

Our Lady of the Prairie Area Faith Community

August 25th, 2019

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor –Fr. Mark Steffl

Parochial Vicar –Fr. Todd Petersen, 507-532-5711 (Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall).

Websites: www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org, www.holy-redeemer.com



St. Mary's Church, 249 6th Street, Tracy, MN 56175, 507-629-4075, stmary@iw.net

Mass times: 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. Fridays, 10:30 a.m. Sundays

Confessions times: 30 Minutes before Sunday Masses

Contact information: **Secretary**: Becky Lanoue, 507-629-4075

Religious Education Coordinator: Diann Timmerman, 507-629-3667, resaintmary@gmail.com

Maintenance: Tim Amick, 507-829-5197

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St. Mary's School, 225 6th Street, Tracy, MN 56175, 507-629-3270

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Secretary: Chris Schons, chris.schons.sms@gmail.com

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stmichael@mnval.net

Mass times: 8:30 a.m. Mondays, 8:30 a.m. Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions times: 30 Minutes before Sunday Masses

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Church Cleaner: Linda Dolan, 507-829-1032

Groundskeeper: Larry Karsten, 507-336-2624

Baptisms: Contact Priest to set up a date.

Marriages: Contact Priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date for preparation requirements.

Hospitalized or ill parishioners: Contact Priest.

New Ulm Diocese Catholic Charities: Counseling and adoptions toll-free at 1-866-670-5163.

FORMED.org audio-videos: www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.formed.org, or www.formed.org access code #YW2JXQ

Other local Mass times:

Campus Religious Center, SMSU, Marshall: 12:00 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays (while school is in session), 6:00 p.m. Sundays.

Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall: 5:30 p.m. Mon's, 7 a.m. Tue – Fri, 5 p.m. Sat's, and 8 a.m, 10 a.m, & 12:30p.m. (Spanish) Sun's.

St. Clotilde, Green Valley: 7:00 p.m. Saturdays.

St. Mary's, Cottonwood: 9:00 a.m. Sundays, see the Bread of Life Area Faith Community bulletin for current daily Mass times.

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

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 +Mary Lanoue
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u> <u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Lennard Nydell
Mon. Aug. 26	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +Tudy Will
	7:00 p.m.	Marian KC Council Meeting at St. Mary's Rectory Office in Tracy
Tues. Aug. 27		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. Aug. 28	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>Raymond & Beatrice Maeyaert 65th Wedding Anniversary!</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Mass at Prairie View Nursing Home +Lorraine Cooreman
Thur. Aug. 29	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +Gregg DeSmith
Fri. Aug. 30	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Darlene Macht
Sat. Aug. 31		
Sun. Sept. 1	TWENTY-SECOND 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 +Edwin Swalbowski Family
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u> <u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Dave Mann

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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 Goblish, Rose Goltz, Joanie Gruver, Charles Hannasch, Glad Henning, Joseph Horner, Kristen Peterson Kaiser, Larry Karsten, Bob Kirsh, Mae Kirsh, Mark Lutterman, Rodney Maguire, Fr. Mark Mallak, 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.

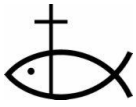
GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINNING AUGUST 26 - GriefShare features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion 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.

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!

CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COTTONWOOD, MN, 59TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND RAFFLE, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, Turkey Dinner and all the Trimmings with Home Made Desserts, Mass at 9:30 a.m., Dinner Ticket Sales begin at 9:30 a.m. Serving at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome!

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH, REDWOOD FALLS, FALL FESTIVAL, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. with the Harry Wojahn Band, dinner 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Catered by Baune's) Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Homemade Pie. We look forward to having you join us for great food, entertainment and fellowship!



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SEEKING CATECHISTS! St. Michael's is looking for Religious Education teachers for the upcoming school year. We need catechists for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade. 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 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!

WE WILL BE HAVING A CONCESSION FUNDRAISER DURING BOX CAR DAYS WEEKEND. We will be serving outside the beer tent on Saturday and Sunday from 1 pm to 1 am. We will be selling Big Hot Ham & Cheese, Hot chicken sandwiches, Super nachos, pickles, ice cream and drinks. Please come see us and support our Youth.



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 John Clancy.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: Aug. 16 - \$100 Leonard Lanoue; Aug. 23 - \$100 Mary Jo Henkel

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

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 PIES will be sold, **frozen only**, at the SMS Belgian Waffle Feed on Sunday, September 1 as well as at SMS on Monday during the craft fair.

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: Our kitchen project is moving forward. This week we worked on cleaning the dining hall and everything is painted thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who jumped in and helped. **THANKS TO ALL OF THEM!!** The new doors have been put on and we are awaiting countertops, sinks and islands. We are continuing to take donations for new carpeting. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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. 18, 2019

Adult: \$3,071.00 **Youth:** \$0.00 **Loose Plate:** \$121.10 **TOTAL:** \$3,192.10
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Dave Vandendriessche Family

Lectors: Tom Lenertz

Cantor: Audrey LaVoy

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Lenertz, Gloria VanOverbeke, Heidi Morgan, Jim & Jeanine Vandendriessche

Servers: Xander Brinkley, Talon Brinkley, Ashton Daniels

Ushers: Vincent Lanoue, Rod Benson, Mitchel Benson, Roy Woodford

Money Counters: Sept. 3 – Pat Hansen & Jan Griffith

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Sept. 4 – Sandy, Sept. 11 – Linda, Sept. 18 - 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.**

LARRY KARSTEN AND FAMILY BENEFIT. Please consider this an invitation to show off your talent. We are looking for people who might be crafty in woodworking, baking, quilting sewing, photography, even creating baby baskets, movie and popcorn baskets, fishing gear baskets and, etc. There will be a silent auction table set up at the school. We will be accepting donations all the way up until Sept. 21st. Please contact the committee members if you have any questions or if you need help getting it to the school. There is also a place in the back of church if you want to drop it off their. The committee members are **JEFF and ANGIE ORREN, MELVIN and BEV WELU, ROBIN HAUGER, DEAN and JUSTIN DUSCHER, AMY and JAMIE LARSEN, DON and JEAN SCHMIDT, and BOB DOLAN.** We would be more than happy to help. Thanks!!!

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.

BLOOD DRIVE IN MILROY on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 from 2:00 – 7:00 at the Milroy School. This had originally set for September 3 but was changed by the Red Cross. Call 507-336-2436 if you have any questions or to set up an appointment. You can also be a walk-in.

ST. MICHAEL'S is looking for someone to help lead the Rosary before Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the St. Michael's Office. Or, call Jean Schmidt. 507-828-2171. We also need someone to fill a spot for Adoration on Thursday Mornings. It is a gift to sit and be present with Jesus in this way – please consider it. Thanks.

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. 18, 2019

Adult: \$2,648.23 **Student:** \$-0- **Loose Plate:** \$84.00 **TOTAL:** \$2,732.23
Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Dean & Alice Vroman

Organist: Carole Snyder

Cantor: Jean Schmidt & Victoria Coudron

Lector: Kami Parker

EHMC: Evy Dolan, Moses Dolan, Alice Vroman, Eli Welu, Emily Welu, Dick Vroman

Servers: Margaret Dolan, Leah Lightfoot, Ezekiel Dolan

Ushers: Dominic Dolan, Ron Schmidt, Jacob Welu, Cory Schmidt

Money Counters: Ken Parker, Don & Alice Zeug, Jeanette Bitker

DEAR MILROY AND TRACY PARISHIONERS,

I want to let you know what is going on in my life and ministry at the present time. This has been a tough year for me, especially this winter and spring, as my anxiety disorder has been running at a high level. Along with my anxious moments, there have also been a number of health and depression episodes that have made my attendance at Mass or other events difficult at times. As of mid-July, I have stepped away from full-time parish ministry and am focusing on more intensive anxiety therapy for a couple of months, as well as occasional parish help.

I had been in the Tracy-Milroy-Marshall/Spanish assignment for 13 months as an associate pastor under the Marshall pastor, and while there was so much that I appreciated, there were numerous factors that were not conducive to my peace of mind. My sobriety is 7½ years, so mercifully alcohol is no longer an aggravating factor. But my diagnosis, Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), is a significant challenge to me who suffers from it and those with whom I interact. BPD is not something that is ever over and done with, but a pervasive difficulty that is ongoing and at best can be managed.

The kind of therapy I am lining up is Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), which attempts to achieve balance in the mind between extremes by accepting some aspects of life and situations and working to change other aspects (just like the Serenity Prayer). This will entail a couple of months of weekly individual therapy, a weekly group skills training class, as well as practicing new skills, completing assigned homework and charting progress.

Thank you for reading this letter to understand my present status. Please know of my continued prayers and support for you, your families and the joys and challenges you experience, and how we are each called to grow in charity through it all!

BLESSINGS, FR. MARK MALLAK



From Fr. Steffl:

Stewardship is “one of those things” that always needs to be talked about, although it is not always the most exciting topic to hear, and it **challenges us on many levels to put our trust in God and be aware that everything – our time, our talent, and our treasure all ultimately belongs to Him, and that we are merely “stewards” who are given** what we have and we, like the steward in the Gospel parable a few weeks ago, will one day have to give “an accounting” for the way we used what we were entrusted with.

With the new fiscal year beginning on July 1, you can see from the totals published in the bulletin each week, that we are far behind our weekly needed contributions. I am told that this dip is a typical one in the summers, but I want to draw attention to it, because it is so important that everyone be aware of where we are and where we need to be, so as to fulfill our obligations and be able to provide all the programs and other things that are a part of what we offer in our parishes. **Please take this to prayer, to see if there is a way you might help to get us back to where we need to be financially as we move into September.**

It is great to see **so many people who make good use of the availabilities for daily Mass** in our area. This last week, we resumed the Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon Masses at the Campus Religious Center in Marshall. Please note **this next week, the Monday Mass at Holy Redeemer is at 7 am instead of the usual 5:30 pm time**, so that Fr. Petersen and I can attend a priest gathering that evening. Also please note, that **after this week**, beginning in September, the **daily Mass in Milroy will be moving to Tuesdays** instead of Mondays.

In Tracy, it seems that we have figured out our problem with the lights in the church. Sorry about the inconvenience. On Wednesday, it was really dark in the church.

The kitchen renovation in Tracy’s church basement is moving along. I wrote last week that our **hope is to replace the carpeting over school Christmas break**, but we will have to raise the money to do this. If you would like to contribute to this project, contact Jan LaVoy or Elise Lanoue.

A note about **Confessions and Confessions times since Fr. Mallak left** – We will continue to have confessions available a **half hour before the 8:30 am Sunday Mass in Milroy and also be available before the Sunday 10:30 am Mass in Tracy**. I need to add some extra times to be available. But the Saturday afternoon times that Fr. Mallak offered are not able to be continued. It is so important that this Sacrament be used and used often, and that we as priests are duty-bound to make ourselves available for penitents, and I take this obligation very seriously. **There are also Confessions available every Saturday from 9-10 am and 4-5 pm at Holy Redeemer in Marshall.**

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure