



The Messenger

**AUGUST
2018**

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Do you want to grow in love? Keep Jesus close, pope says

By [Hannah Brockhaus](#)

Vatican City, Jul 22, 2018 / 06:17 am ([CNA/EWTN News](#))

A Christian can stay on the right path to Heaven, and grow in love for God and his neighbor, only by keeping close to Christ and his love, Pope Francis said Sunday.

“When one moves away from Jesus and his love, one loses oneself and existence turns into disappointment and dissatisfaction,” the pope said July 22. “With Jesus at [our] side we can proceed with security, we can overcome trials, we progress in love for God and for our neighbor.”

“To find the right orientation of life,” everyone needs the truth – which is Christ – to guide and enlighten their path, he continued.

Speaking before the Angelus, Francis reflected on the day’s Gospel reading from Mark, which tells of Jesus’ pity on the crowd of people, who “were like sheep without a shepherd.” In this passage, Jesus is “the realization of God’s concern and care for his people,” he said.

Jesus is moved with compassion for the people in need of guidance, but he does not perform a miracle, the pope noted. Instead, he teaches them. “Here is the first bread that the Messiah offers to the hungry and lost crowd: the bread of the Word.”

Pointing to how Jesus and his disciples had been searching for a place to rest, but the crowd had followed them, Francis said, the same thing can happen to today. “Sometimes we fail to realize our projects, because an unexpected emergency occurs that messes up our programs and requires flexibility and availability to the needs of others.”

He said when this happens, “we are called to imitate Christ.” As it shows in the Gospel, Jesus did not ignore the people. He had compassion on them, came down to them, and “began to teach them many things,” something Christians can learn from.

“The gaze of Jesus is not a neutral or, worse, cold and detached look, because Jesus always looks with the eyes of the heart,” the pope said. Jesus’ heart “is so tender and full of compassion, that he knows how to grasp the even more hidden needs of people.”

Jesus’ compassion on the people is not “an emotional reaction of unease,” it is much more, he continued: “it is the attitude and predisposition of God towards man and his history.”

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/do-you-want-to-grow-in-love-keep-jesus-close-pope-says-17600>

Many wonderful youth activities are available for our youth...to see all the activities in the HCAFC, please visit <http://www.holycrossafc.org/youth-ministry.html>

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

August Birthday Wishes...



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

1	Tony Dick	1	Dave Reed	1	Ella Wenninger
4	Allen Schmit	5	Ben Stadick	5	Rachelle Wear
7	James Phillips	8	Helen Seitz	8	Melissa Vogt
8	Jenna Wenninger	8	Kyle Webster	9	Diane Maidl
10	Paul Platz	12	Erin Gjerde	12	Carl Hoffmann
13	Melissa Arce	15	LaVonne Johnson	15	JoAnn Portner
17	Manessa Gunnink	19	Craig Portner	20	Zachary Oswald
22	Brock Peterson	27	Cheryl DeBoer	27	Renee Wear
28	Laura Hacker				



Tidbits of Information

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

NOTES from the office: Keep us in the loop...have you changed addresses, no longer have a home phone, added a PO Box, etc. Make sure to keep the church on your list of places to notify when you have a change in your address, phone etc. Thank you.

Youth & Adult Faith Formation News

Attention all parish families with school age children...If you have not completed your Faith Formation or Religious Education registration, NOW is a great time to complete it.

St. Gregory families have several options for the faith formation of your child(ren)...

- ✠ **Preschool through 1st Grade** – We are hoping to again offer a Sunday School program if there is enough interest. This is FREE to all registered children of St. Gregory's. Laura Hacker has agreed to teach again...thank you Laura. If anyone would like to co teach with Laura, please let us know. First graders may also attend the Wed, evening classes in New Ulm...see below.

Youth and Adult faith Formation Continued....

- ✚ **1st Grade through 11th Grade** – Faith formation is held in New Ulm on Wednesday evenings at Cathedral. Registration is available online at <http://www.holycrossafc.org/faith-formation.html>. Registration forms were also emailed to families
- ✚ We also may have families that go elsewhere for Faith Formation or home school religion to their children....no problem. Just talk with Sheri in the office, to make arrangements to reimburse you for books and/or tuition.

Now for the GREAT news...are you ready? Due to recent donations designated to the youth of St. Gregory, the Administrative Council has approved the use these designated funds to pay for tuition for our youth's faith formation. What does this mean? St. Gregory's will be paying for all fees for the 2018-19 school year. If you have already registered, please notify St. Gregory's office of the location you are enrolled, and you will receive a reimbursement. If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration, turn it into the office or Sunday collection basket and it will be submitted along with payment for you. Questions contact Sheri at the office at 507-228-8298 (leave message) or email her at stgregory@holycrossafc.org.

St. Gregory-Altar Society/CCW News

ATTENTION LADIES OF CIRCLE 3...The project for this circle will be assisting the Lafayette Area Lions in their Annual Hog and Corn Roast on Saturday, August 25, 2018. You will be contacted shortly by the co- chairs with more information. For more information on the work of the CCW, please refer to your CCW handbook. All proceeds of the CCW fundraisers go towards several organizations in need as well as assist in supplying the altar needs of the church such as candles, bread wine, linens, etc. Thank you in advance for your donation of time and talent to the CCW fundraisers.



The St. Gregory Altar Society/CCW is preserving the history of St. Gregory and your help is needed. If you have an event at St. Gregory's and would like it to be included in the history, please submit a picture and a description and date of the event to the box located in the social hall or the back of church. If questions please contact Mary Lou Schmidt, CCW Historian at 507-359-4390

Harvest Festival Update

RAFFLE TICKETS can be returned at any time by placing them in the Sunday Collection basket or bring them to the Social Hall on Saturday, August 11 between 9-11 A.M. Need more raffle tickets?...contact the church office.

Donations for the Harvest Festival. Unique prizes, gift cards and cash prizes are great prize ideas...talk to your friends and neighbors to go together on a prize. Donations accepted for the bucket raffle, silent auction, paddle wheel, farmer's market, kids' games, etc. Collection boxes for any donations are now available in the social hall. The biggest donation we need is your time and help the day of the event!

The Countdown is on.... here are some important dates to remember and opportunities to help out...

- ☺ **Sunday, August 5th** – Following the 10:30AM Mass, people are needed to help move large items out of the social hall and do some initial set up.
- ☺ **Monday, August 6th** – 6:30 PM Final Kitchen and hall cleaning
- ☺ **Friday, August 9** – 1 PM – help is needed to set up large outside tents

HARVEST FESTIVAL UPDATE (continued)...

- ☺ Saturday, August 11 – Preparation day ...
 - 9 AM – Meatball making party – guaranteed laughs
 - 9-11 AM – drop off donations, raffle tickets, cakes
 - 9 AM – outside set up – set up canopies, move picnic tables, etc.
 - A simple lunch will be provided for those helping
 - 5 PM – Join us for Mass
- ☺ Sunday, AUGUST 12 – THE BIG DAY
 - 10:30 AM Mass
 - 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM Ham and Meatball Meal served
 - Noon – all booths open
 - 4:30 PM Raffle drawing and prize winner announcements

Save the dates...Upcoming Church and Community Events

Friday, August 3 – Valley Fair Field Trip for all HCAFC servers – Buses will depart from the Cathedral parking lot at 8:30 AM and return about 5:30 PM. Admission to the park is FREE for Altar Servers for this trip. Friends are welcome to join in the fun but will have to pay the group price of \$30.00. Permission slips can be obtained from the HSAFC website at <http://holycrossafc.org/youth-ministry>. If you have any questions or are interested in assisting, contact Matthew Edens, HCAFC Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director at 507-233-9501 or email at youthministry@holycrossafc.org

Sunday, August 19, 2018 – Donut Sunday at St. Gregory following the 10:30 AM Mass, hosted by the St. Gregory Administrative Council

Sunday, August 19, 2018 – Swan Lake Church will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary. 9:30 AM Mass followed by a brunch and music

Saturday, August 25, 2018 – Lions Annual Hog and Corn Roast and Lafayette Fire Relief Association Dance

Sunday, August 26, 2018 – Fall festival at St. John's in Searles; watch the bulletin for more information.

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 – Faith Formation opening Mass at Cathedral in New Ulm

Sunday, September 9, 2018 – Fall Festival at St. George church; watch the bulletin for more information

Sunday, September 16, 2018 - Donut Sunday at St. Gregory following the 10:30 AM Mass, hosted by the St. Gregory Altar Society/CCW

Sunday, September 9, 2018 – Fall Festival at St. George church; watch the bulletin for more information

Sunday, September 23, 2018 – St. Mary's Fall Festival; watch the bulletin for more information

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday · August 12th · 2018
Lafayette, MN

7 miles south of Winthrop on Hwy 15
11 miles north of New Ulm on Hwy 15

..... **Mass at 10:30am**

Buffet Style Ham & Meatball Dinner
Serving starts at 10:30am - 1:30pm

 **Adults : \$11.00**
Kids 6-12: \$5.00
Kids 5 & under: \$1.00

New in 2018
ROCK CLIMBING
WALL!

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Adult & Kids Bingo · Bean Bag Tournament
Games · Silent Auction · Country Store
Free Fire Truck Rides · Bake Sale · Food Stands
Live Entertainment · Paddle Wheel · Wine Pull
Farmers Market · Root Beer Floats
Bucket Raffle · Hog Raffle · + Much more

Don't miss the Grand Raffle starting
at 4:30pm with 100 plus prizes!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>For all youth and young adult activities in our AFC, go to http://www.holycrossafc.org/youth-ministry.html</p> <p>To view the entire Holy Cross AFC calendar, go to http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html</p> <p>*All activities/Masses are subject to change</p>			<p>1 No Confessions or Mass</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 10:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Festival – Hall and Kitchen set up following Mass</p> <hr/> <p>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 7:30 a.m. Confessions* 8 a.m. – Mass*</p>	<p>9 Admin Council Meeting; 7 PM; New Ulm</p>	<p>10 1 PM – Festival Tent Set</p>	<p>11 9 AM – Meatball making and outside set up 9-11 AM Raffle ticket and donation drop off – hall 5 PM - Mass</p>
<p>12 10:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>HARVEST FESTIVAL</p> <hr/> <p>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 No 8 AM Mass Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7 p.m. – Mass*</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 10:30 a.m. Mass Donut Sunday</p> <hr/> <p>20th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 7:30 a.m. Confessions* 8 a.m. – Mass*</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 10:30 a.m. Mass St. John's (Searles) Fall Festival</p> <hr/> <p>21st Sunday of Ordinary Time</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:30 a.m. Confessions* 8 a.m. – Mass*</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	