

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2 & 3, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My dear Parish family, I am very pleased to provide you with a spiritual report and a financial report this week (See pg.8). Last fiscal year was another blessed time for us as a Parish family. In an even greater way, our spiritual blessings have been abundant. Although we are seeing a sharp decline in the number of children being baptized and coming to all of the Sacraments, we are seeing a strong increase in the participation of our youth at St. Greg's.

Last year we celebrated 81 Baptisms, 115 children for First Penance, 110 children for First Holy Communion, 139 teenagers for Confirmation and 13 Weddings at St. Greg's. We also received 13 people to the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil through the RCIA process. On the other hand we celebrated 156 funerals, clearly you can see we are burying about twice as many as we are Baptizing. This is not only a phenomenon at St. Greg's, but is consistent throughout the Diocese. I believe this year we will have similar numbers for the Sacraments, however we are recognizing a decreased number of people celebrating Mass and becoming involved within the Parish, beyond Sunday Mass.

The Diocese of Buffalo is simply getting smaller and the current crisis in our Church is not helping matters. Many have pulled away from the Parish and from the Church altogether. Some Parishioners attend Mass but refuse to contribute any longer and some, even though upset and angered over the abuse crisis, continue to do what they have always done in their involvement and support of the Parish. I thank everyone for continuing to come to the Sacraments and I especially thank those who are continuing to support the Parish with their time, talent and treasure.

On a very positive side, I feel we are more alive than ever! I am now in the last year of my six year term as your Pastor and I marvel at where we have come spiritually. I see a real renaissance in

our Catholic School. We are blessed to have many young families investing in a Catholic Education at St. Gregory the Great School. These young families are not only coming to our school, but are involved in our Parish family and regularly celebrating the Eucharist. This has not always been the case. Similarly, I also see a strong Family Faith Formation program with many families who are extremely dedicated to our Faith and a Sacramental life. **(Continued on page 2)**

ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

A general blessing will take place after all Masses today, Sunday, February 3. For those who would like a personal blessing a Priest, Deacon, or Eucharistic Minister will be available after the Masses.

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 3, with Mass at 12:30pm and a reception in the Gathering Rooms immediately following. All current and past Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders are welcome to participate.

The Eastern Europe and Poland Collection will be taken up this weekend, February 2 and 3. You may place your envelope in the regular collection.

WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

Please note that if the school is closed due to inclement weather and the faculty and students do not report, the Parish Offices are not immediately closed. It will be up to the discretion of the Pastor if the Parish will close and all activities will be cancelled (including Adoration). Please check TV/radio listings for activity cancellation.

(From the desk of the Pastor Continued)

From my experience at St. Greg's I must say that our Church has a bright future with great youth leaders emerging especially from our Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs. When I was first ordained, almost 27 years ago, most of our teen leaders came from Catholic high schools. Today, at St. Greg's, it is a mix of both our public and Catholic school youth stepping up to be involved in our Parish.

Our Youth Ministry program is top shelf. When I arrived we had a very small Life Teen program mostly attended by Confirmation candidates who "had to attend." We had a failing junior-high youth ministry with a small handful of kids, and plans to begin a young adult ministry. Today we have three full time youth ministers: one for junior-high, one for high school and one for college and young adults. We are serving and engaging our youth more and more each day. Our junior- high program recently launched a 5th and 6th Grade ministry which is thriving and so is our 7th and 8th Grade Edge program. There are well over 100 junior-high students regularly involved and another hundred high school teens involved in our Life Teen program. About a year ago we launched a college and young adult ministry. This ministry has grown and recently over 40 young adults participated in a weekend retreat. We had 15 college age and young adult men begin a 90 day spiritual program of scriptural reflection, prayer, fasting and a commitment to a simple life in order to grow spiritually through sacrifice. We are blessed!

We need to focus on those who have fallen away from faith. About one-third of our Parish family has not attended Mass or been involved in our Parish. Again, this is not a unique problem to St. Greg's, but one for concern nonetheless. We have over 2000 registered families who have had no contact with St. Greg's in the last two years. We need to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We desperately need to hire a Director of Evangelization. This is a specialized area of ministry where someone would address all of the issues, one-on-one, with those who are inactive in Faith. I am thankful to Father Thomas Maloney for his willingness to lead an effort in this area, but I am also aware that a part time "retired" priest cannot accomplish all we need to in a Parish of this size. I urge you to pray for those who have fallen away, and consider sacrificing even more in your contributions to allow us to hire a full time Director of Evangelization. In my opinion, this is the next

major task to address. We have worked well together to accomplish all we have done with our youth and now, without losing that, we need to address Evangelization.

As always, I thank each of you for all that you do for St. Gregory the Great Parish. I humbly request you to consider increasing your weekly offering to help us work through the 18% shortfall we are experiencing now in regards to the collection, and to allow us to consider the much needed Evangelization ministry. May God bless you, may our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Feb. 4; Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
Tues. Feb. 5: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43
Wed. Feb. 6 : Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6
Thurs. Feb. 7: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13
Fri. Feb. 8: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29
Sat. Feb. 9: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34
Sun. Feb. 10: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (75C); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Facing rejection

Reading I Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (prophet consecrated to God)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (love never fails)
Gospel Luke 4:21-30 (beginning of preaching; rejection by the townspeople)

Key Passage They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the bow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. (Luke 4:29-30)

Adult: *What do you do when a message you are trying to deliver "falls on dead ears"?*

Child: *Are there times when you have not listened as well as you could to what someone was telling you? Why didn't you? less than you?*

Sacramental Information

First Communion Parent Workshops will be held on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm and on Saturday, February 9, at 9:15 am in the School Gym and Cafeteria. Parents please attend ONE of these sessions for important information regarding First Communion.

First Communion Mass of Enrollment is on Sunday, February 10, at the 9:30 am Mass in the Ministry Center.

Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday,
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events and Registration Information:

February Outreach: Heart-to-Heart Food Drive

Wednesday, February 6

7:00 pm First Communion Parent Workshop
(School Cafeteria)

Thursday, February 7

6:15 pm Generations of Faith (GOF) Session C
(School Gym, Cafeteria & Classrooms)

Saturday, February 9

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting, Cancelled

Saturday, February 9

9:15 am First Communion Parent Workshop (Cafeteria)

Sunday, February 10

9:30 am First Communion Mass of Enrollment (MC)

Winter Break February 16-24 NO Classes. Office Closed.



Confirmation candidates spent time in Adoration (above) while on their Confirmation retreat. Fr. Leon discussed the meaning of the Church as the Body of Christ (below).



Catechist Corner

Catechist Training Requirements: As part of the new Diocesan requirements, each Catechist must engage in eight hours of training per year. To that end, you can register for the following workshops that are free but require registration. Call Doris (716) 847-5501 to register or for more information. Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome

From Classroom Teacher to Group Facilitator: Is Anyone Learning Anything? *Effective strategies to properly balance discussion, sharing, and learning about the Catholic faith. In this interactive session discover how to make the most of the time you have with a group – whether adults or youth.*

- February 13, 6:30 -8:30 pm, Ascension, Batavia
- April 25, 6:30 -8:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa, Depew

Catechist as Missionary Disciple: *Guides the Catechist in personal reflection on importance of being a faith witness.*

- February 7, 6:30 -8:30 pm, Sacred Heart, Lakewood

Cultivating Faith in the Home: *This workshop is practical and designed for those who are curious about how to engage families more deeply in faith growth in the home. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to the session to offset the cost of “Forming Families in Faith – Cultivating Catechesis in the Home” by Kathy Hendricks.*

- March 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, Catholic Center in Buffalo
Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY.

Growing Pains: *This workshop explores research on the physical and social changes that characterize adolescence, followed by discussion on strategies to effectively walk with youth during these years.*

- March 30, 9:30-11:30am, St. Mary of the Angels, Olean,
- April 30, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Andrew, Kenmore

Eucharistic Minister Training

Share your love of the Eucharist. Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? There will be a Eucharistic Minister training session on Saturday, February 9, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Christ the King Seminary. To register, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678.

PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **February 10** for coffee, juice and donuts in the Gathering Rooms after 9:30am Mass. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

WHY St. Greg's School?

As a graduate of Catholic education and as your school principal I am confident of my "why". I am a proud graduate of St. Andrew's Country Day School. We just celebrated our 25th anniversary since graduating. I feel blessed to have been part of a close-knit and loving school community. Our class still keeps in contact via social media and reunions. Over the years I have been supported by former teachers and families when our family experienced great loss. I feel we had a large enough class of about 70 students to experience diversity, as well as, go through the growing pains of changing friendships through the years. It was a small enough environment where every child's gifts and talents were nurtured. It was the perfect setting for students who may have gotten lost in the shuffle of a large school. I also feel that there were smooth transitions from early childhood to elementary and to middle school, when emotional and developmental growth plays a factor in student success.

Lastly, I feel attending St. Andrew's instilled a strong foundation of my faith and helped to grow my relationship with God. This foundation was essential in developing my core values of **Faith, Love, Hope, and Reconciliation** as I entered my adult life. In a world filled with conflicting messages and great exposure to adult topics, I feel now is a time when Catholic education is needed more than ever.

This is only some of my "whys". I also have experiences as a public-school educator, and have recently transferred my own children to our school which also validates why I truly love this school. We are so very grateful you have chosen to join the St. Greg's family. Our Parish, Faculty and Staff are fully committed to each family and child. Our loving teachers truly provide a nurturing yet rigorous learning environment. We look forward to continuing to learn, live, and lead as Disciples of Christ with you and your family.

If you have any family or friends who may be interested in joining our safe, faith-filled school family please recommend scheduling a tour with our office staff. If you have any questions regarding programming for next year please contact me.

God bless,
Mrs. Julie Gajewski

THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus is hosting THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE at 7:00 PM on Friday, February 8, at Madonna Council Hall in North Tonawanda. Ten dollars at the door or \$7 pre-sale includes admission, beer and pop (must be 21 to attend). Side raffles, 50-50 and \$1 Pizza slices available. Bring your own snacks, a cooler for your winnings and dollar bills for the drawings. Doors open at 6PM, Madonna Council Hall is located at 755 Erie Avenue (near Division) in North Tonawanda. For further information or pre-sale tickets email: kofcmeataffle@gmail.com or call Tom at 716-570-0964.

Catholic Charities 2019

Here when you need it. When there is nowhere else to turn, Catholic Charities is a beacon of hope and support for those most in need. Across the eight counties of Western New York, Catholic Charities is ready to provide basic and emergency assistance whenever crisis strikes. Your Appeal gift helps keep this safety net in place for so many of your neighbors in need. You can help them find hope in the midst of devastation. Check out our new gift designation options when making a secure donation online at www.cwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400. **Help your neighbor find hope.**

Registration for current and new families is now open! If you register a child in Kindergarten before April 15, 2019, you will receive a \$500 tuition discount. Registration is a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the programs are at capacity, registrants will be placed on a waitlist. Please Note: You are not confirmed for your spot until your paperwork, deposit and supporting documents are on file with the school office. Direct all questions to registration@gmail.com or Maria Sodaro at 716-688-5323, Ext. 354.

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Education Today!



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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~ 688-3578

Ignite- February 5, 14, 19, 26

Our brand-new 5 and 6 grade group meets every week from **6:00-7:30pm on Tuesdays** (with the exception of Feb 14). Join us for fun, games, faith, and food! Don't miss it!

EDGE- February 7, 14, 21, 28

Our amazing 7 and 8 Grade group is back and better than ever! Join us every **Thursday at 6:30pm** for a night full of crazy games, engaging talks, great music and more! Come and bring a friend!

Ultimate- February 22

Ultimate is open everyone in 5-8 grade! Join us at **7:00pm** as middle-schoolers take over the Ministry Center for a night full of awesome games, great food, and more! Don't miss it!

If you have any questions about Middle School Youth Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole!

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Life Teen- February 10, 17, 24

Every **Sunday after the 4:30pm** mass, join our amazing high school community for a night of food, friends, and fun! Life Teen offers an engaging way to learn about the Catholic faith, while managing to have fun at the same time! All high schoolers are welcome!

SWAT Team- February 13, 20, 27

Are you looking to dive deeper into your faith? Do you want to learn more about prayer and Scripture? Then this group is for you! **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** join us for prayer, discussion and snacks!

Empowered In Christ- February 6

Empowered in Christ is our girls prayer and community group. Meeting **Wednesday at 7:00pm** once a month, this group offers the opportunities for young women to share and learn about their faith together. All high-school girls welcome!

High School Hangout- February 15

Once a month on **Friday at 7:00pm**, high-schoolers get to take over the Ministry Center for a night of food and fun!

Come and bring a friend!



Music Ministry



Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, February 5, in GR2
The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 17

Adult Choir for 11:00 am Sunday Mass
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, February 5, in GR2

For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or

Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers

The Catholic Medal Association of Buffalo will be having its Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers on Saturday, February 9, at the 4:30 Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral. Dinner will follow at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Cynthia Hunt, a psychiatrist, who will discuss the Catholic Medical Professional's Role in Exorcism and Deliverance and how it relates to mental health issues. For tickets and Pricing information go to www.cmabuffalo.org.



K of C Free Throw Council Champions!

The St. Gregory Council Knights of Columbus held a Free Throw Championship Saturday, January 19, in the St. Gregory School Gym. Champions were determined by the best of 15 free throws for boys and girls ages 9-14 years old. This is an annual event.

The Boys Champions from this competition are:

Julian Jarzynka – age 9
William Buckingham – age 10
Augustus Falvo – age 11
Jackson Bastible – age 13

The Girls Champions from this competition are:

Isabella Zinno – age 10
Gianna Zinno – age 11
Amanda Saber – age 12
Brianna Bonvissuto – age 13

Each of these winners are invited to compete in the District Championship to be held February 9, at St. Gregory's School Gym. Congratulations to all those that participated!

A Note From Father Thomas

Dear Friends,

Father Leon has asked me to assemble a small group of people to provide leadership for our Parish efforts in Evangelization, and I am happy to accept this assignment. In the Church's understanding, Evangelization has two thrusts: to go *out*, bringing the message of Christ to others, and to go *deep*, enriching and strengthening the Faith life of those who are already "in the pews".

This Evangelization Committee would meet six to eight times a year, and consider ways and means that have proved fruitful in other Parishes, in some of which I have served.

If you have an interest in this Ministry, please email me at tfm210@hotmail.com, with "Committee" in the title line, or phone me at 688-5678 ext. 305. Here are a few lines from the Gospel to ponder as you consider this possibility:

"To whom much has been given, much will be expected."

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

"Do not hide your light under a bushel basket."

Cordially,

Msgr. Thomas F. Maloney

Volunteer Positions for Students Grades 7-9:

Students (Grades 7- 9) can volunteer for the positions listed below. Please contact Mrs. Gilbert in the Family Faith Formation Office at pgilbert@stgregs.org if you can volunteer.

In your email, please specify the volunteer position you can fill and the time slots you prefer to work.

Teachers' Aide: We need aides to help for Grades 1-4 on Mondays or on Wednesdays from 4:15 – 5:45 pm. You can volunteer for one or both days.

Classroom Aide for Generations of Faith: Assist in the classroom and help with setup and cleanup once a month; choose from the following dates/times:

- Sundays: February 3, March 3 and April 7. Times needed are: Sunday mornings from 9:30 am – 12:15, or Sunday afternoons from 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm.
- Thursdays: February 7, March 7 and April 4, from 5:30 - 8:15 pm.

"Coffee Break with God" Babysitter: March 2, 8:45-10:45 am in the School Art Room.

St. Greg's Café

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

Forgot Your Lunch ?

Join us for soup, salads, paninis and delicious sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

PIZZA NIGHT!

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

HELP NEEDED AT THE CAFÉ!

Enrich Your Life. Join our "family" of volunteers at the Café. By serving in this ministry for as little as three hours a week, you will enjoy camaraderie and have a real sense of fulfillment. Contact Margaret at 688-5678, ext. 322.

HEART-TO-HEART FOOD DRIVE

The Heart-to-Heart Food Drive, in memory of Father David Kirsch, will be held the weekend of **February 9 and 10**. Fr. Dave was always very aware of the plight of the needy in winter and the burden on Food Pantries in trying to feed the hungry. We hope to collect non-perishable food that our St. Vincent de Paul can distribute. **Here are suggestions for donations:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Cereal, Soup, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Cake mix, Mac and Cheese and Paper Products.

Please bring your donation of food to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Truck by the Ministry Center.

YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home for one week, with the commitment to offer the Rosary daily during that week. Consider this wonderful opportunity to invite our Blessed Mother into your home. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.



Respect Life

The Reproductive Health Act (RHA) Becomes

Law: From the NYS Catholic Conference: "New York State has added a sad chapter to [the] already solemn date of January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. With the legislature's passage, and Governor Cuomo's signing of the Reproductive Health Act, our beloved state has become a more dangerous one for women and their unborn babies.

Many of the state Senators and Assembly members who voted for this abortion expansion are mothers themselves, who felt their child toss, turn and kick in their womb, and delighted in the progress of their pregnancy. Many others, as well as our governor, are fathers, who held their partner's hand as they viewed the ultrasound videos, watched their child squirm and rejoiced at the first sound of a heartbeat. Many of these same officials were themselves born into less-than-perfect conditions - poverty, health problems, disabilities, broken families. All overcame these issues to rise to leadership in our state, because their parents chose life for them.

We thank all our partners in the 12-year-long fight to stop this horrendous policy, and all pro-life New Yorkers who made their voices heard in an effort to stop it. Let us all pray for the conversion of heart for those who celebrate this tragic moment in the history of our state. And we pray in a special way for the lives that will be lost, and for the women of our state who are made less safe under this law."

Bishop Richard Malone added, "NYS is already the state with the highest rate of killing pre-born children through abortion. This is a tragic day for NYS that makes a very bad situation even worse. It is a barbaric action of our legislature, and clearly nothing to celebrate."

Pregnant? Need Help? You are not alone. The Buffalo Diocese offers confidential assistance through the St. Gianna Pregnancy Center. Call 716-849-2229 (BABY) or email StGianna@buffalodiocese.org.

Senior Citizens

The February Meeting has been cancelled due to Church construction.

Tuesday, February 26; Seneca Niagara Casino, Customer Appreciation Event, \$26 per person, \$30/Slot Dollars and free lunch buffet. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 9:00 am and returns at 4:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

SAVE THE DATE

March 11 - St. Patrick Luncheon, Sean Patrick's, 1:00 pm
Details to follow.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, February 3

- 12:30 pm Mass/Reception for Scout Sunday (GR 1&2)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen
(MC Caf /Gym/Basement)

Monday, February 4

- 10:30 pm Senior Board Meeting ((MC 1)
- 5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting ((GR 1&2)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Athletic Association Board Meeting ((MC 3)
- 7:00 pm Food Shuttle Meeting (MC 2)

Tuesday, February 5

- 1:30 pm Girls Scouts Brownies Meeting (GR 1)
- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry Amped (MC Caf )
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite/Zag
(Off Campus)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Caf)
- 7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2)

Wednesday, February 6

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Caf )
- 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Ministry (GR 1)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Empowered in Christ (MC 2)
- 6:30 pm Women's Book Club Meeting (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (School Room 702)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm First Communion Parent Workshop
(School Caf/Gym)

Thursday, February 7

- 2:15 pm Girl Scouts Junior Troop Meeting (GR 2)
- 4:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge/Zag
(MC Basement, Caf )

Friday, February 8

- 9:00 am MOMS Play Group (MC Basement)
- 6:00 pm AHG Troop Meeting
(School Caf /Gym/Library)

Saturday, February 9 - Heart-to-Heart Food Drive

- 9:15 am First Communion Parent Workshop
(School Cafe)
- 11:00 am Knights of Columbus Free Throw
Championship (School Gym)
- 12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 2)
- 2:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting (School Caf/Gym)
- 5:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (MC 2)

Sunday, February 10 - Heart-to-Heart Food Drive

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Caf /Gym
Basement)

St. Gregory the Great Parish Financial Report

<u>Parish Report - Church</u>	<u>Current 9/17 - 8/18</u>	<u>Prior Year 9/16 - 8/17</u>	<u>Variance Increase / (Decrease)</u>
<u>Inflow</u>			
Offertory	\$ 2,433,551	\$ 2,558,359	\$ (124,808)
Other Income	952,880	962,616	(9,736)
Auction & Race (net)	139,807	137,957	1,850
Total Inflow	3,526,238	3,658,933	(132,695)
<u>Outflow</u>			
Salaries & benefits	1,333,213	1,311,270	21,942
School Subsidy	710,281	388,820	321,461
Ministries & Organizations	288,750	499,051	(210,301)
Capital expenditures	121,703	113,488	8,215
Operating expenses	312,306	295,193	17,113
Supplies	291,425	292,518	(1,093)
Family Faith Formation Subsidy	240,032	214,386	25,646
Diocese assessment	228,356	217,482	10,874
Total Outflow	3,526,066	3,332,209	193,857
Net Increase in Fund Balance	\$ 172	\$ 326,724	\$ (326,552)
Restricted Fund Balances:			
Education/Scholarship Funds	\$ 369,902	\$ 377,395	\$ (7,494)
Specified Memorials	158,177	158,177	
Other (HSA, Athletic, etc.)	155,661	172,298	(16,637)
<u>St Gregory the Great School</u>			
<u>Inflow</u>			
Tuition	\$ 2,023,001	\$ 2,132,697	\$ (109,697)
School Subsidy	710,281	388,820	321,461
NYS mandated services reimbursement	240,152	289,781	(49,629)
Other income	439,607	439,061	546
Total Inflow	3,413,040	3,250,359	162,681
<u>Outflow</u>			
Salaries & benefits	2,504,727	2,418,330	86,397
Capital expenditures	109,615	57,670	51,945
Operating expenses	406,353	376,753	29,600
Instructional & admin materials & supplies	392,346	397,606	(5,260)
Total Outflow	3,413,040	3,250,359	162,681
Net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>St. Gregory the Great Family Faith Formation</u>			
<u>Inflow</u>			
Family Faith Formation Subsidy	\$ 240,032	\$ 214,386	\$ 25,646
Tuition	87,466	95,878	(8,412)
Other income	38,712	46,274	(7,562)
Total Inflow	366,210	356,537	9,673
<u>Outflow</u>			
Salaries & benefits	210,020	205,434	4,586
Instructional & admin materials & supplies	88,124	88,804	(680)
Operating expenses	68,066	62,299	5,766
Total Outflow	366,210	356,537	9,673
Net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Other Information</u>			
	Aug-18	Aug-17	Variance
Registered families	6,488	6,256	232
Average annual offertory gift	\$ 364	\$ 413	\$ (49)
Average weekly offertory gift	\$ 7	\$ 8	-
Percent of registered families giving \$10 or more weekly	21.47%	23.86%	-2.4%
Second collections for external ministries	\$ 173,906	\$ 158,785	\$ 15,121
Parishioner donations to catholic charities	\$ 707,506	\$ 692,989	\$ 14,517
St Gregory School enrollment pre K - 8	541	529	12
St Gregory Family Faith Formation enrollment	852	938	-86

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 2

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mathew Wyzykowski
by Maciag & Bowers Families
Charles S. Modica
by Eugene & Pia O'Connor
- 5:30 pm William Frawley by Paula & Russ La Duca

Sunday, February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
Andrew Roberts by Neil, Dad & Becky
- 9:30 am Mark V. Conley, Jr.
by Nancy & Christine Conley
Mary Rose Vecchio
by Gary & Annette Kajtoch
- 11:00 am Chester Stuben by Marianne Parry
Margaret Gruenthaner by Julicher Family
- 12:30 pm Joan Marinaccio
by Michael & Betty Marinaccio
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Rosalie A. Pfeiffer by Irv & Joy Patterson

Monday, February 4

- 7:00 am Dr. Richard R. Romanowski by Estate
John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Donald Schuler by Janet Schuler
- 12:00 pm Boniface Pope by Wife, Mary & Daughters
Wittig & Gustina Families
by Roger J. Wittig

Tuesday, February 5 – St. Agatha

- 7:00 am Elna Wagner (birth) by Linda & Bill Dohn
- 8:00 am Patrick & Margaret Maloney by Family
Louis B. Di Pasquale
by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Friscano
- 12:00 pm Elizabeth Luthringer by Margaret Boehler
Shawn Ross by Ronald & Joanne Zini

Wednesday, February 6

- 7:00 am Rev. Richard A. Jesionowski
by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family
Clara & Daniel Wesolowski
by Family Medical Pharmacy
- 12:00 pm Peter Varbanov by Wife, Edith Varbanov
Michael Gillogily by Fran & Russ Bracco

Thursday, February 7

- 7:00 am Robert Perron (living) by Debbie & Michael
- 8:00 am Annette & Helen Woroniecki by Family
Patricia Vigneron
by Charles & Norma Heimerl
(School Mass)

Friday, February 8

- 7:00 am Dotty Calos by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Luella & Joseph Miller
by Sharyn & Bill Miller
- 12:00 pm Virginia Wendel
by Dr. Francis & Anne Klocke
Charles Calabrese
by Nick & Rose Maria George

Saturday, February 9

- 8:00 am Josephine Chiarello (anniv) by Mary Ann
& Sam Piazza and John Chiarello
Ted Fronckowiak by Barbara Pelosi

Vigil Masses

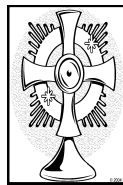
- 4:00 pm Corra & Thein Families (living)
by the Curazzatos
Pearl Forbes by Joan Mathews
- 5:30 pm Brian Boulay by Lisa LaLonde

Sunday, February 10 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Edmund Mayer by Jim & Judy Huber
John A. Abeyounis
by Terry & Jim Gumulak
- 9:30 am Emily J. Kloss
by Rick & Donna Hoelscher
James L. Hoelscher
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- 11:00 am In Honor of St. Anthony –
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Norrine Whissel by Courtney Robshaw
- 12:30 pm Marie & Philip Pantano by Pam Pantano
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SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am; 12:30 & 4:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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Sacraments

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Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

First Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am; Saturdays: 2:30-3:45 pm, other times on request.

WEDDINGS

Celebrated on Fridays (5:00 pm and 6:30 pm) and on Saturdays (10:00 am, 12 noon, and 2:00 pm). Either the bride or the groom must be a parishioner.

Marriage Preparation – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

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Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

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Anointing of the Sick – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

Prayer and Devotion

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PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:
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Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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