

April 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Our Lady of the Prairie & Bread of Life Area Faith Communities

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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. Mon.
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Confessions:
• 8:00 a.m. Sun.

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

- Sun. Apr. 14** **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
8:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy
 +*Dean Rudenick*
 CHWC Rolls in Milroy & Tracy
10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
10:00 a.m. CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy
 +*Roger VanOverbeke*
- Mon. Apr. 15** 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy
 +*Brooklyn Larsen*
 Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
- Tues. Apr. 16** **Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy**
7:00 a.m. Mass and Adoration at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
- Wed. Apr. 17** 7:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer School in Marshall
8:30 a.m. School Mass, Gr. 5th/6th, at St. Mary's in Tracy
 +*Allan & MaryJane Hammerschmidt*
10:45 a.m. Mass at Prairie View Nursing Home
 +*Joseph Vercruyse*
 No Religious Classes – Holy Week
- Thurs. Apr. 18** **HOLY THURSDAY**
8 – Noon Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy
 +*Edith Ousky*
 Confessions after the Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
 Confessions after the Mass
- Fri. Apr. 19** **GOOD FRIDAY**
 No School – Easter Break
12:00 p.m. Service at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
3:00 p.m. Service at St. Mary's in Tracy
4:30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's in Milroy
5:30 p.m. Service at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
- Sat. Apr. 20** **HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL**
8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy
 +*OLPAFC Parishioners, Living & Deceased*
8:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
- Sun. Apr. 21** **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
7:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
8:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy
 +*David Louwagie*
9:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
10:00 a.m. CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy
 +*Theresa Hansen*
11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer in Marshall

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 DeBlieck, 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, Joe, Lillian Johannes, Barb Knutson, Leonard Lanoue, Jim Larsen, Nathan Lewis, Carol Louwagie, Mark Lutterman, Beatrice & Ray Maeyaert, Amy McCoy, Bob McCoy, Allen Rolling, Amy Sik, Someone Needs Healing, Someone Having Surgery, Ron & Evie Stadick, Lawrence Stassen, Dee Thatcher, Bryan Thill, Lisa Thill, John Thomas, Maurice VanDeWiele, Cathy Verly, Lloyd Welu, Tudy Will, Sloan Wohlman & 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. Lillian: Jane Carlson & Carol Buyck

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

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.

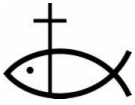
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be at Wabasso Community center on Wed. April 17, 2019

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.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH, there will be no classes as it is Holy Week. Please attend Liturgies with your families.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please get your paperwork completed **ASAP!** (There are three forms that we would like to have in before religion classes are ended: Confirmation Information, Baptismal Information, and your Sponsor Form. They are all found in your folders you received the night of the Confirmation Meeting.)

APRIL 24TH IS THE LAST NIGHT OF CLASSES FOR FAITH FORMATION. There will be a Hardee's Roast Beef Meal fundraiser at St. Mary's serving from 5-7 pm. Everyone is welcome! Please come celebrate the Faith Formation year with us!

MAY CROWNING WILL BE ON MAY 1ST @ 6:30 pm at St Michael's. All students are encouraged to attend. Please bring your rosary. Following May Crowning, we will have terats in the basement along with the traditional year-end kickball game!

FIRST COMMUNION IS MAY 5TH. 8:30 at St. Michael's and 10:30 at St. Mary's. Practice for St. Michael's is on May 4th at 9:30. Practice for St. Mary's is on Wednesday, May 1st @ 6:30 pm.

BACCALAUREATE MASS WILL BE MAY 19TH for our High School Seniors. Please complete the Senior Survey and return to Suzanne/Diann so that we can enter your information on our program.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Monday, April 15th, Spirt Day ~ wear your St. Mary's clothing.

Tuesday, April 16th, State-wide tornado drill, TBD Grades 1&2 to Prairie View Senior Living, 9:45-10:30. Band Lessons today.

Wednesday, April 17th, Mass at 8:30, prepared by grades 5&6, Please wear appropriate clothing for mass, grades K-6.

Students will paint gifts for Grandparents' Day in the afternoon

Thursday, April 18th, Students will paint gifts for Grandparents' Day in the afternoon, Band Lessons.

Friday, April 19th, Good Friday, No School.

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: Apr. 5 \$100 – Julie Suedbeck; Apr. 12 \$100 – Bill Giannelli.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL MEMORIALS in memory of Mary Lanoue, Cathy Rue & Theresa Hansen.

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



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.

MARION COUNCIL #3750 OF TRACY will be having their annual ladies night Sunday evening April 28th in the St. Mary's church hall. Social hour will start at 5:00 pm with the meal and program starting at 6:00 pm. The meal will be chicken and rib dinner with all the fixings and entertainment will be provided. Cost will be \$20 per person. Please come and join us for fellowship and honor the ladies who support the Knights. For more information and to reserve a spot please contact Joe Van Moer 507-215-1881.

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.

APOLOGIES: There was a miss print in the Raffle Prize Winner last weekend. Richard Krueger won the Toy Tractor, not Roger. Thank You.

ST. MARY'S PARISH has once again formed a Maintenance Committee. We thank Steve Buyck, Al Breczinski, Larry Buysse, Mark LaVoy, Matt Hubner for being willing to serve on this important committee. These men will work with our Custodian, Tim Amick, to keep maintenance at its best on our parish campus. Please contact any one of them to offer your willingness to assist in any way that you can. It will be greatly appreciated!

CAN WE MAKE IT A REALITY! St. Mary's CCW is hoping to start the kitchen remodel June 1. For this project to begin, we are still in need of funds. You should be receiving a letter in the mail describing this project and there is a display in the back of church for your viewing. If you would be willing to help us out with a donation, please make checks out to St. Mary's CCW. You can drop your donation in the collection in a "Kitchen Project" marked envelope or drop off at the Parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Jan LaVoy 829-2755 or Elise Lanoue 829-8448. Thank you for your generosity and support.

THANK YOU to all those who came and helped clean the church for Easter. We had a wonderful group show up to make the work much lighter for all. Thanks again!!

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 FOUR: "I HAD A DREAM!" Your baby's brain has begun maturing – a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed and will re-open at 7 months. Her taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her within an hour or two. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to parents of the baby can be seen at this time. This month REMS (rapid eye movements) have been recorded – a sign of dreaming. Your baby is now about 9 inches in length. Thank you for praying!

MISSION OF LOVE PROJECT 19TH YEAR. A donation of \$2.00 can do so much! 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!

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD: Apr. 7 2019

Adult: \$6,920.00 **Youth:** \$2.00 **Loose Plate:** \$215.00 **TOTAL:** \$7,137.00
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Good Friday, Apr. 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Lector: Molly Peterson, Kathy Brockway

Cantor: Carla VanDeWiele

Eucharistic Ministers: Bev Kosse

Server: Brok Roggatz, Talon Brinkley, Ashton Daniels

Liturgical Ministers for Easter Vigil, Saturday, Apr. 20, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

Gifts: Richard & Ann Krueger

Lector: Richard Tuszynski, Brittany Peterson

Cantor: Jen LaVoy

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim & Jeanine Vandendriessche, Jolynn Johns, Dave Lenertz, Heidi Morgan

Servers: Lauren Verlinde, Lawton Verlinde, Nolan Verlinde
Ushers: Gary Peterson, Fred Timmerman, Gavin VanMoer, Joe VanMoer

Liturgical Ministers for Easter Sunday, Apr. 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Bill Brockway Family

Lectors: Marlene Halfmann

Cantor: Katie Lanoue

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan LaVoy, Gloria VanOverbeke, Jeanette Lanoue, Lota Hannasch, Bev Kosse

Servers: Lindsey Horner, Hailey Hubner, Ashton Daniels

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

Money Counters: Apr. 23, 2019 – Jan Griffith & Patty Lessman

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Apr. 24 – Dick, May 1 – Rosemary, May 8 – Linda



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!**

Stewardship Report for Apr. 7, 2019

Adult: \$580.00 **Student:** \$1.85 **Loose Plate:** \$147.00 **TOTAL:** \$728.85

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Thursday, Apr. 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Gifts: Larry & Phyllis Lanoue

Organist: Carole Snyder

Cantor: Neil Dolan

Lector: Kami Parker

EHMC: Angie Orren, Alice Vroman, Eli Welu, Emily Welu, Taylor Mueller, Don Schmidt

Servers: Morgan Jennings, Dawson Jenniges, Freddy Leach, Eli Lightfoot, Elaina Leach

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

Liturgical Ministers for Good Friday, Apr. 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Jean Schmidt

Lector: Don Schmidt, Evy Dolan

EHMC: Ken Lanoue, Cheryl Lanoue

Servers: Margaret Dolan, John Schmitt, Tyson Lightfoot, Leah Lightfoot

Liturgical Ministers for Easter Sunday, Apr. 21, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Daryl Leach Family

Organist: Carole Snyder

Cantor: Suzanne Lightfoot & Choir

Lector: Kim Jenniges

EHMC: Robin Hauger, Linda Dolan, Joni Baune, Katy Lightfoot, Ann Felton, Jill Karsten

Servers: Andrew LaVoy, Tanner Hauger, Brody Hauger, Alex Schuh, David Schuh

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

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

From Fr. Steffl:

I want to encourage everyone to participate in all the liturgies of Holy Week, to make it a meaningful and spiritually fruitful Holy Week – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, and of course Easter Sunday. Check the times in the bulletin for all the possibilities. I want to offer a few words of special encouragement about the Easter Vigil. It is meant to be the most important liturgical celebration of the entire year, as we symbolically gather at the empty tomb of Jesus. The darkness contrasts with Jesus, the “Light of the World,” as we renew our baptismal promises. At Holy Redeemer, there are 4 individuals entering the Church, one of whom is also being baptized along with an infant baptism that evening. Please consider coming to the Easter Vigil Mass, especially if you have not been to one for a number of years!

Reminder that the Sunday after Easter, April 28, will have a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** with Confessions and the Divine Mercy Chaplet sung, from 3 pm – 4 pm on Sunday April 28. This is an event for everyone from all our local parishes.

There is an upcoming Mass called the annual “White Mass” which is so called because it is to pray for Catholic Health Care Professionals in the Diocese (“white” being the color of doctors and nurses) at the Cathedral in New Ulm on Saturday, April 27th at 5 pm. These “White Masses” take place around the country to pray for those who work in health care recognizing that it can be difficult to work in the medical field as a Catholic today.

I am very pleased to announce that we have a **new website for our “Our Lady of the Prairie” parishes of St. Mary’s and St. Michael’s**, thanks to the help of Brock Benson. The address is: <https://www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org/>

The new website will continue to be administered by Brock, and if there are things that need to be added to it or changes to be made, please let Brock or Diann Timmerman know (Brock’s email is: brockb1137@gmail.com ; Diann’s email is: resaintmary@gmail.com). Diann is interested in using the site for more dissemination of information for both St. Michael’s and St. Mary’s religious education and youth programs, so check back, and check often as we “get it off the ground...”

Last week I referenced in my own homily at Holy Redeemer about how there are “apps” and some internet sites that offer the daily Mass readings and/or Catholic prayers. Here are a few of them (there is also a place on the Holy Redeemer web site that we will start listing them under “Quick Links”, so if people have others, let me know):

- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on their web site has a place to read the daily readings along with some other things to help with prayer/suggestions: www.usccb.org

Some downloadable “apps” for those who have “smart phones” or “iphones” or tablets/ipads for a small fee or subscription:

- “Laudate” – has daily readings/reflections/the “Saint of the Day”
- “iBreviary” – has daily Mass readings, along with other prayers including the Liturgy of the Hours
- “iPieta” – has daily Mass readings and a big library of prayers
- “Magnificat” – which is the publisher of the Lenten daily reflection book that we gave out at the beginning of Lent, has daily Mass readings, nice daily spiritual reflections that can be easily read off the “app”

