

June 2, 2019

THE ASCENSION 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. 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. June 2	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
	<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>Scott Debbaut</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>Chris Hannasch</i>
Mon. June 3	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +<i>Margaret Gilb</i>
	6:30 p.m.	CCW Meeting at St. Michael's in Milroy in the Church Rectory
Tues. June 4		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
	6:30 p.m.	St. Mary's CCW Meeting in the Church Hall at Tracy
Wed. June 5	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Laurence Lenertz</i>
Thurs. June 6	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +<i>Bernice Larson</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Bp. Grace 4th Degree KC Meeting
Fri. June 7	FIRST FRIDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Jean Lamfers</i>
	9-12:30 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 Due to St. Mary's School by Noon
Sat. June 8	<u>2:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
Sun. June 9	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
	<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>David Louwagie</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>Roger & Anna Mae Mickelson</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, Mike Foley, Linda Fultz, Phillip Goblisch, Rose Goltz, Joanie Gruver, Charles Hannasch, Glad Henning, Joseph Horner, Kristen Peterson Kaiser, Bob Kirsh, Mae Kirsh, Mark Lutterman, Beatrice & Ray Maeyaert, Rodney Maguire, Amy McCoy, Bob McCoy, Butch & Jean Polman, Brenda Snyder, Neil Steninkamp, Bryan Thill, Lisa Thill, Mike Thomas, 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: <https://www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org>.

CCW NEWS

TRACY: Next Large Function— St. Agnes: Sandy Tuszynski & Carolyn Vandendriessche

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

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD for 2018-19: 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 2018-19: 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.

"LOVED THE WEDDING! INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE." -GOD. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend will do just that! 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.

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. If you would like to mail a card to Father Meidl the address is: 605 N. State St. New Ulm, MN 56073.

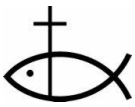
FAMILY FUN DAY! Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Schoenstatt on the Lake, 11:00 am – 3 pm, 11:30 am Holy Mass followed by lunch, hot dogs, buns, tableware, and drinks provided. Please bring a dish to serve 12. Suggested donation per family is \$5.00. All are welcome! RSVP by calling 507-794-7727.

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!".

THE MARSHALL AREA DEMENTIA AWARENESS NETWORK is currently planning our 2nd Annual "Walk for Memories" with an added "5K Run for Memories" on Thursday, June 20 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Independence Park, East Lyon Street, Marshall, MN. This event consists of a family friendly walk for the community, a time to honor and remember families and friends that have been affected by the disease, and honor our community dementia champions. At 6:00 p.m., the 5K Fun Run will start. To register visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/Marshall/RunforMemories>. For more information about this event or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Jamie at marshallareadementia@gamil.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE took in 392.02 We sent \$250.00 to Tracy DAC, 107.02 to Camp SOS Of Lyon Co. at Lake Shetek, and 35.00 for tootsie rolls. Thanks to all who help.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE AFC
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ST. MICHAEL'S, MILROY
AUGUST 5TH -7TH**



Volunteers Needed (Contact Suzanne or Diann if interested.)
Registration will be in the bulletin and online soon!



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Monday, June 3rd

Teacher Workshop Day

Tuesday, June 4th

Teacher Workshop Day

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 MEMORIALS in memory of Rose Truwe and John Clancy.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: May 24 - \$100 Mary Arnold; May 31 - \$100 Laura Sonne.

SUMMER SCRIP SCHEDULE: Scrip Order Due to St. Mary's by NOON: June 7 - Pickup Scrip Order at St. Mary's by NOON: June 14: Scrip box will be moved back to Vet Clinic Monday, June 17th. Scrip Order Due to Brockway Clinic by NOON: July 5 – Pickup Scrip Order at Brockway Clinic by NOON: July 12, Scrip Order Due to Brockway Clinic by NOON: Aug. 2 – Pickup Scrip Order at Brockway Clinic by NOON: Aug. 9. Scrip box will be moved back to St. Mary's office Monday, Aug. 19th. Scrip Order Due to St. Mary's by 9:00 am: Sept. 6 – Pickup Scrip Order at St. Mary's after 9:00 am: Sept. 13. Any questions, call Mary at 507-828-7930.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A STUDENT'S TUITION? Tuition at St. Mary's school is only \$1,925.00 a year for one child, or about \$214 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.

THANK YOU, CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, so much for donating the offerings from Holy Thursday to the Tracy Food Shelf! Sincere thanks, Volunteers at Tracy and UCAP Staff.

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.

FLOWERS, recently distributed at Calvary Cemetery on wives and babies graves, were removed. By a person or the weather? The weather is understandable and acceptable but we pray people would not take the flowers to themselves.

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 a place to be determined. 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.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS DURING THE KITCHEN REMODEL: The Caboose has been very generous in offering the use of their facility at no cost should there be a funeral at St. Mary's this summer. They will allow us to bring in our salads, cakes and workers. All other food would have to be prepared and purchased through them. This information has been shared with the funeral directors in Tracy. Any questions please call Elise Lanoue. Please support and say thank you to Diane, John and Doug for their generosity and understanding of our situation.

KITCHEN UPDATE: We have received enough money to go ahead with the kitchen renovation. Thanks to all who contributed to this, BUT we are still looking for more to continue with our Coffee station and paint/flooring for our dining hall. Another part of the kitchen renovation will be adding a closet in the north corner of the hall to store the tables, chairs and misc. that clutters the dining hall. As long as we have the carpenters down there to sheetrock, tape and mud we may as well do this at the same time.

LOOKING FOR HELP: We plan to start taking out the kitchen supplies on Friday, May 31st and think we have enough help as we will be getting students from the high school that day for community service. **WE WILL BE NEEDING STRONG MEN AND BOYS** to help with moving the stove, dishwasher, cupboards, etc on Saturday so we can begin the process. Please call Elise Lanoue at 829-8448 or Jan LaVoy 829-2755. We could sure use your help. THANKS.

FINAL PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR ST. MARY'S CCW GARDENS AND QUILTS TOUR to be held this summer from 2 to 8 p.m. July 10 with a July 11 rain date. Flyers will be coming out soon with details. Thank you to the volunteer offers for the day that have started coming in. Please let one of the committee members know if you are free and willing to work a shift. We will need both men and women, young and old! Jobs will include hanging quilts the morning of, selling tickets at a site, and serving pie and ice cream. Usually these jobs are broken into two shifts: 1:30 to 5 and to 5 to 8:30. You can work as a team or volunteer individually and many, many hands will be needed to continue to make this wonderful event a success! All proceeds go to St. Mary's CCW. Committee: Jolynn Johns, Becky Averill, Rose Goltz, Jan LaVoy, Fr. Mark Mallak, Denise Weedman and Elise Lanoue.

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 26, 2019

Adult: \$2,059.00 **Youth:** \$-0- **Loose Plate:** \$155.00 **TOTAL:** \$2,214.00
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Carson Lanoue Family

Lectors: Tom Lenertz

Cantor: Audrey LaVoy

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

Servers: Alex Munson, Jordan Munson, Weston Marten

Ushers: Larry Buysse, Jeff Buyck, Mitchel Lenertz, Tom Lenertz

Money Counters: June 10, 2019 – Pat Hansen & Kathy Swift

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: June 12 – Dick, June 19 – Rosemary, June 26 – Father 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 WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME JASON AND ALLISON OURADA as new members to our Parish. We look forward to getting to know you better in the months ahead.

WE WISH TO WELCOME LIAM JOHN WELU, Parents are Elijah and Emily Welu. Liam was baptized on May 25th. Here at St. Michael’s.

CCW has a meeting on Monday June 3rd at 6:30 in the Church Rectory.

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 26, 2019

Adult: \$555.00 **Student:** \$-0- **Loose Plate:** \$99.00 **TOTAL:** \$654.00
Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Bill & Char Lightfoot

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Moses Dolan, Alex Schuh

Lector: Brandon Karsten

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

Servers: Nick Schmitt, Noah Coudron, Ezeiel Dolan

Ushers: Bill Lightfoot, Tim Zwach, Josh Leach, Steve Bitker

Money Counters: Greg & Wanda Debbaut, Jacob Welu

From Fr. Steffl:

Recently I was asked, “**How does one come back to the Church, after having ‘fallen-away’** or not practiced one’s Faith for many years?” The answer is easy: “find a priest and go to confession.” Usually in these situations the priest will help with any other things that need to be addressed, but as with any and all sin, the way we return to the Lord (and His Church) is seeking out His forgiveness in Confession/Reconciliation. I pray often for the return of those who have fallen away from the practice of the Faith, and want to do all I can to see people return to the Sacramental Life that the Church offers to us on our pilgrimage to eternal life.

Thanks to those who contributed in the **second collection last weekend to our parish cemeteries**. For anyone who would like to make a gift or an additional gift, you can drop it off at the parish office and designate it to a specific cemetery.

Again, words of caution - please **be careful in responding to text messages and emails**, in general, and in particular from priests or the parishes. Once again this week, parishioners told me of someone sending emails pretending to be me and asking for “help” and Fr Wiering had the same thing happen. I never will solicit help or do anything financial by email or text message. (The technical term for this is “spoofing” – using an email address and setting up the name that goes with the email address as someone else.) It is always a good idea to check the actual email address and verify before assuming that someone sending an email or text is actually who they are claiming to be. Too bad that we live in a time and place where these things can happen.

This is the time of year when we work on our **budgets for the next fiscal year** (our parishes have financial years that are from July 1 to June 30). Since I have been here, I have tried to be very transparent regarding our finances, and have tried to identify areas where we might be able to “tighten up” things. We have made great progress, I think, in “shoring up” our finances, especially at St. Mary’s in Tracy! Thanks to everyone for responding generously to this need to look at our stewardship, not only of “treasure” but also talents and time.

This week St. Mary’s is embarking on the long-awaited renovation of the parish hall kitchen. Arrangements have been made with the Caboose to host any funeral luncheons that will come up over the summer renovations. Thanks to everyone who has worked to make this happen!

But I want to **thank everyone also, for their generosity**. We have great parishes and are able to accomplish so much. I hope you are proud of what our parishes do and who we are, because you should be!

