

May 5, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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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 Monday - Friday

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 • 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 • 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. May 5	<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>
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Mon. May 6	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>+Don Maeyaert</i> Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
Tues. May 7		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. May 8	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Bob VanKeulen</i>
Thurs. May 9	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove <i>+Gregg DeSmith</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Bp. Grace 4th Degree KC Meeting
Fri. May 10	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 3rd/4th, Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Lorraine Cooreman</i> SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
Sat. May 11	<u>2:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
Sun. May 12	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	<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>+Mary Lanoue</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>+Dan VanDeWiele</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: Kevin & Kim Arnold, Linda Bruns, Loanne Johns Dale, Paul DeSmith, Rachel Ewertz, Linda Fultz, Phillip Goblisch, Joanie Gruver, Glad Henning, Joseph Horner, Bob Kirsh, Mae Kirsh, Mark Lutterman, Beatrice & Ray Maeyaert, Amy McCoy, Bob McCoy, Butch & Jean Polman, Brenda Snyder, 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 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— Our Lady of Fatima: Karen Lanoue & Katie Lanoue

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 23rd St. N. Apt. 201, New Ulm, MN 56073, Ordination Feb. 23, 1958, Birthday Dec. 4.

*A **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** renews the promises you made to each other on your wedding day.* Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will make your good marriage great! 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 or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

A NEW VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION has been added for Monday, May 20, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at The Campus Religion Center, Marshall & 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!

YOU ARE INVITED to the Spring Salad Luncheon at the Tracy United Methodist Church, Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Assortment of Delicious Salads, French bread, assorted bars and beverage. Proceeds go to Women's and Children's Missions. Tickets Available at the door \$8.00.

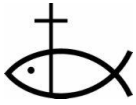
SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON, by Holy Redeemer CCW, Thursday, May 9, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Carlin Hall in Marshall. Salad Luncheon proceeds to be used for scholarships. Advance tickets available at Hy-Vee & Holy Redeemer Parish Center. Advance Sales: \$10, At the door: \$12. Children 5 and under: Free.

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, 507-829-1143.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, annual Tootsie Roll fund drive for helping people with intellectual disabilities, will be held Sunday May 19 after the masses at Milroy and Tracy. Money raised stays locally. Thank-you for your support.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Thank you for being a part of my 25 years of priestly life. I am grateful to God for the good people with whom I have shared ministry. You all have been a blessing. All are invited to a celebration of my 25th anniversary on May 26, 2019 at the Church of St. Philip, Litchfield. The celebration begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch and an open house reception until 2:30 p.m. I hope many can come to share in the celebration. Blessing to all, Peace, Fr. Brian Mandel.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS! We are so excited to have you join in such an incredible sacrament!

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Remember you may hand in your **service hours** at any time. Feel free to put them in the back of the church with your homily notes over the summer.

CHWC ROLLS will be sold Sunday May 12th after Mass.

MAY 19TH IS BACCALAUREATE Sunday at St. Michael's and St. Mary's. Seniors, please get your Senior Surveys in to Diann or Suzanne ASAP!

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR CATECHISTS THIS YEAR! We are blessed to have such amazing teachers for our youth! We cannot thank you enough for all the time and effort you have put forth for our youth and our parish's future! Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming to St. Michael's on August 5-7th. We need several volunteers to make this happen! Prayerfully consider helping us out in any way. Contact Suzanne or Diann if you are interested.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Monday, May 6th, Spirit Day ~ wear your St. Mary's clothing. AIMSWeb testing, kindergarten-6th grade.

Tuesday, May 7th, Group Band Lessons.

Wednesday, May 8th, 4th grade field trip to Sanford Tracy Hospital, depart 8:45, All school field trip to St. Raphael's School in Springfield, depart 11:45, return 2:55, Altar Server training, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

Thursday, May 9th, Group Band Lessons.

Friday, May 10th, Mass at 8:30, prepared by grades 3&4, 5th & 6th grade class trip to the Twin Cities, depart 5:45 a.m.

Saturday, May 11th, Community Education Youth Soccer League games.

Deadline to purchase tickets for the Minnesota Twins baseball game on June 11th is Wednesday, May 15th. Thank you!

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 15th.

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. 26 \$100 – Tom & Julie Dolan; May 3 \$100 – Brent Pengeon; Grandparents Day Winner \$500 – Heidi Morgan.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL MEMORIAL in memory of LaVern & Louise Honestschlager & Virginia Regnier.

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 Clara Andrews, age 97, who died on Saturday, April 27, 2019 and whose funeral was Thursday, May 2, 2019 and was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Walnut Grove. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: It is with great pleasure to announce that we at St. Mary's have another "Woman of the Year" award winner in the Diocese of New Ulm. This weekend at the Diocese Spring Convention Mary Ann Blanchette was awarded this wonderful honor. She has been a wonderful example for all of us in her faith and generous support at St. Mary's and are very proud that she was presented this honor. CONGRATULATIONS Mary Ann Blanchette and to her family. She has since moved to Hill Street Place, but if you see her please congratulate her and thank her for her service to our parish.

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 Lamberton.

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. We are hoping to reach our goal 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. 28 2019

Adult: \$1,864.00 **Youth:** \$2.00 **Loose Plate:** \$338.25 **TOTAL:** \$2,204.25
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Jim & Jeanine Vandendriessche

Lectors: Tom Lenertz

Cantor: Carla VanDeWiele

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard & Sandy Tuszynski, Jeanine & Jim Vandendriessche, Heidi Morgan

Servers: Jake Tauer, Ashton Squires, Taylor Squires

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

Money Counters: May 13, 2019 – Patty Lessman & Charlene Lenertz

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: May 15 – Sandy, May 22 – Fr. Mark, May 29 - Marianne



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. 28, 2019

Adult: \$980.00 **Student:** \$-0- **Loose Plate:** \$150.00 **TOTAL:** \$1,130.00
Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Kenny & Cheryl Lanoue

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Jean Schmidt & John Schmitt

Lector: Jen Coudron

EHMC: Dick Vroman, Emily Welu, Taylor Mueller, Don Schmidt, Ken Lanoue, Cheryl Lanoue

Servers: John Schmitt, Tanner Hauger, Brody Hauger

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

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

From Fr. Steffl:

Below my notes is a message from Fr. Labat that you can read regarding a temporary change in Fr. Labat's priestly life.

For parishoners of St. Mary's in Tracy, if you have not yet given to the remaining money we still need to start our parish kitchen renovation, please consider a donation to this project. We are still short, and hope to begin immediately after school is finished, but we cannot begin until we have all the money raised. Please see Elise Lanoue or Jan LaVoy with any questions you might have or any interest in making a donation so we can move forward on this project that has been in the works for so many years!

Pope John Paul II wrote in 1999 on the Catholic Church in the Americas that "**The parish must continue to be above a Eucharistic community.**" I have been thinking and praying about this quote since I came across it a few weeks ago, and how it applies to us and our area parishes. It is particularly relevant this weekend as the students from our parishes are making their First Holy Communion. Everything that we do, the Pope reminds us, leads to and flows from Our Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. How can we grow in our love and appreciation of this greatest of gifts, the "Bread of Angels" and our "Food for the Journey" that is the Holy Eucharist.

A number of weeks ago at Holy Redeemer in Marshall, we had a special appeal to bring **Real Presence Radio** to our area, a Catholic Radio Station. That hopefully will be accomplished this summer sometime. It will be accessible on FM 89.5. For now, you can also access it through the internet or by downloading the Real Presence Radio app if you have a "smart phone" or other such device. I have been listening to it, and they have some very good broadcasting programs. I am glad that we were able to help in bringing this to our area, as part of our evangelization work! It is worth looking into!

From Fr. Labat:

Last week in the UPDATE from the diocese the priest moves for this year were announced. Bishop LeVoir is sending me to serve as parochial administrator (temporary pastor) for the Church of St. Peter in St. Peter, MN and the Church of St. Paul in Nicollet, MN effective July 2, 2019. Fr. Todd Petersen will be assigned to serve the Marshall area parishes, also effective July 2nd.

When I was assigned here to these three parishes I assumed that it would be my last assignment. I truly love this opportunity to serve in my home area. It has been a real blessing serving here. We have a great pastor and parish and school staff. The frequent question I have heard from staff and parishioners is WHY? As is often true, there is no simple answer to this question. For some years we have heard about the declining number of priests in our diocese. Currently we have 31 priests of the Diocese of New Ulm plus 4 priests from other dioceses serving 68 parishes. Five of the 31 priests are over the age of 70. This gives hardly any allowance for a priest to go on sabbatical, or if they get sick or injured. Usually one priest move has a chain reaction causing or needing other priest moves to occur at the same time. As we move into the future we know that the number of priests will decline. This certainly has an effect on parishes in many ways.

As a diocesan priest we are ordained to serve the people of the diocese as assigned by our bishop. My preference certainly would be to stay here but I firmly believe that God is calling me to serve temporarily at St. Peter and Nicollet. I ask your prayers and know that all the people of our parishes will continue to be in my prayers. I will give my best to the people in St. Peter and Nicollet and I look forward to returning to Marshall at the end of my temporary assignment.

