

HCrossings

Holy Cross Area Faith Community
Summer/Fall 2018



Message from Monsignor Grams

As a child I attended Holy Rosary School in North Mankato, and I remember the picture of Pope Paul VI hanging in a main hallway. Media attention to the papacy was not very strong in the 1960s (it would dramatically increase during the papacies of Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis). However, respect for the papacy grew during the papacy of Pope St. John XXIII, who succeeded Pope Pius XII and initiated the

Second Vatican Council.

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Several years ago, at the Bishop Lucker Lecture Series, Fr. (now Bishop) Robert Barron spoke about his video/discussion program, "Catholicism." At dinner, prior to his presentation, he talked about his adolescent experience of Church. His experience mirrors my own. At that time, there was much discussion about authority in the

church and contraception -- neither topic particularly interested me.

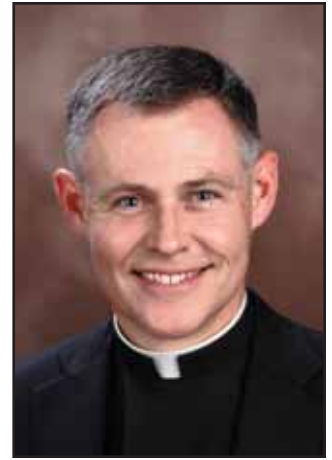
Nevertheless, Pope Paul VI was a hero during my youth. Serving as pope during and following the Second Vatican Council, he promoted balance at a time of change and social upheaval. I respected his ability to keep the Church together during this turbulent period. As a young priest he was trained in the diplomatic corps for the Holy See. There he learned the arts of civility, diplomacy and respectful dialogue. Pope Paul VI was vilified on all sides. For some he was too conservative, for others he was too liberal. As the 262nd pontiff, Paul VI embraced his role as the successor of Peter by providing continuity and stability in the church.

In his encyclicals, Pope Paul VI sought to promote and clarify church teaching. Previous popes' encyclicals served as the underpinnings for a good number of the documents of the

Second Vatican Council. Paul VI is especially remembered for his encyclical *Humane Vitae* (On Human Life) which upheld the Church's teaching on artificial birth control, and his encyclical *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (Proclaiming the Gospel in the Modern World).

Fifty years after the publication of *Humane Vitae* we celebrate the wisdom of the Church's concern for the sanctity of human life, respect for women and the sacrament of marriage. Pope St. John Paul II expanded on Paul VI's thought in his encyclicals *Familiaris Consortio* (On the Family) and *Redemptoris Missio* (The Mission of the Redeemer) which promotes the "New Evangelization."

Inordinate attraction to material things, schools of thought that deny the existence of God, and the current crisis of trust in church leadership, erode our faith. Today and always, we are challenged to embrace and uphold "the dignity of the human person and the beauty of generous marital love" promoted by Pope St. Paul VI and Pope St. John Paul II. We are called to be saints and faithful citizens, to treat one another with civility and respect.



A day at the lake

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FAREWELL

Fr. Bruno Santiago, OSB, has moved from New Ulm to serve the All Saints Area Faith Community (Sacred Heart, Franklin; St. Andrew, Fairfax; St. Willibrord, Gibbon; and St. Francis de Sales, Winthrop). We are grateful for the time Fr. Bruno served our area faith community and wish him well in his new assignment.

WELCOME

Holy Cross Area Faith Community extends a warm welcome to two new faces.



Fr. Gerald Meidl grew up in New Ulm and after completing eighth grade at Holy Trinity Middle School, he left home to begin his seminary studies at Crosier Seminary in Onamia in ninth grade. As of July, 2018, we welcome him as senior pastor (associate) to assist in the Holy Cross Area Faith Community. At age 70, Fr. Meidl wants to be of service, but will take two months off each year. As a son of the Cathedral parish, we welcome him back to the area.



Dr. Thomas Andrews is the new Director of Sacred Music at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Tom, his wife Amanda and young son William moved to New Ulm from Nebraska in August. He comes to us with experience in both organ and choral directing; completing his doctoral work in church music from the University of Kansas in May.



Opening Mass for the AFC Faith Formation programs, September 5, 2018

Holy Cross AFC Members Enjoy



Fellowship at Parish Festivals



Summer Youth Ministry



in the Holy Cross AFC



By Matthew Edens

A HUGE thank you to all who participated in, prayed for, and helped out with our summer youth events. Vacation Bible School, Totus Tuus, Summer Blast Caritas, Valleyfair, Camp Summit, and youth nights all worked together to bring more youth to Jesus and His Church.

Looking ahead, our Fall Youth Ministry year is off to a great start! Middle School Youth Nights happen 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. at St. Mary's every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. The Huddle, for high schoolers, is 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. in Leifeld Hall every Monday. We have a NET Retreat for high school students coming up on October 27. Consider being involved with our youth events this fall! Check out <http://holycrossafc.org/youth-ministry> for more information and follow us on Instagram @holycrossafcyouth.



NUACS Launches a New School Year

By Sara Rieland

New Ulm Area Catholic Schools hosted the annual Open House & Family Picnic on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. Families dropped off school supplies, signed up for clubs and activities, and enjoyed a picnic supper in the lunchroom. School began on Tuesday, August 28, with an All School Mass celebrated by Bishop LeVoir on Wednesday, August 29. Welcome back students and staff!



Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero Among Seven Canonized

By Brenda Lenertz

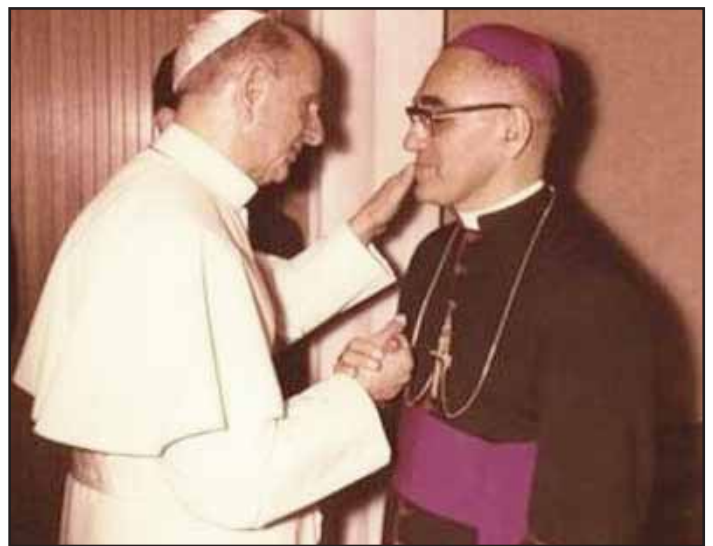
As of October 14, 2018, seven new saints were formally recognized by the Catholic Church: Pope Paul VI, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Nunzio Sulprizio, Francesco Spinelli, Vincenzo Romano, Maria Katharina Kasper and Nazaria Ignacia de Santa Teresa de Jesu.

Of the seven, the two most people readily recognize are Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Romero. Interestingly, these two men shared a strong and deep friendship. Archbishop Romero described Pope Paul VI as both friend and mentor.

Paul VI succeeded John XXIII as Pope, continuing the Second Vatican Council and implementing its many reforms. Pope Paul VI wanted a Church that was in dialogue with the modern world. He is probably most known for his 1968 encyclical *Humane Vitae* which reaffirmed the Church's teaching on contraception. Pope Francis, in speaking of Paul VI, said he was a man "who knew how to witness, in difficult years, to the faith in Jesus Christ." Paul VI will become the third pope Francis has made a saint since his election. The others are John XXII and John Paul II. Both were canonized in 2014.

Oscar Romero became the first saint from El Salvador. Romero became outspoken against military oppression during his country's civil war in the 1980's after the assassination of his close friend Fr. Grande. In his homily at the funeral Mass, he said "Anyone

who attacks one of my priests, attacks me. It is wrong for the government to consider a priest who took a stand for social justice as a politician or subversive element when he is fulfilling his mission in the politics of the common good." Archbishop Romero was shot through the heart while celebrating Mass. His death is considered to have been in "odium fidei," meaning in hatred of the faith. His funeral took place six days after he was murdered with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance.



Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero in 1978

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Each month Pope Francis urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer. We join our Holy Father in praying for these intentions:

October, 2018: Evangelization: The Mission of Religious

- That consecrated men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

November, 2018: Universal: In Service of Peace

- That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

December, 2018: Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

- That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Transitions

St. Mary's

Baptisms

Evelyn Jo Birman,
daughter of Christopher Birman and Alyssa Larson
Sean Jacob Fink,
son of Chad and Lynn Fink
Greyson Scott Knisley,
son of Scott and Jill Knisley
Myla Ann Sabatino,
daughter of Joshua and Ashton Sabatino
Bennett Lee Schreyer,
son of Jesse and Hannah Schreyer
Cecilia Joan Wech,
daughter of Jason and Elisabeth Wech

New Members

Nate and Jennifer Anderson and family
Justin and Lindsey Bauer
Eddy and Kristina Correa and family
Craig and Cathy Galvin
Lowell and Jeannine Henn
Brandon Reinhart
Joe and Laura Schotzko and family
Nathaniel and Cristina Sperl and family

Marriages

Nathan Brehmer and Kelli Eckstein
Thomas Buskey and Lauren Manderfeld

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

George R. Berg, Jr. Gary Peterson
Leona Dittrich Carol Schroeder
Donald Kraus Marcella Stueber

St. George

Baptisms

Jace Adam Franta,
son of Ryan and Chelsey Franta
Savannah Lee Nosbush,
daughter of Jesse and Katie Nosbush

New Members

Laura Bianchi and family
Jacob Helget

Marriages

Jacob Helget and Molly Forst
Fred Bianchi and Laura Hendricks

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Linus Beranek

St. John's

Baptisms

Allison Mae Fischer,
daughter of Alan and Katherine Fischer

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Electa Griebel

St. Gregory

Baptisms

Sylvie Eileen Gunnink,
daughter of Zach and Manessa Gunnink
Lillian Lorraine Hoepner,
daughter of Joseph and Kelsey Hoepner

Marriages

Andrew Maidl and Jazmyne Miller

Cathedral

Baptisms

Kyzer Alexander Zollner,
son of Tyler Zollner and Lori Moldan
Isaac Mikkell Hansen,
son of Brent and Jenna Hansen
Eli Samuel Hansen,
son of Brent and Jenna Hansen
Hunter Eugene Schwab,
son of Craig and Kristine Schwab
Leo Thomas Bellefeuille,
son of Garret and Amanda Bellefeuille
Liam Jacob Sellner,
son of Brandon and Amanda Sellner
Maura Marie Guldan,
daughter of Tim and Brooke Guldan
Holly Sage Brinkman,
daughter of Hunter and Cierra Brinkman
Jameson Nicholas Crews,
son of Elijah Crews and Krista Janni
Dakota Thomas Feilen,
son of Mitchell and Jenna Feilen

New Members

Shawn and Emily Hoffrogge and family
John and Angie Edwards and family
Nicole Vanderveen
Brandon Reinhart
Allie Schmidt
Daniel and Joyce Smith

Marriages

Michael Schultz and Jenna Sieve
Andy Miller and Jenna Schmiesing
Alex Braun and Amy Stadtherr
Isaiah Osborne and McKenna Berdan
Alec Rasmussen and Kylee Christian
Matt Fox and Karleen Doering

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Ronald A. Windschitl Lois Warta
William F. Huelskamp LeRoy P. Flor
Leona M. Hacker Leo Hillesheim
Veronica M. Kraus Orlene Kral
Alton Scharbach Lewis "Louie" Seifert
Jeanette Mack-Carda Maureen McDuffie
Debra Wieland Theresa G. Windschitl
Helen "Mickey" Esser Marion M. Fiebiger

Calendar of Events for Holy Cross Area Faith Community

*Please visit <http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html>
for a complete and up-to-date calendar listing.*

OCTOBER

- 26 "The Mass" Adult Study – 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary
- 27 High School Net Retreat at St. George
- 28 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday
CUF Breakfast Bazaar at St. Mary from
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Veneration of Relics of Padre Pio at Cathedral from
11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Night - 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary
- 29 The Huddle meets at 7:30 p.m. in Leifeld Hall
- 30 "The Mass" Adult Study – 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary
- 31 No Faith Formation or RCIA Classes
Halloween Organ Recital at Cathedral – 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Feast of All Saints
- 2 All Souls' Day
"The Mass" Adult Study – 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary
- 3 Well Read Moms – 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at Cathedral
Great Dates - 7:00 p.m. at Church of St. Mary
- 4 National Vocations Awareness Week begins
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daylight Saving Time ends
Christian Mothers Bazaar at Cathedral
from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Truth on Tap – 7:45 p.m. at Green Mill
- 5 Blood Drive at St. Mary from noon to 6:00 p.m.
The Huddle meets at 7:30 p.m. in Leifeld Hall
- 6 "The Mass" Adult Study – 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary
- 7 RCIA Class - 6:45 p.m. at Cathedral
Faith Formation Classes at 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Baptism Class – 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral
- 9 "The Mass" Adult Study – 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary
First Reconciliation Learning Centers at St. Mary
from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. for students from
Cathedral, St. John, St. George and St. Gregory
Cathedral Harvest Fest – 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 10 First Reconciliation Learning Centers at St. Mary
from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. for St. Mary students
- 11 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cathedral Fellowship Sun. – 11:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
St. George CCW Brunch and Bake Sale
St. John CUF Lunch and Turkey Bingo
Lunch 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & Bingo 1:30 p.m.
Cathedral Turkey Bingo 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Night - 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary
- 12 The Huddle meets at 7:30 p.m. in Leifeld Hall
- 13 "The Mass" Adult Study – 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary
- 14 RCIA Class - 6:45 p.m. at Cathedral
Faith Formation Classes at 7:00 p.m.

- 16 "The Mass" Adult Study – 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary
- 17 First Reconciliation - 8:30 a.m. at Cathedral for
Cathedral, St. John, St. George and St. Gregory
First Reconciliation - 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary for
students from St. Mary
Food Drive Collection at St. Mary – 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Food Drive Collection at St. Mary – 9:00 a.m.
Men's Ham Dinner at St. Mary serving from
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 19 KOC meeting – 6:40 p.m. at Cathedral
The Huddle meets at 7:30 p.m. in Leifeld Hall
- 20 St. Gregory Thanksgiving Ecum. Service–6:30 p.m.
"The Mass" Adult Study – 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary
- 21 No Faith Formation or RCIA Classes
- 22 Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Community Meal at St. Mary
- 25 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Middle School Youth Night - 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary
- 26 The Huddle meets at 7:30 p.m. in Leifeld Hall
- 28 RCIA Class - 6:45 p.m. at Cathedral
Faith Formation Classes at 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1 Well Read Moms – 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at Cathedral
Great Dates - 7:00 p.m. at Church of St. Mary
- 2 First Sunday of Advent
Cathedral Fellowship Sun. – 11:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
St. George CUF Bingo from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Truth on Tap – 7:45 p.m. at Green Mill
- 4 Christian Mothers mtg. at Cathedral –6:00 –7:00 p.m.
- 6 Baptism Class – 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral
- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
St. Gregory the Great Annual Cookie Walk
St. John Cookie Bake from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Second Sunday of Advent
St. John Cookie Bake from 8:00 a.m. – noon
- 13 Pastoral Council/Parish Admin. meeting –7:00 p.m.
- 16 Third Sunday of Advent
- 17 KOC meeting – 6:40 p.m. at Cathedral
- 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Nativity of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation
- 26 No Faith Formation or RCIA Classes
- 30 Feast of the Holy Family

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