

May 19, 2019
FIFTH 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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 • 8:30 a.m. Sun.
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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. May 19	FIFTH 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-Baccalaureate <i>Our Seniors, Vocations & Discernment for our Youth</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-Baccalaureate +Roger VanOverbeke
Mon. May 20	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +Melissa Bratsch Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
Tues. May 21		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Administration Council Meeting at St. Mary's Rectory in Tracy
Wed. May 22	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Anna Mae Mickelson
	10:45 a.m.	Mass at Prairie View Nursing Home +William Schons
Thurs. May 23	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +Reva Doubler
Fri. May 24	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 1st/2nd, Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Clara Andrews SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
Sat. May 25	<u>2:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
Sun. May 26	SIXTH 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 +Brooklyn Larsen
		2ND COLLECTION – CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN-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 +Cathy Rue

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, 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 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 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 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.

LEO THEISEN is retiring after 39 years of teaching at Walnut Grove and WWG Schools. He is having a retirement party at the WWG School cafeteria in Westbrook on Sunday, May 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Welcome to appreciate Leo!

GRIEFSHARE --NEW SESSION STARTING

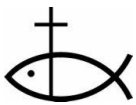
GriefShare features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. The sessions will begin 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.

MEN FROM THE TRACY COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be handing out Tootsie Rolls after masses in both Milroy and Tracy to raise funds for the local people with intellectual disabilities.

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. Mailing Address: St. John's, 106 N. 4th St., Darwin, MN 55324-6016.

FR. MEIDL'S ANNIVERSARY: Father Jerry Meidl will celebrate 45 years to the priesthood this June. On June 2 there will be a "meet and greet" following the 9:00 a.m. mass until 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, in New Ulm, to recognize his anniversary. Please mark your calendars!

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. 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. Fr. MM: "I will be part of this weekend, and would love to see you there, too!".



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: You may hand in your service hours and Mass notes at any time. Additional forms are available in the back of the church. Summer is a great time to work on service hours. Need ideas?? See Suzanne or Diann.

TODAY IS BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY! We celebrate all of the Seniors that are graduating from High School. May you remember the support of your church family and take Jesus along on your next steps!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming to St. Michael's August 5th – 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.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP MEETING: Will be held on Sunday, June 23rd @ 2 pm @ St. Michael's in Milroy. All campers and a parent should plan on attending this meeting.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Monday, May 20th, Spirit Day ~ wear your St. Mary's clothing.

NO SCHOOL for Preschool students; Parent~Teacher conferences all day.

Tuesday, May 21st, Preschool students will visit Prairie View Senior Living, 10:00-10:30.

Group Band Lessons

Wednesday, May 22nd, St. Mary's School Family Picnic, 6:00 p.m. rain or shine @ St. Mary's School.

Thursday, May 23rd, Group Band Lessons, *Band Meeting in the TAES library for 4th grade students and their parents*, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24th, Mass at 8:30, prepared by grades 1&2.

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 WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: Grandparents Day Winner \$500: Heidi Morgan; May 10 - \$100 Harlan Manguson; May 17 - \$100 Richard Brown

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL MEMORIALS in memory of Rick Gore, Dan Van Keulen, Mary Lanoue & 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.

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 11th thru July 23rd, 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 31st 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 1st 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 FIVE – Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His mother can feel his movement now. Before, he was too small for her to tell. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it – the inside wall of the uterus has not feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. He is about 12 inches in length. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD: May 12, 2019

Adult: \$3,589.42 **Youth:** \$9.00

Loose Plate: \$248.25

TOTAL: \$3,846.67

Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Roy & Joan Woodford

Lectors: Molly Peterson

Cantor: Katie Lanoue

Eucharistic Ministers: Jolynn Johns, Heidi Mogan, Jan LaVoy, Jeanette Lanoue, Bev Kosse

Servers: Lindsey Horner, Hailey Hubner, Nevin Martin

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

Money Counters: May 27, 2019 – Charlene Lenertz, Karen Lanoue

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: May 29 – Marianne, June 5 – Alita, June 12 - Dick



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!**

FUNERAL INFORMATION FOR MOTHER OF PATTY CHRISTENSEN. Funeral for Elvern (Tudi) Will on Monday, May 20th, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's in Milroy with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please keep Elvern and family in your prayers.

NO MASS ON MONDAY MORNING, MAY 20TH, at 8:30 due to the funeral for Elvern Will. **ALSO NO MASS ON JUNE 1ST** (First Saturday) because all priests will be at the Ordination of 2 Priest (Deacons) at New Ulm.

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 12, 2019

Adult: \$1,060.00 **Student:** \$2.25 **Loose Plate:** \$243.00 **TOTAL:** \$1,305.25

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Jason LaVoy Family

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Camille Dolan, Margaret Dolan

Lector: Cathleen Amick

EHMC: Katy Lightfoot, Ann Felton, Jill Karsten, Stacy Schuh, Peggy Dolan, Angie Pool

Servers: Tianna Karsten, Kayla Kesteloot, Noah Kesteloot

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

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



From Fr. Steffl:

Next week is **Memorial Day**. I had mentioned last fall that we would be taking up a second collection Memorial Day Weekend for our parish cemeteries. If someone would like to make a donation for a cemetery other than the parish cemetery of the Mass you are attending, please put it in an envelope and indicate to which cemetery you would like it to go (eg. Walnut Grove, etc.).

In **memory of Mary Lanoue**, her family is giving a bequest to be put towards the purchase of a new set of priest vestments of all 4 liturgical colors to St. Michael's in Milroy. Mary's family is donating the cost of two of the vestments, and if anyone is interested donating to cover the cost of the remaining vestments, please see Jean Schmidt.

Fundraising for the **church kitchen project in Tracy** is coming along well. We have raised the money for the initial project, and phase 2, the "coffee island" has \$3800 of about \$6000 of the cost of the project. Please contact Elise Lanoue or Jan LaVoy if you can help make us make this goal.

Next Saturday, May 25th is **Fr. Labat's 45th anniversary of ordination** as a priest. **Congratulations** to him! I asked Fr. Labat if he wanted a parish celebration of this, and his response was "Let's wait till the 50th." I am grateful for Fr. Labat's help this past year, and we look forward to getting him back, hopefully in a year!

I am happy to announce that one of the seminarians, Shawn Polman, who is from St. Mary's in Cottonwood, who will be ordained a "transitional" deacon on June 1st at 10 am at the Cathedral in New Ulm, will be assigned to Holy Redeemer for this summer.

This summer, Holy Redeemer is sponsoring 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 anyone 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 HRS chapel at 11 am as part of the program. This is open to all children and students from Milroy and Tracy too, please call the Faith Formation Office at Holy Redeemer if you would like more information.

Congratulations to our high school **graduates** as the school year comes quickly to an end, and we have our annual baccalaureate Masses this Sunday. Please join me in praying for all the students as they make this transition in their lives. Thanks to our St. Mary's School teachers and staff, also, as we wrap up another year!

