

April 7, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Masses:
 • 8:30 a.m. Wed.
 • 8:30 a.m. Fri.
 • 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 Confessions:
 • 2:00 p.m.
 2nd & 4th Sat. of the
 Month

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 • 8:30 a.m. 1st Sat.
 Confessions:
 • 8:00 a.m. Sun.

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UP COMING AT OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE AREA FAITH COMMUNITY:

Sun. Apr. 7	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u>
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>+Paul Lightfoot</i>
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Marilyn Weedman</i>
Mon. Apr. 8	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>+Millie Bellig</i> Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Daughter Meeting in Carla Hall at Holy Redeemer after Mass
Tues. Apr. 9		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. Apr. 10	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 1st/2nd, at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Deborah Larson</i> <u>St. Michael's Religious Education in Milroy</u>
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Gr. K-6
	6:50 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's in Milroy
	7:15-8:30 p.m.	Gr. 7-12 <u>St. Mary's Religious Education in Tracy</u>
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Gr. K-12
Thurs. Apr. 11	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove <i>+Mary Como</i>
Fri. Apr. 12	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Weisbrich Family</i>
	2:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
Sat. Apr. 13	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u>
	1:30-4:00 p.m.	1 st Communion Retreat at St. Michael's Church Basement in Milroy
Sun. Apr. 14	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u>
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>+Dean Rudenick</i> CHWC Rolls in Milroy & Tracy
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Roger VanOverbeke</i>

Baptisms: Contact Priest to set up a date.

Marriages: Contact Priest at least six months in advance of proposed wedding date.

Hospitalized or ill parishioners: Contact Priest.

New Ulm Diocese Catholic Charities: Counseling & Adoptions toll-free 1-866-670-5163

Pray for safety for all those serving in the military from our families and from our communities especially: Aaron Moudry, Samantha & Lucas Karnes, Troy Sik, Joe Goodnow, Stuart Stroman, Patrick Carnahan, Brad & Andrea Bond, Travis Davis, Martin Hamsa, Cole DeBlicke, Patricia Baker, Pat Weisbrich, and Troy Baumann.

Prayer Network prayers for healing for all the sick and other needs in the area faith community especially: Sandy Alcorn, Don Alex, Kevin & Kim Arnold, Bob Brewers, Maia Brooks, Linda Bruns, Scott Daggett, Loanne Johns Dale, Delmar Debbaut, Paul DeSmith, Difficult Pregnancy, Lisa Driessan, Rachel Ewertz, Gavin Fischer, Mike Foley, Linda Fultz, Kelly Garner, Phillip Goblisch, Joanie Gruver, Glad Henning, Rachel Hubner, Vera James, Joe, Lillian Johannes, Barb Knutson, Leonard Lanoue, Jim Larsen, Nathan Lewis, Carol Louwagie, Beatrice Maeyaert, Ray Maeyaert, Bob McCoy, Fr. Bob Mraz, Al Rolling, Amy Sik, Someone Needs Healing, Someone Having Surgery, Ron & Evie Stadick, Lawrence Stassen, Dee Thatcher, John Thomas, Maurice VanDeWiele, Cathy Verly, Lloyd Welu, Tudy Will & for 4 special intentions. *If you know of someone who should be now removed from the sick list, please let the rectory know. Names will be left on the list for 1 month and then taken off, if you wish them put on again please contact the office we will gladly put them on again.*



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE FAITH COMMUNITY NEWS:

NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BULLETIN IN BY WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. PLEASE SEND ALL BULLETIN INFORMATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE - e-mail use: stmary@iw.net or call the office 629-4075.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION FOR THE AFC WEBSITE – E-MAIL IT TO BECKY LANOUE AT stmary@iw.net.

DID YOU MISS GETTING THE SUNDAY BULLETIN?– Feel free to look up the website to find the Sunday Area Faith Community bulletin, the Area Faith Community monthly calendar, and other information at the OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE WEBSITE: www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org.

CCW NEWS

TRACY: Next Large Function—St. Joseph: Rosemary Hemmingsen & Jan LaVoy

Next Small Function – St. Elizabeth: Betty VanKeulen & Mary Jo Henkel

Next Funeral – St. Lillian: Jane Carlson & Carol Buyck

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD for 2017-18: For St. Mary's in Tracy – Fr. Ron Huberty, Church of Sts. Peter & Paul, P.O. Box 49, Ivanhoe, MN 56142-0049, Ordination Date July 15, 1990, Birthday June 2.

MILROY: Next Funeral is Circle 1.

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD for 2017-18: For St. Michael's in Milroy –Rev. Germain Rademacher, Ridgeway, 720 23rd St. N. Apt. 201, New Ulm, MN 56073, Ordination Feb. 23, 1958, Birthday Dec. 4.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." JOHN 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available **Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in HUTCHINSON, MN and Nov 15-17, 2019 in OWATONNA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.**

WALNUT GROVE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, Community Center, 330 6th St. Thursday, April 25, 2019, 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, please call Maydra Maas at 507-747-2519.

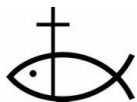
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be at Wabasso Community center on Wed. April 17, 2019 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm – If you would like to make an appt call Arlene at 342.5493 or just walk in that day.

THEY HAVE A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF TYPE O BLOOD DONATIONS AND URGE TYPE O DONORS AS WELL AS ELIGIBLE DONORS OF ALL BLOOD TYPES to give now to help ensure lifesaving patient care isn't impacted this winter. More donations are needed NOW. Thanks.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE NEW ULM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

CONVENTION to be held on Saturday, April 27 at St Anastasia in Hutchinson, MN. The day will include Holy Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend John M. LeVoir. Our keynote speaker, Kathy Bonner, an international motivational speaker, will be speaking on Domestic Violence. Kathy has been published in national magazines and newsletters. Her experience also includes producing and editing a nationally distributed brochure on domestic violence, "Women Healing the Wounds, and book on mentoring, Mentors of the Past..Models for the Future. Our second speaker, Amanda Sieling, a professor of Criminal Justice and a former Assistant County Attorney, will be speaking on delinquency, abuse, and neglect cases and dealing with the effects of these activities. Booths and displays will be available as well as a silent auction. For more information and/or to register, contact your Parish CCW President, Patty Lessman in Tracy, Emily Welu & Taylor Mueller in Milroy. Be spiritually enriched! Grow in your faith! Meet new friends! Connect with other faith filled women from the diocese. All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE SW MINNESOTA is offering the Rebuilding series for ten weeks beginning April 15, 2019. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church on Church and "A" Street in Marshall, MN. Registration is held the first two Monday nights starting at 6:30 p.m. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a fee of \$75 to cover the cost of materials. This series is designed for those who are past the initial pain of losing a partner and are working to put their lives back together. All dialogue is confidential and facilitators are individuals who have suffered a similar loss. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions concerning level participation, contact Laurie W:507-829-4004, MaryAnn S:507-828-2866, Tim L: 507-530-6379.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT is Saturday, April 13th @ St. Michael's in Milroy. The retreat is from 1:30- 4:00 for Students and Parents. Please bring your completed packets.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please keep working on your Mass notes. You can turn them in at Mass in Milroy or to your teacher on Wednesday nights.

NO RELIGIOUS CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH. Please attend Holy Week Liturgies as a family. The Holy Week and Easter schedule can be found in the bulletin.

APRIL 24TH IS OUR LAST NIGHT OF CLASSES FOR FAITH FORMATION. There will be a Hardee's Roast Beef Meal fundraiser in Tracy, serving from 5-7 pm. Please come help us celebrate our year of Religious Education!

THERE WILL BE MAY CROWNING in Milroy on May 1st @ 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Monday, April 8th, Spirt Day ~ wear your St. Mary's clothing.

Tuesday, April 9th, Band Lessons today.

Wednesday, April 10th, Mass, 8:30, prepared by grades 1&2, Please wear appropriate clothing for mass, grades K-6.

Palm Braiding with Mrs. LaVoy: 12:30-1:15 grades 1&2, 1:20-1:50 grades 5&6, 1:55-2:25 grades 3&4, 2:30-2:50 kindergarten.

Thursday, April 11th, "State-wide Tornado Drill", TBD, Band Lessons.

Friday, April 12th, Stations of the Cross, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 13th, First Eucharist Retreat for 2nd graders, St. Michael's in Milroy, 1:30-4:00.

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS:

April 16 ~ Grades 1&2 to PVSL, Community Action Transit mini bus

April 17 ~ Painting gifts for Grandparents Day with Jan in the p.m.

April 18 ~ Painting gifts for Grandparents Day with Jan in the p.m.

April 18 ~ School is in Session

April 19 ~ No School, Good Friday

April 22 ~ School is in Session

April 23 ~ No Big Buddies

April 24 ~ Alleluia Party, 1:30

April 26 ~ Grades 5&6 to the Shrine Circus with TAES.

~ Mid-term of Qtr IV

ALUMINUM CANS FOR THE TECHNOLOGY FUND for St. Mary's School can be dropped off in the wagon behind St. Mary's Church.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: Mar. 29 \$100 – Laurie Templeton; Apr. 5 \$100 – Julie Suedbeck..

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A STUDENT'S TUITION? Tuition at St. Mary's school is only \$1,875.00 a year for one child, or about \$200 a month. What a great investment in the future! Contact the school or parish office if you would like to help. Thank you



NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S IN TRACY

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD! Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine "Cathy" Rue, age 89, who died on Friday, March 29 and whose funeral Thursday, April 4, 2019 and was buried at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Tracy. Our condolences to her family.

LOCKING THE CHURCH: St. Mary's basement will be locked at about 2:30 p.m. and the upper church about 6 p.m. If you need to get a pie see Jan LaVoy or one of the staff to let you in. If you need to get inside for meetings or other needs, contact Keith Schons 507-629-4289 or Jan LaVoy 507-829-2755 to get the doors opened for you.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH, and live in Tracy, you may receive communion weekly. Please contact Jeanine Vandendriessche @ 507- 212- 2018 for information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, at St. Mary's in Tracy, are held on Fridays, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD! What a great mix with our parish family! St. Mary's Parish Dinner & Festivities were a great success. Many hours of work go into a successful event and many hands make lighter work. We served 316 meals this year which was an increase again from last year!

Special Thanks to—

- all who donated to the raffle ticket. (names were included with prizes in your packet)
- all who donated to the silent auction. Items for bidding and bidders.
- all who donated to the dinner expenses. Alita Lenertz, Gary & Patty Peterson, Ken & Carol Weedman, Greg & Karen Lanoue, Glen & Virginia Surprenant, Dan & Elise Lanoue and anonymous donors.
- Joe, Kathy & Gavin VanMoer for preparing the delicious pork. Tom & Cheryl Lenertz for preparing the delicious beef and other food prep. Along with their assistant Steve Buyck & meat cutter Michael Lenertz .
- Tammy Horner & Gary & Patty Peterson for helping with the silent auction.
- The CCW Chairwomen for lining up workers, pies and cakes.
- The Youth that assisted. Your service was a big help and it was fun to get to know you!
- EVERYONE who gave of their time to work on Saturday or Sunday.
- those who provided pies & cakes.
- all who supported our festivities by buying or selling raffle tickets and coming down for the dinner as well as those taking advantage of takeout and delivery.

SUCCESS is not measured by profits alone. Coming together for FELLOWSHIP is a vital part of belonging to St. Mary's Parish. Mark your calendars now as our Parish Dinner is always the last Sunday in March so it will be March 29, 2020.

Jan LaVoy, Keith Schons, Gwen Johnson, Elise Lanoue

ST. MARY'S GARDENS & QUILTS TOUR July 10 with July 11 rain date 2-8 pm. We are planning to tour in the Lake Shetek and Garvin area this year. If any one knows of someone that would like to be on our tour please contact one of the committee: Jolynn Johns, Becky Averill, Rose Goltz, Jan LaVoy, Fr. Mallak or Elise Lanoue. Anyone wanting to assist with this event in any way please contact the committee also. Raffle tickets will be coming for sale soon for a chance to win a 30x70 Cuddle Throw by Jolynn Johns; a Collapsible Wagon filled with Garden Supplies; and 2 St. Mary Pie Certificates.

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY; the "Food For Kidz" event is fast approaching and will be held April 24, 2019, 4-7:00 p.m. at the Caboose located at Hwy 14 in Tracy. If you are not familiar with this event please contact Tracy Lutheran and we can fill you in. This is an event that is sponsored by the Tracy area Churches and your help is needed. Thank you. The "Food For Kidz" Committee.

MONTH THREE - DEVELOPING BABY

"I grabbed my hand!" The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce and is about 3 inches in length. **Remember that Prayer Shawls are available in the back of Church.** Denise Weedman -Reverence Life Commission.

MISSION OF LOVE PROJECT 19TH YEAR, look whatever \$2.00 donated can do. Provide corn, beans, rice to feed a FAMILY for a week at our Diocesan Mission at San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala. Also provide some school supplies. Imagine what \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50 or more can do. 100% goes to the mission and tax deductible. Make checks MISSION OF LOVE, put in envelope with your NAME and drop in collection at St. Mary's Parish or school office or give to Alita Lenertz. Your name goes on each card and sent to the mission. What a great Lenten alms given, also memorials for loved ones. Please be generous, note poster as you enter church You may contact Alita Lenertz, 507-629-4145 or 507-993-2654. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND - KEYS

There was a set of keys found outside the church. If you are missing a set of keys, please contact Chris Schons @ St. Mary's School.

COFFEE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE, ground & whole beans, \$10/bag. Contact Alita Lenertz, 507-629-4145.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD: Mar. 31, 2019

Adult: \$2,303.00 **Youth:** \$-0- **Loose Plate:** \$88.50 **TOTAL:** \$2,391.50

Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Apr. 14, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Steve & Carol Buyck

Lector: Richard Tuszynski & Jenna Buyck

Cantor: Audrey LaVoy

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanette Lanoue, MaryJo Henkel, Lisa Dieter, Lota Hannasch, Colleen Schiller

Server: Ashton Squires, Taylor Squires, Mitchell Rolling

Ushers: Gary Peterson, Fred Timmerman, Gavin VanMoer, Joe VanMoer

Money Counters Apr. 8, 2019 – Charlene Lenertz & Pat Hansen

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Apr. 17 – Fr. Mark, Apr. 24 – Dick, May 1 - Rosemary



NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S IN MILROY

ADORATION is held at St. Michael's Every Thursday from 8:00 – Noon in the CHAPEL at the Rectory. Everyone is encouraged to come spend some time with Jesus. If not an hour – just come for a short visit. **HE LONGS TO SEE US!**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, at St. Michael's in Milroy, are held on Wednesdays, at 6:50 p.m.. Everyone is invited to attend.

Stewardship Report for Mar. 31, 2019

Adult: \$1,980.00 **Student:** \$1.75 **Loose Plate:** \$164.00 **TOTAL:** \$2,145.75

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Apr. 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Matt Felton Family

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Moses Dolan

Lector: Ann Felton & Brandon Karsten

EHMC: Angie Pool, Adria Alcorn, Dick Vroman, Lon Walling, Jean Walling, Becky Lanoue

Servers: Nick Schmitt, Noah Coudron, Ezeiel Dolan

Ushers: Joe Lanoue, Bob Zwach, Cris Knott, Jeff Orren

Money Counters: Becky & Joe Lanoue, Jane Louwagie, Dean & Alice Vroman

From Fr. Steffl:

Lent is drawing to a close. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The Mass begins in the back of the church with a short Gospel passage and the blessing of palms.

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Since I understand that Holy Redeemer has hosted a Holy Hour with Confessions and the Divine Mercy Chaplet in past years on Divine Mercy Sunday for our area parishes, and we will continue to have that this year, during the time of our usual Sunday Holy Hour from 4 pm- 5 pm.

This next week, Thursday April 11 is the Chrism Mass, this year in Olivia at St. Aloysius Church at 7 pm. It is an annual diocesan Mass wherein the Bishop blesses all the holy oils that are used in the Sacraments in the next year. If you have not been to one, this year it is close (It rotates around different parishes in our diocese from year to year since we have a big geographical territory to cover.)

Special thanks to all who helped make the St. Mary's Parish Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction a great success. I am told that all three parts of the event were the highest that they have ever been! Events like this are, of course, much more than just ways to raise a little money for parish operations but are also about working together to put an event on, and reminding us of the investment we make in our parishes!

To end on a "spiritual note" I want to express how good it is to see such a good and positive response to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. Bishop Fulton Sheen told the story in one of his books about a Jewish psychiatrist that he knew in New York, who when he would find out one of his clients was Catholic, would tell them, "You can either pay me a lot of money to listen to your problems, or you can go down the street and tell them to the priest in confession for free..." Jesus' mercy is free and He is waiting for you there.

