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Holy Cross Area Faith Community
Spring 2019



Message from Monsignor Grams

Over the past 12 years we have celebrated significant anniversaries of the parishes in our AFC: 160 years for St. George, 150 for the Cathedral, 110 for St. John the Baptist, 100 for St. Mary, and 50 for St. Gregory the Great. There is something to be said for longevity. It is noteworthy that all five parishes no longer worship in their original buildings, due to cyclones, fire, or growth of the original parish.

A committee of knowledgeable people is helping to plan the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity's 150th anniversary celebration. Most of the committee members were alive at the time of the centennial, and several were alive at the time of the 75th anniversary! Many of them have lived a long span of years, and their enthusiasm provides inspiration to younger parishioners. Each member of the anniversary committee desires to share his or her knowledge and excitement about the parish's history, and anticipates the celebration ending sometime in 2020.

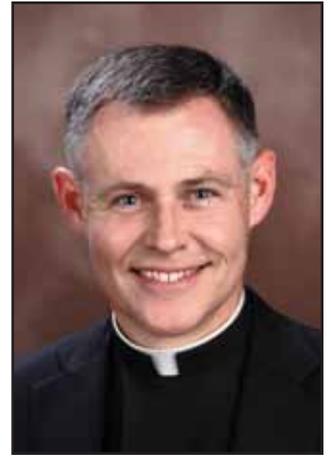
In a fourth century homily for the dedication of a church, St. Augustine reminded his listeners of the importance of their relationship with God and with one another whenever they build or restore a place to worship God. He said, "Christians do not make a house of God until they are one in charity. The timber and stone must fit together in an orderly plan, must be joined in perfect harmony, must give each other support as it were, in love, or no one would enter the

building. When you see the stones and beams of a building holding together securely, you enter the building with an easy mind. You are not afraid of its falling down in ruins."

Although buildings are necessary to protect us from the elements, we must always remember that the Church is not simply a building; rather, it is God's children who gather in a sacred place to praise God.

We are grateful for the faith and dedication of the German-Catholic immigrants who settled in the New Ulm area and constructed three successive church buildings. Dedicated to the Holy Trinity, each served as a place to celebrate the sacraments, especially Sunday Mass when believers are fed by scripture and the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

It is the charity and harmony among the parishioners and pastors that have helped Holy Trinity parish flourish for 150 years. Through times of scarcity and abundance, those who have gone before us remained faithful to God's promise. We in turn are called to follow Jesus Christ as disciples, as people who welcome new members and share our faith with yet another generation.



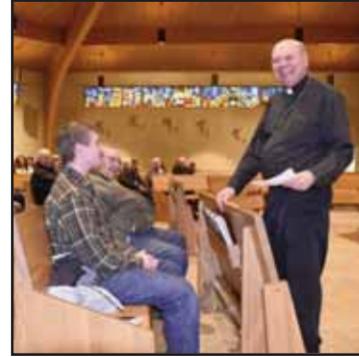
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About the cover: *Members of St. George's Children's Choir at the 2019 Lenten Mission.*

AFC Lenten Mission: "Responding to God's Love"

Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. led us in an AFC Lenten Retreat, "Responding to God's Love." Those who attended found the mission enriching and a wonderful way to enter into the season of Lent. We began by reflecting on the fact that God made us to know him, love him and serve him in our neighbor in this world in order to know, love and serve him in heaven. The largest obstacle in responding to God's love is sin which turns us in on ourselves – a failure to love God and our neighbor. In light of this, Fr. Kubicki gave us three questions to examine our conscience: 1. How often do I recycle my hurts? 2. Do I use people as an object for pleasure or to get ahead? 3. Do I have any substitutes for God?



The transforming power of the Eucharist was also explored. In receiving Communion, we become the Body of Christ and are called to bring the presence of Christ to the world.

Father touched on the hidden life of Jesus, teaching us the importance of doing our work in ordinary, everyday life. In obedience to the will of the Father, Jesus taught us the importance of work and service. In our call to follow the path of Jesus, we need to have a heart like Jesus which is mercy, sacrificial love and to pray and love with faith.

Thank you again to Father Kubicki and all who made the mission possible.



Diaconate Ordination

On Saturday, June 1, John Hayes, a seminarian from St. Gregory the Great in Lafayette and Shawn Polman, a seminarian from St. Mary in Cottonwood, were ordained deacons by Bishop LeVoir at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. After another year of studies, we anticipate their ordination to the priesthood in spring of 2020.



Outreach Ministry In The Holy Cross Area Faith Community

By Anita Hoffmann

Health issues, mobility problems, and caregiving responsibilities can sometimes prevent members of our Holy Cross Area Faith Community (HCAFC) from attending Mass or staying connected to church.

In days gone by, the parish priest visited all parishioners' homes on a regular basis and knew who was ill or homebound. Each parish had their own pastor and associates. However, today, with the small number of priests in our diocese, they are not able to get to the large number of parishioners in our AFC. Outreach Ministry is a way to keep members connected to church.

Anita Hoffmann and Dani Bohm-Guldan serve in Outreach Ministry for the HCAFC. They bring Holy Communion when needed and let the priests know of pastoral needs of parishioners, such as administering the Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation, anointing the sick, and visiting those in the hospital.

They work with volunteers who also bring Holy Communion to people at home, in nursing homes, or assisted living sites, and lead rosaries and assist at Masses regularly.

In addition to visiting with parishioners, funeral planning has become an important role of Outreach Ministry. Upon the death of a parishioner, Anita or Dani meet with families at the funeral home to plan the funeral Mass, visitation, memorial service, readings, and music, and contact all participants with the information. All those details are covered for families.

Members who receive visits feel more connected to their parish. "What's new at church?"

is usually the first question when making visits. People love to hear about events at church, and it helps them stay connected to their parish "home." Often people will say, "I feel like I have been to church when you bring Communion and pray with me at home."

Whether living in your own home, an apartment, assisted living or nursing home in New Ulm or in another community, Anita and Dani are available to come to you for a visit.

If you would like a visit, or have a parent, neighbor, friend or "pew partner" who cannot get to Mass, give Anita or Dani a call or email. Although you may think that "everyone knows" you are ill or that you haven't been at Mass, usually we do not know unless you tell us. So please let us know.

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Cathedral High School 100-Year Celebration ... "With One Voice"

By Brent Boston

Plans are being made to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Catholic high school education in New Ulm.

One-hundred years ago, in the fall of 1919, the first group of ninth-grade students began class in the newly formed Catholic High School of New Ulm. The first graduation ceremony was then held in 1923 with 16 graduates. In 1937, the high school's name was changed from Catholic High School of New Ulm to Holy Trinity High School, and after the creation of the Diocese of New Ulm, the high school's name was changed again in 1963 from Holy Trinity High School to the current Cathedral High School.

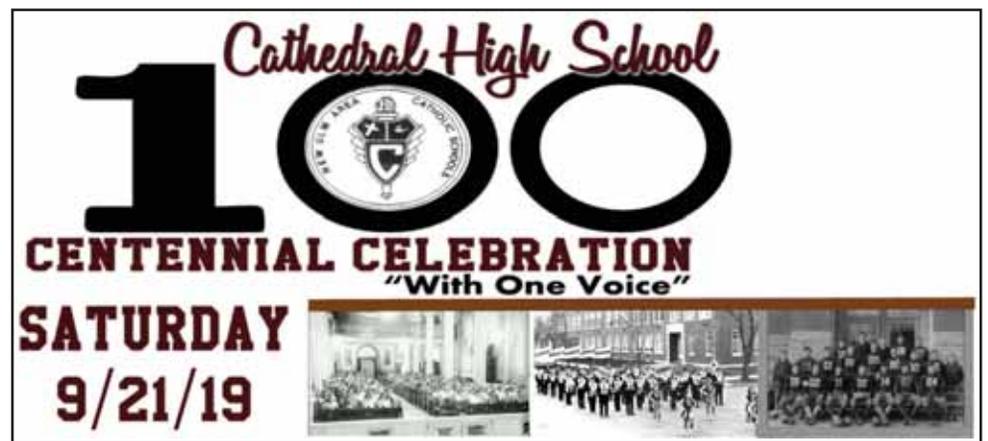
The 100-Year Celebration will take place over Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, September 21, 2019, on the NUACS campus. Planned activities include a Reunion Mass, the NUACS Hall of Fame induction, school tours, memorabilia displays, a catered dinner, activities for kids, and entertainment by the Johnny Holm Band. We hope to see you there!

Reserve Your Copy of the 100-Year Commemorative Photo Book!

A commemorative photo book featuring photos of almost every graduating class from the past 100 years is being compiled. This 500-page keepsake book will also feature fun photos spanning each decade. Copies of the book must be reserved in

advance, with all reservations due by August 1, 2019. The cost of the book is \$35, plus shipping/handling if requested. Books should be ready for pick-up at the 100-Year Celebration. To reserve your copy(s), please email

Brent Boston at
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your name and the number of
books you would like.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

We join our Holy Father in praying for these intentions:

June: The Mode of Life of Priests

- That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

July: The Integrity of Justice

- That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

August: Families - Schools of Human Growth

- That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

September: The Protection of the Oceans

- That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Holy Cross AFC Confirmation



RCIA candidates from the Holy Cross Area Faith Community were received into full communion in the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil.

First Communion



AFC Faith Formation Closes with May Crowning

By Deb Pribyl

A May Crowning celebration was held to close the 2018-19 Holy Cross Area Faith Community Faith Formation year on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm. Approximately 200 students, families, and others from all five parishes gathered for the event. The First Communicants and Confirmation candidates processed together carrying flowers to place at the foot of the statue of Mary. Crowning Mary were Lucy Boe, Augustin Araya, and Sarah Runck. The celebration included Scripture, songs, and prayers focused on Mary, the Mother of God.

At the conclusion of the celebration, students and families were treated to an ice-cream social held in the social hall of the church. Information and registration for the upcoming summer events of Vacation Bible School for grades 1-6, Totus Tuus for grades 1-12, various youth events, and Camps Beloved and Greatness was available.

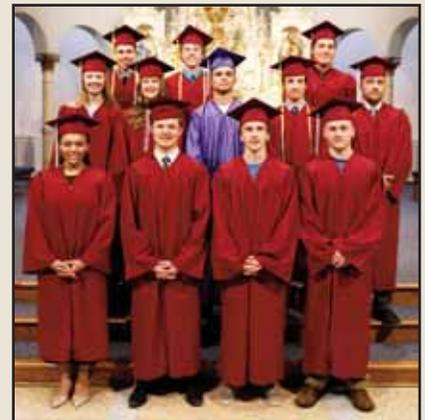
The staff at each parish are already planning for next year! Faith Formation/Religious Education registration for next fall is underway. Holy Cross AFC offers paper registration at this time. Forms are found on the Holy Cross AFC website under the Ministries tab. If you need assistance, you may contact the Director of Religious Education at your parish.



Parishes Recognize Graduating Seniors

Baccalaureate was celebrated in our area faith community on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Graduating seniors were given a special blessing at the Masses.

We congratulate our seniors and wish them well as they enter the next chapter in their lives. A special thank you to those who have given of their time and talent to our parishes in many ways over the past 12 years. May you continue to grow in faith and service to others!



Put out into the Deep

By Matthew Edens

"*Duc et altum*," Jesus says. Put out into the Deep! Don't just hover close to the shore in regard to your faith, but go out into deep waters to explore, live, and trust. When I look at many of the youth of our AFC, this phrase is what I see ... these students who aren't content with just going through the motions of a religion, but who have met Jesus and want to ask questions, wrestle with the answers, and come out more devoted than before. They want the chance to think critically, to share experiences, and to put their faith into action. We are blessed to be in a diocese that offers opportunities for students to do these things! Check out some of the ways that students from our AFC have been taking part in these events.



In late March, the diocese hosted its annual Broom Tree Retreat in Irene, SD. Including a few Handmaids, we had a group of 13 from our AFC. The theme of the retreat was "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray," and it did just that. Throughout the weekend, we had talks on how to pray, time for quiet, personal prayer, Mass, confession, and some pretty exciting fun times as well. I'm always amazed at how easy the students jump into this retreat to really take to heart what they learn. Many came home with a renewed desire to set a schedule for ten minutes of prayer a day, or to use the Gospels as a place to start reading scripture.

Early May brought us to the 1st Annual Paschal Party in Olivia, hosted by the Diocesan Youth Council. We had a night of adoration, fellowship, and a concert by recording artist Luke Spehar. Just imagine praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament with an *a cappella* choir of teenagers singing Easter hymns and chants. It was beautiful! Follow that up with some exciting music and delicious goodies, and you have the makings of an awesome yearly event. Hope to see you there next year!

Looking ahead, please keep in your prayers the nine students from New Ulm who are attending the diocesan pilgrimage to Rome, Italy! We will be gone from June 10-20, along with 26 others, visiting significant pilgrimage spots in Rome, Assisi, Sienna, and Nettuno. This is another opportunity that students are taking to "Put out into the Deep." It's a risk to travel around the world for your faith...pray that we all come back stronger and ready to transform the world! Praise the Lord!

For more local opportunities, visit our Youth Ministry website at <http://holycrossafc.org/youth-ministry>. You'll find special summer opportunities, weekly youth nights, and more! Coming up, be sure to register for Totus Tuus from July 14-19, and Camp Beloved or Camp Greatness in late July.

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Transitions

St. Mary's

Baptisms

Garrett Joseph Borth,
son of Jeffrey and Kari Jo Borth
Gage Kenneth Classen,
son of Matt and Alexandria Classen
Cecilia Kay Collins,
daughter of Daryn and Amber Collins
Kennedi Laurel Gullickson,
daughter of Jesse Gullickson and Nicole Braun
Audrey Rae Lyimo,
daughter of Innocent and Karen Lyimo
Wyatt Lee Parker,
son of Bruce Parker and Stephanie Holmgren
Rose Mary Ringle,
daughter of Dale Ringle and Cheyanne Popowski

New Members

Jeffrey and Kari Jo Borth and family
Eric Brunn
Randall and Pamela Bundy
Shea and Stephanie Lingle and family
Randal Netzke
Jerome and Phyllis Schmidt
Nicole VanderVeen

Marriages

Shirin DeSouza and Andrew DeGiorgio

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Alice Evers
Maxine Falk
Ervin Helget
John Kretsch
Michael Seidl
Elizabeth "Betty" Steinbach
Rosemary Werner

St. John's

Baptisms

Odin and Emma Carlson,
son and daughter of Jay and Jenna Carlson
Case Myron Yarger,
son of Leon and Katie Yarger

New Member

Brittany Haala

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Marlys Kitzberger

St. Gregory

New Members

Tom Hayes – Received into the church on April 20, 2019
John Hayes – Diocesan Order of the Diaconate on June 1, 2019

Cathedral

Baptisms

Aidah Naylette Miller,
daughter of Joseph and Gabriella Miller
Brock Alan Franta,
son of Erik and Laura Franta
Everett Dale Koenigs,
son of Tyler and Megan Koenigs
Evie Jolesse Fischer,
daughter of Zach and Leah Fischer
Amara Lea Weber,
daughter of Marcus and Ashley Weber
Avery Rae Andrews,
daughter of Shawn and Kelcey Andrews

New Members

Nicole Vanderveen
Allie Schmidt
Shawn and Kelcey Andrews and family

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Ervin Helget
Joseph D. Kamm
Julie Van Name
Patricia M. Seifert
Frederick L. Juni
Dolores M. Kahle
Martin F. Schiesl
Gordon J. Bushard

St. George

Baptisms

Raleigh Elizabeth,
daughter of Kyle and Tina LeBrun
Jace Andrew,
son of Andrew and Michelle Kitzberger
Amelia Marie,
daughter of Aaron and Stefanie Wenninger

Marriages

Benjamin Polgreen and Megan Forst

Calendar of Events for Holy Cross Area Faith Community

Please visit <http://www.holycrossafc.org/afc-calendar.html>
for a complete and up-to-date calendar listing.

JUNE

- 6 Baptism Class – 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral
- 9 Pentecost Sunday
- 13 Pastoral Council/Parish Admin. Meeting –7:00 p.m.
- 16 The Most Holy Trinity
- 17 KOC meeting – 6:40 p.m. at Cathedral
- 21 Adoration and Prayer for Hope and Healing at 7:00 p.m. at Church of St. Michael, Madison
- 23 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Parish Picnic
- 24 Vacation Bible School at SAE – 9:00 a.m. to noon
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- 26 Vacation Bible School at SAE – 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 27 Vacation Bible School at SAE – 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 28 Vacation Bible School at SAE – 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 30 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY

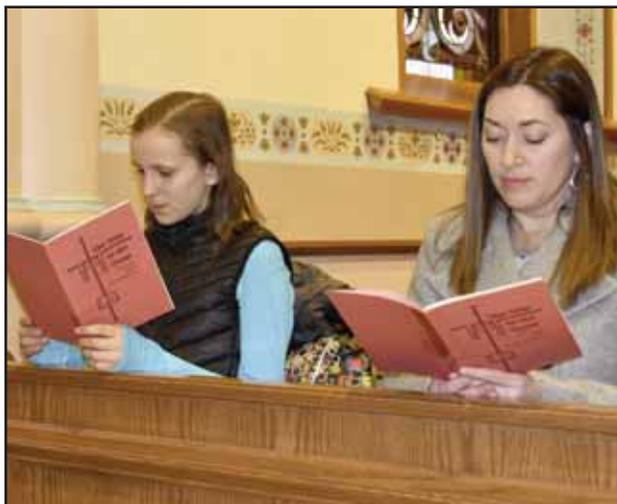
- 7 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Truth on Tap – 7:45 p.m. at Green Mill
- 14 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Totus Tuus gr. 7-12 at St. Mary 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- 15 Totus Tuus gr. 1-6 at St. Mary 9:00 a.m. –2:30 p.m.
KOC meeting – 6:40 p.m. at Cathedral
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AFC Totus Tuus Potluck 6:00-7:15 p.m. at St. Mary
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- 18 Totus Tuus gr. 1-6 at St. Mary 9:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
Totus Tuus gr. 7-12 at St. Mary 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- 19 Totus Tuus gr. 1-6 at St. Mary 9:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
- 21 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 26 Dedication of the Cathedral Anniversary
- 28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST

- 1 Baptism Class – 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral
- 4 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. George CUF Pork Chop Dinner 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Truth on Tap – 7:45 p.m. at Green Mill
- 5 Cathedral Golf Classic at New Ulm Country Club
- 8 Pastoral Council/Parish Admin. Meeting –7:00 p.m.
- 11 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Gregory the Great Harvest Festival
- 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -
Holy Day of Obligation
- 18 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 19 KOC meeting – 6:40 p.m. at Cathedral
- 25 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. John the Baptist Fall Festival

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Truth on Tap – 7:45 p.m. at Green Mill
- 4 Faith Formation Opening beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Cathedral
- 5 Baptism Class – 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral
- 8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. George Harvest Festival
- 11 Faith Formation Classes at 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Faith Formation Classes at 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Cathedral High School Block Party
- 22 St. Mary Fall Festival
- 25 Faith Formation Classes at 7:00 p.m.



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