



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
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- Dcn. Rick Christiansen
Permanent Deacon

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AFC Pastoral Council

Representatives

Cathedral.....Tim Rahe
Jackie Finstad
St. Mary'sShirley 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

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**
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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
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**Church of
St. Gregory the Great**
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4th Sunday of Lent March 26, 2017

Bulletin Connection: *Blindness has many connotations. The obvious one is physical blindness, eyes or optic nerves that do not work. But even physically blind people use "sight" words. A blind friend often used the expression, "I see what you're saying," even though he could not see. In our language, we talk about courageous people as being blind to fear, insensitive persons as being blind to their actions, and some people having "moral blindness." When Jesus described himself as the light of the world, he indicated that he had come to lift the blindness of sin from our hearts.*

(Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center)

From the Pastor

SECOND COLLECTION For more than 70 years, Catholic Relief Services has been responding immediately when emergencies occur—sometimes before they are reported by the media. They are able to do this thanks to our donations to CRS. Catholic Relief Services support our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world with food, shelter, clean water and medical care. CRS supports six Catholic agencies that assist people, including programs in the United States. Today in our parishes we are taking up the annual second collection for CRS. Please be generous. To find out more about their work, visit www.crs.org.

KEEP IN PRAYER the soul of Bishop John McGrath who died on Sunday, March 19. A native of Hutchinson, he was ordained February 21, 1960 for the Diocese of New Ulm where he served as pastor, principal, teacher, Chancellor, Vicar General and Director of Priest Personnel. On October 23, 1982, he was appointed by St. John Paul II as the third bishop of Owensboro, KY. He retired in 2009. May he rest in peace.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Our Holy Cross Area Faith Community Communal Penance Service will be held next Sunday, April 2, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. There is a bulletin insert today listing additional times for individual confessions in our AFC.

LOOKING AHEAD The Chrism Mass this year will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Murdock. It will be celebrated on Thursday, April 6, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Chrism Mass is the celebration in which the three oils are blessed and distributed for sacred use throughout the 72 sites in our diocese. All are welcome to this special liturgy.

Msgr. Grams

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7
How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

Mass Schedule for the Week

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday 27th 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Stephen Bradenburg
Tuesday 28th 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Alice Henle
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ All of the unborn
8:00 a.m.	St. George	+ Cletus Franta
8:20 a.m.	CHS at Cathedral	+ Harold Braulick
9:30 a.m.	Orchard Hills	+ Bill Goebel
Wednesday 29th 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Alice Henle
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Victor Kral
8:00 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	Living/deceased members of St. Thomas COF Ct. 1994
8:25 a.m.	SAE at Cathedral	+ Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld
Thursday 30th 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Francis & Veronica Dauer
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Matthew Gulden Sr.
10:00 a.m.	Oak Hills	+ Kathleen Reinhart
6:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Donnie Gieseke
Friday 31st 7:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Alyssa Prunty
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Alice Schwab
---	Ridgeway	NO MASS
Saturday 1st 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Eva James
5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	+ M/M Wm. Richter and Alan & Nathan
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary	+ Paul Kotten
Sunday 2nd 8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Nick & Cecelia Walter
8:30 a.m.	St. George	+ Howard Binder/Benny Fischer
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	+ Sandy Cahoy
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	+ Jim & Georgine Rubie
10:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	+ Chuck Grossmann
10:30 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great	+ Harold Guggisberg
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral	Mass for the People

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
from St. Cloud	

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday 28th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. George
Wednesday 29th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Gregory the Great
Thursday 30th	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Friday 31st	7:00 - 7:20 a.m.	St. Mary
Saturday 1st	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cathedral
	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Cathedral
	4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary
Sunday 2nd	7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Cathedral
	2:00 p.m. AFC Penance Service at Cathedral	

Readings for the Week of March 26

Mon:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tues:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wed:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Fri:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Stewardship for the Week of March 19, 2017

	CATHEDRAL	ST. MARY	ST. JOHN	ST. GEORGE	ST. GREGORY
Actual Adult	9,452.50	6,585.00	1,373.00	834.00	1,246.00
Budget Adult	13,192.31	13,163.46	1,635.00	1,538.46	1,076.93
Electronic Transfers	5,435.00	0.00	223.00	0.00	0.00
Online Giving	0.00	45.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Total	14,887.50	6,630.00	1,596.00	859.00	1,246.00
Year-to-date Actual	499,272.62	510,789.80	77,683.00	63,987.96	45,435.68
Year-to-date Budget	501,307.78	500,211.40	62,130.00	57,461.48	40,923.34
Ahead/Behind	-2,035.16	10,578.40	15,553.00	6,526.48	4,512.34
Student	13.31	17.25	3.00	6.00	4.30
Loose Plate	546.71	371.00	47.00	36.25	67.75
Parish Project Goal	50,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00
Parish Project (# contributors)	36,453.00 (80)	16,590.00 (37)	1,932.55 (6)	4,657.00 (19)	2,839.34 (10)
DMA Goal	62,713.80	40,212.85	7,905.74	7,601.67	6,993.54
DMA Actual (# contributors)	58,025.00 (182)	43,715.00 (111)	5,815.00 (17)	11,940.00 (38)	3,256.70 (13)
<i>Attendance:</i>	<i>1137</i>	<i>749</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>100</i>



New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

Visit us at www.nuacs.com

NO BUSSING: There is no bussing on Friday, March 31st.

CHS BAND AWARD: On Wednesday, March 15th, the CHS Band attended the Large Group Music Festival in Comfrey where they received an "Excellent" rating. Congratulations!

BUTTER BRAID SALE: The CHS Band is selling delicious Butter Braids to raise funds for a future band trip. Contact a CHS band student to place your order by April 10th.

CHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ADRENALINE CARDS FUNDRAISER: Every CHS student in grades 9-12 who participated in an activity this year is selling adrenaline cards to raise funds for the athletic department. These cards feature multiple discount coupons to local businesses. Cards are also available for purchase in both school offices. Thank you for supporting NUACS!

BUSINESSES SUPPORT TEENS: The After-Prom Party is a fun, safe event for our youth. If you or your business would like to support the After-Prom Party with a financial contribution for food, entertainment, and prizes, checks may be made payable to "NUACS After-Prom Party" and mailed to or dropped off at Cathedral High School, 600 N. Washington St. Thank you for helping provide a safe event for our teens!

2017-2018 PREKINDERGARTEN: Registration materials for the 2017-2018 school year are available by calling 354-2719. Sessions available for ages 4-5 include a 2-day a week half-day program AM or PM or a 3-day a week half-day morning program. For age 3 we offer a 1-day a week half-day afternoon session. All faiths are welcome.

2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN: Registration materials for the 2017-2018 school year are available by calling 354-2719. All faiths are welcome.

METALS COLLECTION AND SCRIP SALES: There will be a metals collection and Scrip sale held on Saturday, April 1, 2017, in the St. Anthony Elementary School parking lot from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

START THINKING TWINS BASEBALL: EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US for a summer Minnesota Twins outing! Current NUACS families and students, staff, alumni and other Greyhound supporters will converge at Target Field in Minneapolis to watch the Twins take on the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. For more information and to reserve your discount tickets, visit www.nuacs.com.

Religious Education & Faith Formation News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will be held as usual from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday night, March 29th.

RCIA CLASS will be held on Wednesday, March 29th, at 6:45 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

holycrossafc.org (Ministries)

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFELINE – For students in grades 9-12, if you are interested in attending Lifeline at the NET Center in St. Paul on April 1st, please contact Matthew. Bishop Cozzens will be speaking about Forming Your Catholic Conscience--a very important topic for us these days! Timeframe is roughly 3:30 p.m. to midnight. Another 21+ VIRTUS trained driver would be helpful as well! Contact Matthew at youthministry@holycrossafc.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT – Looking way ahead, our next Youth Night for grades 6-8 will be on April 29th at St. Mary's in New Ulm.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (ages 18-39)

TRUTH ON TAP – 7:30 p.m. on April 2nd – Because we're in the home stretch of Lent, ToT will be a little different for April. We'll plan to meet at the Way of the Cross, just down the hill from the Diocesan Center, for reflection and prayer. We'll then head back to Cathedral for some social time.

- Matthew

Holy Cross AFC News

MN Food Share March Campaign

March is Food Shelf Month, when any donation of food or cash is matched by Minnesota Food Share and the Feinstein Foundation. You may bring your non-perishable food donations to St. Mary's (Cry Room), St. George (entryway) or to St. John's (new entrance area). Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope clearly marked "Food Shelf" and placed in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to "New Ulm Food Shelf." Please be generous in the fight against hunger.

Sunday, March 26 - Spring Fever Matinee 2017

Spring Fever Matinee 2017 at the St. George Parish Center takes place today with a 1:30 p.m. performance. Tickets are available at the door. Concessions will also be available.

Sunday, March 26 - Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at Cathedral at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 27 - Rosary

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

Thursday, March 30 - Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John's following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Friday, March 31st - Stations of the Cross

St. Mary 5:00 p.m.
Cathedral 5:15 p.m. & CCW Soup Supper at 5:45 p.m. in L.H.
St. George 5:30 p.m. & Soup and Sandwich Supper in the PC

Sunday, April 2 - AFC Penance Service

The Holy Cross Area Faith Community Penance Service will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Sunday, April 2 - CCW Spring Fundraiser

St. John's CCW Spring Fundraiser Committee is hosting a potluck style all-you-can-eat brunch, including a wide variety of delicious foods, at 11:30 a.m. You are guaranteed not to go away hungry. The day includes a bake sale and raffle with 28 chances to win. Plan ahead to bring your family and friends. Adults (13 and older) \$8.00, Children (4-12 years) \$4.00 and Preschool (3 & under) \$1.00. St. John's Centennial Cookbooks will also be for sale for that upcoming birthday, bridal shower, wedding, Mother's Day or just because. All are welcome!

Sunday, April 9 - St. Mary's CCW Palm Sunday Brunch

Brunch including ham, smokies, eggs, German potato salad, schmierkuchen, bread, pudding and beverages will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Social Hall. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-11 and free for children under 4 years of age.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with the next American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mary's on Monday, April 17th, at 1:00 p.m. Shifts available are 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you are able to share your time for this cause, please contact the St. Mary's parish office at 233-9500.

Sunday, April 23 - Brunch Fundraiser for John Hayes

There will be a brunch fundraiser for seminarian John Hayes at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Lafayette starting at 11:30 a.m. This will be a free will donation. All are welcome. If you aren't able to come, but would like to donate, please send donations to Citizens Bank Minnesota, PO Box 3, Lafayette, MN 56054, Attn: Lori Dick. Checks should be made out to St. Gregory's CCW.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next available Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 21-23 in Hutchinson and November 17-19 in Windom. For more information visit southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Pilgrimage to Poland

Ron and Rhonda Wiering, parents of Fr. Matt Wiering, are group leaders for a pilgrimage in August to Poland, with an optional extension to Rome. The Polish portion of the tour will include important places in the life of St. John Paul II. It will also include a visit to Auschwitz, one of the Nazi death camps and the place where Sts. Maximilian Kolbe and Edith Stein gave their lives. They will also visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy and see St. Faustina's tomb. The optional Roman leg will include a general audience with Pope Francis and tours of the Vatican Museum and Catacombs, as well as stops at the four papal basilicas. For more information, visit the tour website at www.pilgrimages.com/wiering.

100 Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

Join Bishop John M. LeVoir on a tour to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes from September 11th - 21st. The tour will include stays in Lourdes, Burgos, Madrid, Fatima and Lisbon and will also include daily Mass, deluxe motorcoach and excellent local guides. Register at magitravelinc.com or by calling 952-949-0065.

Wisdom to Ponder

"Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be."

— St. John Berchmans

Baptized in Christ

Britney Hope Thedens,

daughter of Myra Rosin and Donald Thedens

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Sympathy and Prayers to the Families of

Doris Marquardt (St. Mary)

James Buechner (Cathedral)

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

For more information, please call Adoration co-coordinators

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

Janet Neubauer at 507-276-4039

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.

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



Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 1 AND 2

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. David Bode, Chris Branch and Alex Hillesheim
8:00 a.m. Jaydan or Jarred Hotovec, Jenna Hotovec & Charlie Macho
10:00 a.m. Lauryn or Lily Franta, Levi Franta and Rachel Sloom
6:30 p.m. Hunter Landsteiner, Tony Geiger, John or James Gillis

LECTORS

Corrine Dittrich
Lynn Flygare
Lisa Fleck
Linda Arduser

EXTRAORD. MINISTERS

Please refer to the following:
www.holycrossafc.org/ministries
or
paper copies in work sacristy

Sunday, March 26 - Sts. Joseph and Elizabeth Councils member breakfast in Leifeld Hall following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Tuesday, March 28 - Youth Choir will practice at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.
Thursday, March 30 - Choir Practice will be held at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 31 - Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by a soup supper in Leifeld Hall.

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!

VOTIVE LIGHTS FOR WEEK OF 3/26: 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; My Children; Don Weise & Mary Weise Weirauch; RS Family; 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; Jeanette Altenburg; Living & deceased members of Mary & George Wurtzberger/Margaret & Mike Tauer families; Larry Waibel; Helget Family; J&R Families; Ray & Dorothy Manderfeld, T.W. & Clara Manderfeld, Joseph & Margaret Zenk; Bill Goebel; Souls in Purgatory; Successful Surgery for Mom; Leo & Lorraine James; Sp. Int.; Paul Griebel; Sp. Int. J; Clarence, Henry & Michael Polzin; Tom & Louise Cooling; Jeanne Stout, Vrchota Family; Sp. Int.; Norbert Ubl; Doug Clobes; Wally Neumann; Sp. Int. L-K; Doug Kraus, Lorraine Gulden; Louis & Mary Glaser & deceased family; Peter Meyer; Warren Jorgenson

Church of St. Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 1 AND 2

SERVERS

5:30 p.m. Blake and Claire Olson
9:00 a.m. Eric Furth and Jon Zinniel

SACRISTANS

Nick Reinhart
Sue Schommer

LECTORS

Mario DeSouza
Sue Schommer

ACCOMPANISTS

Donna Donahue
Marijo Sweeney

CANTORS

Kari Gleisner
Scott Hogen

GIFT BEARERS

5:30 p.m. Sabrina Mangan family
9:00 a.m. Skyler Lyimo family

Monday, March 27 - St. Cecilia Choir practice will be held at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 28 - Adult Choir practice will begin at 6:00 p.m.
Friday, March 31 - Stations of the Cross will be held at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 2 - New Ulm Junior Baseball Association hosting a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Social Hall

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN - St. Mary's will continue to participate 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.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be served by St. Mary's CCW on April 9th. The following donations would be greatly appreciated: angel food cakes, butter, sugar, cooking spray, unbleached flour, vinegar, cornstarch, paper towels, decaf coffee, large eggs (no medium or extra large), whipped topping, pie filling for angel food cakes, salt, white pepper, dish soap and scouring pads. Please bring donations to the kitchen no later than Thursday, April 6th. Please be generous. Thank you.

Church of St. George

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 2

SERVERS : Lily Brennan, Audra Bastian and Isaac Franta
LECTORS: Alma Forst and Sue Sieve
COUNTERS: Craig Beranek and Mike Bastian
EXT. MIN.: Steve Biebl, Cindy Wendinger and Bonnie Bastian

GIFT BEARERS: Keith and Kaitlin Forst
USHERS: Leon and Matt Wendinger
MUSICIAN: Tom Maidl
ROSARY LEADER: Cindy Wendinger

CHURCH CLEANING April 1st at 8:30 a.m. - Remember: The (*) person calls the others to remind them.

*Ann Franta, Rosemary, Chelsey, and Dianne (Tom) Franta and Sharon Friedley

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL meeting and supper will be held Tuesday, March 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. George Parish Ctr.
EASTER FLOWERS - If you would like to contribute to the Easter Environment in memory or honor of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope and place in the collection basket with the name of the person/people you are honoring with a memorial, or use online giving to donate by going to www.holycrossafc.weshareonline.org/StGeorgeEasterFlowers, and indicate who you are donating in memory of in the comments section.

Church of St. Gregory the Great

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 2

LECTOR:	Patti Hayes	SERVERS:	Josh and Haylee Liebl
COMMENTATOR:	Pam Morson	EXT. MINISTERS:	Mark & Lori Dick and Sheri Liebl
MUSICIAN/CANTOR:	Karen Lyimo	USHERS:	Mark and Bobbie Schuelke
SACRISTANS:	Bobbie Schuelke & Lori Dick		

Wednesday, March 29 - Lenten Study Group following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bring your Resisting Happiness book.
Sunday, April 2 - COF Annual Communal Dinner for all COF members and families following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
Thursday, April 6 - Meeting for Harvest Festival Chairpersons - Please plan to attend this important planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

ATTENTION LADIES OF CIRCLE 2 - You are asked to sign up in the Social Hall for John Hayes' seminarian brunch fundraiser to be held on April 23rd.

THE C.O.F. ST. THOMAS COURT #1994 will be hosting their annual communal dinner in the Social Hall at St. Gregory the Great following Mass on April 2nd. The meal will be catered by Hahn's Dining & Lounge, with door prizes and awards to be presented. All C.O.F. members and their families are welcome. We hope to see you there!

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. Join us on Wednesday, March 29th, April 5th and 12th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

HONOR A SPECIAL LOVED ONE by contributing to the Easter flower fund. Donation envelopes are now available at the back of church.

JOIN US FOR A LENTEN STUDY GROUP every Wednesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bring your Resisting Happiness book, and the group will meet in the Social Hall.

Church of St. John the Baptist

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 2

SERVERS:	Alexa Hornick and Leah & Laura Schmitt	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD:	Wayne Braulick
LECTOR:	Craig Braulick	EUCCHARISTIC CUP:	(Communion in one form)
LEADER:	Jamie Rieser	ACCOMPANIST:	Gayle Waibel
USHERS:	Wayne Braulick and Rich Griebel	CANTOR:	Women of Song

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 - Mass at 6:30 p.m. with Stations of the Cross following Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - CCW Spring Fundraiser at 11:30 a.m. This is a potluck style all-you-can-eat brunch hosted by the CCW Spring Fundraiser Committee members with a wide variety of delicious foods. All bake sale item(s) are appreciated, and they can be brought down before Mass. Plan ahead to bring your family and friends. All are welcome!

MONDAY, APRIL 3 - CUF meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS - Anyone wishing to donate towards the Easter flowers/decorations in memory of a loved one can place your donation of \$10 or more in an envelope marked "Easter Memorials." Please include your name and in whose memory, and place it in the Sunday offering basket. Deadline is Palm Sunday, April 9th.

PRAYER WARRIOR UPDATE - Please add Tom G., Joyce K., Tom D., and Lorri A. to your prayers.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES are available today.

Community News

Sunday, March 26 - Searles Baseball Benefit and Youth Baseball/Softball Sign-up will be held from 1:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the Searles Bar & Grill. There will be a silent auction, meat raffle, pull-tabs, food specials and fun for everyone! Dain's Dutchmen and Nick Stadick will provide musical entertainment from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Raffle drawing will be at 6:00 p.m. Come join us!

Sunday, March 26 - Lafayette Fire Relief Association Ham Dinner will be serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Fire Hall. Tickets are \$9 for adults in advance (from any Lafayette Firefighter), \$10 at the door, \$5 for ages 6-12, and ages 5 and under are FREE. Come support our local fire department.

Tuesday, March 28 - Pro Kinship for Kids at Happy Joe's - Come enjoy the buffet from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., and 50 cents from each buffet sold and all tips collected this evening from mentors and mentees serving tables will go to support programming and activities.

Sunday, April 2 - 6th Annual Community Benefit Breakfast for First Choice Pregnancy Services in New Ulm will be served from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the American Legion. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 10 and under and \$1 for preschoolers.

Saturday, April 8 - Field of Grace (FOG) Youth Group Ham Bingo Fundraiser will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Fire Hall. There will be half hams for prizes PLUS two blackout games for a chance to win a full ham! All ages are welcome, and food will be available for purchase. Come win your Easter Ham while supporting the youth!

Sunday, April 23 - Men's Dinner at Church of St. Raphael - COF is sponsoring a dinner of sausage, homemade sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, apple sauce, ice cream and beverage, which will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium in Springfield. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12, and \$2 for preschoolers. Drive-up takeouts will be available.