



# 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  
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku  
Parochial Vicar
- Dcn. Rick Christiansen  
Permanent Deacon

## NUACS

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School (Pre K-6)  
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William Schumacher, Principal  
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(507) 354-2719

## AFC Pastoral Council

### Representatives

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  
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**Church of St. Mary**  
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**Cathedral of the  
Holy Trinity**  
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**Church of St. George**  
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New Ulm, MN 56073  
(507) 359-9553  
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**Church of  
St. Gregory the Great**  
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## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

**Bulletin Connection** *The economic uncertainty of the last few years has affected many people. At this point we know all the stories of lost jobs, lost homes, lost dreams and lost lives. The words of Jesus in the Gospel can seem small comfort to those who stand in line at the food pantry, sleep at night in their car, or worry about their health. Having an experience of God's providential care does not always come easily. But many who are poor do have an example they can relate of a blessing that came their way at a most inopportune moment. How do you experience God's care for you?* (Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center)

### From the Pastor

**LENT** The season of Lent begins this Wednesday, March 1. Masses for Ash Wednesday are listed in the bulletin as well as times for the Stations of the Cross. There are many free online Lenten resources available. Check out FORMED.org, Bishop Robert Barron at Word on Fire, Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic 'Best Lent Ever,' and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB Lent). I encourage you to use these forty days of penance and prayer to deepen your relationship with the Lord and all the people He has placed on your faith journey.

**MEATLESS FRIDAYS** Guidelines for fast and abstinence during the Lenten season are found in the AFC section of this bulletin. Also, a reminder that during Lent all Friday funeral meals will be meatless. There are many creative ways to observe meatless Fridays in Lent.

**ADULT STUDY PROGRAM** I am happy to report that nearly 100 individuals from our Holy Cross Area Faith Community will be taking part in Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players." We begin this Tuesday evening, with a parallel track running on Friday mornings. A few extra books were ordered; if you would still like to take part, please contact Brenda at 233-9506, or email her at blenertz@newulmtel.net.

**DIACONATE** Dr. Terry Knowles, through prayer and discernment, has decided to discontinue his studies for the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of New Ulm. Terry Knowles is grateful for your prayers and support. May he grow in holiness as he lives out his vocation as husband, father and physician.

**THANK YOU** to Fr. Victor Warkulwiz for his presentation on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Cathedral and St. Mary's last weekend. We are grateful for the 28 new adorers we have in our Holy Cross Area Faith Community. Thank you as well to the coordinators who helped arrange for Fr. Victor's journey to and from the airport and enabled him to make it to six Masses to speak.

**SECOND COLLECTION** Next weekend we will be taking up a second collection for the Black and Indian Missions. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs among the African American, Native American and Alaska Native people of God. Please be generous.

**BISHOP LUCKER LECTURE SERIES** The annual Bishop Lucker Lecture Series this year will feature Helen Alvare, Professor of Law at George Mason University of Law. She will speak on the "Rise of Sexual Expressionism in the Law and the Decline of the Vulnerable." It will be held on Thursday, March 23, 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. This event is free and open to the public. I encourage you to attend. - Msgr. Grams

## Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
<b>Monday 27th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Sam Shulsted
<b>Tuesday 28th</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Alice Henle
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Special Intention
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+ Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld

<b>WEDNESDAY 1ST - ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		
7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Edwin Sehr
8:25 a.m.	NUACS SAE	+ Susan, John & Linda
12:00 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Harold Hoffmann
1:30 p.m.	NUACS CHS	+ Alice Henle
5:15 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Odelia Forst
5:30 p.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Roger Kloeckl
7:00 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Paul Drexler
7:00 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Stan Freking
7:00 p.m.	St. George	+ Odelia Forst

<b>Thursday 2nd</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Victor Kral
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Leander Forster
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+ Dorothy Guggisberg

<b>Friday 3rd</b> 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Dorothy Guggisberg
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	CUF for Shut-ins
10:15 a.m.	Ridgeway South	+ Patrick Leibl

<b>Saturday 4th</b> 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Ella, Frank & Fritz Tauer
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ Robert Mulrennan
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Roselyn Freiderich

<b>Sunday 5th</b> 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Mass for the People
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Gerald Brunner
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Wally Leick
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Geri Roesch
10:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Pat Hoffman
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Alice Hanson
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral	+ James Kienlen

<b>SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOMEBOUND</b>		
KEYC Mankato Fox Channel 13 NU Tel	6:30 - 7:00 a.m.	
KEYC (1) - Old Channel 12 KEYC (NU Tel Ch. 12 / Comcast Ch. 6)	7:30 a.m.	
NUCAT Mass from Cathedral of the Holy Trinity	11:00 a.m.	
(doesn't run all the time)		
Channel 45 NU Tel & Channel 12 Comcast	11:00 - 11:30	
from St. Cloud		

### Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
<b>Thursday 2nd</b>	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Cathedral
<b>Friday 3rd</b>	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary
<b>Saturday 4th</b>	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

### Readings for the Week of February 26

Sunday:	Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34
Monday:	Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

## Stewardship for the Week of February 19, 2017

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	8,219.00	7,082.00	1,007.00	232.00	768.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	5,405.00	0.00	223.00	0.00	0.00
Online Giving	0.00	70.00	.00	23.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,624.00</b>	<b>7,152.00</b>	<b>1,230.00</b>	<b>255.00</b>	<b>768.00</b>
Year-to-date Actual	447,301.12	458,642.80	70,867.00	61,997.96	40,989.27
Year-to-date Budget	448,538.54	447,557.56	55,590.00	51,307.64	36,615.62
<b>Ahead/Behind</b>	<b>-1,237.42</b>	<b>11,085.24</b>	<b>15,277.00</b>	<b>10,690.32</b>	<b>4,373.65</b>
Student	18.37	20.50	4.00	8.00	6.55
Loose Plate	444.31	298.05	13.75	12.25	37.10
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	34,124.00 (79)	11,190.00 (34)	1,932.55 (6)	4,085.00 (17)	2,251.00 (9)
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>1049</i>	<i>561</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>94</i>



### New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

*Visit us at [www.nuacs.com](http://www.nuacs.com)*

**METALS COLLECTION AND SCRIP SALES:** There will be a metals collection and scrip sale held on Saturday, March 4, 2017, in the St. Anthony Elementary School parking lot from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**2017-2018 PREKINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE:** NUACS will host a PreK Open House on Thursday, March 16, 2017, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Elementary School, 514 North Washington Street. Registration materials for the 2017-2018 school year will be available. Please call 354-2719 to request registration information if you are unable to attend. 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. NUACS offers academic excellence and faith-filled experiences to children of all faiths. Visit [www.nuacs.com](http://www.nuacs.com)!

**KINDERGARTEN 2017-2018:** A special Kindergarten Roundup and Parent Information Meeting will take place at St. Anthony Elementary School, 514 North Washington Street, on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Children will enjoy an abbreviated day in Kindergarten; the following activities will be included: prayer, a counting game, a Bible story, snack time, art, gym and music class, and a bus ride. Mom and Dad will spend time in an informational meeting in the St. Anthony Gym. The session is from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Complimentary childcare for siblings not attending the Roundup will be provided. The most important building block for your child's future is a strong faith foundation. A Catholic education influences all areas of your child's life, offering the spiritual and academic guidance they will need as they grow. Grow with us in God's love. Visit [www.nuacs.com](http://www.nuacs.com)!

**SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY:** This is Scholarship Sunday weekend, a time when parish members are encouraged to contribute to the NUACS Scholarship Program. New Ulm Area Catholic Schools (NUACS) is committed to making Catholic education affordable for as many families as we can responsibly serve. Each gift received will make a positive difference for families qualifying for financial assistance. Financial assistance is distributed to families who qualify from three accounts: the Educational Trust Fund, Adopt-A-Student Program and Parish Scholarships. Please review the flyer in this weekend's bulletin regarding this program. If you are interested in making a donation, use the envelope attached to the flyer or contact Sara in the NUACS Development Office at 507-766-7593 for more information.

**JOIN US FOR GREAT MUSIC:** You're invited to join us for a unique musical performance at the First Annual Diocese of New Ulm Massed Band Festival. This new music and arts event will be held on Wednesday, March 8th, at 2:00 p.m. in the gym at Cathedral High School.

### Religious Education & Faith Formation News

**Wednesday, March 1st, is Ash Wednesday.** In place of classes for Religious Education and Faith Formation, all students and their families are asked to attend Ash Wednesday Mass. Please reference the Mass schedule on page one of the bulletin for Mass times and locations. Regular classes will resume March 8th.

### Youth & Young Adult Ministry

**YOUTH MINISTRY - Middle School Youth Nights** will be held March 18th and April (date TBD) from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Come for 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.

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| -Vacation Bible School – June 25th-30th                        | -Diocesan Girls Camp(7-12 grade) – July 23rd-27th     |
| -Totus Tuus – July 16th-21st                                   | -Diocesan Boys Camp (middle school) – July 27th-30th  |
| -Summer Blast Caritas – June 7th, 21st, July 12th, August 10th | -Diocesan Boys Camp (high school) – July 30th-Aug 3rd |

#### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The next Truth on Tap will be March 5th at Green Mill. We will meet around 7:30 p.m. Come check it out!

- Matthew

For more information regarding Youth Ministry, please search on-line at [holycrossafc.org](http://holycrossafc.org). Under the *Ministries* tab you will find *Youth Ministry*.

## Holy Cross AFC News

### Monday, February 27 - Rosary

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

### Lenten Guidelines

In addition to choosing their own practices of penance and sacrifice, Catholics are also asked to observe the practices of fast and Abstinence during the 40 days of Lent. The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations are as follows:

1. **Everyone 14 years of age or over** is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. **Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age** is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, though all are highly encouraged to do so, health permitting.
3. **On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. *When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.*

### Thursday, March 2 - Baptism Class

Baptism class will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Leifeld Hall. Contact Julie Soehren at 233-0628 for more information.

### Beginning Friday, March 3 - Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at 5:30 p.m. at St. George every Friday during Lent. Please join us for a soup and sandwich supper following in the Parish Center.

### Friday, March 3 - World Day of Prayer

Come join in the World Day of Prayer 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!

### Thursday, March 9 - COF Meeting

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Parish Ctr.

### Thursday, March 9 - Catholics at the Capitol

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. Learn more and register at CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org or call 651.227.8777. Please contact spilman@dnu.org if you're interested in riding the bus.

### Saturday, March 18 - Public Square Rosary Rally

You are invited to a Public Square Rosary Rally for Traditional Marriage at the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm at 9:15 a.m. This is sponsored by America Needs Fatima, and it will be one of 3,000 rallies taking place across the U.S. that day. Please join us in offering reparation for sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for Traditional Marriage and for the conversion of the U. S.

### 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

FORMED.org. The upcoming season of Lent invites each of us to more profoundly encounter our Heavenly Father's love and mercy. The program "Forgiven" explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. This program is found at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Use Parish Code ZY2TQG to access it.

### Job Opportunity

There is a job opportunity for a part time church custodian at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. This position would be scheduled for 20 - 25 hours per week. For more information and an application, please call or stop by the CHT parish office.

### Spring Fever

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

### Countywide Public Transportation

This service is coming to rural Blue Earth, Nicollet and Le Sueur counties. Please help us shape the new transit system to best fit our community's needs by taking a short online survey at [www.vinevolunteers.com](http://www.vinevolunteers.com). If you have questions or need a paper copy of the survey, contact Paige Schuette at 507-386-5573 or [paiges@vinevolunteers.com](mailto:paiges@vinevolunteers.com).

### Baptized in Christ

Ryker James Skorczewski,

son of Dylan Skorczewski and Jordan Bode (St. Mary)

Colten Joseph Bailey,

son of Dale and Rebecca Bailey (Cathedral)

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*Our Sympathy and Prayers to the Families of*

*Renee Eckstrand (Cathedral)*

*Beatrice Haala, mother of Pat (Norb) Wenisch (St. John)*

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

*Lent:*

*A time of prayer and sacrifice.*

*A time of renewal.*

*A time to grow closer to God.*

*This Lent:*

*Come spend some time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel.*

*See where it takes you on your journey!*

*Adorers are needed for Sundays at 11:00 a.m.*

*Many other hours are also available for you to partner with our current adorers.*

*For more information, please call Adoration co-coordinators*

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

*Janet Neubauer at 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.*

*Please call the Hotline, 233-9510, for closings due to weather.*



## Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 4 AND 5

#### **SERVERS**

5:00 p.m. William & Kate Boston and Sam Guldán  
8:00 a.m. Jacob & Joelle Haala and Isaac Roufs  
10:00 a.m. Michael Sloom, Macarius Amoah and Charlie Osborne  
6:30 p.m. Hunter & Ella Landsteiner and Will Schabert

#### **LECTORS**

Theresa Bock  
Don Brand  
Linda Arduser  
Michelle Grady

#### **EXTRAORD. MINISTERS**

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

**Tuesday, February 28** - Youth Choir will rehearse at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**Thursday, March 2** - 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 FEBRUARY 26:** 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; JM&F; 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; Richard Guggisberg; J&R Families; Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld, T.W. & Clara Manderfeld, Joseph & Margaret Zenk; Peace of Mind; Norbert Ubl; Sp. Int.; Souls in Purgatory; Willard Portner; Phyllis Portner speedy recovery; Successful Surgery for Mom; Sp. Int.; Bill Goebel; Sp. Int.; Better Health; Renee Eckstrand; John-Vocation; Grandma; Paul Griebel

## Church of St. Mary

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY

#### **SERVERS**

**7:00 p.m.** Jacob and Sarah Runck

#### **SACRISTANS**

Colleen Zeig

#### **LECTORS**

Kathy Grausam

#### **ACCOMPANISTS**

Brenda Lenertz

#### **CANTORS**

Mary Carroll

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 4 AND 5

#### **SERVERS**

**5:30 p.m.** Emma Neet and Codey Heck  
**9:00 a.m.** Jack Howard and Anne Howard

#### **SACRISTANS**

Aleda Beranek  
Colleen Zeig

#### **LECTORS**

Carey Kittler  
Kelsey Kober

#### **ACCOMPANISTS**

Donna Donahue  
Marijo Sweeney

#### **CANTORS**

Anita Hoffmann  
Carolyn Keller

#### **GIFT BEARERS**

**7:00 p.m.** Masyn Hauser Family

**5:30 p.m.** Peyton Jensen Family

**9:00 a.m.** Christian Herrera (Arndt) Family

**Friday, March 3 - Stations of the Cross** will be held at 5:00 p.m. **Monday, March 6 - CCW Meeting** will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign** - St. Mary's will be participating again in this campaign to help restock our local food shelf. You can place your non-perishable food donations in the collection container in the Cry Room, and any monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket, clearly labeled "Food Shelf", or brought to the parish office. Please be generous in the fight against hunger.

**Mass Intentions** - There are several Masses available during Lent in which to offer an intention. Contact the parish office to schedule intentions. *"When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated."* - Rev. William Saunders "Mass Intentions" - Arlington Catholic Herald

## Church of St. George

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY

**SERVERS :** Jared Beranek, Audra Bastian and Avery Wendinger  
**LECTORS:** Evy Olson and Jeff Franta  
**COUNTERS:** Steve Biebl and Jim Forst  
**EXT. MIN.:** Steve Biebl, Ann Franta and Cindy Wendinger

**GIFT BEARERS:** Mike and Anna Bastian  
**USHERS:** Bill Schwab and Jeff Sieve  
**MUSICIAN:** Jackie Forst  
**ROSARY LEADER:** Mary Ann Berle

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 5

**SERVERS :** Josh Dummer and Isaac & Adam Franta  
**LECTORS:** Kaitlin Forst and Matt Wendinger  
**COUNTERS:** Craig Beranek and Mike Bastian  
**EXT. MIN.:** Alma Forst, Joannie Hillesheim, volunteer if needed

**GIFT BEARERS:** George and Marian Altmann  
**USHERS:** Daryl Trautmiller, Allen Wendinger  
**MUSICIAN:** Tom Maidl  
**ROSARY LEADER:** Shirley Wendinger

**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 MARCH 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY

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| <b>LECTOR:</b>          | Nancy Reed                                  | <b>SERVERS:</b>        | Josh & Haylee Liebl and Rachel Dauer |
| <b>COMMENTATOR:</b>     | George Beranek                              | <b>EXT. MINISTERS:</b> | Adeline Cox and Mark & Lori Dick     |
| <b>MUSICIAN/CANTOR:</b> | Cheri LeBrun                                | <b>USHERS:</b>         | Ben Stadick and Chuck Schmidt        |
| <b>DIST. OF ASHES:</b>  | Nancy Dauer, Sheri Liebl and Carol Hoffmann |                        |                                      |
|                         |                                             | <b>SACRISTANS:</b>     | Bobbie Schuelke and Sheri Liebl      |

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 5

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| <b>LECTOR:</b>          | Randy Gjerde | <b>SERVERS:</b>        | Jarrett and Kolbe Platz             |
| <b>COMMENTATOR:</b>     | Joe Maidl    | <b>EXT. MINISTERS:</b> | Andy Maidl and Bruce & Laurie Platz |
| <b>MUSICIAN/CANTOR:</b> | Cheri LeBrun | <b>USHERS:</b>         | Paulette Messerli and Ginny Herring |
|                         |              | <b>SACRISTANS:</b>     | Bobbie Schuelke and Bruce Platz     |

**March 1- ASH WEDNESDAY** - St. Gregory's CCW will be hosting a Soup and Sandwich meal following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. All are welcome.

**Thursday, March 2 - CCW Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Hostess will be Nancy Wetzel.

**Sunday, March 5 - CCW Donut Sunday** will follow the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Hostesses are Pam Morson and Lori Dick.

**Wednesday, March 8 - St. Gregory's choir practice** will be held at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

**Sunday, March 12 - CCW Bingo** will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. A collection for the NU Area Food Shelf will take place, along with lots of fun with great prizes. Lunch will also be available.

**Sunday, March 12 - CCW** will serve afternoon snack to the residents of The Lodge in Winthrop. - Mona Nelson

**The money that we raised at the COF Bingo 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.

**Choir practice for Easter has been scheduled.** Mark your calendars and plan on joining us on Wednesdays March 8th, 22nd, and 29th and April 5th and 12th at 6:30 p.m. All are Welcome!

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

## Church of St. John the Baptist

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY

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| <b>SERVERS:</b> | Jesse & Jada Kraus and Alexa Hornick | <b>EUCH. BREAD:</b> | Carol Waibel                 |
| <b>LECTOR:</b>  | Kathy Drexler                        | <b>EUCH. CUP:</b>   | (Communion only in one form) |
| <b>LEADER:</b>  | Lester Braulick                      | <b>ACCOMPANIST:</b> | Gayle Waibel                 |
| <b>USHERS:</b>  | Roger Abels and Al Schumacher        | <b>CANTOR:</b>      | Linda Braulick               |

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 5

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| <b>SERVERS:</b> | David & Justin Berg and Jillian Griebel | <b>EUCH. BREAD:</b> | Sue Schumacher               |
| <b>LECTOR:</b>  | Heidi Hoffman                           | <b>EUCH. CUP:</b>   | (Communion only in one form) |
| <b>LEADER:</b>  | Craig Braulick                          | <b>ACCOMPANIST:</b> | Gayle Waibel                 |
| <b>USHERS:</b>  | Roger Abels and Al Schumacher           | <b>CANTOR:</b>      | Women of Song                |

**Thursday, March 2 - CCW** will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. **Next Sunday, March 5 - Rosary** for Vocations at 10:10 a.m.

**Monday, March 6 - CUF meeting** at 7:00 p.m. - Madonna Card Party

**SAVE THE DATE...**

CCW Spring Fundraiser on Sunday, April 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. A bake sale and raffle will be included. All are welcome!

## Community News

**Sunday, February 26 - A benefit fundraiser** will be held for Paula Wittgraf at the Gibbon Community Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction, bake sale, and Dad's Belgian Waffles breakfast, with all proceeds going to benefit a fund set up for Paula through St. Willibrord's CCW at Minnwest Bank in Gibbon. Paula, who has two daughters, has suffered a recurrence of breast cancer and is in need of our support and prayers.

**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.

**Thursday, March 2 - Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness** will host a support group meeting for family and friends of individuals living with a mental illness. This is an opportunity to meet with others who share their concerns, compare experiences and learn from each other. This event is free and registration is not necessary. Meetings will continue each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

**Saturday, March 4 - In the Heart of Mercy Lenten Retreat** will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato. This is a retreat day for single women ages 18-40 with Sister Janet Mallak, SSND. For more information visit [http://bit.ly/heart\\_of\\_mercy](http://bit.ly/heart_of_mercy). Please RSVP by February 27th to S. Stephanie Spandl at [sspandl@ssnd.org](mailto:sspandl@ssnd.org) or 651-278-4498.

**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!