



# The Messenger

**April 2018**

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**Pope Francis: A person transformed by Christ cannot be corrupt**

March 28, 2018 ROME - On Wednesday, Pope Francis said the Easter Triduum is the most important time of year for Christians, and stressed that those who truly allow themselves to be transformed by Jesus' resurrection, while still being sinners, cannot be corrupt.

"A Christian, if he truly allows himself to be washed by Christ, if he truly lets himself be stripped of the 'old man' to walk in a new life, even while remaining a sinner, he cannot be corrupt," the pope said March 28. "He can no longer live with death in the soul, nor can he be the cause of death."

The justification Jesus offered by dying on the cross "saves us from corruption," he said, stressing, as he often has, that while everyone is a sinner, Christians must never be corrupt.

Francis said it is "sad and painful" to see "fake Christians" who claim to be walking according to the path given by Jesus after his resurrection, but who, in reality, are living a corrupt life.

"These fake-Christians will end poorly," he said, adding that "a Christian, I repeat, is a sinner, we all are, I am, but we have the certainty that when we ask for forgiveness the Lord will forgive us. The fake Christian pretends to ask for forgiveness, but their heart is rotten." ...

...He pointed to St. Paul's assertion in the Second Book of Corinthians that "the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." Later, in his letter to the Romans, Paul describes the Easter transformation in a different way, saying Christ "was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

"The only one that justifies you, the only one that makes you born again is Jesus Christ, no one else!" the pope said in off-the-cuff remarks, adding that "this is the greatness of the love of Jesus: He gave his life to make us holy, to renew us, to forgive us. And this is precisely the core of the paschal mystery."

In the Triduum, the memory of Christ's death and resurrection is celebrated and at the same time renews in those who are baptized during the liturgy "the meaning of their new condition," he said...

Easter is also a time for solidarity with those who suffer, he said, noting that Christians can see the face of Christ in the vulnerable and: those experiencing pain, and are able to love them with the same love Jesus offered through his sacrifice on the cross...

Pope Francis closed his speech by asking that Mary would accompany everyone as the Triduum begins, that they may be "more deeply inserted into the mystery of Christ, his death and resurrection for us."

Mary "followed Jesus in his Passion, was present and united to him on the Cross, and received in her maternal heart the immense joy of the resurrection," he said, and prayed that she would obtain for all "the grace of being internally moved by the celebrations of the coming days, so that our heart and our lives will truly be transformed." ...

For full text go to <https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2018/03/28/pope-francis-a-person-transformed-by-christ-cannot-be-corrupt/>

## **SOCIETY LEADERSHIP AT ST. GREGORY'S**

### **ST. THOMAS C.O.F COURT #1994**

**Chief Ranger:** Andy Maidl  
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### **St Gregory Altar Society/Council of Catholic Women**

**President:** Arlene Phillips  
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**Secretary:** Carol Hoffmann  
**Treasurer:** Lori Dick  
**Commission Chairs:** Dianne Kuester – Spirituality; Lori Dick - Service; Paulette Messerli – Scholarship; Mary Lou Schmidt - Historian and vacant – Reverence for Life



## April Birthday Wishes....

2	Patti LeGare	15	Loren Dauer	21	Louise Guggisberg
2	Jamie Wenninger	15	March Muchow	22	Chuck Schmidt
3	Richard Seitz	15	Darwin Fischer	23	Mark Hoffmann
8	Lynn Maasch	20	Neal Hoffmann	24	Steve Portner
13	Arlynn Hoffmann	20	Cathy Johnson	28	Joleen Bieraugel
14	Terri Fitterer	20	Tim Schneider		

If any dates are incorrect, or you were unintentionally missed, please notify the office at 507-228-8298.

## Sympathy and Prayers....

... to the family of Aurelia Guggisberg, mother of Paul Guggisberg who passed away February 26, 2018.

....to the family of Maxine Goblirsch, mother of Cathy Johnson. Maxine passed away March 18, 2018.

....to the family of Clarence Hacker, brother–n–law of Greg Bieraugel. Mr. Hacker passed away March 21, 2018



## **THANK YOU....**

...A huge thank you to all that assisted with the World Day of Prayer program on March 2at St. Gregory's. Those assisting included Patti Hayes, Joleen Bieraugel, Mary Lou Schmidt, Louise Guggisberg, Diane Kuester, Paulette Messerli, Betty Maidl, Arlene Phillips and Barb Dietl of Winthrop, Leona Miller of St. Peter and Gail Berle of St. George. Also a special thank you to Fr. Cornelius for assisted with the service and provided the attendees with his beautiful piano playing.

...Thank you to everyone that assisted in any way in the beautiful Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses at St. Gregory's. One again the joint effort of our parish family is one to be commended.

...Thank you to all that assisted with the CCW Bingo on March 11 and the church cleaning from March 12-17.

....Thank to Chad and Laura Hacker for the donation of child size chairs for the Preschool Sunday Program.

....Thank you to the CCW and an anonymous donation for provided items to be able to provide children's treat bags after the Easter Vigil.

...Thank to all groups and individuals that donated towards the Easter Flowers and the Rice Bowl. A complete list of donors will be published in the May messenger.

**Fr. Rademacher's 60th Anniversary Celebration** -We are looking for a few volunteers from each worship site to assist at the social brunch event celebrating Fr. Rademacher's Ordination Anniversary. The event is taking place on Sunday, April 29 at St. Mary's church following the 9 AM Mass. If interested in helping, please contact Peggy at St. Mary's church (phone 233-9500). They are also in need of someone to chair the event as well. This is a great opportunity to give of some of your time to a priest that had a huge part in the leadership of St. Gregory's church including overseeing the construction of our current church. Special thanks to Shirley Berdan, who has already volunteered and Jim and Arlene Phillips who have also volunteered for help with clean up.

**Mass Intentions** are a wonderful way to show love and compassion and friendship. If you would like to have a Mass said in honor of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Intention envelope and return it in the collection basket. If writing a check for Mass Intentions, please address the check to St. Gregory Mass Intention Fund or St. Gregory' and indicate Mass Intention in the subject line.

**New Ulm Diocesan CCW Annual Convention:** The 59th Annual NUDCCW Convention will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. The Keynote speakers will be Nancy Jo Sullivan and Mary Kay Stebbins. Nancy will share her story of faith raising a child with Down's Syndrome. Mary Kay, the founder of Look for the Blessings ministry, will share answers to the question "Are Catholics Christian?" Contact Arlene Phillips, St. Gregory CCW president for a registration form, phone 228-8560.

A college choir from Jonkoping Sweden will be performing at Bernadotte Lutheran Church on the evening of Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 P.M. We are looking for hosts for the one night after the concert; students will need to be at Bernadotte the next morning at 8:00 A.M. to meet their bus to Chicago for their return trip to Sweden. A snack after the concert and a light breakfast will be needed. Please contact Deb Sjostrom (507-228-8768) or Ruth Klossner ([cowladyruth@gmail.com](mailto:cowladyruth@gmail.com)) if you are interested. It is a great experience to meet these young people from Sweden!

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**Please pray for the youth of our parish** as they travel in their faith journey to reach special milestones...

- ✠ **Keagan Weikle** –First Communion will be held Sunday, April 22 at 10:30 AM at St. Gregory's
- ✠ **Cassidy Platz, Jennifer Wear and Jay Webster** will receive the Holy Spirit during Confirmation on Saturday, May 12, 5:30 P.M. Mass with the Bishop at St. Mary's in New Ulm.
- ✠ **Hayley Hoffmann and Kendra VanDeest** – 2018 Graduates who will be honored at a special breakfast and at the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 20 at St. Gregory's.

## Harvest Festival Update

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>....Harvest Festival is 134 days away...SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

***If you are wishing to try a different job than previous years, please contact Mark Schuelke at 507-720-4371 by April 15<sup>th</sup>.***

**Donations for the Harvest Festival** are now being accepting for the Grand Raffle. If anyone would like to donate a prize to be listed on the Grand Raffle, please do so by mid to late April. Unique prizes, gift cards and cash prizes are great prize ideas...talk to your friends and neighbors to go together on a prize. If you have donated in the past, you should have already received your letter inviting to donate again. Raffle tickets will be printed in May and distributed in early June.

**Not sure what to donate?** Feel free to also donate to the bucket raffle, silent auction, paddle wheel, farmer's market, kids games, etc. Watch for more details as we get closer to the event.

# Upcoming Church and Community Events

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018** – Kitchen cleaning at 9 A.M. All are welcome!

**Friday, April 6, 2018** – Commercial Sexual Exploitation Workshop...What we can do for our communities? 6:30-8:30 P.M. at Wabasso Public School Auditorium High School; if interested in carpooling, please contact Arlene Phillips at 228-8650

**Sunday, April 8, 2018** - Annual COF Communal Dinner of St. Thomas Court #1994. A catered meal will be served in the social hall following the 10:30 A.M. Mass at St. Gregory. All St. Thomas Court COF members are welcome.

**Saturday, April 21, 2018** – First Communion Practice at St. Gregory's Church; 10:30 AM

**Sunday, April 22, 2018** – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at ST. GREGORY'S; 10:30 A.M. Mass

## **Save the dates...**

**Sunday, April 29, 2018** – Ordination Anniversary Celebration for Fr. Rademacher; 9 AM Mass at St. Mary's; Social gathering to follow Mass

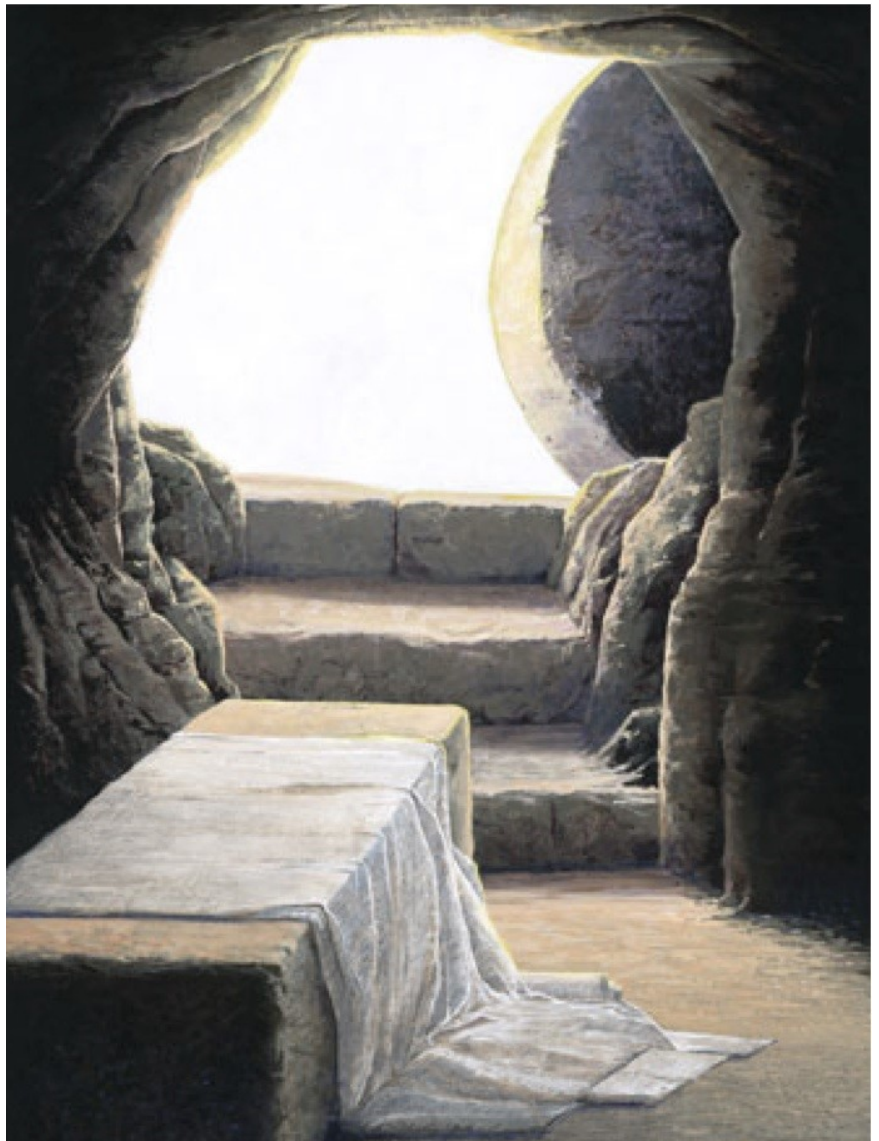
**Sunday, May 6, 2018** – Welcome and Congratulations Donut Sunday

**Saturday, May 12, 2018** – Holy Cross AFC Confirmation; St. Mary's Church, 9 A.M. Practice; 5:30 PM Mass with Bishop Levoir

**Sunday, May 20, 2018** - Baccalaureate Sunday honoring our graduates; 10:30 AM Mass. Graduates and their immediate families are invited to the CCW Brunch before hand

**Sunday August 12, 2018** – St. Gregory's Harvest Festival

**Sunday, August 19, 2018** – Swan Lake Church will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please watch future bulletins and Messenger editions for details.



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*April 2018*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>  <hr/> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>2</b>  <b>NUACS &amp; NUPS – No School</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>9 a.m. – Hall Kitchen cleaning</i>  <i>7 p.m. -Faith Form. in NU</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>10:30 a.m. Mass</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Sunday School</i>  <hr/> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>NO Confessions</b> <b>NO 8 a.m. – Mass</b>  <i>7 p.m. -Faith Form. in NU</i>	<b>12</b>  <i>7 p.m. HCAFC Joint Mtg - DNU</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Priest Retreat</b>						
<b>15</b> <i>10:30 a.m. Mass</i>  <hr/> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>7:30 a.m. Confessions*</i> <i>8 a.m. – Mass*</i>  <i>7 p.m. -Faith Form. in NU</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>10:30 a.m. First Communion Practice</i>
<b>22</b> <i>10:30 a.m. Mass - FIRST COMMUNION</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Sunday School</i>  <hr/> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>7:30 a.m. Confessions*</i> <i>8 a.m. – Mass*</i>  <i>7 p.m. -Faith Form. in NU</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>NUDCCW Convent</i>
<b>29</b> <i>10:30 a.m. Mass</i>  <hr/> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>For all Holy Cross Area Faith Community Activities go to</b> <b><a href="http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html">http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html</a></b> <i>*All activities/Masses are subject to change</i>				