



The Messenger

**APRIL
2019**

Pastoral Leadership

- Msgr. Douglas Grams
Rector/Pastor
- Fr. Garrett Ahlers
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Gerald Meidl
Senior Associate Pastor
- Dcn. Rick Christiansen
Permanent Deacon

St. Gregory the Great Pastoral
Admin. Council

- Mark Schuelke, President
- Larry Magee, Vice President
- Cheri LeBrun, Secretary;
HCAFC Rep
- Carol Hoffmann, HCAFC Rep.
- Rick Scheurer
- Carl Oswald, Trustee
- Pam Morson, Trustee
- Msgr. Douglas Grams, Ex Officio
- Sheri Liebl, Ex Officio

St. Gregory Cemetery Board

- Paul Guggisberg
- Bruce Platz
- Ben Stadick
- Mark Hoffmann
- Karl Lindquist

Employees

- Virginia Herring, Custodian
- Paulette Messerli, Custodian
- LaVon Fischer, Sub. Custodian
- Karl Lindquist, Grounds
- Sheri Liebl, Secretary
- Josh Fischer, Snow Removal

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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- 1. When does the Triduum begin and end?** The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.
- 2. How are the Holy Oils, consecrated and blessed at the Chrism Mass, to be received in the parish?** A reception of the oils may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The oils, in suitable vessels, can be carried in procession by members of the assembly.
- 3. How does the Adoration of the Holy Cross on Good Friday begin?** The Adoration of the Holy Cross begins with one of two forms of the Showing of the Holy Cross. The First Form begins as the deacon or another suitable minister goes to the sacristy and obtains the veiled Cross. Accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, the veiled Cross is brought to the center of the sanctuary in procession. The priest accepts the Cross and then, standing in front of the altar and facing the people, uncovers the upper part of the Cross, the right arm, and then the entire Cross. Each time he unveils a part of the Cross, he sings the acclamation, *Behold the wood of the Cross*. In the Second Form of the Showing of the Holy Cross, the priest or deacon goes to the church door, where he takes up the uncovered Cross. Accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, he processes to the sanctuary, stopping at the door of the church, in the middle of the church, and before entering the sanctuary, to sing the acclamation, *Behold the wood of the Cross*.
- 4. When should the Easter Vigil take place?** The Vigil, by its very nature, must take place at night. It is not begun before nightfall and should end before daybreak on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Easter Vigil takes the place of the Office of Readings of Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil begins and ends in darkness. Fire is blessed and the paschal candle is lighted to illumine the night so that all may hear the Easter proclamation and listen to the word of God proclaimed in the Scriptures.
- 5. Where is the paschal candle placed during Easter Time?** The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday. After Easter Time the candle should be kept with honor in the baptistery, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptized may be lit from it. In the celebration of funerals the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate Christ's undying presence. The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside Easter Time.

SOCIETY LEADERSHIP AT ST. GREGORY'S

ST. THOMAS C.O.F COURT #1994

Chief Ranger: Andy Maidl
Vice Chief Ranger: Mark LeGare
Treasurer: Joe Maidl
Recording Secretary: Mark Schuelke
Financial Secretary: Greg Bieraugel
Youth Director: Joe Maidl
Trustees: Paul Guggisberg, Neal Hoffmann and Ben Stadick

St Gregory Altar Society/Council of Catholic Women

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



April Birthday Wishes....

2	Patti LeGare	14	Terri Fitterer	20	Carly Wenninger
2	Jamie Wenninger	15	Loren Dauer	21	Louise Guggisberg
3	Richard Seitz	15	Marcy Muchow	21	Arianna Uher
7	Jay Webster	15	Darwin Fischer	22	Chuck Schmidt
12	Violet Beranek	17	Mary Lou Schmidt	23	Mark Hoffmann
12	Maria Uher	20	Neal Hoffmann	24	Steve Portner
13	Arlyne Hoffmann	20	Cathy Johnson	24	Rylee Hoffmann
13	Kolbe Platz	20	Tim Schneider	28	Joleen Bieraugel

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

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Tidbits of Information



Rest in Peace -

- *Diane Schuelke passed away on February 23 and was laid to rest on March 1, 2019.*
- *Dan Johnson passed away on March 10 and was laid to rest on March 16, 2019*

HAPPY 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO WALLY & LOUISE GUGGISBERG!

Contributions towards Easter Flowers are now being accepted. Donation envelopes are available at the back of church



Roman and Elvera Fischer Scholarship applications are now available at the back of church. To be eligible for this award the recipient of the funds must be registered member of St. Gregory the Great parish at the time of application; be enrolled in a post-secondary school and have satisfactorily completed one semester of full-time schooling before receiving the financial grant while maintaining a 2.5 GPA. The application deadline is May 1, 2019.

For Your Information...Meeting notes

Minutes approved March 2019

St Gregory the Great CCW met Jan 17, 2019 in the Social Hall.

Meeting called to order by VP Michelle Oswald at 6:30 with 6 ladies present plus two guests.

Fr Bruno spoke for about one hour about the Benedictine order and his personal life in India. Many questions followed. Very informative and entertaining.

Agenda was approved; Secretaries report approved; Treasurers report approved

Reports-

Visits to shut-ins - should add Richard Portner for 2019; Discussion of a small gifts instead of poinsettia; Cookie walk - well attended. Good participation by members; Profit of \$1925.75 with all expenses accounted for; Ecumenical Thanksgiving - Tuesday was a good choice of day. - Deacon Rick was well received; Santa Bags - gave out approximately 60 bags on Christmas Eve; Discussed inviting Fr Cornelius to the March meeting. Michelle will follow up on this.

Unfinished Business -

Waxing of social hall floors – Tabled; Childrens memorial - Tabled

New Business -

Sewing for Seeds - Lori D reported the speakers were good; Motion made by Pam M and seconded by Diane K to give \$100 - Passed.

Motion made by Diane K seconded by Paulette to give \$250 to SL Valentine Project. Passed
Michelle will do CCW report at parish annual meeting on Jan 27 using list from Oct CCW Sunday
World Day of Prayer - March 1 at Bernadotte Lutheran

Motion made by Pam seconded by Lori to give \$300 to Fr Bruno for seminary collection. Passed
Discussed other projects. Lori will check into St Peter Treatment Center and other possibilities.

Numas Haus - Diane will check on needs for Basket donation. Will get a list of needs and have printed in "Messenger". To be considered a parish Lenten project.

Motion by Pam seconded by Paulette to adjourn. Passed. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:45.

Secretary Carol Hoffmann

St. Gregory CCW will be collecting items during Lent to donate to NUMAS Haus in New Ulm. Items will be distributed to families as they transition to regular housing. Items in need include:



**Laundry Baskets
Dryer Sheets
Wal-Mart Gift Cards
Garbage Bags (13 gal)
Dish Soap
Bar/Pump soap
Bed Sheets**

**Laundry Detergent
Disinfecting Wipes
Toilet Paper
Broom & Dust Pan
Kitchen Towels
Bath Towels
Paper Towels**

Cash donations are also welcome

A collection table will be available at the back of church to donate your items. The collection period starts Ash Wednesday and will go through Easter

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St Gregory the Great Annual Meeting Minutes (approved 02/21/19) Sunday, January 27, 2019

Mark Schuelke called the meeting to order. Council Members that were present: Mark Schuelke, Carol Hoffmann, Pam Morson, Cheri LeBrun, Rich Schauer, Larry Mages, Carl Oswald and Monsignor Grams. A total of 50 parishioners were in attendance.

Opening Comments: Mark open the meeting with introductions of the council. He shared the new administrative council meeting process – one parish five sites and that we are working very strongly towards this. Reports were given by the respective committees.

Society reports:

Harvest Festival: Has been working very well with two co chairs. Funds made from event remain right in the middle of what we have made in the past 10 years. Meal numbers are down a bit but nothing substantial. Any suggestions can be brought to a committee member or Mark Schuelke one of the chairs.

COF: Helps support many of the projects we have within church; February 10, 2019 is Bingo Fundraiser for COF; They are offering support to future priest John Hayes and appreciate the support the parish gives to the COF.

Cemetery: A new sign was placed at the entrance of the cemetery due to fading of wording. Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to the perpetual care. Are working with CCW ladies to create a children's memorial. Suggestions can be given to Paul Guggisberg or Arlene Phillips. Plots for parishioners are \$450, non parishioners are \$550. If parishioners are wanting to purchase a plot but unsure whether they need one or two due to potential cremation possibilities. The cemetery will at the time of that decision will reimbursement back plot back at price paid.

CCW: There are six meetings a year. The ladies would love to see more participation. Every lady in the parish is an automatic member. The CCW appreciates everyone's support of their sponsored programs and events.

Question and Answers:

Monsignor Grams updated the parish in regard to where St Gregory's stands with our bankruptcy. Thank you to Betty Maidl for saving proof that we had insurance against these claims and what will be paid out will be mostly by the insurance we have. Our prayers if answered would be to have this behind us in nine months. Our parish vitality was looked at, the lower the number just shows that we are not a growing parish. Within five years we will be down to two priests to serve the five parishes. As a parish we have been proactive in being ready to move in the direction we need to as the supply of priests diminishes.

Thank you to the CCW ladies for serving lunch for this event and the members of St Gregory's that took time out of their day to attend this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Cheri LeBrun, Secretary

Save the dates...Upcoming Church and Community Events

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – Easter Choir practice at 6:15 PM

Thursday, April 4, 2019 – Holy Cross AFC Joint Admin. Council Meeting; 7 PM at the Pastoral Center

Sunday, April 7, 2019 – Members of St. Thomas COF #1994 are invited to attend the annual communal dinner following the 10:30 AM Mass in the Social Hall

Monday, April 8, 2019 – Harvest Festival Chairperson Meeting for 2019 Harvest Festival; 6:30 PM, Social Hall

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – Individual Confession time at St. Gregory's from 4:30 to 5:30 PM

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – Easter Choir practice at 6:15 PM

Saturday, April 13 – Field of Grace Youth Ham Bingo at the Lafayette Fire Hall starting at 6 P.M. and doors open at 4:30 P.M. Beverages and lunch will be available for purchase. Forty games will be played and all ages are welcome. There will even be Ham for door prizes. All proceeds benefit the Fields of Grace Youth Group.

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 – Individual Confession time at St. Gregory's from 5-6 PM

Thursday, April 18, 2019 – Holy Thursday Mass at 7 PM; Server Practice time TBD.

Saturday, April 20, 2019 – Lafayette Area Easter Egg Hunt at 10 AM at the Lafayette Charter School

Saturday, April 20, 2019 – Easter Vigil Mass at 8:40 PM; Server Practice time TBD.

Sunday, April 28, 2019 – Welcome New Member and Congratulations Donut Sunday following the 10:30 AM Mass

*Activity Calendar for St. Gregory the
Great Catholic Church in Lafayette, MN*

April 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 8 a.m. Mass (subject to change) 7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	4 7 p.m. HCAFC Joint Council meeting @ DNU	5	6
7 10:30 a.m. Mass St. Thomas COF Member Communal Dinner following 10:30 AM Mass	8 6:30 PM – Harvest Festival Chairperson Planning Meeting – Social Hall	9	10 8 a.m. Mass (subject to change) 4:30-5:30 p.m. Ind. Confessions at STGG 7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	11	12	13
5 th Sunday of Lent						
14 10:30 a.m. Mass Servers: Mass review at 10:10 AM	15	16	17 8 a.m. Mass (subject to change) 5-6 p.m. Ind. Confessions at STGG	18 Server Practice – Time TBD 7 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass at STGG	19	20 Server Practice – Time TBD 8:40 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass At STGG
Palm Sunday						
21 No Mass at St. Gregory's	22	23	24 8 a.m. Mass (subject to change) 7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	25	26	27
Easter Sunday						
28 10:30 a.m. Mass Welcome New Member and Congratulations Donut Sunday	29	30	To view the entire Holy Cross AFC calendar, go to http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html *All activities/Masses are subject to change			
Divine Mercy Sunday						