



The Messenger

NOVEMBER 2018

Pastoral Leadership

- Msgr. Douglas Grams
Rector/Pastor
- Fr. Garrett Ahlers
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku
Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Jerry 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
- Lexi Platz, Lit./Safe Env. Coord.

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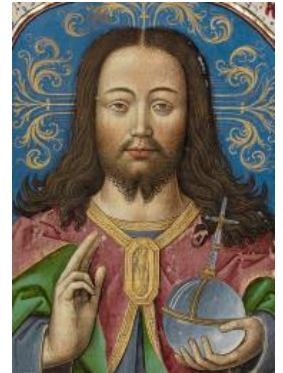
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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – Sunday, November 25, 2018

Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas to respond to growing secularism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations.



In 2018, the Church faces pressures from without and crisis from within. In addition to the challenges that Christians in a secular society must confront, the body of Christ must also tend to the wounds inflicted on the Church by priests and bishops who either committed acts of sexual abuse themselves or failed to respond to abuse with justice when they had the opportunity. The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever. Let us rededicate ourselves this year to recognizing the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart in every aspect of our lives.

We profess with our whole lives that Jesus is Lord. “If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’ —Quas primas, 33

We recognize the reign of Christ in public life, as well as private life. “The whole Church must work vigorously in order that men may become capable of rectifying the distortion of the temporal order and directing it to God through Christ. Pastors must clearly state the principles concerning the purpose of creation and the use of temporal things and must offer the moral and spiritual aids by which the temporal order may be renewed in Christ. The laity must take up the renewal of the temporal order as their own special obligation. [...] Everywhere and in all things, they must seek the justice of God’s kingdom. The temporal order may be renewed in Christ. The laity must take up the renewal of the temporal order as their own special obligation. [...] Everywhere and in all things, they must seek the justice of God’s kingdom. The temporal order must be renewed in such a way that, without detriment to its own proper laws, it may be brought into conformity with the higher principles of the Christian life and adapted to the shifting circumstances of time, place, and peoples.”



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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: Vacant
Secretary: Carol Hoffmann
Treasurer: Lori Dick
Commission Chairs: Dianne Kuester – Spirituality; Lori Dick - Service; Paulette Messerli – Scholarship; Mary Lou Schmidt - Historian and (vacant – Reverence for Life)

November Birthday Wishes...



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

1	Jenna Fischer	3	Gram Anderson	6	Danielle Marengo
6	Jarrett Platz	7	Sylvia Reinhart	8	Kali Bleess
8	Brett LeBrun	10	Deb Maidl	11	Diane Kuester
11	Justin VanDeest	12	Molly Fischer	12	Daniel Johnson
12	Paulette Messerli	15	Cheri LeBrun	15	Ken Liebl
17	David Hoffmann	19	Cassidy Platz	19	Nicholas Schuelke
20	Olivia Fischer	24	Daniel Hayes	24	Ramona Nelson

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 Reconciliation and First Communion are: Anna Davis, Megan Hacker, Tyler Oswald, Connor Portner, Arianna Uher and Mary Kate Webster.
- ✠ Confirmation candidates are Josh and Haylee Liebl.
- ✠ 2019 Graduates from St. Gregory include Cassidy Platz, Jennifer Wear and Jay Webster.

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. In Mid-November, a video presentation will be shown at Mass to introduce this year's DMA program and its components.

St. Gregory will assist at the New Ulm Area Food Shelf on a variety of dates and times in November. If you would to volunteer in any way, please check with Lori Dick at 228-8788 for availability. The New Ulm Area Food Shelf is also in need of cash donations to assist in the day to day, operations. Please consider donating. Thank you

Save the dates...Upcoming Church and Community Events

Sunday, Nov. 4th - Donut Sunday following Mass. CCW hostesses will be Joleen Bieraugel and Linda Beranek
Thurs., Nov. 8th - CCW Meeting at 6:30 PM; Church Social Hall; Hosted by Cheryl DeBoer

Upcoming church and community events (continued)...

Friday, Nov. 9th – Farm City Day from 6:30 – 9:30 A.M. at the Youth Coliseum located on the Brown County Fairgrounds in New Ulm. Breakfast to be served until 9 AM and is FREE for the first 650 people. Polka music, blood pressure checks, door prizes and live KNUJ broadcasts. Please bring a non-perishable food item(s) for the New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf

Tues., Nov. 20 – St. Gregory's CCW will be hosting the 2018 Lafayette Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 6:30 PM at St. Gregory's. Please invite your neighbors, friends and family to this wonderful tradition in our area. Fellowship will follow the service

Saturday, Dec. 8th – Ladies (and men and kiddos and long-lost relatives, etc.) get your cookie baking aprons dusted off...it is time for the St. Gregory's Annual Cookie Walk. Please watch the bulletins, Facebook and the Messenger for more information.

Sunday, Dec. 9th - Donut Sunday following Mass. CCW hostesses will be Katie Scheurer and Cathy Peterson

Meeting minutes

St Gregory the Great Administrative Council Minutes – 9/13/18 (approved 10/11/18)

Mark Schuelke called the meeting to order. Members present were: Pam Morson, Cheri LeBrun, Sheri Liebl, Monsignor Grams, Carl Oswald, Rich Scheuer, Carol Hoffmann, Mark Schuelke, Laurie Platz and Karl Lindquist, absent Larry Mages

Finance and Minutes were approved as printed.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Admin Council members: Msgr Grams still needs to contact new members.

Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers: All our ministers need to be recommissioned. This being postponed until after harvest.

Harvest Festival Update: Thank you everyone, great job by all. Looks to be close to making exactly what we did last year.

Mages Memorial: On hold at this point

Bldgs/Maintenance:

DMA project update: Updating Bathrooms: Design Home Center is coming to do measurement. Some of the CCW ladies are helping with what needs to change. Laurie will paint when that time comes. A parishioner has come forward and wants to donate mirrors in the bathrooms.

Social Hall ceiling repair on south side – need to get someone to figure out how we can reroute all of the water that comes out of that small pipe or splitting it off so not so much goes through. Drains on roof need to be replaced. Carl Oswald will get bids from local plumbers for help with this project. Will need to proxy if project is over \$10,000

Tree Planting: Laurie updated us that Jason is still planning on planting this fall. He will also take down the two trees on the Maidl property that are clogging the drain system on our roof. A variegated maple will be planted on the north boulevard and a red oak will be put in the extra lot about 30 feet from the boulevard.

Hall Flooring: CCW ladies will pay for floor waxing after the bathroom projects are completed. Stripping and three coats of wax will be put on. The goal would be to have it completed prior to our annual cookie walk.

Christmas and Easter Mass schedule on hold until October meeting.

Liturgical Minister/Safe Environment position: Applications are being accepted until September 30, as of this date, no applications have been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Temporary Rectory usage: Renters are out of the rectory.

Resignation of Karl Lindquist: Would like to keep mowing since that is flexible enough to be able to work around on call status and small children. Council agreed to let him keep the mowing. Question was asked if there is someone in the area faith that would go around to the parishes and do general maintenance. Msgr. Grams will investigate this possibility. We will need to hire someone to do snow removal. We will advertise in our bulletin.

DMA project: Social Hall south side ceiling repair will be used for our project.

Rectory microwave repair: Carol will check on getting one.

Scheduling of fundraisers: Please be congruent of the Area Faith Community already has something going on, not to schedule another event.

Cemetery Beautification: This is a joint project with the cemetery board and CCW. Both need to get on the same page. Mark will call and talk to Paul Guggisberg regarding this project.

Annual Parish Meeting: This will be held January 27, 2019. It will be potluck (organized by CCW) with meeting to follow.

Our next meeting will be Thurs October 11, 2018 at 7 p.m. with the Holy Cross Area Faith

Respectfully submitted
Cheri LeBrun, Secretary

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

November 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 ALL SAINTS DAY 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory. See HCAFC bulletin for other Area Masses	2	3
4 10:30 a.m. Mass Donut Sunday CCW to serve snack at The Lodge in Winthrop 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 No School—NUPS & NUACS	6	7 7:30 a.m. Confessions* 8 a.m. — Mass* 7 p.m. Faith Form. —NU	8 CCW Meeting; 6:30 PM, Church Social Hall	9	10
11 10:30 a.m. Mass CCW to serve snack at The Lodge in Winthrop 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12	13	14 7:30 a.m. Confessions* 8 a.m. — Mass* 7 p.m. Faith Form. —NU	15	16	17
18 10:30 a.m. Mass 33 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	19	20 CCW to host the Laf. Area Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service; 6:30 PM; St. Gregory's	21 No School—NUPS & NUACS 7:30 a.m. Confessions* 8 a.m. — Mass* No Faith Formation in NU	22 THANKSGIVING See HCAFC bulletin for Area Masses No School—NUPS & NUACS	23 No School—NUPS & NUACS	24
25 10:30 a.m. Mass Solemnity of Christ the King	26	27	28 No Confessions Mass* 7 p.m. Faith Form. —NU	29	30	Dec. 1

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**All activities/Masses are subject to change*