

Our Lady of the Prairie Area Faith Community

September 29, 2019

26th 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;

Lota Hannasch, 507-629-4866

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



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

www.stmarysschooltracy.org

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m, Monday – Friday

Contact information: **Principal:** Lisa Dieter, lisa.dieter.sms@gmail.com

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

School Cafeteria: Kate Schmitt, 507-629-3841

Maintenance: Tim Amick, 507-829-5197



St. Michael's Church, 200 Euclid Ave, Milroy, MN 56263, 507-336-2505,
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, djschmidt@mnval.net

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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, 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. 29	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	8:00 a.m.	<u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u>
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>Healing for Audrey Sik</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy & CCW Rosary</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Lorraine Cooreman</i>
Mon. Sept. 30	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>+Dick Irlbeck</i> Spirit Day at St. Mary' School
Tues. Oct. 1		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. Oct. 2	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+John Kosse</i> <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>
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Gr. K-12
Thur. Oct. 3	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove <i>+Fatt Fick</i>
	6:30 p.m.	St. Mary's CCW Meeting in the Church Basement in Tracy
Fri. Oct. 4	FIRST FRIDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 3rd/4th, at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>+Clara Andrews</i> <u>School Confessions after Mass</u>
	9-12:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's in Tracy
	12:30 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's in Tracy SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
Sat. Oct. 5		
Oct. 6	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	8:00 a.m.	<u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u>
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy <i>+Tudy Will</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy & CCW Rosary</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy <i>Kevin Hannasch</i>

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, Janet Lanoue, 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 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 – Our Lady of Fatima: Karen Lanoue & Katie Lanoue

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.

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.

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!

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 IS ST. MARY'S CCW'S FELLOWSHIP TACO/SUNDAE BAR will be held downstairs after mass. Please join us for a free will offering lunch. Everyone is welcome!

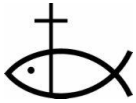
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY ANNUAL BAZAAR, Sunday, October 6, 2019, 700 West Main St, Silver Lake, MN, Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. Pork Chop & Bologna Dinner serving 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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 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.

ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER, Church of St. Michael of Morgan, MN. Sunday October 13, 2019, Serving 10:30am to 1:00pm. Come Enjoy the Roast Beef Meal, Pumpkin and Apple Dessert!



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 18th and will end October 9th. Please support our youth!

LIVING ROSARY: The St. Mary's Religious Ed Program will be having a Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 9th. We will begin at 6:45 in the Church. All members of the parish are invited to join us to celebrate October, the Month of Mary, Our Mother.

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 30th, Spirit Day ~ wear your St. Mary's School colors, Individual Band Lessons

Tuesday, October 1st, Group Band & Individual Band Lessons ~ bring your instruments

Wednesday, October 2nd, Children's Holy Field Trip to New Ulm, grades 3-6, depart 9:00

Thursday, October 3rd, Group Band & Individual Band Lessons ~ bring your instruments

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

Sunday, October 6th, 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's, Taco bar following mass, Free Will Donation

St. Mary's School Marathon at End-O-The-Line Park, Currie, registration 1:30-2:00

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 your 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. 20 - \$100 Sheila Kuball; Sept. 27 - \$100 Dr. Richard Brown

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.



BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS TO GABRIELLA FAY KNOPIK, daughter of Jason & Nicole. St. Mary's Parish joyfully welcomes you!

THE LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October, November and December are in the back of church. Please pick one up. The schedule is also on our website [Our Lady of the Prairie – St. Mary's & St. Michael's](#)

CCW MEETING is Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church basement.

ANYONE WITH EXTRA TOMATOES OR ONIONS for our taco bar next Sunday please notify Elise Lanoue 507-629-3252. Thanks!

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!

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 no 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. 22, 2019

Adult: \$2,545.00 **Youth:** \$-0- **Loose Plate:** \$305.00 **TOTAL:** \$2,850.00
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Steve & Carol Buyck

Lectors: Jenny Buyck

Cantor: Kim Schroeffer

Eucharistic Ministers: Bev Kosse, Bonnie Boerboom, MaryJo Henkel, Lisa Schaar, Gloria VanOverbeke

Servers: Jordon Munson, Alex Munson, Taylor Munson

Ushers: Gary Peterson, Tony Rolling, Mitchell Rolling, Dave Lenertz

Money Counters: Oct. 7 – Jan Griffith & Karen Lanoue

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Oct. 9 – Alita, Oct. 16 – Dick, Oct. 23 – Fr. Mark



NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S IN MILROY

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD! Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Judy Orren**, age 76, who died on Friday, September 20 and whose funeral Tuesday September 24. Our condolences to her family.

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.

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

SNOW REMOVAL AT ST. MICHAEL - Due to Larry Karsten's health and chemo treatments, he will be unable to help with snow removal this winter. We are looking for someone who would replace him. If you're interested in this position please contact the Parish office or Jean Schmidt at 507-828-2171. Removal includes - Sidewalks and driveways. (This is a paid position)

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.

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. 22, 2019

Adult: \$1,100.00

Student: \$5.37

Loose Plate: \$122.25

TOTAL: \$1,227.62

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Eli Welu Family

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Camille Dolan & Margaret Dolan

Lector: Bob Dolan

EHMC: Eli Welu, Emily Welu, Dick Vroman, Taylor Mueller, Don Schmidt, Ken Lanoue

Servers: Tianna Karsten, Kayla Kesteloot, Noah Kesteloot

Ushers: Andrew Schmidt, Joe Lanoue, Bob Zwach, Cris Knott

Money Counters: Greg & Wanda Debbaut, Jacob Welu



From Fr. Steffl:

As we begin the month of October, we will be offering the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the Masses at the nursing home and assisted living residences where there is a Mass.** If there is someone who does not live at one of these residences, who would like to receive this Sacrament, please come to one of those Masses or let one of us priests know. I am glad to know that people have such a good appreciation for this Sacrament. As it was told to me by the family of a person who died in the last few weeks, it offers such consolation both to the one who receives it and to his/her family.

Each month, a committee from each of our parishes meet to discuss the needs of the parish, where we are financially, etc. St. Mary's "Administrative Committee" met this past week, and St. Michael's met 2 weeks ago. They are groups that meet to advise the pastor about initiatives on the parish level. **Each meeting gives me an opportunity to reflect on not only what is needed to be done, but on all the good things that are happening here in our parishes,** including our school at St. Mary's and catechetical initiatives and programs in our parishes. You have a lot to be proud of!

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be a part of our religious education program this year as catechists. We are still in need of a few more teachers for Milroy. If you are unable to consider volunteering, please offer a prayer that the right teachers will come forward. It is not too late! Diann Timmerman in Tracy and Suzanne Lightfoot in Milroy have done a very good job of getting our religious education programs up and off to a good start.

