

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
Permanent Deacon

NUACS

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

Cathedral High School (7-12)
William Schumacher, Principal
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(507) 354-2719

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday



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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Church of St. Mary
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Church of St. George
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New Ulm, MN 56073
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**Church of
St. Gregory the Great**
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Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017

Bulletin Connection: *God's mercy is abundant. When he appears to them in the evening of the first day of the week, Jesus gives his disciples the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. But Thomas needs to see Jesus to believe that he is truly risen. Some people have a difficult time believing in God's merciful love. But the promise that God gives through the risen Christ is that his love is without end. We don't need to see Jesus to believe it. Expressions of God's mercy and love can be found each day in the community of faith.*
(Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center)

From the Pastor

FIRST COMMUNION Congratulations and God's blessing on the thirty children who are making their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's today. May the Body and Blood of Christ continue to nourish them as they grow in holiness with the good example of family and friends. Next Sunday St. John's and Cathedral will celebrate their First Communion; on May 7 St. George and St. Gregory will celebrate their First Communion. Please continue to keep our First Communion candidates and their families in prayer.

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY In 2001, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed the second Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy Sunday." In this feast we celebrate the fulfillment of what Easter is all about. It is an invitation for each of us – churched and unchurched alike – to examine the practice of our faith and to trust in God's mercy for all, especially those in greatest need. Everyone is invited to the celebration at Cathedral today (Sunday). Confession and adoration will be from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.

PRIESTS' RETREAT Early Sunday evening the annual diocesan Priests' Retreat will begin at King's House Retreat Center in Buffalo. All of the priests in our AFC will be participating in the retreat (Fr. Johanneck will be attending a spiritual direction course). In case of emergency, please call the Cathedral office and they will try to locate a priest.

AFC CONFIRMATION will be held at St. Mary's on Saturday, May 13 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please continue to pray for our candidates, their sponsors and families.

PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS The Bishop has announced the following transitions that directly affect our AFC (effective June 28, 2017): Fr. Aaron Johanneck appointed Parochial Administrator of the Church of St. Brendan in Green Isle, Church of St. Mary in Arlington and the Church of St. Michael in Gaylord while still serving as part-time Director of the Office of Worship for the diocese.

Fr. Garrett Ahlers appointed Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm and to assist with pastoral duties in the Holy Cross AFC and to teach at the Cathedral High School as well as being able to assist on the weekends in other parts of the diocese as needed by the priests of the diocese.

EASTER OFFERINGS Thank you to all who generously gave to our Easter collections. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, please consider doing so. Sharing your stewardship of treasure is one way we can 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). Your generosity continues to support the core ministries at each of the five sites in the Holy Cross AFC.

Msgr. Grams

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday, April 24th through Thursday, April 27th a.m.		
No Masses - Priests' Retreat		
Thursday 27th		
6:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Wally Leick
Friday 28th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Alice Henle
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Jim Hames
9:45 a.m.	Ridgeway North	+ Luverne Fischer
7:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Ruth Wilfahrt - CM
Saturday 29th		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Mary Ann Citterman
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Leo & Lorraine James
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Ambrose Bastian
Sunday 30th		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Greg Bauer
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Louis & Rose Liebl
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Dorothy Schnobrich
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Edwin & Florence Franta
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Anna Hacker
10:30 a.m.	St. John	St. John's 1st Communicant - Jack Griebel
1:30 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Florence Meulners
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

Friday 28th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Saturday 29th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Sunday 30th	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

Readings for the Week of April 23rd

MON:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
TUES:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
WED:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
THURS:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
FRI:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
SAT:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
NEXT SUN:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Stewardship for the Week of April 16, 2017

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	9,776.00	11,518.16	942.25	205.00	56.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	5,395.00	7,018.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Online Giving	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	15,171.00	18,656.16	1,165.25	205.00	56.00
Year-to-date Actual	552,435.24	565,935.96	84,678.25	71,065.33	48,179.50
Year-to-date Budget	554,077.02	552,865.24	68,670.00	63,611.32	45,231.06
Ahead/Behind	-1,641.78	13,070.72	16,008.25	7,454.01	2,948.44
Student	14.01	51.69	2.00	0.00	20.75
Loose Plate	0.00	1,685.31	132.00	93.25	77.00
Easter Budget	39,000.00	18,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00	2,250.00
Easter	26,104.00	16,861.00	5,053.00	2,516.00	2,021.97
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	36,828.00 (81)	16,790.00 (39)	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)	43,815.00 (112)	5,815.00 (17)	11,940.00 (38)	3,256.70 (13)
<i>Attendance:</i>	1710	1483	203	242	134



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

Visit us at www.nuacs.com

MID-QUARTER: Friday, April 28th, marks mid-quarter for fourth quarter.

REGISTRATION FORMS: 2017-2018 NUACS registration forms were distributed to the youngest child in the family with a due date of May 5th. Financial aid applications are due May 15th. If you have misplaced your forms, please call 354-2719. If your children do not currently attend New Ulm Area Catholic Schools and you would like enrollment information, please call Patti Groebner at 354-2719. New students are welcomed at any grade level!

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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018: 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 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 20, 2017. For more information and to reserve your discount tickets, visit www.nuacs.com. Tickets are available through Friday, May 19th.

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 26th.

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 the Cathedral) for some outdoor games, activities and springtime snacks. Bring a friend!

SUMMER IS COMING! Registration is starting soon! Adult volunteers will be needed for most of these events. Please consider sharing of your time to help the youth come to know Jesus Christ more and more!

June 26th-30th – Vacation Bible School for ages 4-11, but older students can volunteer

July 16th-21st – Totus Tuus (Grades 1-6 during the day, 7-12 at night). High school helpers are needed during the day

Summer Blast Caritas for Middle Schoolers – Mornings of June 7th & 21st, July 12th, and August 10th

July 23-27 - Camp Beloved – for girls in grades 6-12 (formerly Young Girl’s Discipleship Camp)

July 27-30 – Camp Greatness – for boys in grades 6-8 (formerly Young Men’s Discipleship Camp)

July 31-Aug 4 – Camp Greatness – for young men in grades 9-12 (formerly Young Men’s Discipleship Camp)

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Board Game Night – 7:30 p.m. on April 23rd – Stop by Leifeld Hall at the Cathedral for games and fellowship! We’ll start with Evening Prayer after Mass then play some board games. Any young adults, 18-39, are welcome!

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.

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.

Monday, May 1 - Fraternity of St. Joseph - Mens' Night

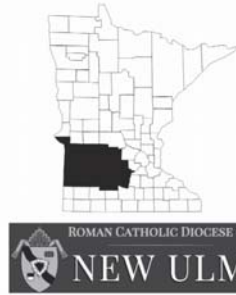
Fr. Aaron Johanneck will once again be celebrating Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Monday, May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye. Anyone may attend Holy Mass. Afterwards, all men are invited to the Railway Bar & Grill for a time of camaraderie and a talk/discussion led by Fr. Johanneck and Kevin Losleben on the importance of prayer, silence and the Mass. Often we are concerned about what we are doing, rather than concerning ourselves about what God is doing in our lives. Silence is essential to recognizing God's activity in our busy lives. Please accept this invitation to relax, pray and grow in holiness with other Christian men in our area.

Thank you!

Thank you to the 91 people that came to Monday's blood drive at St. Mary's and donated 93 pints of life-saving blood. American Red Cross was very pleased with the results. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with registration and the concession area. We appreciate your willingness to help with this cause.

**United States Bankruptcy Court
for the District of Minnesota In re:
Diocese of New Ulm, Case No. 17-30601**

**Claims Notice for Victims of Sexual Abuse and
Others With Claims Against the Diocese of New Ulm**



If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, a Catholic parish or Catholic school within the geographic area of the Diocese, or have any claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by July 10, 2017.

For more diocesan information: visit www.dnu.org
For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information: visit www.mnb.uscourts.gov
For advice about your rights: **contact an attorney**

Words of Wisdom

*It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).
~ Pope Francis*



**Sympathy and Prayers
to the Family of**

Kevin John Sweere,
brother of Keith (Julie) Sweere (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.*



Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 29TH AND 30TH

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. William & Kate Boston and Maggie Gillis
8:00 a.m. Aidan Hendrickson, Jarred Hotovec and Evan Bentler
10:00 a.m. Elise & Isabelle Webb and Amber Kretsch
6:30 p.m. Tony Gieger and Ethan & Caleb Kirchberg

LECTORS

Jerod Spilman
LeAnn Miheve
Vince Sloot
Terry Baumgart

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 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR WEEK OF 4/23: 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 & family; Edwin Sehr; Good Health for MS & DS; Gervase & Arline Krambeer; Cornelius Zitzmann; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Jeanette Altenburg; 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; Dick Ginn; Lauren Stueber; Walter Gareis; Robert Schnobrich Family; Sp. Int.; Richard Guggisberg; Ray Ulmen; Peter Meyer; Bill Goebel; Myrna Lage; Tess Schmitz; Loir Tuzinski; Hugo & Rose Deml; Michael Jutz; Sp. Int.

Church of St. Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 29TH AND 30TH

SERVERS

5:30 p.m. To be determined

9:00 a.m. Kendra Lyimo and Miles Boesch

SACRISTANS

Jean Nielsen

Barb Dietz

LECTORS

Amy Maudal

Deb Pribyl

ACCOMPANISTS

Brenda Lenertz

Karen Lyimo

CANTORS

Mary Carroll

Kari Gleisner

Sunday, April 23rd - First Communion with reception to follow in the Social Hall

Monday, May 1st - CCW Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

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.

Are you unable to get to Mass and Holy Communion due to illness or caregiving responsibilities? Are you anticipating surgery or hospitalization and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Healing? Please call St. Mary's Office at 233-9500 or Anita Hoffmann at 233-9512 or 276-1441 to let us know. We can arrange for one of the priests to visit you or for Anita to arrange Holy Communion visits. Remember, we do not know you are in the hospital or unable to get to Mass unless you notify us.

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 30TH

SERVERS : Ava Brennan, Austin Nosbush and Mikayla Lagerwall

LECTORS: Sue Sieve and Mark Berle

COUNTERS: Jim Gleisner and Terese Gruber

EXTRA. MIN.: Alma Forst, Ann Franta and Cindy Wendinger

GIFT BEARERS: Jeff and Terese Gruber

USHERS: Mike Bastian and Craig Beranek

MUSICIAN: Tom Maidl

ROSARY LEADER: Mary Mills

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.

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 30TH

LECTOR:	Arlene Phillips	SERVERS:	Audrey Beranek and Tyler Bleess
COMMENTATOR:	Nancy Daur	EXT. MINISTERS:	Adeline Cox, Carl and Michelle Oswald
MUSICIAN/CANTOR:	Karen Lyimo	USHERS:	Dave and Nancy Reed
SACRISTANS:	Bobbie Schuelke and Carl Oswald		

Thursday, May 4th - CCW Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Church rectory. All ladies of St. Gregory's are welcome to attend. Hostess is Donna Wieland.

Sunday, May 7th - First Communion at St. Gregory the Great

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 freewill 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.

Please join us in reciting the Rosary at 10:10 a.m. every Sunday in May. Thank you to members of the COF and CCW for leading the Rosary.

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 30TH

SERVERS:	Samantha, Matt and Maria Miller	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD:	Deanna Zea
LECTOR:	Heidi Hoffman	EUCCHARISTIC CUP:	Harry Zea and Patrice Scheibel
LEADER:	Lester Braulick	ACCOMPANIST:	Gayle Waibel
USHERS:	Wayne Braulick and Rich Griebel	CANTOR:	Women of Song

Next Sunday, April 30th - 10:10 a.m. Rosary for Vocations
First Communion

BIG Ticket Raffle Sign-up after Mass

Monday, May 1st - 7:00 p.m. CUF Meeting - Sub Night (society pays)

Thursday, May 4th - 7:00 p.m. CCW Meeting

Thank You to Jim Drexler, Wayne Braulick, Roger and Irene Abels for volunteering to chair our Fall Festival 2017. We would appreciate two more people to help. Contact Al Drexler at 276-1264 if you are interested.

Community News

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.

Saturday, April 29 - Mankato Riverblenders proudly presents "Mystery at the Mansion - Can Music Crack the Case" at 3:00 p.m. at Crossview Covenant Church, 2000 Howard Drive, Mankato. Advance tickets are \$13 or \$15 at the door. A double feature (dinner with an extra helping of barbershop) will also be offered with social hour and dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Riverblender Show at 7:30 p.m. Dinner permance tickets are \$40, and the double feature will be held at the Marriott Courtyard, 901 Raintree Road, Mankato. Check out singmankato.com for more information.

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.

Pilgrimage to Poland - Ron and Rhonda Wiering, the parents of Fr. Matt Wiering, are group leaders for a pilgrimage in August to Poland with an optional extension to Rome. The Polish portion of the tour will include important places in the life of St. John Paul II. It will also include a visit to Auschwitz, one of the Nazi death camps and the place where Sts. Maximilian Kolbe and Edith Stein gave their lives. They will also visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy and see St. Faustina's tomb. The optional Roman leg will include a general audience with Pope Francis and tours of the Vatican Museum and Catacombs as well as stops at the four papal basilicas. For more information visit the tour website: www.pilgrimages.com/wiering.