



The Messenger

**OCTOBER
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
- Karl Lindquist, Maint./Grounds
- Sheri Liebl, Secretary
- Lexi Platz, Lit./Safe Env. Coord.

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October is Respect Life Month

A Perfect Gift

Read the full version at usccb.org/perfect-gift.

Soon after the birth of my son Charlie,* who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was “mild, moderate, or severe”—referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I was shocked. In my arms I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy categorization.

It’s like looking at stained glass from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can’t see the figures. But inside, with the sun shining through, the effect can be brilliant.

From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. Our love has nothing to do with his abilities. We love him simply because of who he is and understanding this teaches us a fundamental truth: every life is a good and perfect gift.

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Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End

Read the full version at usccb.org/endoflifecare

We are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when loved ones approach life’s end, we may not know how to provide compassionate care. Surround your friend or family member with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives” (To Live Each Day with Dignity, USCCB).

Learn about these 10 tips at usccb.org/endoflifecare

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| 1. Invite God in. | 6. Provide opportunities for resolution |
| 2. Listen. | 7. Reminisce |
| 3. Inform yourself. | 8. Provide a peaceful atmosphere |
| 4. Be steadfast in compassion. | 9. Show tenderness |
| 5. Help them achieve closure. | 10. Bear their transition patiently |

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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)

October Birthday Wishes....



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

1	Tim Johnson	4	Steve Messerli	4	Duane Miller
5	Emmett Platz	6	Mark LeGare	8	Curtis Hartmann
9	Mark Kral	9	Kevin Wenninger	11	Laurie Platz
12	Forrest Bieraugel	12	Bobbie Schuelke	14	Jacob Oscarson
14	Terri Portner	16	Tyler Bless	16	Glen Hoffmann
18	John Hayes	19	Jean Schneider	20	Shirley Berdan
21	Cathy Peterson	22	Nancy Wetzel	24	Wayne Portner
24	Diane Schuelke	25	Kelsey Hoepner	27	Megan Hoffmann
28	Marti Wacker	30	Mark Dick		

Tidbits of Information

Baptized in Christ on September 16, 2018 ...

Sylvie Eileen Gunnink, daughter of Zachery and Manessa Gunnink

Baptized in Christ on September 23, 2018 ...

Lillian Lorraine Hoepner, daughter of Joseph and Kelsey Hoepner

Wedding Congratulations to...

Andrew Maidl and Jazmyne Miller who were wed at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm on Sept. 22, 2018



Every Sunday in October at 10:10 A.M., members of the COF and CCW will be praying the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join them in prayer.

St. Gregory's is in need of a person or company to do snow removal on the church property in Lafayette. This is a paid position. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please feel free to spread the word. Interested parties should contact the church office at 507-228-8298 and leave a message.

The CCW is planning for the next calendar year...

- ◆ If any ladies of the church would like to switch job duties, please notify Arlene Phillips by October 14 at 228-8650.
- ◆ The CCW Vice President position is current open starting in 2019. Anyone interested in this or any other office for the CCW, please contact Karen Arlandson or Cheryl DeBoer.

Save the dates...Upcoming Church and Community Events

Sunday, October 7 – Pumpkin Fest; 11 AM – 3 PM in St. George; Family fun festivities include kiddie train rides, live music, games galore, and a bounce house. Fall produce includes a wide variety of pumpkins, gourds, apples, and squash. Food is available including a hot dog meal, cotton candy, caramel apples, and Culver's ice cream as well as handmade items and baked goods. Proceeds support New Ulm Area Catholic Schools.

Thursday, October 11 - For all Administrative Council members: HCAFC Joint Administrative Council Meeting; 7 PM at the Diocese of New Ulm

Sunday, October 14 – CCW Sunday; Donut Sunday to follow Mass.

Thursday, October 18 – Kitchen cleaning in the Social Hall starting at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes

St Gregory the Great Administrative Council Minutes – 8/9/18 (minutes approved 9-13-18)

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

Finance and Minutes were approved as printed. Reminder that church contributions can be ACH'd from members account.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Admin Council members: Thank you Mark for stepping into the role of chairman. Monsignor is still in the process of contacting our last new member. Cheri will assume the position for pastoral council representative.

Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers: All our ministers need to be recommissioned. Sheri will work with Monsignor Grams to figure out an after-mass option in September.

Harvest Festival Update: Everything is falling into place, new for the year is a rock-climbing wall, money tree and dunk tank.

Mages Memorial: This is being revisited and may change direction as to something for the cemetery.

Bldgs/Maintenance:

DMA project update: Updating Bathrooms: will start in September, only received one outside inquiry, so Mark Dick will proceed with this project.

Church roof and Rectory roof - still continue to figure out water situation. Looks like drain on the room needs to be cleaned and rerubbed. Also need to invest in new gutter guards. Karl and Rich will work on this project. The okay was also given by the Maids to remove the two trees that are next to the social hall. No need to replace. Rich will contact Jason Sellner for his availability to remove them.

Tree Planting: Jason gave us some options for tree planting and after donut Sunday on August 19, the council will walk the grounds and decide where to place them.

Hall Flooring: CCW ladies will pay for floor waxing after the bathroom projects are completed.

Christmas and Easter Mass rotation tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Temporary Rectory usage: The rectory is being used for the month of August for the new music director. His home in New Ulm will be ready September 1, 2018

Resignation of Lexi Platz has been accepted. We will start advertising for her replacement so that we have some in place before she leaves. Sheri also said if need be she would pick up the duties again.

CCW is looking at placing a memorial garden in our cemetery, more information 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

St Gregory the Great CCW Meeting minutes - July 26, 2018

approved 9-6-18

Meeting called to order with 6 ladies present. Agenda was approved. Secretaries report was approved. Treasurers report was approved

Correspondence -

NUMAS Haus thank you

NU Medical Foundation Golf Tournament request - Not approved

Reports-

Many reports on events already done - Highlights

Graduation Breakfast - cancelled since no one could attend; June 1 - Pie Social - Mary Lou Schmidt and Patty LeGare. well attended; Farewell party for Fr Bruno - Arlene Phillips and Sheri Liebl helped; June 11 - Kitchen cleaning - 7 ladies helped; June 27 -Sacrament of the Sick- over 30 people attended (Suggested to put explanation in the bulletin), July 9 - Kitchen cleaning -7 ladies helped.

Thanks to all who helped with Spring events - Baby bottle campaign, layette collection, flowers for mothers and fathers, Altar décor.

Arlene will do May altar linen cleaning. Patti Hayes will do June and July

Unfinished Business -

Altar Cloths purchases - Patti Hayes and Michelle Oswald; Motion made by Carol seconded by Michelle to purchase 2 altar toppers, 1 side table cloth, 8 purificators, 5 lavabos. Passed.

Kitchen supplies - Diane Kuester has purchased 8 scoops, and 16 clear trays

Region 1 meeting in Sleepy Eye - no one attended. Waiting to hear from leaders.

Carol reported on some changes she has been made aware of. Region 1 and 2 CCW are now combined, We are now called a Deanery. Meetings will be more centralized with different parishes taking responsibility for meals. More money will come back to hosting parish to pay for meals. Appears to be well accepted and organized.

New Business

Arlene reported that Administrative Council would like to see social hall floor waxed and cleaned and asked if CCW will cover the cost. Motion by Paulette seconded by Mary Lou to have floors stripped, cleaned, and refinished with 3 coats of finish for \$1525.00. Arlene will contact Service Master to schedule for after the Harvest Festival. Tentatively in September.

Arlene will contact Karl Lindquist to see if he is interested in doing misc. cleaning women can't do. (high places, mop floors, etc.)

Angel/Memory Garden at cemetery was discussed. Ideas of paver stones, rocks and shrubs, benches, etc were brought up. Michelle, Mary Lou, and Carol will visit cemetery to get ideas. Carol will contact Paul G to discuss this after Harvest Festival.

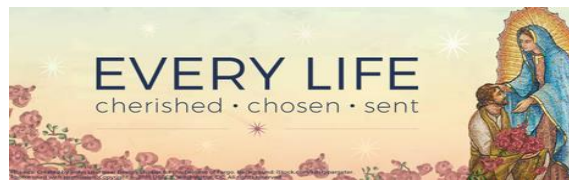
Next meeting will be Thursday, September 6, 6:30 in the social hall.

Motion by Michelle seconded by Paulette to adjourn.

Program: Church festival update by Jorja Bless. All is well, and plans are progressing on schedule.

Secretary,
Carol J Hoffmann

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 p.m Faith Form. –NU	4	5	6
7 10:10 a.m. Rosary 10:30 a.m. Mass First Sunday School Class 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 No School–NUACS	9	10 No Confessions or Mass 7 p.m Faith Form. –NU	11 7:00 PM HCAFC Joint Admin Council Meeting; New Ulm	12	13
14 10:10 a.m. Rosary 10:30 a.m. Mass CCW Sunday Donut Sunday 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15	16	17 7:30 a.m. Confessions* 8 a.m. – Mass* No Faith Formation	18 No School–NUACS & NUPS 9 am – Kitchen Cleaning	19 No School–NUACS & NUPS	20
21 10:10 a.m. Rosary 10:30 a.m. Mass 29 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	22	23	24 7:30 a.m. Confessions* 8 a.m. – Mass* 7 p.m Faith Form. –NU	25	26	27
28 10:10 a.m. Rosary 10:30 a.m. Mass 30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	29	30	31 No Confessions Mass* No Faith Formation	Nov. 1 PENDING - 7:00 p.m. Mass All Saints Day	Nov. 2	Nov. 3

To view the entire Holy Cross AFC calendar, go to <http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html>

*All activities/Masses are subject to change