

**August 11, 2019**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the  
Month

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

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

<b>Sun. Aug. 11</b>	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u></b>
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy</b> <b>+Rita (Ourada) Einerson</b>
	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u></b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>David &amp; Doreen VanDeWiele 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!</b>
<b>Mon. Aug. 12</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy</b> <b>+Tudy Will</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Catholic Daughters Meeting in Carlin Hall at Holy Redeemer After Mass</b>
<b>Tues. Aug. 13</b>		<b>Healing &amp; Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy</b>
<b>Wed. Aug. 14</b>	<b>ASSUMPTION – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Cathy Rue</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy</b> <b>+Brooklyn Larsen</b>
<b>Thur. Aug. 15</b>	<b>8 – Noon</b>	<b>Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy</b>
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove</b> <b>+Evelyn Rys</b>
<b>Fri. Aug. 16</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Virginia Regnier</b>
<b>Sat. Aug. 17</b>	<b><u>9:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u></b>
<b>Sun. Aug. 18</b>	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u></b>
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy</b> <b>+Deceased Members of Carole &amp; David Snyder</b>
	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u></b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>Joe &amp; Rosemary VanKeulen</b>

**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, MaryJo Christopherson, 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, Larry Karsten, Bob Kirsh, Mae Kirsh, Elise Lanoue, Mark Lutterman, Rodney Maguire, Bob McCoy, Amy Perlenfein, Allan Rolling, 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 DeBlicek, 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](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: <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 23<sup>rd</sup> St. N. Apt. 201, New Ulm, MN 56073, Ordination Feb. 23, 1958, Birthday Dec. 4.

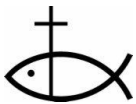
***MAKE PLANS FOR A FALL GET-AWAY WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE BEFORE YOUR CALENDAR FILLS UP!!***

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. 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.

**GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINNING AUGUST 26** - 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 session will begin Monday, Aug. 26, 6:30-8:00 pm, in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Space, Marshall, MN. Any questions, call Dorothy 507-401-0601 or church office, 532-5711.

**BLOOD DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER**, 330 6<sup>th</sup> 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 ONE WELCOME family for an International Student to attend the Tracy High School this fall. Please contact Julienne Antes at 507-304-2143 to choose your student. Many boys and girls still waiting for the opportunity of a lifetime.



## AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

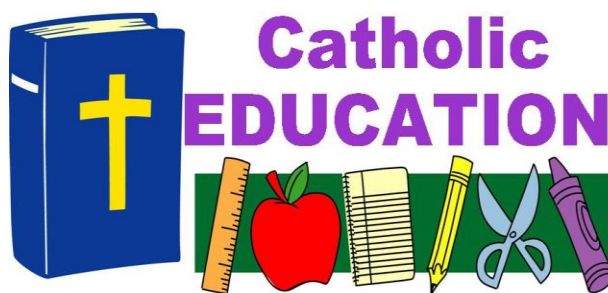
**IT HAPPENED!!** Vacation Bible School 2019 is in the books! Kids were WILD...but God is Good!!! We are super proud of all of our Youth volunteers – wish you could have seen them in action. Thanks especially to our Adult helpers and kitchen staff, you are appreciated very much. Please check the Our 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 CATECHISTS:** There is a Catechist meeting scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm. An email was sent with the details. Questions, call Diann @ 507-401-1038.

**ST. MARY'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** If you have a student that is interested in singing during church, please join us August 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 mass for a 30 minute practice. 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 SCHOOL MEMORIAL** in memory of Dick VanKuelen.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:** Aug. 2 - \$100 Bruce Wahl; Aug. 9 - \$100 Paula Gerrety

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IS ONCE AGAIN SELLING CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKETS.** There are 52 - \$100 winners, 4 - \$500 winners and 1 - \$1,000 winner. The best part is you can win multiple times as your ticket goes back into the drawing each time a winner is picked. If you haven't bought your ticket yet please contact a St. Mary's family and we would be happy to stop by your house. Ticket price is \$52. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's School!

**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:** Scrip box will be moved back to St. Mary's office Monday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**FINAL PROFIT HAS BEEN TALLIED ON OUR CCW 2019 GARDENS AND QUILTS TOUR.** We are proud to share that a total of \$4,555.85 was our return for the day. Again, thank you to all who helped out in any way. It takes many, many willing workers to make a day like this happen. Please remember to keep it in mind next July when there is an announcement in the bulletin for workers. We would still like to have a couple more people on the planning committee. If you would be willing to serve with us, please let one of the committee know! We start planning in January!

**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, 507-629-41

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD: Aug. 4, 2019**

**Adult:** \$3,149.00      **Youth:** \$1.00      **Loose Plate:** \$316.10      **TOTAL: \$3,466.10**  
**Total needed/week: \$3,923.07**

**Liturgical Ministers for Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. – ASSUMPTION-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Gifts:** Vincent & Jeanette Lanoue

**Lectors:** Kathy Brockway

**Cantor:** Carla VanDeWiele

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Colleen Schiller, Dave Lenertz, Gloria VanOverbeke, Heidi Morgan, Jeanette Lanoue

**Servers:** Carson Lanoue, Connor Lanoue, Ashton Daniels

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

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** Gary & Patty Peterson

**Lectors:** Molly Peterson

**Cantor:** Katie Lanoue

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim & Jeanine Vandendriessche, Jolynn Johns, Lota Hannasch, Mary Jo Henkel

**Servers:** Lauren Verlinde, Lawton Verlinde, Nolan Verlinde

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

**Money Counters:** Aug. 19 – Patty Lessman & Charlene Lenertz

**Prairie View Nursing Home Communion:** Aug. 21 – Rosemary, Aug. 28 – Fr. Mark, Sept. 4 - Sandy



**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.**

**Stewardship Report for Aug. 4, 2019**

**Adult:** \$980.00

**Student:** \$-0-

**Loose Plate:** \$110.00

**TOTAL:** \$1,090.00

**Total needed/week:** \$1,500.00

**Liturgical Ministers for Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - ASSUMPTION-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Organist:** Doris Cauwels

**Cantor:** Suzanne Lightfoot

**Lector:** Ken Lanoue

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

**Servers:** Elaina Leach, Faith Leach, Brody Hauger

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

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** Allison & Jason Ourada

**Organist:** Carole Snyder

**Cantor:** Tianna Karsten, Grace Dolan, Alex Schuh

**Lector:** Ann Felton

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

**Servers:** Nick Schmitt, Noah Coudron, Kathryn Coudron

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

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



From Fr. Steffl:

This is **Deacon Shawn Polman's last week** with us this summer. His last "official day" with us is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Part of assigning seminarians to parishes in the summer is to help them get to know what to expect in the life of a parish priest. Also, it is a learning opportunity to apply what classes have already taught them in the seminary. It has been nice to have Deacon Shawn here; please keep him in your prayers as he returns for his final year of school. God Willing, he will be ordained a priest in June of 2020. And, please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially from our parishes and for our Diocese.

This week on Thursday, is also the Feast of the **Assumption of Mary**, which is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. WE have MANY opportunities for Mass on this day. In addition to those listed in the bulletin at Milroy, Tracy and Walnut Grove, there is a 5:30 pm Vigil Mass at Holy Redeemer on August 14<sup>th</sup>, and on August 15<sup>th</sup> there are Masses at 7 am, 12 noon, and 5:30 pm at Holy Redeemer, and 4 pm at the Nursing Home in Marshall, and a 7 pm Vigil Mass at St. Clotilde in Green Valley. There are MANY opportunities to make this day of obligation.

I wanted to write a little bit about what we do for **preparation for Marriage** here in our parishes. I always tell couples that we want to do all we can to give them every tool and help in preparing for the biggest decision that they make in their lives. Parishes, and all of us, have a lot invested in helping couples to have the best marriage that they can! Couples preparing for marriage first meet with a "mentor couple" (from Holy Redeemer) for about 4 meetings. These married couples have been trained in this capacity to go over certain topics with the couple preparing for marriage, adding their own personal experience and years of married life. Couples are also asked to go to 2 different day-long workshops. One workshop meets in Olivia and is organized by the Diocese of New Ulm and deals with many practical topics such as communication, finances, family issues, and so much more. The other workshop, called "God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" meets in Sleepy Eye and speaks about how Marriage is a Sacrament, and the theological aspects of Marriage, as the name implies, "God's Plan for Marriage." The feedback that I get from the soon-to-be-married couples when I meet with them about the mentor couple experience, and the workshops is so positive. I think we have a good preparation program in place. Please join me in praying for the couples preparing for marriage in our parishes and families. And if there are couples who have not had their marriage recognized by the Church, please make an appointment with a priest and we will be happy to help make that happen.

God's Plan for  
  
Marriage