

August 4, 2019

EIGHTEENTH 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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Tracy, MN 56175
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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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St. Mary's
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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. 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>
Mon. Aug. 5	8:30 a.m.	<u>No Mass at St. Michael's Today in Milroy</u> <u>St. Mary's Parish Office is Closed Today in Tracy</u>
	8:30-3:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School at St. Michael's Church in Milroy
	5:30 p.m.	The Knights of Columbus at Lanoue Family Park
Tues. Aug. 6		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30-3:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School at St. Michael's Church in Milroy
Wed. Aug. 7	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Joseph Vercruyse</i>
	8:30-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School at St. Michael's Church in Milroy
	7:00 p.m.	VBS Program at St. Michael's Church in Milroy
Thur. Aug. 8	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +<i>Pearl VanDeWiele</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Bp. Grace 4th Degree KC Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	St. Mary's CCW Meeting at the Parish Rectory in Tracy
Fri. Aug. 9	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Austin & Susan Jenniges</i>
Sat. Aug. 10	<u>2:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
Sun. Aug. 11	NINETEENTH 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>Rita (Ourada) Einerson</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>David & Doreen VanDeWiele 55th Wedding Anniversary!</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 DeBlicke, 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.ourladoftheprairie-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.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR - Grieving the death of a spouse? Do you know someone who is? In the “Loss of a Spouse” event, you will learn what to expect in the weeks and months after your spouse’s death and how to survive the loneliness. Please join us for this encouraging seminar Monday, August 12, 6:30-8:00, at Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall, MN. Questions- 507-532-5711.

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.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

IT’S HERE!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be this week at St. Michael’s August 5th – 7th. If you have kids who would like to attend, registration forms will be available on Monday morning. Watch the Our Lady of the Prairie website for pictures of the fun. Thank you for your support of this year’s VBS!

SEEKING CATECHISTS! St. Mary’s and St Michael’s are looking for Religious Education teachers for the upcoming school year. This is such an amazing way to share your Faith and interact with our Youth. Contact Diann or Suzanne for more information.

ST. MARY’S CHILDREN’S CHOIR: If you have a student that is interested in singing during church, please join us after the 10:30 mass for a 30 minute practice on August 11th, 18th and 25th. We will be singing a song Labor Day weekend and would like to perform at other masses during the year. If you want additional information, please contact Diann.

IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP next summer, please contact Diann or Suzanne. We have opportunities this summer to start earning toward next year’s trip!



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.

ST. MARY’S WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: July 26 - \$100 Frances Haecherl; Aug. 2 - \$100 Bruce Wahl.

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. 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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS, Holy Day of Obligation, will be Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019 at St. Mary's in Tracy at 8:30 a.m.

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 28, 2019

Adult: \$1,865.06 **Youth:** \$-0- **Loose Plate:** \$279.00 **TOTAL:** \$2,144.06
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Heidi Morgan Family

Lectors: Marlene Halfmann

Cantor: Audrey LaVoy

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Henkel, Richard & Sandy Tuszynski, Bev Kosse, Bonnie Boerboom

Servers: Ashton Squires, Taylor Squires, Hailey Hubner

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

Money Counters: Aug. 12, 2019 – Karen Lanoue & Jan Griffith

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Aug. 14 – Linda, Aug. 21 – Rosemary, Aug. 28 – Fr. Mark



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.**

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS, Holy Day of Obligation, will be Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019 at St. Michael's in Milroy at 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship Report for July 28, 2019

Adult: \$1,450.00

Student: \$-0-

Loose Plate: \$107.00

TOTAL: \$1,557.00

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Jess Stolp Family

Organist: Carole Snyder

Cantor: Neil Dolan

Lector: Cathleen Amick

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

Servers: Rachel Coudron, Elizabeth Larsen, Miranda Larsen

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

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



From Fr. Steffl:

Please note – an announcement that got missed: *The Knights of Columbus are having a Burger Feed at the Lanoue family Park (east private driveway on the corner of County Road 11 and 200th Street) at 5.30pm on Monday, August 5th. Get the word out and come for good food, faith, and fellowship.*

Also – please note there is **NO MONDAY MASS THIS WEEK at Milroy** because of VBS taking place there.

As an insert in the bulletin this weekend is “**How the Tax Code Has Impacted Charitable Giving.**” This was a discussion point at a recent meeting. Many charitable organizations have noticed that since the standard deduction has doubled, beginning this last tax year, that there has been a noticeable decrease “across the board.” Our stewardship, of course, comes from an understanding that we are returning to the Lord a portion of what He has given to us, and that we give because we **NEED** to give. Stewardship affects the way that our parishes are able to function and what we are able to provide. For those who are looking for the best way to maximize tax benefits, sometimes this means a visit with a tax advisor, also, who can point out the benefit of giving in specific ways that can create a tax benefit as well. For those who are interested in transfers of stock or giving mandatory IRA disbursements to the parish, this can be a big tax benefit to know about. I am grateful for the generosity of so many, and want to continue to encourage a healthy understanding of stewardship as it applies to our parishes and needs.

Baptism classes – a note for parishioners of both St. Mary’s in Tracy and St. Michael’s in Milroy – moving forward, for those who wish to arrange a baptism, please arrange a baptism class through Diann Timmerman. She can be contacted through email: resaintmary@gmail.com or you can leave a the parish office at St. Mary’s in Tracy. Expecting parents can meet with Diann before your baby is due, and she will arrange for the baptismal catechesis, along with the specifics of the baptism.

If you happen to be at the Lyon County Fair this next week, please stop by the **Holy Redeemer Food Stand** – they have a good menu and some great pies, too!

The beginning of July was **the completion of my first year here** in Marshall, Tracy, and Milroy. I am grateful for the kindness and generosity that I have been shown here. I am glad to be a part of so many good things that are happening here as we proclaim the “Good News” and live the Sacramental life of the Church together. I hope all know of my prayers for you each day as we continue to **help each other to know and love Jesus more** as every day passes.

