



St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

# The Messenger

## FEBRUARY 2019

### Pastoral Leadership

- Msgr. Douglas Grams  
Rector/Pastor
- Fr. Garrett Ahlers  
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku  
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Gerald Meidl  
Senior Associate Pastor
- Dcn. Rick Christiansen  
Permanent Deacon

### St. Gregory the Great Pastoral Admin. Council

- Mark Schuelke, President
- Larry Mages, Vice President
- Cheri LeBrun, Secretary;  
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- Carol Hoffmann, HCAFC Rep.
- Rick Scheurer
- Carl Oswald, Trustee
- Pam Morson, Trustee
- Msgr. Douglas Grams, Ex Officio
- Sheri Liebl, Ex Officio

### St. Gregory Cemetery Board

- Paul Guggisberg
- Bruce Platz
- Ben Stadick
- Mark Hoffmann
- Karl Lindquist

### Employees

- Virginia Herring, Custodian
- Paulette Messerli, Custodian
- LaVon Fischer, Sub. Custodian
- Karl Lindquist, Grounds
- Sheri Liebl, Secretary
- Josh Fischer, Snow Removal

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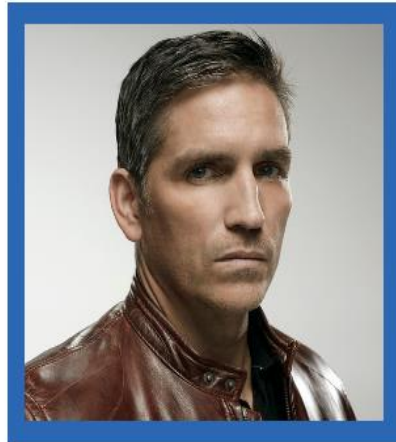
### Website:

[www.holycrossafc.org/church-of-st-gregory-the-great.html](http://www.holycrossafc.org/church-of-st-gregory-the-great.html)



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**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:** Michelle Oswald  
**Secretary:** Carol Hoffmann  
**Treasurer:** Lori Dick  
**Commission Chairs:** Dianne Kuester – Spirituality; Lori Dick - Service; Paulette Messerli – Scholarship; Mary Lou Schmidt - Historian and Patti Hayes – Reverence for Life

# February Birthday Wishes....



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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 George Beranek   | 1 Jorja Bless       | 1 David Guggisberg  |
| 2 Linda Beranek    | 3 Karl Lindquist    | 5 Raelyn Weikle     |
| 6 Dawn VanDeest    | 7 Karen Arlandson   | 7 Troy LeBrun       |
| 7 Tom Wear         | 9 Mark Beranek      | 9 Harriette Gunnink |
| 9 Anne Schuelke    | 13 Sharon Hacker    | 13 Bruce Platz      |
| 15 Gianna Uher     | 16 Andrew Wenninger | 20 Haylee Liebl     |
| 20 Josh Liebl      | 20 Robyn Weikle     | 20 Paula Wenninger  |
| 22 Arlene Phillips | 25 Evan Webster     | 26 Alex Platz       |
| 28 Gary Gossman    | 28 Kim Hague        |                     |

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

### Prayers and sympathy to ...

The family of **Edwin Oswald**... Edwin is the father of Carl (Michelle) Oswald and passed away on Dec. 20. He was laid to rest on January 5, 2019 in New Ulm.

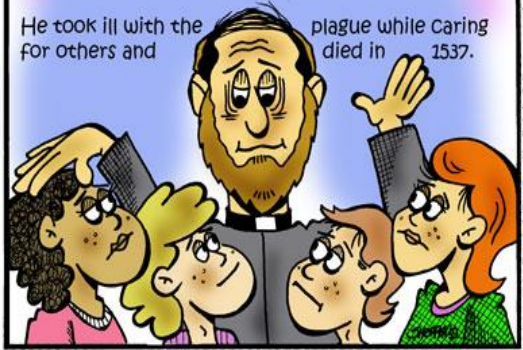
The family of **Douglas Gunnink**.....Douglas is the husband of Janet Gunnink and father to Zachary (Manessa) Gunnink, who are members of St. Gregory's. Mr. Gunnink passed away on January 19 and was laid to rest on January 28, 2019 in Gibbon.

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard

Imprisoned for years, he embraced God. He later returned to Venice and studied to be a priest. He devoted himself to the poor, the suffering and especially the orphans. He became their family.

He committed his life to helping them. He founded orphanages, hospitals, schools and shelters.

He took ill with the plague while caring for others and died in 1537.



*St. Jerome Emiliani*

*Welcome to the newest member of St. Gregory's ...  
 Jazmyne Maidl, wife of Andrew Maidl*

**Saint: February 8<sup>th</sup>**

Source: [www.catholic.org/saints/fun\\_facts\\_arch.php?saint=61](http://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php?saint=61)



## Tidbits of Information

**Please pray for the youth of St. Gregory as they prepare for the sacraments or in the journey of life...**

- ✠ Second graders preparing for First Communion are: Anna Davis, Megan Hacker, Tyler Oswald, Connor Portner, Arianna Uher and Mary Kate Webster. First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Gregory's
- ✠ Confirmation will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 5:30 PM at St. Mary's in New Ulm. Candidates are Josh and Haylee Liebl.
- ✠ 2019 Graduates from St. Gregory include Cassidy Platz, Jennifer Wear and Jay Webster. This life accomplishment will be celebrated on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at St Gregory's.

**This year's Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA)** project for St. Gregory's will be repair of the drainage system above the Social Hall. Excessive rains this past summer caused damage to the interior structure. Plans are to reroute drainage to prevent a repeat event as well as repair the existing damage to the ceiling. As in the past, a portion of the DMA collection will come back to the parish and households will be able to donate directly to the project in addition to a donation to the DMA campaign towards diocesan works. Special donation envelopes for this project are located at the entrance of church.

**Winter Weather** – if weather is inclement and you are questioning whether our Sunday 10:30 AM Mass will take place, please listen to KNUJ Radio.

**Bathroom remodeling** ...watch for construction to start soon. Funds received from last year's Diocesan ministries appeal are being used to complete this project.

## Save the dates...Upcoming Church and Community Events

**Sunday, February 3, 2019** – Donut Sunday following Mass. CCW ladies, Michelle Oswald and Mary Lou Schmidt will be hosting this event.

**Thursday, February 7, 2019** – Social Hall Kitchen cleaning starting at 9 AM. All are welcome for guaranteed laughs!

**Sunday, February 10, 2019** – It is time for the annual Grocery BINGO, hosted by the members of COF, St. Thomas Court #1994. The event will start at 1 PM in the church social hall and lunch will be available for purchase.

**Saturday, February 23, 2019** – The Lafayette Volunteer Ambulance Department will be holding their annual STEAK FRY Fundraiser from 5-9 PM at Dave's Place in Lafayette. In addition to steak, many additional menu options will be available to choose from. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the ongoing operation of the ambulance.

**Sunday, February 24, 2019** – Lafayette Charter School PROS (Parents Reaching Out for Students) will be holding their annual fundraiser. The day will consist of a Pulled Pork and German Potato Salad meal will be served from 11 AM – 1 PM in coordination with a silent auction and live auction beginning at 1 PM. All proceeds benefit all students of Lafayette Charter School.

Activity Calendar for St. Gregory the  
Great Catholic Church in Lafayette, MN

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>  Donut Sunday  4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	4	5	<b>6</b> No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's  7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	<b>7</b> 9 AM – Social Hall Kitchen cleaning  7 PM - Admin Council Mtg – Pastoral Center	8	9
<b>10 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>  1 PM COF Bingo  5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	11	12	<b>13</b> No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's  7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	<b>14</b>  6:30 PM – CCW Mtg – Social Hall	15	16
<b>17 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>  6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	18	19	<b>20</b> No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's  7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	21	22	23
<b>24 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>  7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	25	26	<b>27</b> No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's  7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	28	To view the entire Holy Cross AFC calendar, go to <a href="http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html">http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html</a> *All activities/Masses are subject to change	