

Our Lady of the Prairie Area Faith Community

October 6, 2019

27th 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

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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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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. Oct. 6	TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 +Tudy Will
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy & CCW Rosary</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Kevin Hannasch
Mon. Oct. 7		NO SCHOOL TODAY Faith Formation for Teachers
Tues. Oct. 8	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +Jim Bitker Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. Oct. 9	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Norbert Haecherl <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. 10	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +Pearl VanDeWiele
	1:30 p.m.	Mass at O'Brien Court in Tracy +Theresa Hansen
	5:30 p.m.	Bp. Grace 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fri. Oct.11	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 1st/2nd, at St. Mary's in Tracy +Leona Peterson SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
Sat. Oct. 12		
Sun. Oct. 13	TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 +Brooklyn Larsen
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy & CCW Rosary</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Patricia Miller

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, Sloan Wohlman, Don Zeug, Tom Zeug, Woman with ALS, & special intentions for 3 families and someone having breast cancer 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 DeBlicek, 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.ourladoftheprairie-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.

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.

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.

ROSARY RALLY TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCT. 12TH AT NOON. America Needs Fatima an Organization which helps sponsor prayer for our Country. We are meeting at the BIG Cross on Hwy #19 and County Rd #5 in Redwood County) Between Vesta and Marshall. Please join us at Noon and join 21,000 other Rallies across the United States.

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!

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.

BLOOD DRIVE-TRACY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Fellowship Hall, 162 Morgan Street, Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please contact Sue at (507) 629-3291 to schedule an appointment.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION FUNDRAISER: We are having a Butterbraid fundraiser this year for our Faith Formation Programs. This is our final week of sales. Orders are due on Oct. 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 have share a pasta meal starting at 5:30. All are welcome. If you will be able to join us, please leave a message on the Religious Ed Answering Machine (507-629-3667). We will begin the rosary 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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH there will no be no Religious Education classes for MEA.

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 monetary donations as well as donations of ground beef. If you are able to donate, please contact Diann or Suzanne.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

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

Annual Catholic Schools Marathon at End-O-The-Line Park. Registration 1:30-2:00.

Monday, October 7th, No School for students ~ Teacher Faith Formation Workshop, Redwood Falls, 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8th, Spirit Day ~ Wear your St. Mary's colors, 5th graders working on Fire Prevention posters. Group Band & Individual Band Lessons ~ bring your instruments.

Wednesday, October 9th, Kindergarten & Preschool visit the Fire Hall.

Thursday, October 10th, Fires Safety Demo @ 8:30, 5th grade Fire Prevention Posters will be picked up this morning. Group Band & Individual Band Lessons ~ bring your instruments.

Friday, October 11th, Mass at 8:30, 1st&2nd 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 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. 27 - \$100 Dr. Richard Brown; Oct. 4 - \$100 Greg Lanoue, Oct. 6 Marathon Winner - Mike Peterreins \$500

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 CEMETERY COMMITTEE would like to welcome James Lessman to the committee. Thank you, James, for assisting St. Mary's in this way. They are also looking for one more individual to serve on this committee. Please contact Keith Schons, Lloyd Goltz, Thad Lessman, Joe Cooreman or Dale Johnson if you are interested.

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](#)

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. 29, 2019

Adult: \$2,787.00 **Youth:** \$11.25 **Loose Plate:** \$132.00 **TOTAL:** \$2,930.25
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Richard & Ann Krueger

Lectors: Tom Lenertz

Cantor: Monica Dieter

Eucharistic Ministers: Heidi Morgan, Jeanette Lanoue, Jim & Jeanina Vandendriessche, Jolynn Johns

Servers: Xavier Koenig, Ben Koenig, Zoe Koenig

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

Money Counters: Oct. 14 – Charlene Lenertz & Pat Hansen

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Oct. 16 – Dick, Oct. 23 – Fr. Mark, Oct. 30 – Sandy



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.

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.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED LARRY'S BENEFIT, donated to it or helped with it in any way. We were very overwhelmed by the kindness & generosity of so many people who all helped to make it a very fun & successful evening! Thank you also for the cards, kind words, gifts and especially for all of the prayers. May God bless each & every one of you! Larry & Jill Karsten & family.

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.

Stewardship Report for Sept. 29, 2019

Adult: \$1,495.00

Student: \$3.90

Loose Plate: \$86.00

TOTAL: \$1,584.90

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: John & Theresa Welu

Organist: Carole Snyder

Cantor: Jean Schmidt & John Schmitt

Lector: Jen Coudron

EHMC: Cheryl Lanoue, Jean Schmidt, Robin Hauger, Linda Dolan, Anthony Dolan, Andrea Dolan

Servers: John Schmitt, Tanner Hauger, Eli Lightfoot

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

Money Counters: Greg & Wanda Debbaut, Jacob Welu

From Fr. Steffl:

October is the month of the Rosary. If you have fallen out of the habit of a daily Rosary, now is the time to “get back into it.” We pray the Rosary before each of our parish Masses, but it is a prayer that can (and should) be said by everyone, and can be prayed together as couples and families. It can be prayed in the car or on a walk (or anywhere, for that matter!) Just a few years ago, in 2017, the Church commemorated the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to 3 young and poor Portuguese children at Fatima, and her message was one of encouraging a daily Rosary, in addition to frequent use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

On that note, this year’s **Diocesan Rosary Congress** will once again be held in October, from Saturday, October 19th to **Friday, October 25th, and on that day there will be a Rosary Procession from the Schoenstatt Shrine in Sleepy Eye ending at St. Mary’s Church in Sleepy Eye.** Each day of the Rosary Congress, parishes around the Diocese hosted a 24 hour period of Eucharistic Adoration with the Rosary being prayed at the beginning of each of the 24 hours. **Holy Redeemer is hosting for our area from 7 pm Wednesday the 23rd (beginning with a 7 pm Mass) to Thursday, the 24th (ending with a 6 pm Mass.)** And I would like everyone from Milroy and Tracy to know that they are invited to be a part of it in our area at Holy Redeemer. It is a great thing to do as a family – to come to spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration as we are hosting this event for our area of the diocese.

This next week, the annual **Fall Collection Appeal letter will be going in the mail to parishioners of St. Michael’s in Milroy.** This letter highlights a few of the things that were done in the parish last year, and the importance of this annual “special” collection as part of St. Michael’s annual operating budget. A project that is coming up for the parish next year is the parking lot, and additionally the parish needs to raise \$5000 for a tiling project that needs to be done at the St. Michael’s cemetery. So, please give that some prayerful consideration.

This Sunday is **RACE Sunday**, with Jen Messing as speaker at Holy Redeemer. Jen Messing’s mission is to help us understand our true identity in Christ, our reason for being here, and the dignity as body-soul persons made in the image of God. The **speaker begins at 6 pm.** I would like to invite everyone from Milroy and Tracy to come for the speaker’s talk. These are good opportunities for us to be inspired in matters of our Catholic Faith.

This last Sunday, I gave a little talk on St. Francis de Sales, who was a priest at the time of the Protestant Reformation, and lived a holy life and is especially known for his work on the spiritual life and how to pray with his book, [Introduction to the Devout Life](#). One of my favorite quotes from **St. Francis de Sales** is something like, **“Pray every day, and if you think you are too busy to pray, then you should pray even more!”** These are very true words for us to think about!

