

August 18, 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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St. Mary's
Church
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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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. 18	TWENTIETH 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>Deceased Members of Carole & David Snyder</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 Joe & Rosemary VanKeulen
Mon. Aug. 19	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +<i>Don Maeyaert</i>
Tues. Aug. 20		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. Aug. 21	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Crystal Stassen</i>
Thur. Aug. 22	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +<i>Mary Como</i>
	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Administration Council Meeting at St. Mary's Rectory in Tracy
Fri. Aug. 23	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>William Schons</i>
Sat. Aug. 24		
Sun. Aug. 25	TWENTY-FIRST 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>Mary Lanoue</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>Lennard Nydell</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, Larry Buysse, MaryJo Christopherson, Rhonda Cousin, 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, Ron & Evie Stadick, Neil Steninkamp, Mike Thomas, Christina VanDeWiele, Maurice VanDeWiele, Tammy Weber, Sloan Wohlman, Tom Zeug, 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.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.

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

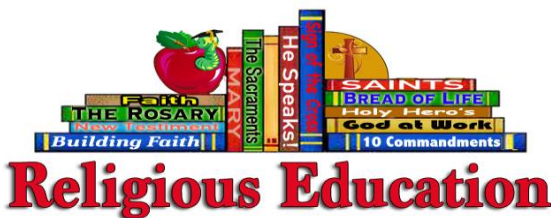
A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Marshall, MN and Nov 15-17, 2019 in OWATONNA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at 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.

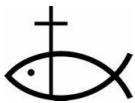
NACEL OPEN DOOR is seeking ONE WELCOME family for an International Student to attend the Tracy High School this fall. Please contact Julienne Antes at 507-304-2143 to choose your student. Many boys and girls still waiting for the opportunity of a lifetime.

DISCIPLESHIP DAY 2019, sponsored by the Diocese of New Ulm, will be Saturday, September 28 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the St. Aloysius Jubilee Center in Olivia. Bishop LeVoir will preside at the Mass at 8:30 a.m. The theme is Entertaining Angels: Hospitality Training and is designed to train your first contact staff, such as administrative assistants, business managers, custodians, ushers, principals, Christian charity coordinators, and event planners to receive others in the name of Jesus Christ. The keynote speakers are Adam Janke and Denise Hirl from St. Paul Evangelization Institute. For further information or to register, contact Cindy Blickem (507-233-5325 or cblickem@dnu.org).

This event is open to all parish employees and ANYONE interested in creating a culture of hospitality in your parish!



Religious Education



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SEEKING CATECHISTS! St. Michael's is 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 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 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 a concession stand fundraiser Box Car Days weekend to start earning toward next year's trip. Contact us if you are interested in earning!

ST. MARY'S CATECHIST MEETING will be on Thursday, August 22nd @ 7 pm. Please contact Diann for additional information.



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 Robert Ochocki and Larry Zwach.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: Aug. 9 - \$100 Paula Gerrety; Aug. 16 - \$100 Leonard Lanoue

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. 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.

OPEN HOUSE FOR LOUISE VAN MOER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY on Saturday August 24th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Bitton's in Garvin. All who will get together will enjoy it!

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 EIGHT – DEVELOPING BABY

"I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!" In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. She is developing a layer of fat that will keep her warm after she is born. In the 9th month she will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. Her lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth she will continue the human growth process for many years to come. She is about 18 inches in length. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

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. 11, 2019

Adult: \$3,246.00 **Youth:** \$13.00 **Loose Plate:** \$318.05 **TOTAL:** \$3,577.05
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Steve & Carol Buyck

Lectors: Jenna Buyck

Cantor: Kim Schroepfer

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard & Sandy Tuszynski, Bev Kosse, Bonnie Boerboom, Colleen Schiller

Servers: Lauren Knakmuhs, Noah Knakmuhs, Calie Johns

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

Money Counters: Aug. 26 – Kathy Swift & Karen Lanoue

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Aug. 28 – Fr. Mark, Sept. 4 – Sandy, Sept. 11 - Linda



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.**

WE WISH TO AGAIN SAY THANK YOU TO THE GEORGE LANOUE FAMILY for the new Vestments at St. Michaels.

ON SEPTEMBER 21ST there will be a Benefit for Larry Karsten who is undergoing Chemo Treatments. If you can help in any way please sign-up in the back of church. Volunteers & Silent Auction Items are needed. Please consider helping in any way possible. More information will be coming out during this upcoming month.

CHILDRENS LITURGY STARTING SUNDAY SEPT 8TH! Char and Bev will be leading the children's liturgy once again. We are inviting the 3 to 9 year old's to join us downstairs for a faith filled kids gospel and readings. Please join us each Sunday as we learn more about Jesus.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TANNER AND AMY MICHELSON on the baptism of their son, Oliver Brian, who was baptized on Sunday, Aug.11th. Many blessings to Oliver and his family.

WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR ADULT AND YOUTH helpers for Vacation Bible School. It was an amazing week.

WE ARE IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO HELP LEAD THE ROSARY before Mass on Sundays. We will also need of someone to fill the 8:00 AM spot for Adoration on Thursday Mornings. If you are interested, please contact the St. Michael's Office. Or, call Jean Schmidt. Thanks Rita LaVoy for your many years of service.

WE NEED CATECHISTS! If you are interested in sharing your faith with the youth of our parish, please prayerfully consider being a catechist. We are in need of teachers for all grade levels. Please contact Suzanne Lightfoot or Diann Timmerman if you are interested.

Stewardship Report for Aug. 11, 2019

Adult: \$ 1,070.00 **Student:** \$-0- **Loose Plate:** \$124.00 **TOTAL:** \$1,194.00
Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: David Timmerman Family

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Moses Dolan

Lector: Brandon Karsten

EHMC: Adria Alcorn, Lon Walling, Jean Walling, Becky Lanoue, Angie Orren, Ben Lightfoot

Servers: Tanner Hauger, Dawson Jenniges, Tyson Lightfoot

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

Money Counters: Jane Louwagie, Dean & Alice Vroman



From Fr. Steffl:

Fr. Mark Mallak, who has until recently been assigned to serve the parishes here in Tracy and Milroy and who has been assisting with the Spanish Mass at Holy Redeemer **will not be returning to our area parishes**, and is currently away from assigned priestly ministry, and awaiting a different assignment by the Bishop. If you need a priest, please call Holy Redeemer. We are always available when you need a priest!

St. Mary's Church basement kitchen remodeling project: Our project has been progressing very nicely and we are still on schedule to be completed by the time school begins. I wrote that the next "phase" of this project is new carpeting. We were hoping to have the donations to be able to get this done also, but we have not come up with the money to do this. Perhaps if we are able to still raise the money, we could replace the carpeting during the Christmas break. It's all looking great and I know that so many have worked hard to see this come to a good result.

Deacon Shawn Polman has completed his summer "internship" at Holy Redeemer. Please keep him in your prayers as he returns to St. Paul Seminary for his final year before ordination as a priest, along with one other seminarian classmate from the Diocese of New Ulm. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: Deacon Shawn Polman, Saint Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Ave., St Paul, MN 55105.

The Bishop announced that **Nolan Meyer from Holy Redeemer has been accepted as a seminarian** by the Diocese of New Ulm. He graduated from high school last spring and will begin his college studied at St. John Vianney Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul this autumn. Please continue pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially from our parishes and to serve our diocese, and please keep Nolan and all our seminarians in your prayers.

Things are coming together nicely for the **upcoming year at St. Mary's school.** Please keep our students, parents, and teachers in your prayers.

Our parish **religious education programs** are also "gearing up." Look for registrations to be coming out to you in the mail. St. Michael's in Milroy is still in need of teachers, especially for elementary students. If you are able to volunteer, please speak to Suzanne Lightfoot.

Lastly, just a **"plug" in for World Wide Marriage Encounter.** Earlier this spring, there was some information given out, and there have been announcements in the bulletin about dates that the program is offered in Marshall and nearby. I want to encourage couples to consider attending. There is a Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled here in Marshall the weekend of Sept. 14/15, and the benefit of this program is that it is not an "overnight" away, but held during the days. The program is one that strengthens and enriches marriages, and I strongly recommend it.

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