

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
- Fr. Garrett Ahlers Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Bruno Santiago, OSB 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 (507) 354-4511

Administration & Business Office (507) 354-2719

AFC Pastoral Council Representatives

representative	<u>s</u>
Cathedral	Tim Rahe
	Jackie Finstad
St. Mary's	.Shirley 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.

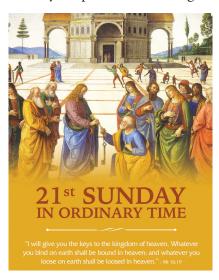
Baptisms: Call your parish office to schedule a Baptism. Preparation program required.

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.



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

Church of St. John the Baptist

18241 1st Avenue New Ulm, MN 56073 (507) 359-4244 stjohn@holycrossafc.org

Church of St. Mary

417 South Minnesota Street New Ulm, MN 56073 (507) 233-9500 stmarys@newulmtel.net

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

605 North State Street New Ulm, MN 56073 (507) 354-4158 cathedral@holycrossafc.org

Church of St. George

63105 Fort Road New Ulm, MN 56073 (507) 359-9553 stgeorge@holycrossafc.org

Church of St. Gregory the Great

PO Box 5 440 6th Street Lafayette, MN 56054 (507) 228-8298 stgregory@holycrossafc.org

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2017

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

From the Pastor

NEW SCHOOL YEAR We ask God's blessing on all students, parents, teachers and administrators as they begin a new academic and catechetical year this week and in the weeks ahead. I again remind all parents of your responsibility as the first and primary teachers of your children in faith and morals. Our programs (Faith Formation and NUACS) are designed to support you in that role. Please take that responsibility seriously and become active participants in our programs.

CONGRATULATIONS To Sr. Mary Elizabeth of the Divine Heart of Jesus and Sr. Magnificat Marie of the Merciful Heart of Jesus of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus who made their first profession of vows on Tuesday, August 22nd, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PRAY FOR PEACE From Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on International Justice and Peace (responding to the attack in Barcelona): "Our prayers are with the families of those slain and injured in a particular way as we also pray for an end to terrorism. May God comfort the afflicted and convert the hearts of those who would perpetrate such acts. May our Lord bless both our world and those suffering from this attack with the gift of peace."

RCIA PROGRAM RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin this fall. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church, please contact your parish office to let us The time of prayer, teaching and discussion culminates at the Easter Vigil when candidates are received into the Church. Please consider inviting someone to join us.

AFC PICTURES Be sure to check out our AFC website at holycrossafc.org and go to the "photo gallery" under parishes to enjoy pictures from the blessing of the Cathedral organ, parish festivals, Vacation Bible School and other AFC events. There are many other things on the website; take some time to look it over!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 29th: NUACS first day of school

September 6th: AFC Faith Formation programs begin

September 10th: St. George Festival September 24th: St. Mary Fall Festival

Msgr. Grams

Mass Schedule for the Week					
Date & Time	<u>Location</u>	In	<u>tention</u>		
Monday, Au	gust 28th				
7:00 A.M.	Cathedral	+	Gene Schultz		
Tuesday, Au	gust 29th				
7:00 A.M.	Cathedral	+	Polly Flygare		
8:00 A.M.	St. George	+	Cletus Franta		
9:30 A.M.	Orchard Hills	+	Myrna Lage		
Wednesday,	August 30th				
7:00 A.M.	Cathedral	+	Hildegard Lieb		
7:30 A.M.	St. Mary	+	Joseph Stueber		
8:00 A.M.	St. Gregory the Great	+	Francis & Veronica Dauer		
8:25 A.M.	NUACS All School	+	Elsie Portner		
Thursday, A	ugust 31st				
7:00 A.M.	Cathedral	+	Clarence A. Dauer Family		
7:30 A.M.	St. Mary	+	Otto and Ida Janni		
10:00 A.M.	Oak Hills	+	Delbert Fischer Sr.		
6:30 P.M.	St. John - Cemetery	+	Werner & Adelia Reinhart		
Friday, Sept	ember 1st				
7:00 A.M.	Cathedral	+	Harold & Larry Brandel		
7:30 A.M.	St. Mary	+	John Wiedl		
10:15 A.M.	Ridgeway South	+	Edward Price		
Saturday, Se	ptember 2nd				
8:00 A.M.	Cathedral	+	Renee Eckstrand		
5.00 DM	Cathadral	- 1	Educia Monta		

5:00 P.M. Cathedral + Edwin Mertz 5:30 P.M. St. Mary + Delores L. Sellner

Sunday, September 3rd

8:00 A.M. + Victor Kral & Trevor Tyner Cathedral 8:30 A.M. + Gerald Brunner St. George 9:00 A.M. St. Mary + John C. & Frieda Hoffmann 10:00 A.M. Cathedral + Bill Goebel 10:30 A.M. St. Gregory the Great + Ralph Schaefer

10:30 A.M. St. John the Baptist + Norbert, Viola & Martin Seidl 6:30 P.M. Cathedral Mass for the People

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOMEBOUND KEYC Mankato Fox Channel 13 NU Tel 6:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M. KEYC (1) - Old Channel 12 KEYC (NU Tel Ch. 12 / Comcast Ch. 6)

NUCAT Mass from Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (doesn't run all the time)

Channel 45 NU Tel & Channel 12 Comcast 11:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday 29th	7:30 - 7:50 A.M.	St. George
Wednesday 30th	7:00 - 7:20 A.M.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 A.M.	St. Gregory the Great
Thursday 31st	7:00 - 7:20 A.M.	St. Mary
Friday 1st	8:00 A.M.	St. Mary
Saturday 2nd	9:00 - 10:00 A.M.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 P.M.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 P.M.	St. Mary
Sunday 3rd	7:00 - 7:40 A.M.	Cathedral

Readings for the Week of August 27th

MON: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29 TUES: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32 WED: **THURS**: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51 FRI: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13

SAT: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

Stewardship for the Week of August 20, 2017						
CATHEDRAL ST. MARY ST. JOHN ST. GEORGE ST. GREGO						
Actual Adult	7,921.00	7,468.00	955.00	150.00	351.00	
Budget Adult	13,851.93	13,821.63	1,760.00	1,538.46	1,038.46	
Electronic Transfers	5,395.00	0.00	223.00	0.00	0.00	
Online Giving	0.00	145.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	
Total	13,316.00	7,613.00	1,178.00	175.00	351.00	
Year-to-date Actual	89,746.10	89,165.65	15,482.00	5,447.00	8,946.50	
Year-to-date Budget	110,815.44	110,573.04	14,080.00	12,307.68	8,307.68	
Ahead/Behind	-21,069.34	-21,407.39	1,402.00	-6,860.68	638.82	
Student	15.00	19.00	3.00	0.00	3.77	
Loose Plate	543.29	434.25	113.50	31.75	169.00	
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00	
Parish Project (# contributo	ors) 39,528.00 (82)	16,790.00 (39)	1,932.55 (6)	18,269.72 (23)	5,564.34 (15)	
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54	
DMA Actual (# contributors	s) 58,025.00 (182)	44,315.00 (113)	5,815.00 (17)	11,940.00 (38)	3,296.70 (13)	
Attendance	2: 1075	609	107	149	107	



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

www.nuacs.com

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL: School begins on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. We will celebrate an All School Mass on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at 8:25 A.M. at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. There is no school on Friday, September 1st, and Monday, September 4th. Note that there is no busing until Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

CATHEDRAL FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL: Matches start up this week for both Cathedral football and volleyball. Enjoy a great game and support our Cathedral Greyhounds! Schedules with times and locations are found on the website www.tomahawkconference.org, which can be accessed via www.nuacs.com, and then clicking the "more events" button under "Upcoming Events."

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: For After-School Care, lunchroom and other extracurricular advisor positions for the 2017-2018 school year, please visit www.nuacs.com, Employment Opportunities. Please call 507-354-2719 if you have any questions regarding the positions.

*** NEW: LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE high school math teacher, beginning on August 29th to continue tentatively through January 19th (Semester 1). ***

HALL OF FAME: NUACS is proud to announce this year's inductees to the New Ulm Area Catholic Schools Hall of Fame: John Vetter ('66) for distinguished achievement; Msgr. John Richter, his sister, Pat O'Connor, and niece, Georgine Gansen, for distinguished service; Elizabeth Kelly ('85) humanitarian; and Kirsten Prunty ('07) for distinguished athletics. The NUACS Hall of Fame brunch will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. at the Best Western Plus in New Ulm. Tickets are \$15 and may be reserved/purchased in advance (no later than September 11th) by contacting Brent Boston at brent.boston@nuacs.com or 507-354-4311.

ACTIVITY CLUB: Tickets may be purchased for \$25 each at the St. Anthony Elementary office weekdays between 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., or by calling Sara Rieland at 507-766-7593. There are twenty-five chances to win \$100, and a grand prize winner of \$500. The drawing will take place on Friday, September 15, 2017.

Faith Formation ~ Lifelong and Ongoing

We are in the midst of preparing for our new catechetical year! We need your help in making this a great year - first and foremost by making sure your child(ren) are registered. The number of catechists and materials we need depends on the number of students we have. Ordering will be done soon. (Please register by the end of this week if you haven't done so.) We are in need of catechists (teachers) and helpers both in elementary (1-6) and high school (7-11). Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to share your faith with our young people. If you have not received a registration form, please call your parish office. You can also register online (www.holycrossafc.org – go to Faith Formation tab). We begin September 6th!

Youth (Grades 6-12) and Young Adult Ministry (Ages 18 to 39)

holycrossafc.org/youth-ministry

Youth Ministry

Back to School - As our summer Youth Ministry events come to an end, I want to encourage jumping into the school year with the same joy and energy you bring to youth nights! Keep your eyes open for a new schedule of events coming soon. "The Christian student excels because his thirst for knowledge is coupled with a thirst to discover more about the wisdom and beauty of God hidden in the world he created. The same goes for the Christian athlete, the Christian artist, the Christian journalist...Christ takes our hand and leads us into a fuller, more intense life in every way, as no other friend can do." - The Better Part by Fr. John Bartunek

Young Adult Ministry

Bible Study – August 31st at 7:30 P.M. - Fireside Room at Cathedral (new location). You can join anytime - just come!

Truth on Tap – Thank you for wonderful discussion and fun at Truth on Tap this summer. We are taking a brief break but will be back toward the end of September. Be holy!

Holy Cross AFC News

Incoming Tenth Graders

Confirmation interviews need to be finished by the 20th of September so we have time to get everything ready for our October 11th Confirmation Parent, Sponsor and Candidate meeting. 33 families have not called for an interview. School starts soon, so please call the Cathedral Office at 354-4158 to set up a date and time for a 30-minute interview. Interviews take place during the day plus limited evening hours each week.

TODAY, August 27th - St. John's Fall Festival

Family Style Ham and Chicken Dinner with Dressing will be served from 10:15 A.M. -1:30 P.M. Adult meals are \$12; children ages 12 and under are \$4; preschool ages are \$1.50. St. John's is handicapped accessible and air conditioned. Enjoy Bingo, the Country Store, horse-drawn trolley rides, games, music, a lunch stand on the grounds and MUCH MORE. The Big Ticket Drawing is at 4:00 P.M. Over \$10,000 worth of prizes. Winners need not be present to win. Rain or shine - all are welcome!

TODAY, August 27th - Organ Dedication Concert

The Cathedral pipe organ is nearing completion and will have its first concert at 1:00 P.M. The performer is Jonathan Ryan, an acclaimed organist who has won many national and international awards. He is currently touring Germany, and we are honored to have him perform for us on our new instrument! Come hear the mighty Cathedral organ, with its new colors and beauty! The concert is free and open to all!

Monday, August 28th - Rosary

Everyone is welcome to come pray the Rosary at 1:00 P.M. at Cathedral. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jean Nielsen at 276-7399 or Betty Rausch at 354-4714.

Beginning September 10th - Catholicism on Campus

The Diocese of New Ulm will be broadcasting this 13-part series on Sundays at 7:00 A.M. or Mondays at 11:30 A.M. on NUCAT.

Monday, September 14th - Catholic Order of Foresters The COF will meet at 7:00 P.M. at New Ulm Real Estate. Spouses are invited, and please bring a chair. For more information, contact Sharon at 766-9025.

Marriage Encounter

Make plans for a fall getaway with the one you love before your calendar fills up! A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are November 17-19, 2017 and February 16-18, 2018, both in Windom. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at southmnwme.org or contact Miki at 507-227-8229 or applications@southmnwme.org. "Loved the wedding. Invite me to the marriage. Love, God."

Thank you from United Way!

Thank you to all who donated to the backpack program. Thanks to your generosity, citizens of Brown County donated 4300 pencils, 230 colored pencil sets, 700 crayon sets, 1800 pens, 700 spiral notebooks and much more! United Way only had to purchase about half of the supplies needed to fill 500 backpacks. United Way received great feedback from grateful parents and excited children as they picked out their backpacks from a large selection of different styles donated by Salvation Army.

Praise God for the Gift of Life!

Congratulations on the birth of Liam Jerome and Sean Ronald, identical twins born 8-19-17 at 24 weeks. Liam weighed 1 lb 3 oz., and Sean weighed 1 lb 5 oz. Liam was Sean's protector and lived eight hours. He will forever be Sean's guardian angel and will live on in so many ways. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for all the prayers and support from our parish family. Please continue to pray for Sean. Thank you.

~ Ben and Val Forst

Baptized in Christ Rosealyn Ann Warwick,

daughter of Daniel and Cassandra Warwick - St. Mary **Baylor Mark Ziemer,**

son of Ryan and Jennifer Ziemer - St. Mary Addelyn Jo Davis,

daughter of Chris and Sara Davis - St. Gregory the Great

Sympathy and Prayers to the Famílies of Barbara J. Heille - Cathedral Leon Berdan,

Melodee Beck, Tony and Jill Berdan, Andy and Lindsay Berdan, Joan Berdan families - Cathedral Shirley Berdan and family - St. Gregory the Great

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

"A Holy Hour will give you more strength during life and more consolation at the hour of your death and eternity."
- St. Alphonsus Ligouri

These hours currently need adorers: Sunday 1:00 P.M. Sunday 6:00 P.M. Friday 8:00 A.M.

Additional hours are available for you to come and adore Him. If you are able to become a regular adorer each week, please call one of us, and we will find a time that works best for you.

Janet Neubauer, Coordinator 507-276-4039 Kathy Sonnek, Coordinator 507-947-3043

Chapel access: 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 at 233-9510 for closings due to weather.

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2ND AND 3RD

	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 P.M.	William and Kate Boston and David Bode	Theresa Bock
8:00 A.M.	Isaac Roufs, Evan Bentler and Ethan Kirchberg	Don Brand
10:00 A.M.	Josh Seidl, Michael Sloot and Megan Seidl	Linda Arduser
6:30 P.M.	Jacob and Tony Geiger and James Gillis	Michelle Grady

Thank you to Deana Ries, who taught our Sunday School program for the past 16 years. We appreciate your many years of service helping our young children grow in their faith! God bless you!

Cathedral will be offering a once a month Kindergarten program on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. (during Faith Formation class time). Please call the Cathedral parish office at (507) 354-4158 if you are interested in signing up your kindergarten-aged child for this program.

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 27TH: 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; JMF & family; Edwin Sehr; Good Health for MS & DS; Gervase & Arline Krambeer; Cornelius Zitzmann; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld, T.W. & Clara Manderfeld, Joseph & Margaret Zenk; Paul Griebel; Clem Hoffman; Bill Goebel; Helget Family; Roman, Doris & Butch Glaser; Marie & Joe Landsteiner & Steve Fleck; Jerry Wendinger; Robert LeGare, Tom & Louise Cooling; Anton & Minnie Hacker; Norbert Ubl; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin; Complete recovery for RAK; Leo & Lorraine James; Hilarius & Martha Schneider, Melvin & Leona Braulick; Flo Wilfahrt; Living & deceased members of Mary & George Wurtzberger & Margaret & Mike Tauer families; Wally Neumann; Special Int. L & K;Successful Operation; Geri Roesch;Clarice Saffert; Joe (Dutch) Schroepfer; H.G.:Success with new job; Strengthen family; Granddaughter

Church of St. Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2ND AND 3RD

	SERVERS	SACRISTAN	LECTOR	ACCOMPANIST	CANTOR
5:30 P.M.	Luke and Zach Gieseke	Jean Nielsen	Amy Maudal	Karen Lyimo	Carolyn Keller
9:00 A.M.	Olivia Eckstein and Emily Schommer	Karen Domeier	Deb Pribyl	Peggy Schlumpberger	Kari Gleisner

Monday, August 28th - CCW Meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the Social Hall.

Tuesday, August 29th - SCHEDULE CHANGE - No Mass on the morning of the 29th

THANK YOU to Mary Brey-Gough for donating the Janssen piano in the Social Hall. If anyone is interested in the old upright, please call the parish office at 233-9500.

FALL FESTIVAL NEWS: Watch for further information in the weeks ahead.

VOLUNTEERS are needed in many areas. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the main entryway to see where you can volunteer for a 2-hour shift the day of the festival. We need you!

NEW: In addition to the usual fun games, this year we will have face painting, balloon art, cotton candy, and the Rock (Climbing) Wall is back!

DONATIONS: We can still use donations for the country store, bake sale, theme baskets, silent auction, children's raffle, children's prize booth, etc. Watch for donations that will be needed in the food stands and for the dinner.

MEAL: Come and enjoy the delicious meatball and ham dinner (serving will be 10:30 - 12:30 this year).

BIG TICKET: With all of the prizes, selling (or buying) your raffle tickets should be easy! Please do your part. Additional tickets are available in the office.

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD

SERVERS: Josh Dummer, Lily Brennan and Isaac Franta
LECTORS: Sue Sieve and Mark Berle
COUNTERS: Jim Gleisner and Terese Gruber
EXTRA. MIN.: Greg Hillesheim, Ann Franta and Cindy Wendinger
GIFT BEARERS: Linus & Mary Jane Beranek
Brian and Dennis Franta
Children's Choir
Marianne Bianchi

CHURCH CLEANING - Remember: The *person calls the other group members to remind them.

September 2, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

*Marian Altmann, Angiel Altmann, Diane Arneson, Myra Bastian and Natalie Bastian

LAST CALL FOR ST. GEORGE SHIRTS - Ann Wendinger will be placing an order for St. George shirts. If you need a new one or don't have one, contact Ann at 507-359-9091, or leave her a note in her church mailbox ASAP. The shirts are navy blue with a logo. They are available in polo or t-shirt styles with sizes ranging from youth to adult. If you have any questions, call Ann.

HARVEST FESTIVAL UPDATE: All food donations need to be dropped off in the Parish Center by September 3rd. If you have donated milk, this needs to be dropped off by September 9th.

Church of St. Gregory the Great

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD

LECTOR: Nancy Dauer **SERVERS**: Jarrett and Kolbe Platz

COMMENTATOR: Maggie Mages EXT. MINISTERS: Bruce and Laurie Platz and Lexi Platz MUSICIAN/CANTOR: To be determined USHERS: Paulette Messerli and Ginny Herring

SACRISTANS: Bruce and Laurie Platz

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH - PARISH FAMILY PICNIC: Following the 10:30 A.M. Mass, a BBQ type picnic meal will be provided to all current St. Gregory parish families. Recreation and entertainment will also be a part of the day. Watch the bulletin for more information and RSVP information in the near future. This will be a great way to close out our 75th Anniversary year!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED.....St. Gregory's is in need of an adult to co-teach Sunday School classes for ages 3-5. Sunday School occurs twice a month from October through April/May during Sunday Mass. You would take turns with another teacher, so your time needed is approximately 1-2 hours a month (one class session and prep time). If interested, please contact the church office at 507-228-8298. Safe Environment Training is required and provided. Warning: this position will contain guaranteed giggles!

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD

SERVERS: Isabel and Isaiah Rieser and Alexa Hornick EUCHARISTIC BREAD: Shirley Kuck

LECTOR: Craig Braulick **EUCHARISTIC CUP:** John Rieser and Phyllis Brandt

LEADER: Jamie Rieser ACCOMPANIST: Gayle Waibel USHERS: Roger Abels and Al Schumacher CANTOR: Women of Song

Sunday, August 27th - PARISH FESTIVAL! Serving will be from 10:15 -1:30 P.M. There will be fun and games on the

grounds all day long with the Big Ticket drawing held at 4:00 P.M. Come

join us!

Thursday, August 31st: 6:30 P.M. St. John's Cemetery Mass - Please bring a lawn chair.

Thursday, September 7th: 7:00 P.M. CCW Meeting **Monday, September 11th:** 7:00 P.M. CUF Meeting

Community News

Sunday, August 27th - "Stop Staring. Start Seeing" is a theater production working to end homelessness that will be presented at 4:00 P.M. at the New Ulm Public High School Auditorium at 1600 Oak Street. This will be presented by zAmya Theater Troupe of Minneapolis. Free will donations accepted.

Saturday, September 9th - Drew's Crew Benefit will include a 5K Colorfest Walk/Run, Food, Schell's Beer and 1919 Root Beer served begining at 11:00 A.M. Both DJ and live music will be provided throught the day, fireworks will begin at 8:30 P.M., and a live auction will be held at 1:30 P.M. Visit drewscrew.org for more information on this benefit to assist Drew Aufderheide with expenses related to his diagnoses of an incurable form of Leukemia.

Sunday, September 10th - St. Raphael Fall Festival will begin with 8:30 A.M. Mass, followed by a hearty breakfast buffet served from 8:30 A.M. to noon. The festival also will include a Country Store, Sweet Shoppe, Cookie Walk, Craft Ladies, games, raffles, a live auction at 12:30 P.M., outdoor beer tent, hamburger and hotdog stand, old time music and more. Come to Springfield for this fun event!

Sunday, September 10th - Lions Club Fly-In Pancake Breakfast will be served from 7:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. at the New Ulm Municipal Airport.

Could you use an extra \$150 per month tax free? Do You Have 15 hours per week to give to the kids at New Ulm Head Start? If you answered "yes' to those questions, we would love to talk to you about Lutheran Social Service Of Minnesota Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program. If interested, call Gail At 507-530-2295.

Nofest Octoberfest 2017 is a fundraiser to support the ministries of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters living the tradition of their foundress, Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, committed to transforming the world through education, giving special emphasis to women, young people and those who are poor. Win prizes every day in October! Prizes range from \$50 to \$2017. Each chance gives you 31 opportunities to win. To purchase chances, contact SSND at 507-389-4231 or www.ssndcp.org.