Alma Schmid, Harold Schmid & Wally Wendinger; Don Steffl; Evangeline Veit; Leo & Elizabeth Schugel; Sally Mielke; Dick Ginn; Lauren Stueber; Mary Tauscheck; Gene Schultz; Jerome Schultz; Willie Kirschstein; Gene Schultz; Herman Rewitzer, Sr.; Madeline Rewitzer; Herman Rewitzer Jr.; Leonard Rewitzer; Leonard & Alice Portner; Roman & Dorothy Kahle; Walter Gareis; Robert Schnobrich Family; Gary Hoyles; Fred, Jean, Calvin Krambeer; Nevil & Brenda Webster; Tom Reinhart; Sp. Int.; Richard Guggisberg; Ray Ulmen; Norbert Ubl; Bill Goebel; Sp. Int.

Church of St. Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 22 AND 23

SERVERS

5:30 p.m. Carter Thomas & Piper Mangan
9:00 a.m. To be determined

SACRISTANS

Mario DeSouza
Laura Dittrich

LECTORS

Sue Schommer
Mike Furth

ACCOMPANISTS

Jody Braulick
Mary Waibel

CANTORS

Carolyn Keller
Kelsey Koch

Monday, April 17 - American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Social Hall from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code "St. Marys New Ulm."

Tuesday, April 18 - Adult Choir will practice at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 22 - First Communion practice will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Divine and Wine in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 23 - First Communion with reception following in the Social Hall

Please hold the 30 First Communion candidates and their families in prayer. They will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Sunday, April 23rd, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 23

SERVERS : Audra Bastian, Michelle Gruber and Avery Wendinger

LECTORS: Kaitlin Forst and Jeff Franta

COUNTERS: Craig Beranek and Jim Forst

EXTRA. MIN.: Greg & Joannie Hillesheim and Bonnie Bastian

GIFT BEARERS: Brad and Diane Franta

USHERS: Joe and Mark Bastian

MUSICIAN: Val Forst

ROSARY LEADER: Shirley Wendinger

CHURCH CLEANING April 29th at 8:30 a.m. - The *person calls the others to remind them.

*Joannie Hilleshiem, Kristin Hillesheim, Lori Hesse, Lisa Hoffmann and Katie Johnson

Please be sure to complete the information on your offering envelopes whether you are using an envelope from your packet or a plain envelope. You need to write your name on the front of the envelope, your envelope # if you are using a plain envelope, and the amount of your contribution and what the intended contribution is for if it is in a plain envelope. If you are donating to multiple categories, please indicate how much and where the contributions should be applied. Please do not put checks in the basket without an envelope with the necessary information clearly written on it.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to contribute to the Easter Environment in memory or honor of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope and place in the collection basket with the name of the person/people you are honoring with a memorial, or use online giving to donate by going to www.holycrossafc.weshareonline.org/StGeorgeEasterFlowers, and indicate who you are donating in memory of/honor of in the comments section.

Star Tribune Newspapers are now available for sale in the St. George Parking Lot. There is a coin machine that has daily papers for sale for \$1.50 and Sunday papers which cost \$2.50. Subscriptions are also available. Call Peter Zambino at 507-720-7866.

In honor of our patron saint, St. George, Catholic United Financial will be hosting coffee, donuts, and fruit for everyone following Mass on Sunday, April 23rd.

The St. George CUF has taken on a service project helping with the food shelf in New Ulm one afternoon a month. We want to open this up for anyone who would like to volunteer a couple of hours. It is only one day a month, so volunteers may only have to help out once a year. Anyone interested may call Greg or Joanie Hillesheim, who have taken it upon themselves to coordinate the project.

Construction has started on the back entry/steps on the East side of the church. If anyone has time to give to this project, please contact Craig Beranek (507-276-2460) or David Wendinger (507-276-3166).

Church of St. Gregory the Great

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 23

LECTOR:	Carol Hoffmann	SERVERS:	Josh Wendinger and Jarrett Platz
COMMENTATOR:	Neal Hoffmann	EXT. MINISTERS:	Bruce & Laurie Platz and Chuck Fitterer
MUSICIAN/CANTOR:	Katie Scheurer	USHERS:	Greg and Joleen Bieraugel
SACRISTANS:	Bobbie Schuelke and Bruce Platz		

You're invited to a brunch fundraiser for seminarian John Hayes on Sunday, April 23rd. The event will start at 11:30 a.m. This will be a free will donation. A silent auction will also take place. If you aren't able to come but would like to donate, please send donation to Citizens Bank Minnesota, PO Box 3, Lafayette, MN 56054 Attn: Lori Dick. Checks should be made out to St. Gregory's CCW.

Applications for the Roman and Elvera Fischer Scholarship are available on the bulletin board in church. Any St. Gregory parishioner attending a postsecondary institution is eligible to apply. DEADLINE to turn in application is May 1, 2017.

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 23

SERVERS:	Heide Hoffman, Ava Lawson and Ben Schumacher	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD:	Phyllis Brandt
LECTOR:	Craig Braulick	EUCCHARISTIC CUP:	Sandy Scheibel & Sue Schumacher
LEADER:	Jerry Grathwohl	ACCOMPANIST:	Gayle Waibel
USHERS:	Wayne Braulick and Rich Griebel	CANTOR:	Ken and Sue Griebel

Wednesday, April 19 -	Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 20 -	<u>No Mass</u>
Next Sunday, April 23 -	10:10 a.m. Rosary for Vocations; BIG Ticket Raffle sign-up after Mass
Monday, May 1 -	7:00 p.m. CUF Meeting-Sub Night (society pays)
Thursday, May 4 -	7:00 p.m. CCW Meeting

St. John's expectation for its members includes a hope that each family share time, talent and treasure for the good of their parish community. St. John's Festival 2017 needs 5 more people to be chairpersons with Jim Drexler. Please prayerfully consider and contact Al Drexler at 276-1264 for more information.

CCW Election Results are as follows:

Vice-President - Sandy Scheibel Treasurer - Jodie Braulick Secretary - Doreen Schmitt

Community News

Saturday, April 22 - The Red Cross will be installing FREE smoke alarms into homes in the Brown County area. Volunteers are needed, and no experience is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Angie Schull at angie.schull@redcross.org or call (507) 460-3674.

Sunday, April 23 - Men's Dinner at Church of St. Raphael - COF is sponsoring a dinner of sausage, homemade sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, apple sauce, ice cream and beverage, which will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium in Springfield. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12, and \$2 for preschoolers. Drive-up takeouts will be available.

Friday, May 5 - Arch Mrkvicka Celebration - Arch will be taking a step back from his full time work as Executive Director of Friends of San Lucas. A dinner and celebration will be held from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Church of St. John Neumann, 4030 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan. Seating is limited, so your RSVP to 651-454-0981 is important. There will be no charge for the dinner; however, contributions are welcome. If you would like to send a note of tribute or thanks to Arch, you can send them to friendsofsanlucasmision@gmail.com or Friends of San Lucas, 4679 Cambridge Drive, Eagan, MN 55122. The notes will be compiled and presented to him at the celebration.

New Ulm Head Start Center is now accepting applications from Brown County residents for the 2017 - 2018 school year. For more information and to apply, refer to www.mnvac.org or call 507-359-9287.

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. Our web page is www.smnccrisisnursery.org, and our email is smnccrisisnursery@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!

Holy Cross AFC News

Monday, April 17 - American Red Cross Blood Drive

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Prayerfully consider donating blood at St. Mary's from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit the website redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code "St Marys New Ulm."

Saturday, April 22 - Divine and Wine

All adult women of the Holy Cross AFC are invited to Divine and Wine. This is an evening of prayer and fellowship where we will enjoy a glass of wine (or other beverage) and light hors d'oeuvres while we learn about, and pray together, the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Sponsored by St. Mary's CCW, Divine and Wine will be held in the Social Hall after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, April 23 - Fundraiser for John Hayes

There will be a brunch and silent auction fundraiser for seminarian John Hayes at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Lafayette starting at 11:30 a.m. This will be a free will donation. A silent auction will also take place. All are welcome. If you aren't able to come but would like to donate, please send donation to Citizens Bank Minnesota, PO Box 3, Lafayette, MN 56054 Attn: Lori Dick. Checks should be made out to St. Gregory's CCW.

Sunday, April 23 - Open House

You and your family are invited to the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus' OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, April 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. to view their new Sacred Heart Chapel and see the inside of the convent too. No need to RSVP. Just come and see!

Sunday, April 23 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Cathedral with confession and adoration from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 29 - DNU CCW Convention

Register Today for New Ulm Diocese CCW Convention! So Close! St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye is hosting this convention. Get your registration to Paulette Kral, and we will pay your registration! Cari Donaldson will be the morning speaker sharing her conversion story, and the knowledgeable Franciscan sisters from Rochester will give an outstanding presentation in the afternoon: Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking. The day will begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and confessions at 7:45 a.m. with the opening of the convention at 8:30 a.m. A wonderful day is being planned with silent auction and booth displays and ending as we sing the Divine Mercy chaplet together.

Sunday, April 30 - Brown County Area CROP Walk

Ending hunger one step at a time...come be a part of the area CROP Walk, which begins at 1:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:45 p.m. at the Putting Green on 20th Street South in New Ulm. For more information, contact Chris Rosenhamer at 359-7052.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

April 23: First Communion at 9:00 a.m. Mass, St. Mary
April 30: First Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass, Searles and 1:30 p.m. at Cathedral
May 7: First Communion at 8:30 a.m. Mass, St. George and 10:30 a.m. at St. Gregory
May 13: AFC Confirmation at 5:30 p.m. Mass, St. Mary

For Sale

St. Gregory the Great Church has a used commercial kitchen-size griddle for sale. For more information, please contact Mona Nelson at 507-228-8328.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your marriage is designed by God to be a sign of His love for His people... attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, and let your love shine. The next available weekends are November 17th-19th in Windom and May 5th-7th in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Words of Wisdom

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."
Pope John Paul II

NEW ULM CATHOLIC CEMETERY NOTICE

Spring & Summer Rules/Regulations: All artificial flowers, etc. must be removed from the graves by April 19th for spring clean up. **Decorations may be placed back on the graves May 12th for Memorial Day, but must be removed 7 days after.** Only real flowers planted in the ground can remain. No wood chips, shavings, cement, metal edging or solar lights are allowed due to vandalism. Flag standards can remain 2 days after Flag Day (June 14). All other special days (birthdays, etc.) items can remain 2 days before and 2 days after.

Sympathy and Prayers to the Families of

Donald Gregg (Cathedral)

Allan Stueber (Cathedral)

Kathleen Schewe (St. Mary)

Bernadine Noyes,

mother of Gayle (Bob) Ranweiler (St. Mary)

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

*We welcome our newest adorers and
we thank all our long-standing adorers
for their faithful service to this ministry.
May God bless you and give you His peace!*

*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*

*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, 233-9510, for
closings due to weather.*



Stewardship for the Week of April 9, 2017

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	13,472.00	8,700.00	1,609.00	1,430.00	367.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Online Giving	611.54	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	14,083.54	8,745.00	1,609.00	1,430.00	367.00
Year-to-date Actual	537,264.24	547,279.80	83,513.00	70,860.33	48,098.50
Year-to-date Budget	540,884.71	539,701.78	67,035.00	62,072.86	44,154.13
Ahead/Behind	-3,620.47	7,578.02	16,478.00	8,787.47	3,944.37
Student	23.80	32.00	0.00	6.00	2.75
Loose Plate	484.28	373.87	52.00	12.25	59.00
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	36,761.00 (81)	16,690.00 (38)	1,932.55 (6)	5,157.00 (20)	2,939.34 (11)
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54
DMA Actual (# contributors)	58,025.00 (182)	43,715.00 (111)	5,815.00 (17)	11,940.00 (38)	3,256.70 (13)
Attendance:	1255	828	148	181	97



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

Visit us at www.nuacs.com

The faculty and staff of NUACS wish everyone a blessed Easter!

EASTER BREAK: There is no school on Monday, April 17th.

CHS PROM: Prom is on Saturday, April 22nd. The evening begins with Mass at 4:00 p.m. at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Searles, followed by dinner and the Grand March at 8:00 p.m. in the CHS Gym. Doors open to the public at 7:30 p.m. Grand March tickets are \$2.00 in advance and may be purchased in the CHS office or are \$3.00 at the door.

AFTER-PROM PARTY: All CHS juniors and seniors, whether you attend prom or not, are invited to the After-Prom Party featuring great food, fun activities, and super prizes! Students – please complete the registration form that you received.

SUPPORTING THE AFTER-PROM PARTY: If you or your business would like to support the After-Prom Party with a financial contribution for food, entertainment, and prizes, checks may be made payable to "NUACS After-Prom Party" and dropped off at Cathedral High School. Thank you!

NUACS JOB OPPORTUNITY: NUACS has an opening for Head of Maintenance, Cathedral High School. This is a full-time, 12-month position with benefits, beginning May 2017. For a complete job description and application, please visit www.nuacs.com, Employment Opportunities.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE FOR 2017-2018: St. Anthony Elementary may once again offer after-school care next year, subject to determining if a need exists for this service. To access the application/permission forms, please log on to www.nuacs.com. The deadline to register is Friday, April 28, 2017. NEW – please note there is also a Before-School Care Survey on this web page – please complete this survey by April 27th if you would be interested in childcare before school.

PREKINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018: PreKindergarten and Kindergarten registration materials for the 2017-2018 school year are available. Please call 354-2719 to request registration information. NUACS offers academic excellence and faith-filled experiences to children of all faiths. Visit www.nuacs.com for more details!

CHS YEARBOOK SALES: The 2016-2017 CHS yearbook is now on sale! All students in grades 7-12 are included in the yearbook. The cost of the yearbook is \$45 if ordered on or before April 19th, or \$50 if your order is placed between April 20th – May 22nd. Any order that is received after May 22, 2017, will be processed only if yearbooks are left. Order forms are available at www.nuacs.com and at the Cathedral High School main office. Order forms can be returned to the CHS office. A yearbook is a purchase that will be cherished for years!

METRO GOLF TOURNAMENT: The annual Metro Golf Tournament with a live and silent auction is happening earlier this summer – Monday, June 26th, at the Island View Golf Club in Waconia. Registration is now open! Log on to www.nuacs.com and click the "Alumni" tab to register to play.

START THINKING TWINS BASEBALL: Everyone is invited to join us for a summer Minnesota Twins outing! Current NUACS families and students, staff, alumni and other Greyhound supporters will converge at Target Field in Minneapolis to watch the Twins take on the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday, June 20th. For more information and to reserve your discount tickets, visit www.nuacs.com.

Religious Education & Faith Formation News

Religious Education and Faith Formation classes will be held as usual from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday night, April 19th.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

holycrossafc.org (Ministries)

YOUTH MINISTRY:

The next Middle School Youth event is April 29th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. We will meet at Washington Park (right across from Cathedral) for some outdoor games, activities and springtime snacks. Bring a friend!

SUMMER IS COMING! Parents of students in all grades are invited to a short information session about available summer youth activities. We will meet on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony cafeteria. Check out www.dnu.org/diocesan-events for more information on these fun summer activities and camps.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

3rd Sunday Social – 7:30 p.m. on April 23rd – Because of Easter on the 3rd Sunday, we are moving our event to the 4th Sunday this month. Come on over to Cathedral for games and fellowship! We'll start with Evening Prayer after Mass, then play some board games.

~ Matthew

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 16, 2017

Alleluia! Christ is risen! With Christians everywhere we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ. We also rejoice with the newly baptized who have plunged into the waters of rebirth and have risen to new life in Christ. As we renew our own baptism, we recommit ourselves to the faith that unites us to dying to sin and rising to life in Christ Jesus. In the fifty days of Easter we will celebrate that new life, shedding our Lenten practices and rejoicing that we are freed from sin and death through the power of the risen Lord. Alleluia!

(Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center)

From the Pastor

BLESSED EASTER On behalf of the priests and staff of our Holy Cross Area Faith Community, I would like to wish each of you a blessed Easter. Keep in mind we celebrate Easter for a full fifty days! Thank you to the many individuals and groups who put a great deal of time and energy into the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to the three individuals in our area faith community who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter:

Hunter Brinkman, Laura Holm and Jonathan Sellner

EASTER WATER Please help yourself to the blessed Easter water for your homes, gardens and fields.

FIRST COMMUNION Next Sunday we begin celebrating First Communion at our area parishes. St. Mary's will have First Communion at the 9:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, April 23rd. St. John's and Cathedral will celebrate April 30th; St. George and St. Gregory the Great will have their First Communion on May 7th. Please continue to keep our First Communion candidates and their families in prayer.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Next weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in the Catholic Church. Divine Mercy is an invitation for each of us to examine the practice of our faith and to trust in God's mercy for all, especially those in greatest need. There will be a celebration at the Cathedral with confession and adoration from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

EASTER OFFERINGS Please be generous again this year as we thank God for the many blessings He has given us to steward during our time on earth as we prepare for eternity with Him. Each worship site has a goal for the Easter collection separate from the weekend adult Sunday offerings. Please consider using both envelopes. Your generosity continues to support the core ministries at each of the five sites in the Holy Cross AFC.

Msgr. Grams

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday 17th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Don Weise and Mary Weise Weirauch
Tuesday 18th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Danny Hegler
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Francis Brandel
8:00 a.m.	St. George	+ Marlin Gleisner
8:20 a.m.	CHS at Cathedral	+ Harold Braulick
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+ Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld
Wednesday 19th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Francis & Veronica Dauer
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Paul Kotten
8:00 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	MPP
8:25 a.m.	SAE at Cathedral	+ Ray Portner
6:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Clarence Sellner
Thursday 20th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Mary Citterman
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Special Intention
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+ Elaine Braulick
Friday 21st		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Bill Goebel
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Doris Marquardt
10:15 a.m.	Ridgeway South	+ Jerome Schultz
Saturday 22nd		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Dennis Simmet
4:00 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Myrna Lage
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Marvin Halbur
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Paul Kotten
Sunday 23rd		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Victor Kral
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ John & Eleanor Epple
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Kathy Hoffmann
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Hilda & Oscar Fischer
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	John Hayes
10:30 a.m.	St. John	+ Ken Kuck
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
from St. Cloud	

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday 18th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
Wednesday 19th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
Thursday 20th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Friday 21st	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Saturday 22nd	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Sunday 23rd	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

Readings for the Week of April 16

Mon:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tues:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wed:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thurs:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Fri:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Sat:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31