

July 28, 2019

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of the Prairie & Bread of Life Area Faith Communities

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St. Mary's
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249 6th Street
Tracy, MN 56175
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stmary@iw.net

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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St. Mary's
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Tracy, MN 56175
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Office Hours:
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Monday - Friday

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Masses:
• 8:30 a.m. Mon.
• 8:30 a.m. Sun.
• 8:30 a.m. 1st Sat.
Confessions: Half-hour
before all Masses

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

Sun. July 28	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	<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 Mann</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>+Deborah Larson</i>
Mon. July 29	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>+David Louwagie</i>
Tues. July 30		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. July 31	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Roger VanOverbeke</i>
Thur. Aug. 1	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove <i>+DeLores Swenson</i>
	1:30 p.m.	Mass at O'Brien in Tracy <i>+Allan & MaryJane Hammerschmidt</i>
Fri. Aug. 2	FIRST FRIDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Anna Mae Mickelson</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
Sat. Aug. 3	FIRST SATURDAY	
		No Mass in Milroy
Sun. Aug. 4	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	<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>+Ed Maroney Family</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 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

Prayer Network prayers for healing for all the sick and other needs in the area faith community especially: David Algyer, 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, Elise Lanoue, Mark Lutterman, Rodney Maguire, Bob McCoy, Amy Perlenfein, Bonnie Schirlinger, Audrey Sik, Neil Steninkamp, Mike Thomas, Christina VanDeWiele, Maurice VanDeWiele, Tammy Weber, Sloan Wohlman, Woman with ALS, & special intentions for 3 families and someone having surgery. *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.*

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.



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: Bonnie Boerboom & Jolynn Johns

Next Small Function – St. Lillian: Jane Carlson & Carol Buyck

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019!

August 5th – 7th

St. Michael’s Church, Milroy

Mon.-Tues. 8:30 am -3:00 pm

Weds. 8:30 am-12:00 pm

7 pm Program at St. Michael’s Church on Wednesday Evening

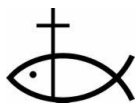
Registration forms have been mailed out, or find one in the back of church.

“MANY MARRIAGES WOULD BE BETTER IF THE HUSBAND AND THE WIFE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY ARE ON THE SAME SIDE.” ~ ZIG ZIGLAR. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend restores communication in marriages. 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.

THE 15TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND MEN’S CHICKEN DINNER & PARISH FESTIVAL, at the Church of the Nativity in Cleveland, MN. On Sunday, August 4th, we invite everyone to join us in celebrating with a POLKA MASS at 8:30 a.m., followed by more LIVE Music, a Cash Raffle, Great Food, and so much more! Dinner Served 10 am – 1 pm. Food and Fun for all Ages.

BLOOD DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER, 330 6th St. – Walnut Grove. Monday August 12, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
To schedule an appointment, please call Maydra Maas at 507-747-2519.

NACEL OPEN DOOR is seeking a host family for one of the students that would attend the Tracy High School in the fall, 2019-2020. Mia of Germany, Sibilla, Serena and Eleonora of Italy, and Khanh of Vietnam. Please contact Julienne Antes at 507-304-2143 for more information and to choose your student.



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. Thanks to the students and sponsors that have gotten started on this. Summer is a great time to work on service hours. Need ideas?? See Suzanne or Diann.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming to St. Michael's August 5th – 7th. If you have grandchildren, friends or neighbors who are not in our parish who would like to attend, registration forms are in the back of church, please take one and share! Registration forms are also available online on the website: www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org/

WE ARE GRATEFUL to all our volunteers and donations we have received already! Thank you for your support for this year's VBS!

IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT that may be interested in attending Catholic Heart Work Camp next summer, please contact Diann or Suzanne. Registration for CHWC will begin soon! We have opportunities this summer to start earning toward next year's trip! Thanks to the students and parents that worked last week at the Redwood County Fair in the malt wagon. These students earned funds for travel next year; well done!

WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in teaching our children, please contact Diann or Suzanne.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

ALUMINUM CANS FOR THE TECHNOLOGY FUND for St. Mary's School can be dropped off in the wagon behind St. Mary's Church.

SCHOOL MEMORIALS in memory of LaVonne Lutz & Bob Ochocki.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: July 19 - \$100 Desneige Gervais; July 26 - \$100 Frances Haecherl.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED due to the hallway floors being refinished and that no one will be allowed into the building. The process will start Monday, July 29th and end on Wednesday, July 31st. We ask that you not walk on the floors until Friday, August 2nd.

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

SUMMER SCRIP SCHEDULE: 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.



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.

ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, Aug. 5, 2019.

CCW MEETING on August 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Rectory. President Joanie Woodford.

PARKING: We would like to encourage people to begin to use our lot directly behind the church for parking. Please feel free to drive on either side of the rhubarb and park your car. The tree in the center has been taken down and stump will be removed soon. As we use this for parking, please leave a driving space on each side of the rhubarb. Do not block the two drives to this lot. The plan is to eventually gravel this area as funds would allow us to do so.

KITCHEN PROJECT: This week the flooring and part of the cabinets are being installed. The countertops are on order and things are moving along. Stop in and check out the progress. Still looking for donations toward new flooring.

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.

MONTH SEVEN - - Developing Baby – Spiritual Adoptions.

“I can look around!” Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. His eyelids open and close and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his own mother's voice. His grip is even stronger now that it will be after his birth. The hair on his head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of his body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his mother providing him immunity to a wide variety of diseases. He is about 15 inches in length. Thank you for praying!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – More blessed shawls have been moved to the back of Church. A very big thank you to the donors of the latest shawls left at the Rectory. Your continued support of this special ministry is appreciated by the recipients of the blessed shawls. Parishioners, please continue to deliver a prayer shawl to those in need of the comfort they provide. Denise Weedman - Reverence Life Commission.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD: July 21, 2019

Adult: \$1,949.00 **Youth:** \$4.00 **Loose Plate:** \$133.45 **TOTAL: \$2,086.45**
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Richard & Ann Krueger

Lectors: Richard Tuszynski

Cantor: Kim Schroepfer

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanette Lanoue, Jim & Jeanine Vandendriessche, Jolynn Johns, Marianne Boerboom

Servers: Hallee Roggatz, Brok Roggatz, Mitchell Rolling

Ushers: Fred Timmerman, Dave Vandendriessche, Gavin Van Moer, Joe Van Moer

Money Counters: Aug. 6, 2019 – Pat Hansen & Kathy Swift

Prairie View Nursing Home Communions: Aug. 7 – Dick, Aug. 14 – Linda, Aug. 21 - Rosemary



NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S IN MILROY

ADORATION is a time of silent reflection and prayer many Catholics practice regularly.

It is a time to commune with God, emptying all worries and anxiety out of your heart, body, mind and soul.

Starting the middle of August St. Michael's will have a time slot open for Adoration.

Would you consider spending an hour with Jesus once a week?

Please call 507-828-2171 and we can find the time that works for you. **8:00 – Noon.**

Consider helping with the STUFF THE BUS project: For the month of July - St. Michael's will be collecting school supplies to help students in the area including public, private & charter schools. A box will be in the entrance of the Church. Thanks for your support.

Stewardship Report for July 21, 2019

Adult: \$745.00

Student: \$-0-

Loose Plate: \$111.00

TOTAL: \$856.00

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Stacy Schuh Family

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Camille Dolan & Margaret Dolan

Lector: Neil Dolan

EHMC: Angie Orren, Moses Dolan, Evy Dolan, Ben Lightfoot, Alice Vroman, Eli Welu

Servers: Tianna Karsten, Kayla Kesteloot, Noah Kesteloot

Ushers: Ken Parker, Mike Baune, Ben Lightfoot, Dick Vroman

Money Counters: Becky & Joe Lanoue, Jane Louwagie, Dean & Alice Vroman



From Fr. Steffl:

I was asked to announce that Fr. Mallak will be away from the parishes, and I don't know when he will return. If there is an urgent need for a priest, you can call us through the parish offices in Milroy or Tracy or call directly to Holy Redeemer.

Updating parish contact information – for parishioners who have changed address or phone number (or dropped your “land line” and now have a cell phone, if you have not updated it with the parish office, please do so. We end up spending extra money on mailings when something is returned because addresses are not updated.

Fallen-away Catholics: once-in-a-while someone will say, “... I used to be Catholic...” I always feel a sadness in my heart about those who do not know Jesus or those who do not want to know Him. For those who go to daily Mass, I often include an intention – “for those who have fallen away from the Catholic Church, that the Lord would soften their hearts to return to the Sacramental life of the Church...” Often, the only time that we see this group of people is funerals, weddings, or Christmas and Easter (sometimes referred to as C&E Catholics). We have them in our families, we know them as co-workers. Join me in offering a prayer for them to return to the practice of the Faith, and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a chance to be a good and inspiring example to them, or to be able to offer a few words of encouragement. The Church offers us so much to help us on our journey to eternal life! There is such beauty in these things, in the Holy Eucharist, in the Sacraments. Sometimes people allow the smallest of things to get in the way of their relationship with the Lord and His Church. The words of the Song of St. Francis, “Lord, Make ME an instrument of Your Peace...” are a good place to start, and we can do so by encouraging others to go to see a priest to answer their questions or address their difficulties, or share what the practice of the Faith means in our own lives, to those who are often struggling to find meaning in something other than Jesus and His Church.

Why can't non-Catholics receive the Eucharist at Mass? As a priest, I have an obligation to teach and remind about the important aspects of the practice of the Catholic Faith, and this is one that comes up often. This question gets to the very heart and center of who we are and what (or rather Who) we believe is present in the Eucharist. So, receiving Holy Communion is part of what we believe and how we profess it. One author describes it in this way, “Catholics believe that the Eucharist is truly the divine flesh of Jesus, not a piece of bread representing Him, not a symbol of Him, but *truly* Him. Non-Catholics do not believe this fact. On the most fundamental level that is why non-Catholics who attend a Catholic Mass cannot receive. It is not about their “worthiness” and more about not putting them in a position to denounce their own beliefs... Put simply, non-Catholics can't receive the Eucharist out of mutual respect. In addition, most Christians might be surprised to learn that the Bible says it is a no-no, too. St. Paul warned people about going forward to receive the true Flesh and Blood of Christ if they did not believe it to be so (I Cor 11:23-29).” (quote from 100 Things Every Catholic Teen Should Know by Hart and Lemieux, pp. 169-170). This belief means that if Catholics are present at a non-Catholic service, they also would not receive “Communion,” even if they are invited to do so, because this would create a false sense of unity of belief and the Catholic would be denying his/her belief in the Real Presence of the Holy Eucharist.

