

Our Lady of the Prairie Area Faith Community

October 13, 2019

28th 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

www.stmaryschooltracy.org

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Maintenance: Tim Amick, 507-829-5197



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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. 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 +<i>Brooklyn Larsen</i>
	<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 +<i>Patricia Miller</i>
Mon. Oct. 14	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +<i>Pauline Oster</i> National Hot Lunch Week
Tues. Oct. 15		No Mass in Milroy
Wed. Oct. 16		No Mass at Tracy <u>St. Michael's Religious Education in Milroy</u> NO CLASS-MN EA Break <u>St. Mary's Religious Education in Tracy</u> NO CLASS-MN-EA Break
Thur. Oct. 17	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +<i>Nathan Klapperich</i> MN EA Break-No School
Fri. Oct. 18	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St Mary's in Tracy +<i>Mary Como</i> MN EA Break-No School
Sat. Oct. 19		
Sun. Oct. 20	TWENTY-NINTH 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 +<i>Mary Lanoue</i>
	<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 <i>Joe & Rosemary VanKeulen</i>

Prayer Network prayers for healing for all the sick and other needs in the area faith community especially: Julie Lenertz, 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 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 – St Agnes-Sandy Tuszynski and Carolyn Vandendriessche

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD for 2018-19: For St. Mary's in Tracy – Monsignor Douglas Grams, 417 S Minnesota St., New Ulm, MN 56073. Birthday is July 3rd and Ordination date – June 13, 1987

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.

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.

PROLIFE BENEFIT PANCAKE, EGG AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST to be held on Sunday, October 27 in Carlin Hall, Holy Redeemer Church basement in Marshall sponsored by Birthright of Marshall.

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

Thanks for all your support on our ButterBraid fundraiser! Our delivery date is set for October 23rd!

The Banquet: We are headed to the Banquet on October 30th. Students under 18 need to have a permission slip signed before we load the bus. (Extra forms are in the back of church.) We are looking for donations towards our trip.

Donations Needed: If you are interested in donating toward the Banquet meal, we are in need of monetary donations as well as ground hamburger! Please contact Suzanne or Diann if you are interested.

There will be NO CLASS on October 16th due to MEA break.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sunday, October 13th, 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's.

Monday, October 14th, Spirit Day – Wear your St. Mary's colors

Tuesday, October 15th. Group Band & Individual Band Lessons ~ bring your instruments.

Wednesday, October 16th NO Mass in Tracy

Thursday, October 17th. NO SCHOOL-MN EA Break

Friday, October 11th. NO SCHOOL-MN EA Break

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: October 4th –Greg Lanoue,-\$100, October 6th-Marathon Winner-Mike Peterreins-\$500, October 11th- Lucas Radke-\$100.

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](#)

KITCHEN/DINING UPDATE: We have completed the kitchen to date. We are awaiting the arrival of the new Coffee Station to be placed in the dining hall. Hopefully it will come before the end of October. Our next step will be the carpeting in the hall. We are very close to our goal, but need five thousand more, so if anyone would still be willing to donate yet for the carpeting that would be wonderful. The plan is to rip out and lay the carpet during Christmas vacation. Please help us meet our goal!! Any questions, please feel free to call either Elise Lanoue 829-8448 or Jan LaVoy 829-2755. Thank You!

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.

THANK YOU to our angel, DAVE KAUP, who came and fixed our side steps and painted them. You did a wonderful job. Looks awesome!!

Father Brian Mandel's mother, Pat, passed away on Thursday. If you would like to send him a card his address is 106 N. 4th St., Darwin, MN 55324. Please keep Father Mandel in your prayers.

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: Oct. 6, 2019

Adult: \$3,471.00 **Youth:** \$26.00 **Loose Plate:** \$456.00 **TOTAL:** \$3,953.00
Total needed/week: \$3,923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Gary and Jolynn Johns

Lectors: Brittany Peterson

Cantor: Cookie Cooreman

Eucharistic Ministers: Lota Hannasch, Mary Jo Henkel, Richard and Sandy Tuszynski, Marianne Boerboom

Servers: Sarita Canto, Lauren and Noah Knakmuhs

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

Money Counters: Oct. 21-Kathy Swift and Jan Griffith

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



NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S IN MILROY

NOTICE OF MASS CHANGE: THE MASS FOR MILROY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY.

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)

BABY SHOWER: There will be a baby shower for Samantha Tauer (Welu) daughter of John and Theresa Welu. It will be on Sunday, November 3rd from 10-1pm. It will be held here at St Michaels In the church basement. All are welcome.

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 Oct. 6, 2019

Adult: \$935.00 **Student:** \$3.53 **Loose Plate:** \$127.00 **TOTAL:** \$1,065.53
Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Melvin and Bev Welu

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Neil Dolan

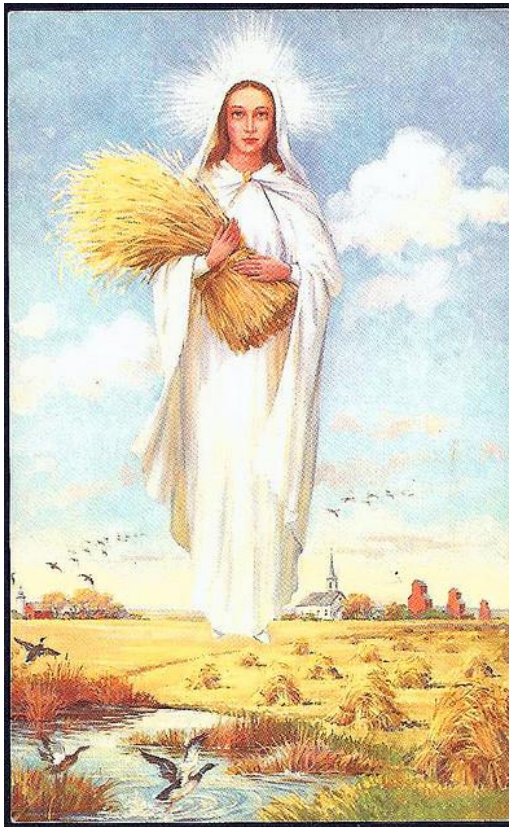
Lector: Don Schmidt

EHMC: Joni Baune, Katy Lightfoot, Ann Felton, Jill Karsten, Stacy Schuh, Peggy Dolan

Servers: Rachel Coudron, Elizabeth and Maranda Larsen

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

Money Counters: Greg & Wanda Debbaut, Jacob Welu



From Fr. Steffl:

Please note – there is **no Tracy Mass on Wednesday of this week (Oct. 16) , and Milroy’s usual Tuesday Mass is moved to Monday (Oct 14) at 8:30 am.** The priests of the diocese have 2 days of meetings/workshops that we have to be present at. There will be 7 am Masses at Holy Redeemer in Marshall on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

St. Mary’s Parish Secretary Position – last weekend I mentioned after the Mass in Tracy that Becky Lanoue has retired as parish secretary for St. Mary’s. We are looking to fill this part-time position. It is 20 hours/week, involving tasks such as putting the bulletin together, some secretarial and bookkeeping work as well as receptionist duties, in other words, to be the face and voice of St. Mary’s Parish. Anyone interested should give me a call at 507-532-5711 or email me at msteffl@holy-redeemer.com for more information, to express interest or for a more complete job description.

St Mary’s School Marathon – Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success this year. This is an important part of our budget, and our **goal for this year was \$13,000.** As of writing this, we were **at \$10,801.** We still need pledges to make this a success. After Mass in Tracy and Milroy this weekend, there will be students at the doors who are willing to take any help you can give in meeting this goal. I was not able to be present last Sunday for the event, but I am told that we had great participation from the school and parishes, too! Congratulations to all who have worked hard to make this a success.

Each year, every parish prepares a “self study” that is a summary of the parish that is sent into the Chancery Offices of the Diocese. I thought you might find the following statistics from July 2018-June 2019 interesting:

	<u>St. Michael, Milroy:</u>	<u>St. Mary’s, Tracy</u>
Total Members:	331	540
Adult Envelope Holders:	104	250
\$50+ donors:	85	134
Religious Ed. Students:	59	58
Catholic School Students:	0	36 (63 incl. pre-K)
Avg. Sun. Mass attendance:	190	187
Baptisms:	7	5
First Communion:	11	6
Confirmation:	8	6
Weddings:	0	0
Funerals:	3	10

Last week, I mentioned 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. **Holy Redeemer is once again hosting a 24 hour period of Eucharistic Adoration 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!