



The Messenger

MARCH 2019

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JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS – 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, offers “10 Things to Remember for Lent”:

1. **Remember the formula.** The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.
2. **It’s a time of prayer.** Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
3. **It’s a time to fast.** With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that’s why it gets all the attention. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?” It’s almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
4. **It’s a time to work on discipline.** The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I’m going to exercise more. I’m going to pray more. I’m going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers.”
5. **It’s about dying to yourself.** The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it’s about more than self-control – it’s about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
6. **Don’t do too much.** It’s tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it’s best to keep it simple and focused. There’s a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don’t try to cram it all in one Lent. That’s a recipe for failure.
7. **Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we’re all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God’s help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
8. **Be patient with yourself.** When we’re confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. “What a bad person I am!” But that’s the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.
9. **Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It’s about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it’s about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God’s unconditional love.
10. **Learn to love like Christ.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.

Source: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/journey-to-the-foot-of-the-cross-10-things-to-remember-for-lent.cfm>

SOCIETY LEADERSHIP AT ST. GREGORY'S

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March Birthday Wishes....



3	Harlen Weikle	3	John Wenninger	4	Richard Scheurer
6	Leonard Klossner	7	Chris Davis	11	Carol Hoffmann
11	Lyle Rusch	11	Joyce Seitz	12	Josh Fischer
14	Kortney Yost	19	Nancy Lee Miller	25	Ben Maidl
31	Rachael Uher				

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

Lenten Alms Change Lives

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.



FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

What is a CRS Rice Bowl?

The iconic CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.

Stories of Hope

CRS Rice Bowl shares stories of hope from CRS' work around the world. These stories are examples of the kinds of communities where the Lenten alms of participating US Catholics are changing lives. Each story is accompanied by a simple, meatless recipe that families are encouraged to prepare on Fridays during Lent.

CRS Rice Bowls are now available at the main entrance of church.



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 5th 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 19th at St Gregory's.

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.

Save the dates...Upcoming Church and Community Events

Friday, March 1, 2019 – World Day of Prayer will be held at Bernadotte Lutheran Church. A coffee hour will begin at 9 AM, followed by a program at 10 AM

Sunday, March 3, 2019 – Donut Sunday following Mass. CCW hosts will be Patti LeGare and Bobbie Schuelke.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 –
ASH WEDNESDAY Mass at 5:30 PM. The CCW will be hosting a Soup and Sandwich Meal following Mass.



Thursday, March 7, 2019 – CCW Meeting at 6:30 PM in the church social hall. Hostess is Sharon Donnay with the program being led by Paulette Messerli

March 9-16, 2019 – Spring cleaning at church; cleaning lists are in the cleaning closet located in the Reconciliation room. Any and all help is appreciated. Come and go as you see fit – Great way for the entire family to give of their time.

Sunday, March 10, 2019 –Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast Benefit for Brady Webster. The event will be held at the UFC Berdan Center in Winthrop from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. There will be silent auction items, a 50/50 raffle and more. Proceeds will go towards supporting Brady following his recent kidney and pancreas transplant.

Sunday, March 10, 2019 –Church of St. Gregory CCW will be holding their annual Grocery and Prize Bingo. The event will begin at 1:00 P.M. in the Social Hall at St. Gregory. All ages are welcome for fellowship and fun. Food items will be available for purchase. Food shelf donations will also be accepted.

Sunday, March 10 – Thursday, March 14th – Holy Cross AFC Lenten Mission featuring Fr. James. A nightly program will be held at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church in New Ulm with refreshments to follow. Fr. Kubicki has directed retreats and parish missions around the country since 1986. Some of you will remember his well-received Lenten Mission in our area faith community in 2004. This year the mission will focus on 'Responding to God's Love.'

St. Gregory CCW will be collecting items during Lent to donate to NUMAS Haus in New Ulm. Items will be distributed to families as they transition to regular housing. Items in need include:



NUMAS Haus
Giving Families a Future

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| Laundry Baskets | Laundry Detergent |
| Dryer Sheets | Disinfecting Wipes |
| Wal-Mart Gift Cards | Toilet Paper |
| Garbage Bags (13 gal) | Broom & Dust Pan |
| Dish Soap | Kitchen Towels |
| Bar/Pump soap | Bath Towels |
| Bed Sheets | Paper Towels |
- Cash donations are also welcome**

A collection table will be available at the back of church to donate your items. The collection period starts Ash Wednesday and will go through Easter

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Council of Catholic Women
Deanery 1 Spring Gathering
Thursday, March 21 St. George Church, West Newton

SEX TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA



Speakers to include:

- Danielle Freitag – Sexual Exploitation Survivor**
Jeff Hohensee - Sex Trafficking Investigation Leader
Allan Bakke – Safe Harbor Regional Navigator

5:30 PM	Registration
6:00 PM	Mass
6:45 PM	Meal
7:30 PM	Program

Registration fee - \$10.00
 For more information or to register,
 contact Michelle Oswald at 507-228-8941

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

March 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>To view the entire Holy Cross AFC calendar, go to http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html</p> <p><i>*All activities/Masses are subject to change</i></p>					1 <i>World Day of Prayer 9 AM – Bernadotte Lutheran Church</i>	2
3 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Donut Sunday</i>	4	5	6 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Mass – Time TBD followed by CCW Soup and Sandwich</i> <i>No Faith Form.</i>	7 <i>6:30 PM – CCW Meeting – Social Hall</i>	8	9
<i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>						
10 10:30 a.m. Mass	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Lenten Mission – 7 PM Each evening; St. Mary’s Church in New Ulm; March 10-14, 2019</p>						
<i>1 PM CCW Bingo</i>			<i>7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU</i>			
<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>						
17 10:30 a.m. Mass	18	19	20	21 <i>Deanery 1 Spring CCW Gathering; 5:30 PM @ St. George Church</i>	22	23
<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>			<i>7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU</i>			
24 10:30 a.m. Mass	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>			<i>7 p.m. Faith Form. –NU</i>			
31	<p>Attn all St. Gregory Parish families –The CCW is asking for your help on Wednesday, March 13 to serve a snack and refreshments after the 7 PM Lenten Mission program at St. Mary’s in New Ulm. If have questions or if you are able to help please contact Michelle Oswald, CCW Vice President at 507-228-8941 or Carol Hoffmann, CCW Secretary at 507-228- 8373. Any and all help is appreciated and welcomed.</p>					
<i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>						