

**May 12, 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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 • 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. May 12</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY</b>
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u> Confessions at St. Michael’s in Milroy</b>
	<b>8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Michael’s in Milroy</b> <i>+Mary Lanoue</i>
	<b>CHWC ROLLS – MILROY &amp; TRACY</b>
	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u> CCW Rosary at St. Mary’s in Tracy</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s in Tracy</b> <i>+Dan VanDeWiele</i>
<b>Mon. May 13</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Michael’s in Milroy</b> <i>+Edith Ousky</i>
	Spirit Day at St. Mary’s School
	6:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters meeting in Carlin Hall at Holy Redeemer after Mass
<b>Tues. May 14</b>	<b>Healing &amp; Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael’s in Milroy</b>
<b>Wed. May 15</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s in Tracy</b> <i>+Leona Peterson</i>
<b>Thurs. May 16</b>	<b>8 – Noon Adoration at St. Michael’s in Milroy</b>
	<b>8:30 a.m. Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove</b> <i>+Frank &amp; Evelyn Rys</i>
<b>Fri. May 17</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. School Mass, Gr. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, Mass at St. Mary’s in Tracy</b> <i>Joe &amp; Rosemary VanKeulen</i> SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary’s School
<b>Sat. May 18</b>	
<b>Sun. May 19</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u> Confessions at St. Michael’s in Milroy</b>
	<b>8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Michael’s in Milroy</b> <i>Our Seniors, Vocations &amp; Discernment for our Youth</i>
	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u> CCW Rosary at St. Mary’s in Tracy</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s in Tracy</b> <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:** Kevin & Kim Arnold, Linda Bruns, Loanne Johns Dale, Paul DeSmith, Rachel Ewertz, Linda Fultz, Phillip Goblisch, Joanie Gruver, Glad Henning, Joseph Horner, Kristen Peterson Kaiser, 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](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—** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Sep 14-15, 2019 in Marshall, MN and Nov 15-17, 2019 in OWATONNA, 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 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.

**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.

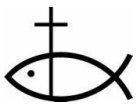
### **GRIEFSHARE --NEW SESSION STARTING**

GriefShare features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. The sessions will begin Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm, May 29, in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Space. Any questions, call Dorothy 507-401-0601, or church office, 532-5711.

**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.

**25<sup>TH</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RIVERBEND TEC (TOGETHER ENCOUNTERING CHRIST)** will be hosting a 3-day weekend encounter in Bird Island, June 22-24. TEC has been around in the New Ulm Diocese since the 1970s. Many people from our area have participated in the TEC retreats and many have served in leadership roles on the teams. This 3-day experience is for anyone 16 years or older and will give you the opportunity to go deeper in your faith than maybe you have ever gone before. People who have been Catholics their entire lives have encountered Jesus in new and personal ways during this retreat experience and have had their faith come alive like never before. One participant said, "It was at TEC that I realized that I could have a personal relationship with Jesus. He isn't a God that is just "out there somewhere", but he is real and I felt his unconditional love in a new and powerful way. It changed my life, how I look at my faith and how I experience Jesus in the Eucharist at every mass." Cost of the weekend is just \$65.00. For more information or to download a registration form, please visit the Riverbend TEC website at [www.riverbendtec.org](http://www.riverbendtec.org). We invite you to consider attending this Weekend Encounter with Jesus. If anyone has any questions you can call me, Vicky Rasmussen @ 507-212-0048.



### AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**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.

**MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> IS BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S AND ST. MARY'S.** Seniors, please get your Senior Surveys in to Diann or Suzanne ASAP!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING TO ST. MICHAEL'S ON AUGUST 5-7<sup>TH</sup>.** 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 13<sup>th</sup>,** Spirit Day ~ wear your St. Mary's clothing, NWEA Testing for grades 3-6 in the morning, beginning at 9:00.

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>,** NWEA Testing for grades 3-6 in the morning, beginning at 9:00, Group Band Lessons.

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>,** Deadline to purchase tickets for the Twins game on June 11<sup>th</sup>, NWEA Testing for grades 3-6 in the morning, beginning at 9:00.

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>,** NWEA Testing for grades 3-6 in the morning, beginning at 9:00, Group Band Lessons.

**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>,** Mass at 8:30, prepared by grades 5&6, NWEA make up testing in the morning, beginning at 9:45, Preschool "Muffins for Moms", 9:00-9:15, Preschool & Kindergarten field trip to Wild Fire, depart from St. Mary's at 10:00.

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>,** Community Education Youth Soccer League games ~ week 4.

*Deadline to purchase tickets for the Minnesota Twins baseball game on June 11<sup>th</sup> is Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** May 3 \$100 – Brent Pengeon; Grandparents Day Winner \$500 – Heidi Morgan; May 10 \$100 – Harlan Magnuson.

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL MEMORIALS** in memory of Clara Andrews and Mary Lanoue.

**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.

**DUE TO U.S. & GUATEMALA POSTAL REGULATIONS** we will not be able to send cards along with our Mission of Love donations next year, so I DO NOT NEED you to save your used cards. Thank you for all in the past. Alita

**REGULATIONS FOR ST. MARY'S CALVARY CEMETERY.** All artificial decorations must be removed 1 week after Memorial Day or they will be removed and disposed of. No planting of any kind on or around grave site. Potted plants must be placed on foundation or in a stand, and must be removed 1 week after Labor Day. The cemetery is not responsible for any damaged or stolen articles.

**BIBLE STUDY FOR MOMS.** The group is for Moms of all ages. We will meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM starting on June 11<sup>th</sup> thru July 23<sup>rd</sup>, seven Tuesdays, in Tracy at St. Mary's Church Basement. Parenting can be hard and Moms feel the weight of that responsibility. *Mom Set Free* is a study about looking to God for strength and wisdom to equip Moms to parent in the way God intends. Women can order a Bible study workbook *Mom Set Free* on Amazon or Lifeway, but workbooks are not required to attend. No RSVP needed, please come join us. Contact Molly Peterson with questions at (605) 421-0867.

**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 DID IT!!** Yes we have received enough money and have gotten the blessing of Father Steffl to get the go ahead on our building project. Just waiting for the okay from the Diocese Building Committee. Thank you to all those who contributed!! We really appreciate your generosity...BUT we are still looking for more donations as we want to keep moving with our coffee station for Phase II and then new flooring and paint for the main hall. So keep the donations coming. Now we are **LOOKING FOR HELP** on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 p.m. to start taking out all the items in the cupboards and kitchen area before we begin. Also needed are strong men and boys to help on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to take out cupboards, stoves, freezers and the dishwasher. So if you are willing, please call Elise Lanoue 829-8448 or Jan LaVoy 829-2755. The more help the lighter the work load for everyone. Thank you.

**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!

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

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD: May 5, 2019**

**Adult:** \$3,550.00      **Youth:** \$4.00      **Loose Plate:** \$151.00      **TOTAL:** \$3,705.00  
**Total needed/week:** \$3,923.07

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** Heidi Morgan Family

**Lectors:** Kathy Brockway

**Cantor:** Jen LaVoy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** MaryJo Henkel, Lisa Dieter, JoAnn Borchert, Colleen Schillar, Lisa Schaar

**Servers:** Hallee Roggatz, Brok Roggatz, Connor Lanoue

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

**Money Counters:** May 20, 2019 – Patty Lessman & Jan Griffith

**Prairie View Nursing Home Communion:** May 22 – Fr. Mark, May 29 – Marianne, June 5 - Alita



**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 May 5, 2019**

**Adult:** \$1,005.00      **Student:** \$-0-      **Loose Plate:** \$389.00      **TOTAL:** \$1,394.00  
**Total needed/week:** \$1,500.00

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** Jamie Larsen Family

**Organist:** Carole Snyder

**Cantor:** Neil Dolan

**Lector:** Neil Dolan

**EHMC:** Jean Schmidt, Robin Hauger, Linda Dolan, Anthony Dolan, Andrea Dolan, Joni Baune

**Servers:** Andrew LaVoy, Sydney LaVoy, Brianna Duscher

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

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



From Fr. Steffl:

Saturday, **June 1 at 10 am at the Cathedral in New Ulm, Bishop LeVoir will ordain 2 seminarians to the diaconate**, and, God willing, a year from now they will be ordained priests of the Diocese of New Ulm. One is Shawn Polman from St. Mary's in Cottonwood, and the other is John Hayes from Lafayette, near New Ulm. I would like to encourage people to try to attend this Ordination Mass, especially if you have not been to an ordination before, particularly since one of these seminarians is from our area!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** (WWME) will be hosting a weekend retreat that is being planned in Marshall in the upcoming months. I would like to encourage married couples to consider doing a WWME weekend. It is a helpful resource especially for couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriages, but is open to every couple who is looking to add to their marriages. I have had many people tell me that they have found WWME to be a great and helpful resource, and I recommend it to everyone. Fr. Mallak can provide more information or answer questions, as he is very involved in this organization and its work.

This summer at Holy Redeemer is a youth event **called TOTUS TUUS** (which was John Paul II's motto, "totally yours"). It is offered by the Diocese for parishes who wish to offer a week-long program for youth, given by college students and seminarians. It will be at the school/education center, during the week of July 7, and **everyone from neighboring parishes is invited and welcome**, in addition to our own students. For children in grades 1-6, it is Monday July 8 – Friday July 11 from 9 am to 2:30 pm, and for students in grades 7-12, it will meet Sunday, July 7 to Thursday July 10 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm each evening. It is a great program, and I am glad that we are able to bring it to our Marshall area parishes. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to attend! Don't let summer go by without something catechetical. During this week, there will also be a daily Mass at the Holy Redeemer School chapel at 11 am as part of the program.

**St Mary's Kitchen project** – I am very pleased to announce that some gifts came in that reach our goal for this project, and a gift that gives us a start on the coffee area that we also hope to do. So if you have not yet made a contribution to this project, please do so as we make the parish hall a very updated and useful place for parish functions! Thanks to all who have already given!

I recently read the following quote on parish life that gave me great pause to think: "There are, in most parishes, people who have not yet been reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ in such a way that changes their lives..." The Good News **should** and **must** change our lives completely, and hopefully challenge us to a deeper dedication to the practice of our Catholic Faith and our involvement in our parishes! Let's all ask of ourselves, *what more does God desire of me? Here? Now?*

