



# The Messenger

## JANUARY 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;  
HCAFC Rep
- 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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*Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born. Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their saviour is born. Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born. Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born. Let All Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born. Amen.*



*The following have contributed towards the purchase of Christmas Flowers. Thank you for your kind donations towards preparing our church environment for the birth of Jesus!*

### DONOR

*Ben Stadick .....*

*Shirley Krohn.....*

*LaVonne Johnson.....*

*Dave & Nancy Reed .....*

*Tom & Patti Hayes.....*

*Steve & Cheri LeBrun.....*

*CCW.....*

*COF.....*

*Lyle & Earlene Rusch*

*Adeline Cox*

### In Memory of and/or In Honor of...

*All Ben & Marie Stadick family members*

*Bill Krohn*

*Wallace Johnson*

*Fran & Nellie Phillips*

*Ralph and Rita Goettl; Amos & Leona Hayes;*

*Robert L. Webster*

*Babe Dressen, Ray LeBrun and*

*Cathy LeBrun*

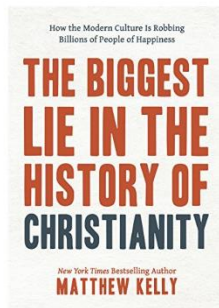
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*Earl and Aggie Schiltz; Carl and*

*Minette Rusch*

*Jerome Stueve and Lois Wills*



*Special thank you to the anonymous Holy Cross AFC parish family that donated the book entitled "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" by Matthew Kelly to the AFC parish members.*

*If your household did not receive a copy, there is a few copies left at the back of church.*

## SOCIETY LEADERSHIP AT ST. GREGORY'S

### 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

## January Birthday Wishes....



1 Steve Mueller	12 Mathias Uher	24 LaVonne Fischer
4 David Hayes	14 Audrey Beranek	27 Joseph Hoepner
6 Kristi Lindquist	14 Sylvester Fischer	27 Eric Platz
7 Brian Hoffmann	16 David Hoffmann	30 Logan Platz
7 Steve LeBrun	20 Joe Maidl	30 Bonnie Webster
10 Dominick Marengo	22 Leon Maidl	

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

## Tidbits of Information

*Thank you to all the talented musicians that graced us with a wonderful Christmas prelude. We totally enjoyed your talent. ~Cheri LeBrun*

### **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.

**ENVELOPE UPDATE....** Earlier this year, it was decided to have all the churches in our AFC order envelopes from the same company to get a better rate as a large AFC.

The adult envelopes will be mailed every quarter and you should have already received your envelopes for Jan.- March. Unfortunately, these envelopes were printed incorrectly. It is missing an image on the one side; right now, one side is blank. We are working with the company to correct this for the next mailing.

The youth envelopes have just arrived and are located at the entrance of church. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. Because of the small quantity of youth envelopes, it was more economically feasible to have their envelopes come to the church. If anyone has questions, please let Sheri in the office know.

**Looking for a volunteer to assist in locking up the church** during the week (M-F) ...Thank you to Alex Platz for locking up the church for the last few years during the week. Alex will be working out of state for a longer period and has decided to step down in his duties as “master church locker upper.” If any one is willing to help, please let Sheri know. The time to lock up the church does not have to be a certain time each day and is flexible. For more information, feel free to call the office at 228-8298 and leave a message. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

PS – Many thanks to Cheri LeBrun and Lori Dick who assist in the morning unlocking the church and to the many people that assist in locking up the church after later events.

**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.

**Rectory Roof repair is now completed....** Mark Dick and his construction crew completed the project that was part of a July 2017 Hail damage claim. The church’s insurance has covered the cost of this project.

**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**

**Thursday, January 10, 2019** – Admin. Council Meeting at 7:00 PM at the Pastoral Center in New Ulm.

**Sunday, January 13, 2019** – Lafayette Lions Fundraiser – Dad’s Belgian Waffles...serving from 9 AM -1 PM at the Lafayette Community Center; Advance tickets are available form any Lions member, Citizens Bank in Lafayette or the Lafayette Ledger office.

**Thursday, January 17, 2019** – CCW Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. The Spiritually Commission chair, Dianne Kuester will be presenting at the meeting and it will be hosted by Jenna Dick.

**Sunday, January 27, 2019** – Parish members are invited to St. Gregory’s ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING to take place following the 10:30 AM Mass. Beverages, utensils, napkins, and silverware will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Following the meal, parish members will be provided with information from the CCW, COF and Cemetery board as well as Harvest Festival information and more! We hope to see you there.

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

**Sunday, February 10, 2019** – It is time for the annual Grocery BINGO, hosted by the members of COF, St. Thomas Court #1994. Look for more details to come.

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

*January 2019*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>Dec. 31</b>  5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary	<b>1</b>  Solemnity of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation	<b>2</b> <b>No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's</b>  7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:30 a.m. Mass	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's</b>  7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	<b>10</b>  7 PM - Admin Council Mtg – Pastoral Center	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Epiphany						
<b>13</b> 10:30 a.m. Mass	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's</b>  No Faith Form. –NU	<b>17</b>  6:30 PM – CCW Mtg – Social Hall	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
The Baptism of the Lord						
<b>20</b> 10:30 a.m. Mass	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's</b>  7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU  7 p.m. First Communion Parent Mtg in New Ulm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time						
<b>27</b> 10:30 a.m. Mass  ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK AND INFORMATIONAL MTG (following Mass)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>No Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's</b>  7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU	<b>31</b>	<p>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</p>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time						