

Our Lady of the Prairie Area Faith Community

September 15, 2019

24th 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

Prayer Network: Alita Lenertz, Cell: 507-993-2654, Home: 507-629-4145;

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WG Prayer Line: Pam Baumann, 507-859-2503



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

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stmichael@mnval.net

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

Confessions times: 30 Minutes before Sunday Masses

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Bookkeeper: Kami Parker, 507-828-6515

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Groundskeeper: Larry Karsten, 507-336-2624

Baptisms: Contact Diann Timmerman at the St. Mary's parish office (for both St Mary's and St Michael's parishes")

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. Sept. 15	TWENTY-FOURTH 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 +James Ourada
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u> <u>CCW Rosary</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Roger VanOverbeke
Mon. Sept. 16		Spirit Day at St. Mary' School
Tues. Sept. 17	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +Edith Ousky Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. Sept. 18	8:30 a.m.	NO ST. MARY'S PARISH MASS THIS DAY
	10:45 a.m.	Mass at Prairie View Nursing Home +Laurence Lenertz <u>St. Michael's Religious Education in Milroy</u>
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Gr. K-6
	7:15-8:30 p.m.	Gr. 7-12
		<u>St. Mary's Religious Education in Tracy</u>
	5:20-6:20 p.m.	For Meal
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Gr. K-12
Thur. Sept. 19	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +Living & Deceased Members of FCSLA
Fri. Sept. 20	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 1st/2nd, at St. Mary's in Tracy Joe & Rosemary VanKeulen SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
Sat. Sept. 21		
Sun. Sept. 22	TWENTY-FIFTH 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</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Weisbrich Family

Prayer Network prayers for healing for all the sick and other needs in the area faith community especially: David Algyer, Kevin & Kim Arnold, Ron Borchert, 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, Joseph Horner, Kristen Peterson Kaiser, Larry Karsten, Bob Kirsh, Mae Kirsh, Leonard Lanoue, Collette Louwagie, Mark Lutterman, Rodney Maguire, Fr. Mark Mallak, Bob McCoy, Allan Rolling, Bonnie Schirlinger, Bertha Schultz, Audrey Sik, Ron & Evie Stadick, Neil Steninkamp, Mike Thomas, 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 DIANN TIMMERMAN AT resaintmary@gmail.com.

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. Ann: Dorothy Algyer & Gwen Johnson

Next Small Function – St. Theresa: LouAnn Engel & Marlene Halfmann

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.

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!

THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD IN MINNEOTA will be hosting our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 15, 2019. A Children's Carnival will be held from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the St. Edward School Gymnasium. A Roast Beef Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the St. Edward Church Basement. The Fall Festival will include a dinner, cakewalk, silent auction, raffle, country store and baked goods store. Welcome Friends in Christ!

CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X FALL FESTIVAL, Sunday, September 15, 2019, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm. Mass at 10:00 am. Old Fashioned Chicken & Sausage Dinner. Baked chicken, sausage and sauerkraut, real mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, corn, rolls, homemade pie, and beverage. Adult take out available. 1103 10th Street East, Glencoe, MN.

A.C.E. OF SW MINNESOTA PRESENTS BONE BUILDERS CLASS! New Session: Sept. 9 – Nov. 7, Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Tracy United Methodist Church, 162 Morgan St. This Osteoporosis Exercise Program includes standing and sitting exercises, utilizing hand weights and ankle weights for resistance training. Interested in becoming a volunteer trainer? Contact your local A.C.W. of SW Minnesota Coordinator at: Rebekah Reynolds, 507-829-1143 or email: ace.lyon.co.lyon.mn.us.

WIDOWED, DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?? Beginning Experience of SW MN, is offering a Weekend Retreat that provides an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The weekend retreat will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries and is scheduled for October 4-6. Deadline for registrations is September 27th. Email: swmnbe@gmail.com or call: MaryAnn 507-828-2866, Laurie 507-829-4004, Tim 507-530-6379.

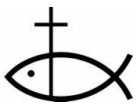
THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY IN LUCAN invites everyone to a full day of food, fun...and bargains on Sunday, September 22, 2019. The day starts with the 10:00 a.m. Mass at OLV followed by a delicious Buffet Style Dinner of Dumplings, Sausage, Roast Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Dessert & Beverage served until 1:00 p.m. The dinner is served in air-conditioned comfort with handicapped seating available. There are also take-outs available. At 12:30 p.m. our fabulous auction begins with tons of interesting and useful items going on the block. There is something for everyone!

ST. ANNE'S FALL FESTIVAL, 1052 Cedar St., Wabasso, MN. Sunday, September 29th, Mass at 10:00AM. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, dressing, carrots, dinner role, pie and more! Serving from 11 – 1:30 PM. Activities for the whole family!

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY ANNUAL BAZAAR, Sunday, October 6, 2019, 700 West Main St, Silver Lake, MN, Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. Pork Chop & Bologna Dinner serving 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT, Mondays, Oct. 7 – Nov. 11, 2019, 2- 4:00 p.m. at Carris Health Redwood Clinic, Basement Conference Room, 1100 E. Broadway St., Redwood Falls, MN. There is no cost to participate. It is important that participants attend all six sessions if possible. Work through your own grief, gain strength from other grieving persons whose sorrow has softened and experience the care and support of others in the group. To register contact: Chelsey Gniffke, Social Services, 507-637-4617.

LIVE FROM NASHVILLE – IN CONCERT! New Legacy Project, Saturday, September 21st – 7:00 PM, FREE CONCERT at Tracy Lutheran Church, 64 Rowland St. Tracy, MN. New Legacy Project, formerly the Blackwood Legacy, blend the best of country gospel, traditional and edgy newer southern gospel, with today's popular worship music, while staying true to the Gospel Message. Join us for a memorable time of live music, fellowship and fun! Admission is free and a love offering will be received. Info: 507-629=3564 – tracylutheran.com. Come early for best seating!



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SEEKING CATECHISTS! St. Michael's is in **DESPERATE** need of catechists for grades 4/5, and 6. Please prayerfully consider teaching our youth! Contact Suzanne if you are interested.

FAITH FORMATION FUNDRAISER: We are having a Butterbraid fundraiser this year for our Faith Formation Programs. This starts on September 18th and will end October 9th. Please support our youth!

LAST CALL: Catholic Heart Work Camp! If you have a student that is 8th grade or older and are interested, please contact Diann or Suzanne ASAP.

THE BANQUET: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 30th. We will be traveling to Sioux Falls again to serve at the Banquet. This is for all students grade 7-12 as well as any parishioners interested. Please sign up in the back of church if you are interested. We will be looking for donations as well. More information to follow.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Monday, September 16th, Spirit Day, wear your colors, AIMSWeb testing for Kindergarten & 1st grade, 9:00.

Tuesday, September 17th

Wednesday, September 18th

Thursday, September 19th

Friday, September 20th, Mass at 8:30, 3rd & 4th grades will prepare the Mass. Please have your children wear nice clothing for Mass.

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: Labor Day Winner - \$1,000 Joel Buyck; Sept. 6 - \$100 Elise Lanoue; Sept. 13th - \$100 Ruth Sanders

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.

KITCHEN/DINING UPDATE: We have come a long way with our project in the past couple weeks. The islands are in and all the kitchen equipment is back in its new place. **THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED WASH AND PUT THE EQUIPMENT BACK AND SET UP THE DINING HALL.** We made it before school was back in session!!! Our next step is the coffee station - we hope to see it come in September. As for the rest of our project we are looking to carpet the hall at Christmas time if we have the funds to do so. So we are still asking for donations. Please consider helping us out to finish up the project. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED!**

DEANERY 2 CCW FALL GATHERING IN GRACEVILLE, MN. HOLY ROSARY CHURCH. Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Registration, Mass, Dinner and Speaker to Follow. Cost of \$12. Contact CCW president, Joan Woodford, if you would like to attend. Joanie's phone #507-626-0307.

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.

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: Sept. 8, 2019

Adult: \$2,442.00

Youth: \$-0-

Loose Plate: \$723.00

TOTAL: \$3,165.00

Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Roy & Joan Woodford

Lectors: Kathy Brockway

Cantor: Kim Schroepfer

Eucharistic Ministers: Bonnie Boerboom, Colleen Schiller, Dave Lenertz, Gloria VanOverbeke, Marianne Boerboom

Servers: Mitchell Rolling, Hallee Roggatz, Brok Roggatz

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

Money Counters: Sept. 23 – Charlene Lenertz & Pat Hansen

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Sept. 25 – Rosemary, Oct. 2 – Marianne, Oct. 9 - Alitz



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.**

BENEFIT FOR LARRY KARSTEN ON SEPTEMBER 21ST

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM Place: Milroy Public School

Anyone interested in volunteering your time or donating Silent Auction items please call Jean Schmidt 507-828-2171 or Bev Welu

ST. MICHAEL'S IS IN NEED OF MASS INTENTIONS. Please contact Jean Schmidt or call the office.

You may also send to St. Michael's, 200 Euclid Ave. Milroy.

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 Sept. 8, 2019

Adult: \$670.00

Student: \$3.76

Loose Plate: \$102.00

TOTAL: \$775.76

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Lon & Jean Walling

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Suzanne Lightfoot

Lector: Kim Jenniges

EHMC: Jill Karsten, Stacy Schuh, Peggy Dolan, Angie Pool, Adria Alcorn, Lon Walling

Servers: Brady Larsen, Braylon Timmerman, Grace Dolan

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

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

From Fr. Steffl:

Next weekend in the bulletin, there will be a 1-page summary of where we ended our fiscal year at St. Michael's and St. Mary's. I am glad to see that we had good years in both parishes and are at a place where we are able to make our obligations. My goal is to be very transparent about our finances, since we all have an invested interest in our parish and its programs.

For St. Michael's parishioners, a few upcoming projects:

- We need to raise \$5000 for some tiling that needs to be done in the St. Michael's Cemetery. We will have a special appeal for this project this fall. Many of you have family members who are buried there, and may have a special reason to make a donation to this project. We have a nice looking cemetery and this project is an important one in continuing the upkeep and good order there.
- Secondly, next year we will be looking to seal coat the parish parking lot at a cost of \$7500. This, too, is a project that is part of regular maintenance that is something that, if it gets put off, only goes up in price as time passes.

For St. Mary's – we have completed the kitchen project, looking now to replacing the carpeting in the basement during the Christmas break. The **next really big project that needs “to be on our radar” is to start saving money towards the replacement of the St. Mary's Church roof.** This will be a big project, and each year our insurance inspector “flags” this as something that will need to be done sooner rather than later.

St. Michael's Religious Education Program is still in need of a few teachers. If you think you are able to help out, please call Suzanne Lightfoot. (Otherwise the students in those grades who do not have a teacher will have to do home-study with their parents for this year.)

With Fr. Mallak's departure at the beginning of July, I want to once again reiterate **that both Fr. Todd Petersen and I are available for needs and emergencies.** Please feel free to call either of us at Holy Redeemer. While, at least for the time being, you don't have a resident priest, we want to do all we can to make ourselves available to you. Especially in need for those who are sick and dying, we are always available to you. For families – please call us when a family member is dying, and please don't assume we know “what's going on...” Most often, we do not know unless someone calls.

A few words about the **SCRIP program as a fundraiser.** St Mary's has had this fundraiser for a number of years, and it has great potential as a fundraiser for our school. You can call St. Mary's school to place your order early in the week, and it is ready to pick up at the end of the week. It takes a little bit of planning ahead, but a little bit over a long time by many people can make a big difference. If you have not been buying SCRIP gift cards up to now, please take a look into it!

