

## ***Our Lady of the Prairie Area Faith Community***

**September 22, 2019**

**25th 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](http://www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org), [www.holy-redeemer.com](http://www.holy-redeemer.com)



**St. Mary's Church**, 249 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Tracy, MN 56175, 507-629-4075, [stmary@iw.net](mailto: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](mailto:resaintmary@gmail.com)

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**St. Mary's School**, 225 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Tracy, MN 56175, 507-629-3270

[www.stmarysschooltracy.org](http://www.stmarysschooltracy.org)

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**Contact information**: **Principal**: Lisa Dieter, [lisa.dieter.sms@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.dieter.sms@gmail.com)

**Secretary**: Chris Schons, [chris.schons.sms@gmail.com](mailto:chris.schons.sms@gmail.com)

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**Maintenance**: Tim Amick, 507-829-5197



**St. Michael's Church**, 200 Euclid Ave, Milroy, MN 56263, 507-336-2505,  
[stmichael@mnval.net](mailto:stmichael@mnval.net)

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

**Confessions times**: 30 Minutes before Sunday Masses

**Contact information**: **Pastoral Associates**: Don & Jean Schmidt, 507-336-2583

[stmichael@mnval.net](mailto:stmichael@mnval.net), [djschmidt@mnval.net](mailto:djschmidt@mnval.net)

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[restmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:restmichaels@gmail.com)

**Bookkeeper**: Kami Parker, 507-828-6515

**Church Cleaner**: Linda Dolan, 507-829-1032

**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](http://www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.formed.org), or [www.formed.org](http://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:**

<b>Sun. Sept. 22</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH 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>+Mary Lanoue</b>
	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u></b> <b><u>CCW Rosary</u></b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Weisbrich Family</b>
<b>Mon. Sept. 23</b>		Spirit Day at St. Mary' School 7:00 p.m. Marian KC Council Meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall in Tracy
<b>Tues. Sept. 24</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy</b> <b>+Leonor Rohlik</b> <b>Healing &amp; Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy</b>
<b>Wed. Sept. 25</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Lennard Nydell</b> <b><u>St. Michael's Religious Education in Milroy</u></b>
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Gr. K-6
	7:15-8:30 p.m.	Gr. 7-12
		<b><u>St. Mary's Religious Education in Tracy</u></b>
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Gr. K-12
<b>Thur. Sept. 26</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>+Tudy Will</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Administration Council Meeting at St. Mary's Rectory in Tracy
	7:00 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting at St. Mary's Rectory in Tracy
<b>Fri. Sept. 27</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>School Mass, Gr. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Jean Lamfers</b> SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
<b>Sat. Sept. 28</b>		
<b>Sun. Sept. 29</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH 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>Healing for Audrey Sik</b>
	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy &amp; CCW Rosary</u></b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Lorraine Cooreman</b>

**Prayer Network prayers for healing for all the sick and other needs in the area faith community especially:** David Algyer, Kevin & Kim Arnold, Ricky Atkins, Ron Borchert, 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, Joseph Horner, Kristen Peterson Kaiser, Larry Karsten, Bob Kirsh, Mae Kirsh, Leonard Lanoue, Collette Louwagie, Mark Lutterman, Rodney Maguire, Fr. Mark Mallak, Bob McCoy, Maura Pieske, Allan Rolling, Bonnie Schirlinger, Bertha Schultz, Audrey Sik, Ron & Evie Stadick, Neil Steninkamp, Mike Thomas, Tammy Weber, Sloan Wohlman, Don Zeug, 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 DeBlieck, 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 DIANN TIMMERMAN AT [resaintmary@gmail.com](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cblickem@dnu.org)).

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

**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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup>. Email: [swmnbe@gmail.com](mailto: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!

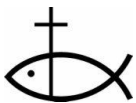
**ST. ANNE’S FALL FESTIVAL**, 1052 Cedar St., Wabasso, MN. Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 10:00AM. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, dressing, carrots, dinner role, pie and more! Serving from 11 – 1:30 PM. Activities for the whole family!

**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.

**THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLY FIELD TRIP** will be on Wednesday, October 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. Bishop John M. LeVoir is presiding at a rosary prayer service for children and any other interested individuals. It is open to the public. Catholic schools, religious education programs, and home-schooled families are invited, along with their parents and teachers. Don't forget your rosary! If you are not able to attend the field trip consider visiting [www.childrenoftheeucharist.org](http://www.childrenoftheeucharist.org) for information to participate in the worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour.

**THE CHURCH OF THE JAPANESE MARTYRS IN LEAVENWORTH** is having a Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 9:30AM. to 12:30PM. at the Church Social Hall. On the menu are pancakes, scrambles eggs, sausage, applesauce, coffee, juice and chocolate milk. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 6-12 and \$1.50 for preschool.



### **AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

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

**CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP** will be hosting an informational meeting today, Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 11:30 am at St. Mary's Church Basement.

**THE BANQUET:** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:** A HUGE thank you to our wonderful volunteers this year! We are blessed with such wonderful catechists who make a commitment to serve our youth! Please keep them in your prayers as they share the faith with our youth. Thank you catechists!



### **ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:**

**Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Dress Up Day: Crazy Socks & Hat Day, Principals' Meeting in New Ulm

**Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, Dress Up Day: PJ Day (have fun, but wear appropriate jammies)

**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, Dress Up Day: Sports Day (represent your favorite team or sport)

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, Dress Up Day: Multi-Color Day & Sunglasses (wear as many colors as possible!) Homecoming Volleyball game vs. Canby. Meet the Panthers: FREE admission into the game volleyball game and a FREE treat at the concession stand!

**Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, Mass at 8:30, 5th & 6th grades will prepare the Mass. Please have your children wear nice clothing for Mass. Dress Up Day: TMB Panther spirit wear (the children can change their clothes after church.) Homecoming Football game vs. Springfield, 7:00 p.m. @ Panther Stadium

**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 FUNDRAISERS**

- *We no longer collect milk jug caps, bread wrappers or printer cartridges.*
- We do still collect Our Family UPC's and you can clip Box Tops until next year.
- Box Tops can now be collected electronically by downloading a Box Tops app on you smart phone and then just scan your receipt.

We do so appreciate your continued support of these easy fundraisers. Thank you!

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:** Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - \$100 Ruth Sanders; Sept. 20 - \$100 Sheila Kuball

**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.

**CCW MEETING** is Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Church basement.



**ST. MARY'S PARISH** would like to welcome our newest parishioner, Boden George Peterson, son of Brett & Molly. May God Bless you always!

**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 9 OCTOBER – “HERE I AM!” HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY**

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month – nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than she was before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their parents for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth “so that they might have life and have it to the full!”

Starting in October, there will be the Birthright Baby Shower. A cradle will be in the back of Church to accept donations of items needed for babies. This cradle will be there for the month of October. While items, such as strollers, high chairs, and car seats are very nice, they can't be accepted by Birthright.

Gift cards are also accepted. Those should be put in a marked envelope “Birthright” and added to the Mass offering to go over to the Parish Office.

There will be a special Baby Shower fellowship on Sunday, October 6. Denise Weedman - Reverence Life Commission

**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. 15, 2019**

Adult: \$3,014.00

Youth: \$1.00

Loose Plate: \$97.00

TOTAL: \$3,112.00

Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** Bill Brockway Family

**Lectors:** Marlene Halfmann

**Cantor:** Audrey LaVoy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jeanette Lanoue, Jim & Jeanine Vandendriessche, Jolynn Johns, Lota Hannasch

**Servers:** Hailey Hubner, Ashton Squires, Taylor Squires

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

**Money Counters:** Sept. 30 – Patty Lessman & Kathy Swift

**Prairie View Nursing Home Communion:** Oct. 2 – Marianne, Oct. 9 – Alita, Oct. 16 - Dick



**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.**

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS AT ST. MICHAEL:** Ed, LaVonne & Michael Knopik, Jason, Allison, & James Ourada, Matthew Schmidt, son of Andy and Angela, Annison, daughter of Anthony and Andrea Dolan, Liam Welu, son of Elijah and Emily, Collette Vroman daughter of Andrew and Courtney, Oliver Michelson, Son of Amy and Tanner Michelson  
If you are a new person or family to our Parish and want to register please contact the Parish office

**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.

**THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS:** If you or your family are interested to lead the Rosary before Mass on Sundays, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the back of church. Rosary begins at approximately 8:05. We have pamphlets to help you in the back.

**PLEASE CHECK THE ADORATION SCHEDULE** on the bulletin board in case we are short a person on Thursday. 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. 15, 2019**

Adult: \$810.00

Student: \$3.62

Loose Plate: \$130.00

TOTAL: \$943.62

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** Rich & Rose Warner

**Organist:** Carole Snyder

**Cantor:** Tianna Karsten & Grace Dolan

**Lector:** Jean Walling

**EHMC:** Jean Walling, Jean Schmidt, Angie Orren, Moses Dolan, Ben Lightfoot, Alice Vroman

**Servers:** Andrew LaVoy, Sydney LaVoy, Brianna Duscher

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

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

From Fr. Steffl:

This weekend, inserted into the bulletin is a summary of last year's fiscal year at St Mary's and St. Michael's. Our fiscal year ends on June 30 each year. I want to thank everyone for their stewardship over the last year, financial and otherwise. Over the last year, we have looked very carefully for any ways to avoid unnecessary costs, and I believe that we are running an efficient operation on all levels – parish, school, and catechesis programs.

This weekend is designated by the American Bishops Conference as **Life and Dignity Sunday**. In conjunction with this, the Bishops of Minnesota are again inviting parishioners to fill out the Catholic Advocacy Network Registration cards that are stapled into the bulletin this weekend. The purpose is to provide information to Catholics on how to “bridge the gap between faith and citizenship.” This was kicked off three years ago, and for those who did not register at that time, the cards are an opportunity to sign up to be a part of this “network” and receive information and updates that relate to putting our faith into practice on issues of life and human dignity. Please fill out the card and either put it in the collection next week, send it in to the address on the card, or visit [MNCatholic.org](http://MNCatholic.org) online to register.

Last Sunday evening was the first of four RACE Sundays for the upcoming year at Holy Redeemer. For those who are not familiar with these, the evening begins with a 5 pm Mass followed by a speaker and concluding with a brief time of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The speaker was David Rinaldi, from NET Ministries in St. Paul, and one line that stuck out from his presentation was, “Don't get Confirmation confused with Graduation. You don't graduate from your faith.” The next RACE Sunday is October 6<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be Jen Messing. These talks are open to everyone, so please consider coming.

This next week on Monday is the **Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as “Padre Pio.”** His life is a very interesting one, and he is a recent Saint who lived close to our own time. He was a Capuchin Friar in Southern Italy who died in 1968. He was known throughout Italy for hearing Confessions and he brought many to a greater appreciation of that Sacrament. Padre Pio said, “It is under the cross that one learns to love.”

