

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
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Representatives

Cathedral.....Tim Rahe
Jackie Finstad
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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.

*But I say to you
Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you,
that you may be
children of your
heavenly Father...*

Matthew 5:44-45

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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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2017

Bulletin Connection

This weekend's Gospel is probably the most difficult for Christians to put into practice on a daily basis. People have a sense of justice. We expect things to be balanced out. The Old Testament norm of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" was actually an attempt to set a limitation of retribution. A person could not exact a greater penalty than the hurt that had been inflicted. Now Jesus comes along and says, "Love your enemies, do good to those who mistreat you." Such words fly in the face of a code of justice, but are required when one lives by love and mercy.

(Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center)

From the Pastor

ADULT STUDY PROGRAM I am happy to report that to date more than 70 people from our Holy Cross Area Faith Community have signed up for Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players." We have room for many more! If you have not signed up, please do so by Monday of this week. You can register by signing up in church, calling 233-9506 or emailing blenertz@newulmtel.net. We need your name, phone number, email, how many books you need and which day (Tuesday evening or Friday morning) you plan to attend. This is a 12 session program that I will be facilitating.

PERPETUAL ADORATION We welcome Father Victor Warkulwiz, who will be speaking at Masses this weekend at St. Mary's and Cathedral about Perpetual Adoration. Fr. Warkulwiz was here in 2011 when we were beginning Perpetual Adoration in our Holy Cross Area Faith Community. If you have never taken advantage of spending time with our Eucharistic Lord, I encourage you to come and experience it! The adoration chapel is located on the south side of the Church of St. Mary.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL Today, Sunday (February 19), is the "Catholics at the Capitol" awareness meeting at the Cathedral following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served. Everyone is invited to attend. Please see the "Holy Cross AFC News" section of the bulletin for more details about this event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 1: Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
 March 5: Rite of Election
 March 9: Catholics at the Capitol
 March 23: Bishop Lucker Lecture Series

Msgr. Grams

Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979), Roman Catholic bishop

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday 20th 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Francis & Veronica Dauer
Tuesday 21st 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m.	Cathedral St. Mary	+ Victor Kral Glen Zollner Family - living and deceased
8:00 a.m. 8:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	St. George NUACS CHS Orchard Hills	+ Deloris Clutter + Paul Griebel + Ralph Stadick
Wednesday 22nd 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:25 a.m.	Cathedral St. Mary St. Gregory the Great NUACS SAE	+ Alice Henle + Wally Leick + Hilda Maidl + Mary Ann Citterman
Thursday 23rd 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	+ Odelia Forst + Joseph Stueber + Jo Tauer + Tim Grossmann
Friday 24th 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Cathedral St. Mary Ridgeway North	+ Chuck Tastel + Marvin Halbur Special Intention
Saturday 25th 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Cathedral Cathedral St. Mary	+ Marvin Halbur + Greg Bauer + Victor Kral
Sunday 26th 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	+ Erwin & Elaine Hillesheim + Jerome Forst + Richard LeGare + Mass for the People + Glenn Kuck + Francis & Veronica Dauer + Elaine Braulich

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 a.m.
from St. Cloud	

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday 21st	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
Wednesday 22nd	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
Thursday 23rd	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Friday 24th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Saturday 25th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Sunday 26th	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

Readings for the Week of February 19

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34

Stewardship for the Week of February 12, 2017

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	9,600.00	7,724.00	1,410.00	382.51	1,392.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	0.00	7,298.00	.00	0.00	0.00
Online Giving	230.00	95.00	.00	0.00	0.00
Total	9,830.00	15,117.00	1,410.00	382.51	1,392.00
Year-to-date Actual	433,677.12	451,490.80	69,637.00	61,742.96	40,221.27
Year-to-date Budget	435,346.23	434,394.10	53,955.00	49,769.18	35,538.69
Ahead/Behind	-1,669.11	17,096.70	15,682.00	11,973.78	4,682.58
Student	28.05	24.50	.00	2.00	.68
Loose Plate	356.60	279.50	5.25	39.00	18.00
Mission of Love	1,767.01	1,390.80	690.00	135.25	N/A
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	34,104.00 (79)	11,190.00 (34)	1,932.55 (6)	4,085.00 (17)	2,201.00 (8)
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54
DMA Actual (# contributors)	58,625.00 (180)	42,615.00 (110)	5,615.00 (16)	11,940.00 (38)	3,256.70 (13)
<i>Attendance:</i>	<i>1097</i>	<i>697</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>91</i>



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

Visit us at www.nuacs.com

No School: There is no school for students or staff on Monday, February 20th, in honor of President's Day.

Mid-Quarter: Friday, February 24th, marks mid-quarter for third quarter.

Dimes for Guatemala: The students at St. Anthony Elementary collected an amazing \$2,628 for the Dimes for Guatemala fundraiser!

Raffle Winners: The following people won on the various raffles at Snowfest 2017. Beef Raffle: Mike Dove and Peggy Schlumpberger; Hog Raffle: Shari Kretsch; B & L Bar Drink Ticket Raffle: Matt Mages; Gift Card Raffle: Aleda Beranek, Amy Gieseke, Judy Luker, Jenny Olson, and Nancy Hacker. The Big Ticket winners included: Jackie Finstad, Mary Ann Kalz, Gary Hauser, Laura Bohlmann, Dennis Bianchi, Dick Kuck, Rev. Bernard Steiner, Craig Schlumpberger, Scott Salfer, Rick Neumann, Bernice Sorenson, Patty Stalboerger, Penazz, Kathleen Schroeffer, Katie Schmiesing, Mary Lee Schotzko, Jerry Rieser, Lori Schumacher, Marie Hippert, Dave Schneider, Linnie Faina, Christi Ryburn, Frank Bianchi, Bonnie Portner and Willy Osgood. NUACS offers heartfelt thanks to all who sponsored raffle prizes and to all who purchased a raffle ticket.

Catholic United Financial Raffle: St. Anthony Elementary students in grades K-6 are participating in the Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Tickets sell for \$5 each. The grand prize is \$20,000 or a 2017 Jeep Compass! Remember that last year, the grand prize winner was from New Ulm and purchased her ticket from a NUACS 4th grader! Fifty-four prizes valued at over \$40,000 will be awarded. Contact your favorite SAE student to help us reach our goal of \$25,000, or you may purchase tickets at the SAE Office (check payable to "NUACS"). This raffle is sponsored by Catholic United Financial at no cost to NUACS. Every dollar of your \$5 donation goes directly to NUACS! Call Sara at 766-7593 for more information.

2017-2018 PreKindergarten Registration: "Grow with us in God's love" by registering your child in the NUACS PreKindergarten Program. Catholic Schools light the way for our children, our faith, and our future! Sessions available for ages 4-5 include a 2-day a week half-day program a.m. or p.m. or a 3-day a week half-day morning program. For age 3 we offer a 1-day a week half-day afternoon session. To request a brochure and registration materials, please call 354-2719. We look forward to sharing our program with you and your child! REGISTER EARLY!

Religious Education & Faith Formation News

RELIGIOUS ED AND FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will be held as usual from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, February 22nd.

RCIA CLASS will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd, in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

February 19 - 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.: Join us for an evening of board games! We will meet in Leifeld Hall (basement of Cathedral), after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Bring a favorite game, or just show up to play! No experience required.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Nights - March 18th and April (date TBD) from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - Evenings of games, food, hangout time, prayer and learning. Friends are welcome!

SUMMER EVENTS - Summer is almost here! Thoughts of it are, anyway. Here are some key dates you might want to reserve on the calendar. More information and registration will be coming later.

-Vacation Bible School - June 25th - 30th

-Totus Tuus - July 16th - 21st

-Summer Blast Caritas - June 7th, 21st, July 12th and August 10th

-Diocesan Girls Camp (7-12 grade) - July 23rd - 27th

-Diocesan Boys Camp (middle school) - July 27th - 30th

-Diocesan Boys Camp (high school) - July 30th - Aug 3rd

- Matthew

For more information regarding Youth Ministry, please search on-line at holycrossafc.org. Under the *Ministries* tab you will find *Youth Ministry*.

Holy Cross AFC News

Monday, February 20: Knights of Columbus

All Knights of Columbus are invited to come pray the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. at Cathedral, followed by a meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Monday, February 20 - Rosary

All are welcome to come pray the Rosary at Cathedral at 1:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Wednesday, February 22 - RCIA Class

RCIA Class will be held at 6:45 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

“Catholicism: The Pivotal Players”

This is a 12-session adult study program that will be offered beginning this Lent. In this program, Bishop Robert Barron explores the lives of six people who shaped the life of the Church and changed the course of western civilization. The cost is \$10/person. Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings (7-8:30 p.m.) and repeated Friday mornings (8:15-9:45 a.m.) in St. Mary's Social Hall. We begin Tuesday, February 28th, or Friday, March 3rd. Please register soon so materials can be ordered. Sign-up sheets are in Church or you can register by calling (233-9506) or emailing (blenertz@newulmtel.net) with your name, phone number(s), email, how many books you need and which day you plan to attend.

Friday, March 3 - World Day of Prayer

Come join in the World Day of Pray at Cathedral, with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. in Leifeld Hall and Prayer Service in the church at 10:30 a.m. This year's ecumenical service is focusing on the Women of the Philippines. All are welcome!

Beginning March 5 - “Reasons to Believe” Broadcast

This program series is a clear-sighted contemporary defense of the Catholic faith, providing an in-depth look at the “hows” and “whys” of Catholicism. Dr. Scott Hahn and co-host Mike Aquilina confront the current crisis of faith head on, showing why it is perfectly reasonable to believe in Christ and the Church. Drawing from a treasury of reason and revelation, they illuminate the truths of the faith with arguments from natural reason, everyday experience, Sacred Scripture and more. The thirteen-part series is a rock-solid guide for understanding and defending the Catholic faith. The broadcasts will air on NUCAT Sundays at 7:00 a.m. and Mondays at 11:30 a.m. from March 5th through May 29th.

Thursday, March 9 - Catholics at the Capitol

Our state faces real challenges. Assisted suicide threatens the vulnerable. Underprivileged kids are stuck in failing schools. And too many families are trapped in poverty. Christ asks us to boldly step into the public square to protect life and human dignity. Will you answer the call? Join Minnesota's bishops, dynamic Church leaders, and 1,000+ Catholics from across the state for Catholics at the Capitol, a day of inspiration and advocacy at our State Capitol.

- Be **INSPIRED** by dynamic Church leaders and the power of prayer
- Be **INFORMED** about the critical issues impacting life and human dignity in Minnesota
- Be **EQUIPPED** to effectively engage your elected officials

Legislators pay attention to their constituents. We **WILL** influence what they do. This is our moment. Let's go! Learn more and register at CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org or call 651.227.8777. Diocesan transportation is being arranged. Please contact sspilman@dnu.org if you're interested in riding the bus.

Spring Fever

Tickets for Spring Fever 2017 at St. George are now on sale for the March 18 or 25, 2017, performances. Contact Jackie Forst at 354-2428 to obtain tickets.

Sunday, March 19 - Sauerkraut and Dumpling Dinner

Come enjoy delicious sauerkraut, dumplings and a bake sale hosted by the Cathedral CCW at St. Mary's Social Hall. Items will be served *a la carte* from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The menu includes sauerkraut, landjaegers, German potato salad, dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, coffee, milk and dessert. Take outs will be available.

Thursday, March 23 - 2017 Bishop Lucker Lecture


This year's lecture, “Rise of Sexual Expressionism in the Law & the Decline of the Vulnerable”, featuring Helen Alvare, Professor of Law at George Mason University of Law, will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. Admission is free and no registration is required.

FORMED.org

Over 50 e-books relating to the Catholic Faith are available for you to download from www.FORMED.org! Authors include Pope Benedict XVI, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Michael O'Brien, and more. Your subscription to FORMED.org is free! Use Parish Code ZY2TQG to sign up today.

Monday, February 20 - Free Author Series

“Bored Again Catholic: How the Mass Could Save Your Life” will be presented by Tim O'Malley at 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. In a series of reflections on every part of the Mass, O'Malley challenges us to turn the idea of boredom on its head, calling boredom -- the “good” boredom that opens us to the quiet interior space where we can encounter God -- a “sweet gift.” To view the series, go to <http://bit.do/Bored-Again>.



**Holy Cross
AFC Transitions**
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**Our Sympathy and Prayers to the Families of**  
*Clement “Clem” Hoffman, (Cathedral)*  
*Curtis Tauer, (Cathedral)*  
*Thelma Kinne, Mother of Mary Donnelly (St. Mary)*  
**Baptized in Christ**  
*Jacob James Howk, son of Andrew and Nikina Howk (St. Mary)*

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”  
*Mt 28:20*

Jesus is with us continually in the Blessed Sacrament, and we are so privileged to have Perpetual Adoration in our Holy Cross Area Faith Community, where we may go to Him anytime, day or night. Come to adore Him. He is waiting for you!

**Adorers are needed for the following open hours:  
Fridays 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.**

Many hours are also available for you to partner with our current adorers. For more information, please call Adoration co-coordinators:

Lora Rahe 507-354-5563 or 507-276-6838

Janet Neubauer 507-276-4039 or 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. For chapel closings, please call the Hotline at 233-9510.



## Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 25 AND 26

**SERVERS**

5:00 p.m. Aidan Hendrickson, David Bode and Isaac Roufs  
8:00 a.m. Caleb & Ethan Kirchberg and Evan Bentler  
10:00 a.m. Amber & Joshua Kretsch and Charlie Osborne  
6:30 p.m. Rebekah & Hannah Friendshuh and Anthony Geiger

**LECTORS**

Dave Lynn  
Anita Shikoski  
Lynn Flygare  
Jerod Spilman

**EXTRAORD. MINISTERS**

**Please refer to the following:**  
[www.holycrossafc.org/ministries](http://www.holycrossafc.org/ministries)  
or  
Paper copies in work sacristy

**Tuesday, February 21** - Youth Choir will rehearse at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**Thursday, February 23** - Choir practice will be held at 7:00 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!

**Cathedral CCW Sauerkraut and Dumpling Dinner and Bake Sale** takes place on Sunday, March 19th, at St. Mary's Social Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. We are seeking donations of flour, sugar, vinegar and medium blend coffee for the lunch. Also needed are cookies, breads, rolls and bars for the bake sale. All donations can be delivered to the parish office. Thank you!

**VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 19:** 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; Int. Dave Christian; Don Weise & Mary Weise Weirauch; RS Family; Alex & Alice Portner; Stan & Hazel Schneider; Erwin & Elaine Hillesheim; Pfeiffer, Bonnell & Burdorf; Edwin Sehr; Good Health for MS & DS; Gervase & Arline Krambeer; Cornelius Zitzmann; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Sp. Int. L-K; Wally Neumann; Jeanette Altenburg; Living & deceased members of Mary & George Wurtzberger/Margaret & Mike Tauer families; Larry Waibel; Helget Family; Melvin & Leona Braulick; Don Steffl; Richard Guggisberg; J&R Families; Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld, T.W. & Clara Manderfeld, Joseph & Margaret Zenk; Paul Griebel; Our daughter; Norbert Ubl; Sp. Int.; Luverne Fischer; Souls in Purgatory; Bill Gobel; George & Alma Schmid, Harold Schmid & Wally Wendinger; Willard Portner; Phyllis Portner speedy recovery; Curt Tauer; Clem Hoffman; Successful Surgery for Mom; Sp. Int.; SMLP; Sp. Int.

## Church of St. Mary

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 25 AND 26

**SERVERS**

5:30 p.m. Piper Mangen and Emma Maudal  
9:00 a.m. Emily and Sam Schotzko

**SACRISTANS**

Nick Reinhart  
Kathy Schnobrich

**LECTORS**

Amy Maudal  
Linda Reising

**ACCOMPANISTS**

Peggy Schlumberger  
Tom Maidl

**CANTORS**

Sarah Sauter  
Adult Choir

**GIFT BEARERS**

5:30 p.m. Allie Schneider Family

9:00 a.m. Shelby Serbus Family

**Adult Choir Practice** - Practice for the Adult Choir will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

**Thanks to all of you** who baked for or purchased from the St. Mary's CCW bake sale last weekend! All of the proceeds (\$165) will benefit the Heartland Girl's Ranch in Benson (the Diocesan CCW Project this year). Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the Mission of Love collection for the San Lucas Mission. The proceeds will be sent to help the children, widows and handicapped of the mission.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lauryn Schulz. Lauryn made her First Reconciliation on Saturday.

## Church of St. George

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 26

**SERVERS :** Briana Beranek, Lily Brennan and Aidan Bastian  
**LECTORS:** Frank Bianchi and Alma Forst  
**COUNTERS:** Mike Bastian and David Wendinger  
**EXT. MINISTERS:** Frank Bianchi, Alma Forst and Denny Lux

**GIFT BEARERS:** Jeff and Terese Gruber  
**USHERS:** Ron and Scott Schwab  
**MUSICIAN:** Family Choir  
**ROSARY LEADER:** Marianne Bianchi

**Church Cleaning** - Remember: The (\*) person calls the others to remind them.  
3-4-17 at 8:30 a.m. \*Alice Forst and Alma, Jackie, Kaitlin & Megan Forst

## Church of St. Gregory the Great

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 26

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|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>LECTOR:</b>          | Paul Platz  | <b>SERVERS:</b>        | Jay Webster and Tyler Bless              |
| <b>COMMENTATOR:</b>     | Patti Hayes | <b>EXT. MINISTERS:</b> | Adeline Cox, Linda Beranek and Mark Dick |
| <b>MUSICIAN/CANTOR:</b> | Karen Lyimo | <b>USHERS:</b>         | Scott and Jorja Bless                    |
|                         |             | <b>SACRISTANS:</b>     | Bobbie Schuelke and Patti Hayes          |

**Thank you to everybody who had a hand in making our 2017 Catholic Order of Foresters Bingo a huge success!** The money that we raise for this matching fund event this year is being put toward covering the cost of converting the St. Gregory the Great heating units/furnaces over to natural gas. Please contact Mark LeGare (507) 276-8115 or Andy Maidl (507) 766-0260 if you are interested in donating toward this cause and supporting our event. Thanks again, Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Thomas Court #1994.

**ATTENTION ladies of St. Gregory Parish:** Please pick up your 2017 CCW Handbooks located at the back of church.

A **picture DVD** of over 300 images of the 75th Anniversary Gala event is now available for purchase. Cost is \$10. If interested, please contact Maggie Mages at 507-228-2557 or 507-240-0035.

## Church of St. John the Baptist

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 26

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>SERVERS:</b> | Shalynn Ubl, Kasey Kuck and Ben Schumacher | <b>EUCH. BREAD:</b> | Patrice Scheibel             |
| <b>LECTOR:</b>  | Jerry Grathwohl                            | <b>EUCH. CUP:</b>   | (Communion only in one form) |
| <b>LEADER:</b>  | John Griebel                               | <b>ACCOMPANIST:</b> | Gayle Waibel                 |
| <b>USHERS:</b>  | LaVerne Kuck and Sandy Scheibel            | <b>CANTOR:</b>      | Linda Braulick               |

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| <b>Today, February 19</b>       | Parishoner Appreciation in the Church Basement at 2:00 p.m. |
| <b>Next Sunday, February 26</b> | 10:10 Rosary for Vocations                                  |
| <b>Thursday, March 2</b>        | CCW meeting at 7:00 p.m.                                    |

**NEEDED...**CCW Spring Fundraiser Committee is currently looking for raffle prize donations. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize, please contact Kathy Drexler at 359-4351. Deadline is February 26th. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

**SAVE THE DATE...**Sunday, April 2nd, at 11:30 a.m....St. John's CCW Spring Fundraiser including bake sale and raffle. All are welcome!

## Community News

**Sunday, February 19 - Join us for a "Living Faith Afternoon"** at Schoenstatt on the Lake! This "mini-retreat" is a great opportunity to grow in a relationship with God. The afternoon will include inspiration, fellowship and prayer in the Schoenstatt Shrine starting at 2:00 p.m. and ending with a light supper at 5:00 p.m. Free-will donation for supper. Families are welcome! Topic for February will be "Discovering God in Everyday Life." Please RSVP to 507-794-7727. Save the dates for future months: March 19th, April 9th, May 14th, September 17th and November 19th.

**Sunday, February 26 - Lafayette Charter School Live & Silent Auctions & Barbecue Dinner Fundraiser.** Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 purchased from students or at the door. The Silent Auction will run from 11:00 a.m. until the end of the live auction. The Live Auction starts at 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 4 - 2017 Essig Bluejays Baseball and Softball Registration** will be held from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Carl's Corner in Essig. Come join the Bluejays this summer, having fun and learning to play the games of baseball and softball in the small town of Essig. All ages and skill levels are welcome to participate in a fun, affordable and family-friendly atmosphere. For more information, check out their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/essigbluejays](http://www.facebook.com/essigbluejays).

**Sunday, March 5 - Annual Men's Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner** will be served by the men of St. Mary's Parish in Sleepy Eye from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Enjoy a menu of country sausage, old-fashioned sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, bread, ice cream and beverages. \$12 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 and \$1 for pre-schoolers. USDA inspected sausage and a variety of other kinds of meat will be available for sale. Take-outs for adults only beginning at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday, March 5 - Family Retreat Day** will be held at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Mankato from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. This is a retreat for all ages, including prayer, speakers, children's activities, adoration and Stations of the Cross. For more information, see their website at [www.sspeterandpaul.com](http://www.sspeterandpaul.com).

**Sunday, March 26 - Sauerkraut and Landjaeger Dinner** sponsored by the Hockey Association will be served from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Turner Hall. Come enjoy sauerkraut, landjaegers, mashed potatoes and dessert. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door. Take-out orders will also be available.