



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
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Representatives

Cathedral.....Tim Rahe
Jackie Finstad
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

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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5th Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

Bulletin Connection: *When a loved one dies, we could all wish that Jesus would be around to raise them again to life just as he raised Lazarus from the tomb. But today's Gospel is not about Jesus granting wishes like some magical genie. In the course of his conversations with Martha and Mary, Jesus is actually revealing to his followers core truths about resurrection. Because those who believe in him will never die, the resurrection is more than just walking around on this earth. It is a completely new kind of life – a life that will never end.*

(Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center)

From the Pastor

CONGRATULATIONS Many students in our area faith community have recently received honors and recognition in both academic and extra-curricular events in our school communities. We congratulate them on their achievements!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Our Holy Cross Area Faith Community Communal Penance Service will be held today, Sunday, April 2, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. Whether you go to confession regularly or haven't been there for years, you are encouraged to receive this sacrament and experience the forgiveness and mercy of God. In addition to the communal service today, there are many other opportunities in our area faith community to receive this sacrament of forgiveness. In last week's bulletin there was an insert listing those times and places as well as a suggested examination of conscience.

STRATEGIC PLANNING Bishop LeVoir continues to consult with the Committee on Parishes to ensure that the Catholic Church will continue to serve local communities and AFCs/parishes in our diocese. On March 26, he celebrated the last Mass at the Church of St. Gertrude in Forest City. This is the fifth parish to merge into a larger parish within the past year. In order to ensure a Catholic presence in our area, we continue to strive for greater cooperation by sharing priests, personnel, programs and resources. This shift requires a mindset that can be best viewed administratively as one parish with five worship sites.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 2: St. John's CCW Spring Fundraiser brunch, 11:30 a.m.
April 2: AFC Communal Penance Service, Cathedral, 2:00 p.m.
April 2: Young Adult Truth on Tap, 7:30 p.m.
April 6: Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Murdock, 7:00 p.m.
April 9: St. Mary's CCW Palm Sunday Brunch/Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m.

Msgr. Grams

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday 3rd 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Odelia Forst
Tuesday 4th 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Cathedral St. Mary St. George CHS at Cathedral Orchard Hills	+ Mary Ann Citterman Fr. John Goggin Living CUF members + Francis & Veronica Dauer + Harold Braulick
Wednesday 5th 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. ---	Cathedral St. Mary St. Gregory the Great SAE at Cathedral	+ Robert Roesch + Wally Leick + Victor Maidl NO MASS
Thursday 6th 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Cathedral St. Mary Oak Hills St. John the Baptist	+ Craig Richter All shut-ins by CUF + Donald Fiebiger + Everett & Bea Klinkner
Friday 7th 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Cathedral St. Mary Ridgeway South	+ Clara & Wencel Helget + Marvin Halbur + Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld
Saturday 8th 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Cathedral Cathedral St. Mary	+ Alice Henle + Anton/Mimie Hackey Family + Joseph Stueber
Sunday 9th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Cathedral St. George St. Mary Cathedral St. John the Baptist St. Gregory the Great Cathedral	+ George Sviene + Jerome Forst + Elizabeth Weinzierl + Ludwig & Viola Wendinger + Marilyn Kuck + Suzanne Rhinehart Mass for the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Monday 3rd	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Tuesday 4th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m. 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Mary St. George
Wednesday 5th	6:25 - 6:55 a.m. 7:00 - 7:20 a.m. 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. 11:00 - 11:55 a.m. 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Cathedral St. Mary St. Gregory the Great Cathedral Cathedral
Thursday 6th	6:25 - 6:55 a.m. 7:00 - 7:20 a.m. 11:00 - 11:55 a.m. 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Cathedral St. Mary Cathedral Cathedral St. John
Friday 7th	6:25 - 6:55 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 11:00 - 11:55 a.m. 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 4:30 - 5:20 p.m. After stations to 6:30 p.m.	Cathedral St. Mary Cathedral Cathedral St. George St. Mary
Saturday 8th	8:00 - 9:00 a.m. 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 4:00 - 4:40 p.m. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	St. Mary Cathedral Cathedral St. Mary Cathedral
Sunday 9th	7:00 - 7:40 a.m. 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Cathedral Cathedral

Stewardship for the Week of March 26, 2017

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	8,858.00	8,190.00	1,440.00	1,247.00	814.50
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	318.08	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	9,176.08	8,260.00	1,440.00	1,247.00	814.50
Year-to-date Actual	508,448.70	519,049.80	79,123.00	65,234.96	46,250.18
Year-to-date Budget	514,500.09	513,374.86	63,765.00	58,999.94	42,000.27
Ahead/Behind	-6,051.39	5,674.94	15,358.00	5,933.02	4,249.91
Student	9.25	23.00	3.00	40.00	7.25
Loose Plate	547.00	270.53	11.00	48.51	48.00
Catholic Relief Services	1,506.57	1,327.00	322.00	168.62	176.08
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	36,453.00 (80)	16,590.00 (37)	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)
<i>Attendance:</i>	<i>1164</i>	<i>698</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>130</i>



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

Visit us at www.nuacs.com

CHS PROM: Prom is Saturday, April 22, 2017. The evening will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Searles. This is a special Mass for Prom. Dinner will follow Mass at Lola's Bistro. The Grand March begins at 8:00 p.m. in the CHS Gym. The doors will be 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 - please plan to attend the CHS After-Prom Party! Don't miss this fun, free event! There will be plenty of great food and fun activities, plus super prizes! Even if you choose not to attend the prom, this event is for you! Students - please complete the registration form that you received.

BUSINESSES SUPPORT TEENS: The After-Prom Party is a fun, safe event for our youth. 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 mailed to or dropped off at Cathedral High School, 600 N. Washington St. Thank you for helping provide a safe event for our teens!

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE FOR 2017-2018: St. Anthony Elementary is considering once again offering 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.

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!

BUTTER BRAID SALE: The CHS Band is selling delicious Butter Braids to raise funds for a future band trip. Contact a CHS band student to place your order by April 10.

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.

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 5th. Church of St. Mary Parent Night topic is Holy Week and Easter. All parents are invited to attend. Class for Kindergarteners will be held at the Church of St. Mary from 7:00-8:00 p.m. as well.

RCIA CLASS will be held on Wednesday, April 5th, at 6:45 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

holycrossafc.org (Ministries)

YOUTH MINISTRY: Summer is Coming! - Parents of students in Faith Formation at St. Mary's are invited on April 5th to a short information session (during Parent Night) about summer activities available to youth of all ages. A similar meeting will be held at Cathedral on April 19th. A reminder of some of the dates you may want to save:

- June 26-30: Vacation Bible School for younger grades, but older students can volunteer
- July 16-21: Totus Tuus (Grades 1-6 during the day, 7-12 at night). High school helpers are needed during the day.
- Mornings of June 7 & 21, July 12, and August 10: Summer Blast Caritas for Middle Schoolers
- 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 (AGES 18-39): Truth on Tap - 7:30 p.m. on April 2nd - Because we're in the home stretch of Lent, ToT will be a little different for April. We'll plan to meet at the Way of the Cross, just down the hill from the Diocesan Center, for reflection and prayer. We'll then head back to Cathedral for some social time.

- Matthew

Holy Cross AFC News

Sunday, April 2 - HCAFC Penance Service

The Holy Cross Area Faith Community Penance Service will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Sunday, April 2 - CCW Spring Fundraiser

St. John's CCW Spring Fundraiser Committee is hosting a potluck style all-you-can-eat brunch, including a wide variety of delicious foods, at 11:30 a.m. You are guaranteed not to go away hungry. The day includes a bake sale and raffle with 28 chances to win. Plan ahead to bring your family and friends. Adults (13 and older) \$8.00, Children (4-12 years) \$4.00 and Preschool (3 & under) \$1.00. St. John's Centennial Cookbooks will also be for sale for that upcoming birthday, bridal shower, wedding, Mother's Day or just because. All are welcome!

Monday, April 3 - Rosary

Everyone is welcome to come pray the Rosary at Cathedral at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4 - Christian Mothers

Christian Mothers will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Leifeld Hall. Sr. Ellen of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will be speaking on her experiences with Nazi Germany. Please bring an item for the Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery.

Thursday, April 6 - Baptism Class

Baptism Class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. in Leifeld Hall at Cathedral. Contact Julie at 233-0628 for more information.

Friday, April 7 - Stations of the Cross

St. Mary 5:00 p.m.
Cathedral 5:15 p.m.

St. George 5:30 p.m. & Soup and Sandwich Supper in the PC

Friday, April 7 - Men's Fish Fry

The all-you-can-eat cod fish fry will be served from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Leifeld Hall at Cathedral. In addition to cod, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, corn, sherbert and beverages will be served. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 ages 5-12 and children under 5 are free.

Sunday, April 9 - St. Mary's CCW Palm Sunday Brunch

Brunch including ham, smokies, eggs, German potato salad, schmierkuchen, bread, pudding and beverages will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Social Hall. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-11 and free for children under 4 years of age.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with the next American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mary's on Monday, April 17th, at 1:00 p.m. Shifts available are 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you are able to share your time for this cause, please contact the St. Mary's parish office at 233-9500.

Sunday, April 23 - Brunch Fundraiser for John Hayes

There will be a brunch 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. All are welcome. If you aren't able to come, but would like to donate, please send donations to Citizens Bank Minnesota, PO Box 3, Lafayette, MN 56054, Attn: Lori Dick. Checks should be made out to St. Gregory's CCW.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next available Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 21-23 in Hutchinson and November 17-19 in Windom. For more information visit southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Pilgrimage to Poland

Ron and Rhonda Wiering, 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 at www.pilgrimages.com/wiering.

100 Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

Join Bishop John M. LeVoi on a tour to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes from September 11th - 21st. The tour will include stays in Lourdes, Burgos, Madrid, Fatima and Lisbon and will also include daily Mass, deluxe motorcoach and excellent local guides. Register at magitravelinc.com or by calling 952-949-0065.

Wisdom to Ponder

"Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet, especially your family. Be holy."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Baptized in Christ

Joanna Kay Wendinger,

daughter of Bryan and Angie Wendinger (St. George)

Harriet Augusta Gunninck,

daughter of Zachary and Manessa Gunninck (St. George)

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**Sympathy and Prayers to the Families of
Janelle Fox, James Buechner and Richard Seifert**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Lent:

A time of prayer and sacrifice.

A time of renewal.

A time to grow closer to God.

This Lent:

Come spend some time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel.

See where it takes you on your journey

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 8 AND 9 - PALM SUNDAY

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Melanne & Julia Merkel and Greta Finstad
8:00 a.m. Caleb & Ethan Kirchberg and Evan Bentler
10:00 a.m. Michael Sloom, Will Schaeber, Truman Pippert, Elliot Schoo, Josh Seidl, Jeremy Holm
6:30 p.m. Hannah & Rebekah Friendshuh and Ella Landsteiner

LECTORS

Dave Lynn and Anita Shikoski
Gary Neubauer and Don Brand
Marie Guggisberg and Nick Schultz
Theresa Bock and Terry Baumgart

Monday, April 3 - Sts. Joseph and Elizabeth Councils will meet in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4 - Youth Choir will rehearse at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6 - Choir practice will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7 - Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:15 p.m.

THE MEN'S FISH FRY takes place on Friday, April 7th. We are seeking donations for the raffle prizes and expenses of the dinner. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

THANK YOU'S - Thank you to Betty Weier for organizing the sauerkraut dinner, for the many women who worked to make this event happen, to all who donated baked goods and attended; to the ladies who faithfully come to the CCW meetings and offer advice, ideas and support; to Sue Forstner and Gwen Christianson for your help with the Region 1 CCW Gathering; to Sarah Gillis for organizing the Lenten soup suppers and to all who bring soup and work events; and to Amber Bentler (our new CCW president) and Amy Waibel for organizing our Valentine's Day Breakfast and always being willing to step in when necessary. We are grateful.

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR 4/2: 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; Larry Waibel; Helget Family; J&R Families; Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld, T.W. & Clara Manderfeld, Joseph & Margaret Zenk; Bill Goebel; Souls in Purgatory; Successful Surgery for Mom; Leo & Lorraine James; Raymond Portner; Sp. Int. J; Paul Griebel; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin; Tom & Louise Cooling; Jeanne Stout; Sp. Int.; Norbert Ubl; Doug Clobes; Wally Neumann; Sp. Int. L-K; Doug Kraus, Lorraine Gulden; Louis & Mary Glaser & deceased family; Peter Meyer; Warren Jorgenson; Ila Wieseler; Clem Hoffman; Dr. Pete; Sp. Int.

Church of St. Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 8 AND 9 - PALM SUNDAY

SERVERS

5:30 p.m. To be determined
9:00 a.m. To be determined

SACRISTANS

Aleda Beranek
Karen Domeier

LECTORS

Deb Pribyl
Tammy Yackley

ACCOMPANISTS

Jody Braulick
Peggy Schlumpberger

CANTORS

Mary Carroll
Kelsey Koch

GIFT BEARERS:

5:30 p.m. Joey Wise family

9:00 a.m. Jeremy Eckstein family

Sunday, April 2 - NU Junior Baseball Association hosting a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Monday, April 3 - CCW will meet in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. **AND** St. Cecilia Choir will meet for rehearsal at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4 - Adult Choir will meet for rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 - Palm braiding will take place in the Social Hall from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Cleanup will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 9 - CCW will host a Palm Sunday brunch and bake sale in the Social Hall from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN - St. Mary's donated 579 pounds of food and \$945 to the New Ulm Area Food Shelf in March, bringing our total of pounds of food donated in 2017 to 754 pounds. Thank you for your generosity!

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be served by St. Mary's CCW on April 9th. The following donations would be greatly appreciated: angel food cakes, butter, sugar, cooking spray, unbleached flour, vinegar, cornstarch, paper towels, decaf coffee, large eggs (no medium or extra large), whipped topping, pie filling for angel food cakes, salt, white pepper, dish soap and scouring pads. Please bring donations to the kitchen no later than Thursday, April 6th. Please be generous. Thank you.

RICE BOWLS can be dropped in the box in the main entryway next weekend or brought to the office during the week. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's.

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 9 - PALM SUNDAY

SERVERS : Jared Beranek, Mikayla Lagerwall and Josh Dummer

LECTORS: Mark Berle and Matt Wendinger

COUNTERS: Steve Biebl and Jim Forst

EXT. MIN.: Anna Bastian, Terese Gruber and Ann Franta

GIFT BEARERS: Don and Karen Wendinger

USHERS: Pete and Scott Wendinger

MUSICIAN: Adult Choir

ROSARY LEADER: Marianne Bianchi

CHURCH CLEANING April 15th at 8:30 a.m. - Remember: The (*) person calls the others to remind them.

*Sharon Gleisner, Agnes & Claudia Gleisner, Terese Gruber and Manessa Gunninck

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 it 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 in the comments section.

FESTIVAL NEWS: We are looking for a volunteer to make the table center pieces for the Harvest Festival. Please contact Kristin Hillesheim at 507-276-2742 if you are interested. Also, a reminder to parish members to start planning items for the craft and garden shop and for the children's games. Lastly, we are still missing some of the chairmen's folders. Please turn in your completed folder to either Kristin Hillesheim, Leigh Wendinger or Katie Johnson if you have not done so already. Thank you.'

WE HAVE BEGUN WORK ON THIS YEAR'S BIG TICKET. If you would like to donate on it this year and have not been contacted, please call George or Marian at 359-2123.

Church of St. Gregory the Great

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 9 - PALM SUNDAY

LECTOR:	Joe Maidl	SERVERS:	Jay Webster, Rachel Dauer, Kolbe Platz, Mark Beranek
COMMENTATOR:	Andy Maidl	EXT. MINISTERS:	Carol Hoffmann, Nancy Reed and Nancy Dauer
MUSICIAN/CANTOR:	Katie Scheurer	USHERS:	Paulette Messerli and Ginny Herring
SACRISTANS:	Bobbie Schuelke and Laurie Platz	PASSION READERS:	Joe & Andy Maidl, Paul Platz and Neal Hoffmann

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - COF Annual Communal Dinner for all COF members and immediate family members after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 - Lenten Study Group following the 8 a.m. Mass in the Social Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - Meeting for Harvest Festival Chairpersons

Please plan to attend this important planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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. 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.

ATTENTION -LADIES OF CIRCLE 2 are asked to sign up in the Social Hall for John Hayes' seminarian brunch fundraiser to be held on April 23rd.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. Join us on Wednesdays, April 5 & 12 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!
HONOR A SPECIAL LOVED ONE by contributing to the Easter flower fund. Donation envelopes are now available at the back of church.

JOIN US FOR A LENTEN STUDY GROUP every Wednesday during Lent in the Social Hall following the 8 a.m. Mass.

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 9 - PALM SUNDAY

SERVERS:	Jacob Leshovsky, Isabel and Isaiah Rieser	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD:	John Rieser
LECTOR:	Jamie Rieser	EUCCHARISTIC CUP:	Betty & Shirley Kuck
LEADER:	Harvey Stadick	ACCOMPANIST:	Ginifer Simon
USHERS:	Wayne Braulick and Rich Griebel	CANTOR:	Ministers of Music

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - CCW Spring Fundraiser at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome! CCW election will also take place.

MONDAY, APRIL 3 - CUF will meet at 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - Mass at 6:30 p.m. with Stations of the Cross to follow

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - 10:10 a.m. Rosary for Vocations

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS – Anyone wishing to donate towards the Easter flowers/decorations in memory of a loved one, please put your donation of \$10 or more in an envelope marked “Easter Memorials” with your name and in whose memory and place it in the Sunday offering basket. Deadline is Palm Sunday, April 9th.

Community News

Sunday, April 2 - 6th Annual Community Benefit Breakfast for First Choice Pregnancy Services in New Ulm will be served from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the American Legion. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 10 and under and \$1 for preschoolers.

Wednesday, April 5 - Support Pro Kinship for Kids at McDonald's from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come enjoy an Easter Day Themed Family Fun Night. 15% of all dine-in or take-out food during this event will go to support Pro Kinship for Kids programming.

Saturday, April 8 - Field of Grace (FOG) Youth Group Ham Bingo Fundraiser will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Fire Hall. There will be half hams for prizes PLUS two blackout games for a chance to win a full ham! All ages are welcome, and food will be available for purchase. Come win your Easter Ham while supporting the youth!

Beginning April 13 - Powerful Tools for Caregivers educational workshop will be held Thursdays, April 13th through May 18th from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Room 111 of the New Ulm Senior/Community Center. Attendees will learn to reduce stress, improve self-confidence, better communicate your feelings, balance your life, increase your ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. For more information, contact Sarah Anderson at 507-822-1499 or sarah.anderson@lssmn.org.

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.