



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)

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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.

Palm 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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6th Sunday of Lent

April 9, 2017

Bulletin Connection: Did you catch the line at the end of the Gospel for the procession with palms? The people in Jerusalem asked, "Who is this?" when a crowd of Jesus' followers were shouting Hosannas as he was entering the city. The inhabitants of Jerusalem didn't know who he was. Yes, it's unlikely that the big-city dwellers would have taken much notice of an itinerant prophet from some backwater town up north. He just wasn't that important. But for his followers, Jesus is the most important man ever born of woman. It's something for us to keep in mind as we enter into this Holy Week.

(Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center)

From the Pastor

PLEASE NOTE This week we will resume the sign of peace and the reception of the Eucharist under both forms (Body and Blood of Christ) at all weekend Masses. If you are not feeling well, a verbal sign of peace would be appropriate, and please refrain from receiving from the cup if you are ill.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES Each household will be receiving a schedule for Holy Week liturgies throughout the AFC. These include Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) and Easter Sunday as well as a list of remaining opportunities for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Also, please see the insert in today's bulletin regarding the Sacred Triduum.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND The annual second collection for the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday. Your donation to our Holy Father's appeal is a way to make a difference in the lives of those caught in war, violence and the instability of that region of the world. To give you an idea of the kinds of services this collection provides, go to www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org. Please be generous.

GOOD FRIDAY REMINDER Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Everyone 14 and over are bound to abstain from meat. All those who are 18-59 are bound to fast, though all are highly encouraged to do so, health permitting.

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 9: St. Mary's CCW Palm Sunday Brunch/Bake Sale, 9:00 am

April 23: First Communion at 9:00 am Mass, St. Mary

April 30: First Communion at 10:30 am Mass, Searles; 1:30 pm at Cathedral

May 7: First Communion at 8:30 am Mass, St. George; 10:30 am at St. Gregory

May 13: AFC Confirmation at 5:30 pm Mass, St. Mary

Msgr. Grams

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."

Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday 10th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Donald Rausch
Tuesday 11th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Maurice Louwagie
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Wallace Wendinger
8:20 a.m.	CHS at Cathedral	+ Bill Goebel
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+ Jerome Schultz
Wednesday 12th		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Alice Henle
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Glen Zollner Family, Living & Deceased
8:25 a.m.	SAE at Cathedral	+ No SAE Mass this week
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+ Erwin Portner
Thursday 13th HOLY THURSDAY		
7:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Luverne Fischer
7:00 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ D. Alfred & Eugenia Drexler
7:00 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Tom Windhorn
7:00 p.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Doug Clobes
Friday 14th FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD		
12:00 p.m.	Cathedral	Passion of the Lord
1:30 p.m.	St. Mary	Passion of the Lord
3:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross	Stations with Bishop LeVoir
5:30 p.m.	St. George	Passion of the Lord
7:00 p.m.	Cathedral	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 15th EASTER VIGIL		
8:30 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Eleanor Mertz
8:30 p.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Francis & Veronica Dauer
8:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Gilbert & Adeline Hoffman
Sunday 16th EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD		
8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Lucille Altmann
8:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Tiffany Rodning
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Otto Reitter
9:00 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ D. Ralph Stadick
9:30 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Joe & Mary Kay Portner
10:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Wally Leick
11:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Tom, Ruth & Jim Bertrand
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

Sunday 9th	2:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Cathedral
Monday 10th	11:00 - 11:55 a.m.	Cathedral
	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Cathedral
	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Cathedral
Tuesday 11th	11:00 - 11:55 a.m.	Cathedral
	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	St. George
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	St. Mary's
	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	St. John's
	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Cathedral
Wednesday 12th	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's
	11:00 - 11:55 a.m.	Cathedral
	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Cathedral
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	St. Mary's
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	St. Gregory
	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Cathedral
Thursday 13th	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Cathedral

Stewardship for the Week of April 2, 2017

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	13,507.00	12,574.00	1,781.00	4,195.37	1,401.32
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	1,225.00	6,766.00	1,000.00	0.00	80.00
Online Giving	0.00	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	14,732.00	19,485.00	2,781.00	4,195.37	1,481.32
Year-to-date Actual	523,180.70	538,534.80	81,904.00	69,430.33	47,731.50
Year-to-date Budget	527,692.40	526,538.32	65,400.00	60,534.40	43,077.20
Ahead/Behind	-4,511.70	11,996.48	16,504.00	8,895.93	4,654.30
Student	42.60	18.00	7.00	0.00	16.00
Loose Plate	567.64	371.50	18.87	26.25	49.00
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)	16,590.00 (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>1179</i>	<i>730</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>117</i>



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

Visit us at www.nuacs.com

Easter Break: Students will be out of school from Wednesday, April 12- Monday, April 17, returning to school on Tuesday, April 18.
CHS Prom: Prom is Saturday, April 22, 2017. The evening will begin with Mass at 4:00 PM 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 PM in the CHS Gym. The doors will be open to the public at 7:30 PM. 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!

Keep Saving Box Tops and Labels for NUACS: Your efforts at clipping labels and UPC codes pay off big. We just received a check for \$474.40 in Milk Moola proceeds! Please keep it up as this is a great help to our school and really adds up when we all contribute. Simply drop the clipped labels (General Mills Box Tops for Education, Cash Wise Food Club ~ Labels for Education, Hy-Vee UPC codes beginning with "75", Kwik Trip Milk Moola caps & labels, Campbell's Labels for Education [note this program will end shortly], and Village Hearth Loaves for Learning UPC cutouts) at the St. Anthony Elementary or CHS office.

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 19, or \$50 if your order is placed between April 20-May 22. 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!

Religious Education & Faith Formation News

There will be no Religious Education or Faith Formation classes this week, as it is Holy Week. All families are encouraged to attend Holy Week services at any church in the HCAFC. See the Mass schedule in the bulletin for times and locations.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

holycrossafc.org (Ministries)

Youth Ministry: Middle School Event – The next Middle School Youth event is April 29th! From 4:00pm - 6:00pm, we will meet at Washington Park (right across from the Cathedral) for outdoor games, activities, and snacks. Bring a friend!

Summer is Coming! – Parents of students in Faith Formation at St. Mary's are invited on April 5th to a short information session about summer activities available to youth of all ages. A similar meeting will be held at Cathedral on April 19th. Dates to save: June 26th- 30th Vacation Bible School for younger grades / July 16th- 21st Totus Tuus Grades 1-6 during the day, 7-12 at night / 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 / July 27-30 – Camp Greatness – for boys in grades 6-8 / July 31-Aug 4 – Camp Greatness – for young men in grades 9-12.

Young Adult Ministry: 3rd Sunday Social – 7:30pm 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

Holy Cross AFC News

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.

Monday, April 10 - Rosary 1:00 p.m. at Cathedral

Everyone is welcome to join us in this special practice of saying the Rosary. Please contact Betty Rausch at 354-4714 for more information.

Saturday, April 22 - 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 5:30pm Mass.

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.

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 for volunteering in the concession area and at the registration table 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your marriage is good, but why not make it GREAT?! The next available Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 21st - 23rd in Hutchinson and November 17th - 19th in Windom. Early registration is highly recommended. Visit southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229 for more information.

100 Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

Join Bishop John M. LeVoir 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.

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.



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.

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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.

Keep Us in the Loop. Have you switched totally from a land line to a cell phone? Remember to contact your parish office. If we need to contact you, even for reasons you might not think of, we have no way to contact you without the number. Thank you!

Baptized in Christ

Norah Grace Hendrickson

daughter of Karl and Nicole Hendrickson (Cathedral)

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Sympathy and Prayers to the Families of

Stella Drill, Myrna Lage (Cathedral)

Gary Griebel (St. John the Baptist)

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 HOLY WEEK

SERVERS

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday - Pontifical Servers
12:00 p.m. Good Friday - Pontifical Servers
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil - Pontifical Servers
8:00 a.m. Jaydan & Jenna Hotovec, Thomas Finstad
9:30 a.m. Pontifical Servers
11:00 a.m. Rebecca Schwarz, Rose Hazuka, Jenna Helget
6:30 p.m. Brendan & Jacob DeVries, David Bode

LECTORS

Vince Sloot
Randy Clyne, Corrine Dittrich
Denise Richter, Denny Guldan, Julie Soehren
Corrine Dittrich
Tim Guldan
Linda Arduser
Darrel Brey

Easter Collection: Our goal for the 2017 Easter collection is \$39,000.00. Please plan to be generous as you have in the past.

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR WEEK OF 4/9: 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; Sp. Int. J; Paul Griebel; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin; Tom & Louise Cooling, Bob LeGare; Sp. Int.; Norbert Ubl; Louis Kahle; Eugene Lemoine; Wally Neumann; Sp. Int. L-K; Peter Meyer; Warren Jorgenson; Ila Wieseler; Clem Hoffman; Dr. Pete; Sp. Int.; Dick Ginn; Lauren Stueber; Mary Tauscheck; Gene Schultz; John Guggisberg; Jerome Schultz; Maria Loreto Araya; Willie Kirschstein; Gene Schultz; Hugo & Rose Deml; Michael Jutz; Herman Rewitzer, Sr.; Madeline Rewitzer; Herman Rewitzer Jr.; Leonard Rewitzer.

Church of St. Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK

Please refer to the Liturgical Minister Schedules at www.holycrossafc.org under "Ministries".

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

Monday, April 10 - Prayer Shawl group will meet at 6:30 p.m., St. Cecilia Choir will meet for practice at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11 - Adult Choir will meet for practice at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12 - The St. Jude Guild will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Hogen.

THANK YOU to all who assisted in teaching the art of palm braiding on Saturday and to those who came to learn! It was a great way to start Holy Week!

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR GOOD FRIDAY

SERVERS : Avery & Aidan Wendinger, Josh Dummer, Adam Franta

LECTORS: Frank Bianchi and Evy Olson

COUNTERS: Terese Gruber & Steve Biebl

EXT. MIN.: Terese Gruber, Steve Biebl, Kathy Kokesch

GIFT BEARERS: Linus & Mary Jane Beranek

USHERS: George & Peter Altmann

MUSICIAN: Jackie Forst

ROSARY LEADER: Cindy Wendinger

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR EASTER

SERVERS : Jared Beranek, Lily Beranek, Isaac Franta, Aidan Bastian

LECTORS: Alma Forst & Matt Wendinger

COUNTERS: Mike Bastian & David Wendinger

EXT. MIN.: Anna Bastian, Denny Lux, Jennifer Wendinger

GIFT BEARERS: Brad & Diane Franta

USHERS: Tom Altmann & Jerome Bastian

MUSICIAN: Family Choir

ROSARY LEADER: Mary Ann Berle

CHURCH CLEANING April 1st at 8:30 a.m. - The *person calls the others to remind them. 4-15-17 at 8:30 a.m. *Sharon Gleisner, Agnes & Claudia Gleisner, Terese Gruber and Manessa Gunninck

Festival News: We are looking for a volunteer to make the table center pieces for the Harvest Festival. Contact Kristin Hillesheim at 507-276-2742 if you are interested. Please start planning items for the craft and garden shop and for the children's games. We are still missing some of the chairmen's folders. Please turn in your completed folder to Kristin Hillesheim, Leigh Wendinger, or Katie Johnson. Lastly, if you would like to donate to the BIG TICKET and have not been contacted, please call George or Marian at 359-2123. Thank you!

Easter Flowers: Place donations in the collection basket or donate online at www.holycrossafc.weshareonline.org/StGeorgeEaster-Flowers be sure to include the names of those you are honoring. Construction has started on the back entry/steps on the East side of the church. If anyone has time to give to this project, contact Craig Beranek (507-276-2460) or David Wendinger (507-276-3166).

Church of St. Gregory the Great

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

LECTOR: Neal Hoffmann **SERVERS:** Jennifer Wear, Tyler Bleess, Josh & Haylee Liebl & Jay Webster
COMMENTATOR: Maggie Mages **EXT. MINISTERS:** Bruce & Laurie Patz, Sheri Liebl
MUSICIAN/CANTOR: Cheri LeBrun & Choir **USHERS:** Scott & Jorja Bleess
SACRISTANS: Bobbie Schuelke & Sheri Liebl

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 15

LECTOR: Paul Platz & Nancy Dauer **SERVERS:** Rachel Dauer, Josh Wenninger
COMMENTATOR: George Beranek **EXT. MINISTERS:** Lexi Platz, Chuck Fitterer & Carl Oswaldl
MUSICIAN/CANTOR: Cheri LeBrun & Choir **USHERS:** Ben Stadick & David Guggisberg
SACRISTANS: Bobbie Schuelke & Carl Oswald

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 - Choir practice for Easter at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - You're invited to a brunch fundraiser for seminarian John Hayes. The event will start at 11:30 a.m. This will be a freewill donation. If you are unable 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.

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR HOLY THURSDAY

SERVERS: Shalynn Ubl, Kasey Kuck, Ben Schumacher **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD:** Phyllis Griebel
LECTOR: Jackie Hoffmann **EUCCHARISTIC CUP:** Ione Grossmann & Carol Waibel
LEADER: Jerry Grathwohl **ACCOMPANIST:** Ginifer Simon
USHERS: Wayne Braulick and Rich Griebel **CANTOR:** Ministers of Music

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

SERVERS: David & Justin Berg, Jillian Griebel, Jesse Kraus **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD:** Phyllis Griebel
LECTOR: John Griebel **EUCCHARISTIC CUP:** Franklin Klinkner & Tom Kuck
LEADER: Harvey Stadick **ACCOMPANIST:** Gayle Waibel
USHERS: Wayne Braulick and Rich Griebel **CANTOR:** Women of Song

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - 7:00 P.M. The Lord's Supper

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - 8:20A.M. Rosary for vocations

SUNDAY APRIL 16 - 9 A.M. EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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 today-Palm Sunday.

THANK YOU to all who supported St. John's CCW Spring Fundraiser last Sunday and to the CCW committee for a "job well done".

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 for more information 276-1264.

Update for prayer warriors: Please add Anna and Tobias G. to your prayer intentions.

Community News

Saturday, April 15, 2017 - Lafayette Lions Club will be sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event will start at 10 a.m. at the Lafayette Charter School playground. If raining, the event will be held in school gym.

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 friendsofsanlucasmission@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.