



HOLY CROSS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Pastoral Leadership

- Msgr. Douglas Grams
Rector/Pastor
- Msgr. John Richter
Senior Associate
- Fr. Aaron Johanneck
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku
Parochial Vicar
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School (Pre K-6)
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Representatives

Cathedral.....Tim Rahe
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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.



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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
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Church of St. Mary
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**Cathedral of the
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Church of St. George
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**Church of
St. Gregory the Great**
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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2017

Bulletin Connection *Today's feast is the oldest celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Roman Catholic Church. While the new beginning celebrated by New Year's Day may take precedence in the mind of most people, today's feast is wrapped up in the Roman concept of an octave, that is, the eighth day, which is a symbol of fulfillment or completion. January 1 rounds out the celebration of Christmas with its emphasis on the divine becoming human. The Word of God could only take on our human nature through the cooperation of the Virgin Mother. Her 'yes' made the birth of Christ a reality.*

(Liturgical Publications, Inc. Resource Center 2005).

From the Pastor

HAPPY NEW YEAR On behalf of the priests and staff of the Holy Cross Area Faith Community, I would like to wish all of you many blessings in the New Year.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Today we celebrate the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The title "Mother of God" is derived from the Greek *Theotokos*, which means "God-bearer." On this day we are reminded of the role the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat: "Be it done unto me according to Thy word." Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace," further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world. As we begin another year, we draw inspiration from the selfless love of the *Theotokos*, who never hesitated to do the will of God. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL There is still time to make your pledge or gift to the DMA - envelopes are still available. Return your envelope in the collection or drop it in the mail. You may also pledge or contribute online at www.dnu.org/diocesan-ministries-appeal. Either way, the parish will receive full credit for your gift. Your gift benefits diocesan ministries as well as to our parish projects. Thank you to those who have supported the DMA thus far.

INCREASED GIVING APPEAL It is not too late to make your prayerful response to our Stewardship Appeal to ensure the pastoral programming in all of our parishes. Please use the form enclosed in the letter you received and return it in the envelope to any parish collection in the AFC, or mail or drop it off at your parish office. Please note information in the letter concerning online giving. Online giving makes donating simple, safe and secure.

CARE (Community Advocates for Recovery) is available in our area. CARE exists to support each other while creating, advocating for, and facilitating the development of community resources which support people in recovery. For more information, contact Gaile at 276-9356.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT FORMED.org. To access the free resources of this program, register at Formed.org and type in the parish code: ZY2TQG. Remember also to check out the videos produced by Flying Buttress Media on our AFC website: www.holycrossafc.org. You may see someone you know!

STEWARDSHIP IS PARTICIPATION – SHARING TALENT Stewardship involves sharing talent. Recognizing that God has given each individual unique skills and talents so that together we can do the work of Our Lord, we strive to share our own talents and to encourage and welcome others to also use their talents to participate in the mission and ministry of the Church.

Msgr. Grams

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday 2nd 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Donald Rausch
Tuesday 3rd 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Cathedral St. Mary St. George NUACS CHS Orchard Hills	+ Maurice Louwagie + Richard LeGare + Stanley Klinger + Francis & Veronica Dauer + Eva James
Wednesday 4th 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	+ Leander Forster CUF for Shut-Ins + Francis & Veronica Dauer + Alice Henle
Thursday 5th 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Cathedral St. Mary Oak Hills St. John the Baptist	+ Marcella Mielke Int. for Sylvester Homan + James Schlumpberger CUF Living Members
Friday 6th 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Cathedral St. Mary Ridgeway South	+ Florian Portner Int. for Sally Homan + Tom & Louise Cooling/ + Bob LeGare
Saturday 7th 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Cathedral Cathedral St. Mary	+ Donna Windhorn + Val Simmet Int. for Fred Schweiss
Sunday 8th 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. Gregory the Great St. John the Baptist Cathedral	+ Mass for the People + Gerald Brunner + Clark Sorenson + Edwin & Florence Franta + Duane Mages + Pat Hoffman + Milvia Baldi

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 3rd	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
Wednesday 4th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
Thursday 5th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Cathedral
Friday 6th	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary
Saturday 7th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Sunday 8th	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral

Readings for the Week of January 1

Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Stewardship

Contributions for Week of December 25, 2016

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	26,697.77	23,957.00	2,813.00	6,565.00	2,167.31
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	26,697.77	23,957.00	2,813.00	6,565.00	2,167.31
Year-to-date Actual	342,515.02	335,413.79	56,209.00	45,972.32	28,000.58
Year-to-date Budget	343,000.06	342,249.96	42,510.00	39,999.96	28,000.18
Ahead/Behind	- 485.04	-6,836.17	13,699.00	5,972.36	.40
Student	43.00	69.04	12.00	19.00	49.00
Loose Plate	1,134.10	4,292.67	887.00	121.50	674.00
Christmas Budget		27,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	4,000.00
Christmas Actual	31,861.90	21,544.00	5,710.00	3,867.00	2,340.00
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	26,590.00 (67)	5,715.00 (28)	1,932.55 (6)	1,640.00 (9)	300.00 (3)
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54
DMA Actual (# contributors)	48,330.00 (155)	37,500.00 (98)	5,375.00 (14)	8,680.00 (29)	3,176.70 (12)
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>1030</i>	<i>1632</i>	<i>248</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>321</i>



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

visit www.nuacs.com

Happy New Year to All from NUACS!

School Resumes: School will begin again for students and staff at NUACS on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break!

Snowfest Raffle Tickets: Our annual Snowfest celebration is on Saturday, February 4, in the Holy Trinity and St. Anthony Elementary buildings. Admission is free to this cool blast of big fun! CHS students are now selling Snowfest raffle tickets. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each with 24 chances to win \$100 to \$500! Please help support our school in this important fundraising effort. CHS students are striving to meet their goal of \$14,000 in student raffle ticket sales in order to earn a free day from school on Wednesday, April 12.

Snowfest Auction Items/Volunteers: The Snowfest committee is always looking for unique and interesting donations for the silent and live auctions. If you have an appropriate item to donate, please drop it off at the St. Anthony Elementary Office or call Sara Rieland at 507-766-7593 to arrange for pick-up. If you would like to donate a service, you may drop off a gift certificate to be handed to the winner. In addition, there are many locations where help is needed on the evening of Snowfest. Please consider volunteering your time for this important event.

Family Fun Night: On Wednesday, February 1 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM, we will have our Family Fun Night to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Events include a family-friendly meal and a carnival of games. Mark your calendars for this upcoming event!

Religious Education & Faith Formation News

CONFIRMATION NEWS!

Junior Confirmation Candidates: Please return your Sponsor Books and turn in your paper work. If you have any questions, please email Julie at Julie.soehren@holycrossafc.org.

RELIGIOUS ED & FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

Faith Formation and Religious Ed classes will resume January 4th. For St. Mary's Faith Formation, this is also a Parent Night. Amanda's topic for the month will be our Blessed Mary, Mother of God. All parents and interested adults are invited to attend.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

On Saturday, January 7th, the Cathedral will again be hosting *Cor Jesu*, which is an evening of Eucharistic adoration with contemporary praise music. Confessions will also be available during the event. The event will start at 7:15 PM and is one hour long with a reception to follow. I especially encourage all youth to attend, though all ages are of course welcome to come and praise Jesus.

January 15th - Youth Ministry in the Holy Cross AFC. Come to learn, share, and discuss ideas about Youth Ministry for our AFC. This is a chance for us to hear from you about what you would like to see regarding the faith life of our youth. All ages are welcome. We will be meeting in the social hall at St. Mary's parish at 2:00pm. We should be done by 3/3:30pm, but you are free to come and go as you please.

Broom Tree Retreat, Irene, SD - Jan 27-29 - For youth in grades 9-12, I strongly encourage you to attend this retreat! Designed for those who want to "go deeper" in their faith and their relationship with Christ. The theme is "I have called you friends..." and gives an opportunity for spiritual direction, prayer, games, and a retreat from the craziness of school life. Scholarships are available, and you can register with Matthew, or online at dnu.org/broom-tree-retreat.

- 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, January 2nd - Rosary

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

Thursday, January 12th - Correction!

Catholic Order of Foresters will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. (note the time change) in the Cathedral Parish Center.

ATTENTION QUILTERS AND QUILT ADMIRERS

You are invited to attend the 6th Annual Sewing for Sight Quilt Show to be held Saturday, January 14, 2017, from 1-5:00PM. This show will be held at the St. George Parish Center, featuring more than 200 quilts by The Fischer Sisters of Sleepy Eye, MN (Carol Waibel, Kathy Morris, JoAnn Eischen and Donna Dewanz) and also the Sewing for Sight Retreat Participants. A Quilter's Second-Hand Boutique featuring fabric, books, patterns, notions and more, The Homespun Café serving coffee, desserts and refreshments, Independent Consultants and a Silent Auction will also be available. NEW this year will be The Quilted Market, offering quilted items available for sale and ready for use! Admission is only \$5.00 to experience all of this goodness and creativity. All proceeds from this event will be directed to the Foundation for Saving Sight and their ongoing mission to provide sight-saving eye care to the villagers of San-Lucas-Toliman, Guatemala. Whether or not you are able to attend the event, financial contributions (both personal and business) are greatly appreciated. Donations can be mailed or delivered to Sewing Seeds Quilt Company at 1417 South State Street, New Ulm, MN 56073. Please make checks payable to Sewing for Sight. This event is co-sponsored by St. George Catholic United Financial and Sewing Seeds Quilt Company. For more information, please contact Jackie Forst (507)276-1069, Ann Wendinger (507)766-3389 or Cindy Wendinger (507)276-2716. Listen to KNUJ Radio for weather related announcements.

Sunday, January 15th - Sausage Supper

The Catholic Order of Foresters Sausage Supper will be served at Turner Hall from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery. All are welcome!

Monday, January 16th - Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. at Cathedral, followed by a meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Sunday, January 22nd - March for Life 2017 Pilgrimage

starting at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and loading a coach bus at 11:20 a.m. for MCCL Rally at the MN State Capital at 2:00 p.m. and returning at 5:00 p.m. Register soon to reserve a seat by calling the Cathedral office at 354-4158. Questions can be directed to trip coordinator Kate Sloom at sloom@newulmtel.net.

Gift Certificates Are on Sale for Spring Fever

at St. George for March 18th and March 25th, 2017. Call 354-2428 to reserve yours today!

Saturday, January 28, 2017 - 75th Church Anniversary

St. Gregory the Great would like to invite all former members and other HCAFC members to our special 75th Church Anniversary on Saturday, January 28, 2017. The evening will begin with a 5:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop LeVoir, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and a program to follow. Tickets are \$20 each for the meal and program and to reserve your spot, please send payment and number of tickets requested to St. Gregory's, P.O. Box 5, Lafayette, MN 56054 or call the church office and leave a message at 507-228-8298. **All tickets must be reserved no later than 1/15/17.**

BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

In this New Year, may God meet you in a special way:

Not by shielding you from sorrow and pain,

But by walking beside you when it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by upholding you on the hills and valleys of life's journey;

Not by taking life's struggles from you,

But by taking fear from your heart through his perfect love;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by being your light, even on dark days;

Not by making your life always happy,

But by enlarging your heart through vulnerability;

And when you yield to the heart of the Father

And lean on him as his child,

He will open the eyes of your heart and enlarge your capacity to love.

May God's love, joy, peace, and hope meet you heart to heart in the year ahead.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

***"O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the King!"***

Come to worship Him!

Join us in perpetual adoration of our King!

ADORATION WEATHER HOTLINE

Winter weather may require us to close the Adoration Chapel for safety's sake. We will make every effort to contact our adorers, but please check the hotline 233-9510 for the latest information.

Or you can call your Division Leaders:

Midnight to 6am	Gwen Christiansen 354-5771
6am to Noon	Denise Richter 354-3870 or Willy Osgood 359-4134
Noon to 6pm	Sharon Illikman 354-3145 or Carolyn Keller 354-1708
6pm to Midnight	Frani Knowles 359-5490 or Sue Schommer 354-8934

Coordinators: Lora Rahe at 507-354-5563 or 507-276-6838
Janet Neubauer at 507-276-4039
Kathy Sonnek at 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 JANUARY 7 AND 8

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Alexis & David Petersen, Chris Branch
8:00 a.m. Jared, Jayden & Jenna Hotovec
10:00 a.m. Rose Hazuka, Becca Schwarz, Jenna Helget
6:30 p.m. Will Schabert, Brendon & Jacob DeVries

LECTORS

Randy Clyne
Gary Neubauer
Marie Guggisberg
Theresa Bock

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Due to space limitations the Eucharistic Ministers schedule will not be included in the bulletin. It can be found online at www.holycrossafc.org/ministries or paper copies are available in the work sacristy.

Monday, January 2: CHT Office Closed
Tuesday, January 3: Youth Choir at 3:00 p.m. in Parish Center
Wednesday, January 4: RCIA at 6:45 p.m. in Parish Center
Thursday, January 5: Baptism Class at 6:30 p.m. in L.H.
Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

*Isaac Thomas Hazuka, son of Tom and Allison Hazuka
Liliana Rose Buboltz, daughter of Paul and Candy Buboltz*



SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILIES OF
*Florence Wiltscheck, Vernon "Vern" Bednarek,
Odelia Forst and Jerome Schultz*

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/1:

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; JMF; Edwin Sehr; Good Health for MS & DS; Gervase & Arline Krambeer; Steve Fleck, Joe & Marie Landsteiner; Cornelius Zitzmann; Louis Kahle; Edwin & Eleanor Mertz; Holy Souls; Sp. Int. L-K; Wally Neumann; Florence & Denny Saffert; Miranda Wurtzberger; Jeanette Altenburg; Susan Kunz; Anton & Minnie Hacker; Tom & Louise Cooling, Bob LeGare; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin; Living & deceased members of Mary & George Wurtzberger/Margaret & Mike Tauer families; Employment-J; Joe's Health; Larry Waibel; Robert Schnobrich family; Walter Gareis; Gary Hoyles; Fred & Jean Krambeer; Calvin Krambeer; Nevil & Brenda Webster; Marvin & Dolores Reinarts; Lorie Reinarts-Haefner; Elmer Fischer; Gloria Fischer; Thomas Fischer; Viola Fischer; Leonard & Alice Portner; Pat Heinz & Don Palmer; For Emily & family; Gerald Brand; Thanksgiving to St. Gerard; Helget Family

Church of St. Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 7 AND 8

SERVERS	SACRISTANS	LECTORS	ACCOMPANISTS	CANTORS
5:30 p.m. Emma Maudal/Codey Heck	Jean Nielsen	Kathy Sonnek	Peggy Schlumberger	Sarah Sauter
9:00 a.m. Connor & Garrett Foley	Colleen Zeig	Andie Gieseke	Jody Braulick	Scott Hogen

Monday, January 2 - Office will be closed

Wednesday, January 25 - St. Mary's First Communion Parent Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Mass Intentions - There are open dates in 2017 to schedule additional Mass intentions. You may stop by the parish office to schedule a Mass.

A very special THANK YOU to everyone who generously gave of their time and talent for our Christmas Masses. Special thanks to those in our music ministry who spent many extra hours in practice, to the servers, lectors, greeters and ushers, those who served as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, our photographer, gift bearers, to the family who carried Baby Jesus to the manger on Christmas Eve, and to those who planned and carried out the beautiful environment. God bless you!

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 8

SERVERS : Mikayla Lagerwall and Aiden Bastian	GIFT BEARERS: Joe and Natalie Bastian
LECTORS: Jeff Franta and Sue Sieve	USHERS: Jesse and Joe Nosbush
COUNTERS: Mike Bastian and Steve Biebl	MUSICIAN: Family Choir
EXTRA. MINISTERS: Alma Forst, Steve Biebl and Anna Bastian	ROSARY LEADER: Marianne Bianchi

Church Cleaning - Remember: The (*) person calls the others to remind them.

January 7th at 8:30 a.m. *Shari Beranek, Shirleen Beranek, Gail and Mary Ann Berle and Marion Beyer

Anyone wishing to donate towards our Christmas Environment in memory of a loved one may do so by placing your donation along with your name and the name of your loved one in an envelope in the Sunday collection basket, or you can log on to www.holycrossafc.weshareonline.org and donate to the St. George fund there.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 8th - Epiphany Program at 8:30 a.m. with Mass following and a parish potluck in the Parish Center after Mass. Please bring a dish to pass. The parish will provide beverages. Please let Shari Beranek (507-276-4417) know if your child would like to be in the program. Practice times will be: Wednesday, January 4th, at 6 p.m. and Friday, January 6th, at 6 p.m.

All Mass intentions for St. George should be directed to: Sheri Liebl, St. George Mass Intentions, PO Box 5, Lafayette, MN 56054. Sheri schedules the Mass intentions for both St. George and St. Gregory's.

Church of St. Gregory the Great

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 8

LECTOR:	Pam Morson	SERVERS:	Audrey, Jarrett and Kolbe Platz
COMMENTATOR:	Maggie Mages	EXT. MINISTERS:	Nancy Reed, Bruce Platz & Linda Beranek
MUSICIAN/CANTOR:	Karen Lyimo	USHERS:	Greg Bieraugel and Dave Reed
		SACRISTANS:	Bobbie Schuelke and Laurie Platz

Thursday, January 12 - CCW Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Hostess is Paula Wenninger.

Monday, January 16 - 75th Anniversary Planning Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 8

SERVERS:	Jesse & Jada Kraus and Alexa Hornick	EUCH. BREAD:	Wayne Braulick
LECTOR:	Craig Braulick	EUCH. CUP:	Jackie Hoffman & Ione Grossmann
LEADER:	Heidi Hoffman	ACCOMPANIST:	Gayle Waibel
USHERS:	Pete Hoffman and Jerry Waibel	CANTOR:	Catherine Miller

Thursday, January 5: CCW Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Come and join us to start the New Year off with prayer, great discussion, decision making and fellowship.

Next Sunday, January 8: 10:10 Rosary for Vocations

Come Join Us...CCW is hosting a January Lunch and New Member Welcome immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Community News

Sunday, January 8 - CUF Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast at Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth from 9:00 a.m. to noon in their church hall. Come and enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce and beverages. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 and \$1.50 for preschoolers.

Wednesday, January 11 - Patty Wetterling will be at the Springfield High School sharing her story and talking about "Creating a Better World for Our Children." The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Free will donations are appreciated.

January 11 through 13 - The January blood drive at Vogel Arena for The American Red Cross will be held on January 11th and 12th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on January 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 15th - Lafayette Lions Belgian Waffle Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center.

Sunday, January 15 - Super Sausage Supper Sunday from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Turner Hall. Tickets are \$9.50 in advance and available at CashWise. This event is sponsored by St. John's Catholic Order of Foresters. All proceeds benefit Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery in New Ulm.

Sunday, January 15 - SAVE the Date for the Lafayette Lions Belgian Waffle Breakfast. Watch for more details to come.

Wednesday, January 18 - Beef or turkey commercial supper at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Fairfax from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Beverages, bread, salads and desserts will be included in the meal. Adult tickets are \$10, and 10 years and under are \$5. This is a CUF Matching Grant event to benefit St. Andrew's Religious Education Program.

February 3 through 5 - Married Couples Retreat at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse in Collegeville. To learn more or to register, go to www.abbeyguesthouse.org or call the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.

New Ulm Food Shelf - We are open Mondays from noon to 3:00 p.m, Wednesdays from noon to 3:00 p.m., and the 1st Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We are adding hours: We will be open the 3rd Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and every Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. by appointment. We will need volunteers for the added hours, as well as Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings unloading food that has been picked up at stores. If you are able to help, please call the food shelf or e-mail foodshelf@newulmtel.net. Thank you again!