

**April 28, 2019**  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

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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.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the  
 Month

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 • 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 • 8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sat.  
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 • 8:00 a.m. Sun.

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

<b>Sun. Apr. 28</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY</b>	
	<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>+Earl LaVoy</i>
		<b>2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION-THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL-ST. MICHAEL'S &amp; ST. MARY'S</b>
	<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>Joe &amp; Rosemary VanKeulen</i>
<b>Mon. Apr. 29</b>	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS AT ST. MICHAEL'S IN MILROY – Fr. Mallak in Retreat Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
Tues. Apr.30		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
<b>Wed. May 1</b>	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS AT ST. MARY'S IN TRACY – Fr. Mallak in Retreat
	6:30 p.m.	May Crowning at St. Michael's in Milroy for All Students
Thurs. May 2	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS AT WG COUNTRY VIEW – Fr. Mallak in Retreat
<b>Fri. May 3</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> , Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Darlene Macht</i>
		<u>School Confessions after Mass</u> May Crowning at St. Mary's in Tracy
	9:00-12:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's in Tracy
	12:30 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's in Tracy SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
<b>Sat. May 4</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>Special Intention – Don Schmidt Family</i>
	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u>
<b>Sun. May 5</b>	<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>First Communicants</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>First Communicants</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 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:** Kevin & Kim Arnold, Linda Bruns, Loanne Johns Dale, Rachel Ewertz, Linda Fultz, Phillip Goblisch, Joanie Gruver, Glad Henning, Bob Kirsh, Mae Kirsh, Mark Lutterman, Beatrice & Ray Maeyaert, Amy McCoy, Bob McCoy, Butch & Jean Polman, Bryan Thill, Lisa Thill, Maurice VanDeWiele, Sloan Wohlman & for 1 special intention. *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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org).

### **CCW NEWS**

**TRACY: Next Large Function—** St. Theresa: Marlene Halfmann & LuAnn Engel

**Next Small Function –** St. Joseph: Jan LaVoy & Rosemary Hemmingsen

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Nov 15-17, 2019 in OWATONNA, MN and Feb 7-9, 2020 in Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

**A NEW VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION** has been added for Friday, June 21, 2019 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. at St. Marys School, Bird Island.

**"QUILTED TOGETHER"**, Spring CCW Salad Luncheon, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Quilt display, and free gift for first 100 guests! St. Catherine Catholic Church, 900 E Flynn, Redwood Falls, MN. Everyone Welcome!

**ANYONE WHO HAS SUFFERED** sexual abuse by a priest or another person involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan Web site at <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>. Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.

**LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES.** If you live with diabetes and would like to improve your health and sense of well-being, this class is for you. 6 class sessions, Tuesdays, May 7-June 11, 5:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Sanford Health O'Brien Court, 410 State St., Tracy, MN. No cost to attend. Suggested Donation: \$30. For information or to register, contact: Rebekah Reynolds, ACE of SWMN, [ace.lyon@co.lyn.mn.us](mailto:ace.lyon@co.lyn.mn.us), 507-829-1143.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, annual Tootsie Roll fund drive for helping people with intellectual disabilities, will be held Sunday May 12 after the masses at Milroy and Tracy. Money raised stays locally. Thank-you for your support.



### **AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**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.)

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

**FIRST COMMUNION IS MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm.

**CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP** will be selling **rolls** after Mass on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**BACCALAUREATE MASS WILL BE MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>** 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at St. Michael's in Milroy.



### **ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:**

**Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, Spirt Day ~ wear your St. Mary's clothing.

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, All-School picture on the church steps, 9:00.

➤ Group Band & Children's Choir rehearsal at the high school beginning at 1:30.

Students will ride their regular school buses home from the high school.

➤ 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band & Children's Choir concert at the high school beginning at 7:00.

Students should be at the high school by 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, Rain make up day for All-School picture, if needed. First Communion practice, 6:30-7:30.

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Group Band Lessons.

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Mass at 8:30, prepared by grades 1&2 followed by Adoration.

May Crowning of Mary at the school followed by confession for all 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Grandparents' Day Program begins at 1:30.

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, Community Education Youth Soccer League games.

### **TWINS GAME ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 - TWINS VS SEATTLE MARINERS**

➤ We will be in Section 104, Rows 13-20.

➤ We have a limited number of seats: 100.

➤ This will be first come-first serve.

➤ Tickets are \$42.00 each.

➤ Price includes a \$10 food voucher that you can use with any vendor.

➤ 7 o'clock start time

➤ Transportation not included

➤ Deadline to purchase tickets is May 14th

**Mark it on your calendar! Save the DATE!!!**

**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. 19 \$100 – Alita Lenertz; Apr. 26 \$100 – Tom & Julie Dolan

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL MEMORIAL** in memory of Cathy Rue.

**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.

**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.

**OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER** for Michelle Lenertz, daughter of Tom and Cheryl & bride to be of Cory Engen. Saturday, May 11 1-3 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Hall. They are registered at Amazon.com, Bed Bath & Beyond and Erickson's Country Furniture by Luverne.

**ST. MARY'S CCW FUNERAL COMMITTEE** is looking for additional workers. This Committee is a group of parishioners that are willing to work funerals. Since the formation of this committee the guilds no longer are asked for workers, just cakes and salads. Depending on how many funerals we have in a year, you are usually asked to work a couple of times each year. Men are very welcomed and appreciated to be part of this worker list. Please contact Kathy Swift 507 828-1061 or Elise Lanoue 629-3252. Thank you to all who are or have been on this list. Serving our parish family in this manner is an honorable service.

**WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO OUR GOAL FOR THE KITCHEN** and have some wonderful donations coming in. So far we have received \$5,740. We are hoping to reach our goal of \$11,000 before the end of May. If we receive more than this we can continue on with our coffee station and to put in a new closet to hide the tables and chairs that sit in the back of the dining hall also. Thank you for your generosity in helping us achieve this goal. St. Mary's CCW

**ST. MARY'S GARDENS & QUILTS TOUR--**Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 pm-8 pm with July 11 rain date. We are planning to tour in the Lake Shetek and Garvin area this year. If anyone knows of someone that would like to be featured on our tour (gardens or quilts), please contact one of the committee: Jolynn Johns, Becky Averill, Rose Goltz, Jan LaVoy, Fr. Mark Mallak or Elise Lanoue. Anyone wanting to assist with this event in any way, please contact the committee. Thanks to those that stopped at our booth during the Women's Expo this weekend. Raffle tickets are available from any committee member. Prizes this year are a 60x70 Cuddle Throw by Jolynn Johns, Garden Wagon Package, and 2 St Mary's Pie Certificates.

**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!

**WOW – AWESOME!!** Through the generosity of donations, memorial and Lenten alms giving, I turned in \$2,974.00 for Mission of Love. We can feed 1,487 families for a week. I also sent 18 quilts from our Mission group to go to Guatemala. God Bless All of You!! Alita Lenertz

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

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD: Apr. 21 2019**

**Adult:** \$5,572.00    **Youth:** \$0.00    **Loose Plate:** \$1,811.00    **TOTAL:** \$7,383.00

**Total needed/week: \$3,923.07**

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** Dave Vandendriessche Family

**Lectors:** Richard Tuszyński

**Cantor:** Audrey LaVoy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bonnie Boerboom, Gloria VanOverbeke, Lota Hannasch, Jolynn Johns, Bev Kosse

**Servers:** Sarito Canto, Noah Knakmuhs, Lauren Knakmuhs

**Ushers:** Dave Lenertz, Bill Brockway, Richard Krueger, Dave Dieter

**Money Counters: May 6, 2019** – Jan Griffith & Kathy Swift

**Prairie View Nursing Home Communion:** May 8 – Linda, May 15 – Sandy, May 22 – Fr. Mark



**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!**

**ST. MICHAEL'S COULD USE MORE MASS INTENTIONS.** If you wish to have a Mass said for a special intention or a deceased Member of your family or community, please contact the St. Michael's office or put in an envelope and turn in the name/names or intention with \$10.00 per mass. Thanks – We will be happy to put them on the calendar. God Bless.

**Stewardship Report for Apr. 21, 2019**

**Adult:** \$3,243.50    **Student:** \$-0-    **Loose Plate:** \$264.01    **TOTAL:** \$3,507.51

**Total needed/week: \$1,500.00**

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** First Communicants

**Organist:** Carole Snyder

**Cantor:** Moses Dolan

**Lector:** Bob Dolan

**EHMC:** Lon Walling, Jean Walling, Becky Lanoue, Angie Orren, Alice Vroman, Eli Welu

**Servers:** Brady Larsen, Braylon Timmerman, Grace Dolan

**Ushers:** Melvin Welu, Gary Bitker, Daryl Leach, Don Zeug

**Money Counters:** Ken Parker, Don & Alice Zeug, Jeanette Bitker

From Fr. Steffl:

Reminder that this weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday, (April 28), and we have a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** with Confessions available and the Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) from 3 pm – 4 pm at Holy Redeemer in Marshall. Everyone is welcome. Included as an insert in the bulletin are instructions of how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It is a beautiful prayer that hopefully everyone will know.

In September 2020, I will be offering a pilgrimage to Lourdes (France) and Fatima (Portugal), along with some significant religious sites in Spain – Santiago de Compostella (St James the Apostle), Barcelona (St. Ignatius of Loyola), Avila (St. Teresa/St. John of the Cross). It is with the same pilgrimage company called PROXIMO that I have used in past pilgrimages to Italy and this last February to the Holy Land. If you would like a brochure, it is available on the Holy Redeemer parish web site or to pick up from the Holy Redeemer parish office. I have had a very positive experience with this pilgrimage company.

This upcoming week, Fr. Labat and Fr. Mallak will be on their annual retreat (I took mine already last fall). Each priest is required to make a spiritual retreat every year, and the majority of the priests of this diocese go to the one at this time each year after Easter. Please pray for our priests this week in a particular way. And please note that there is no Monday Mass in Milroy this week, no Wednesday Mass in Tracy, and no Thursday Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove on Thursday of this week, but Fr. Mallak will be back to do the May Crowning/Friday School Mass in Tracy.

A book that I have been reading, titled THE EVANGELIZING PARISH by Cardinal Francis Arinze touched on a point that has been in my prayer continuously this last year – those who have fallen away from the practice of their Catholic Faith. The Cardinal wrote *If someone has kept away from the parish church for a long time, and no one has noticed this or approached him in the name of the parish, then one cannot avoid the conclusion that the parish has a long way to go in being outgoing (in evangelizing)*. Sometimes it is easier simply to not “notice” or ask the question, “what’s going on...” or to give someone a little encouragement that he/she might need to return to the practice of their Catholic Faith. We all have them in our families, workplace, and community. And it is up to us all to “propose the Gospel” to those around us, or in the case of those who have fallen away from the Faith, to “re-propose” it. I am always saddened to hear a reference “this or that person *should* be Catholic” or this or that person doesn’t come to church anymore...”

