

January 6, 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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- 7:00 a.m. Tues.-F.
- 5:00 p.m. Sat.
- 8 & 10 a.m. Sun.
- 12:30 p.m. Spanish
- 6:00 p.m. Sun.

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- 9 a.m. & 4 p.m.
- Saturdays



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- 2:00 p.m.
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- 8:30 a.m. Sun.
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- 8:00 a.m. Sun.



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UP COMING AT OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE AREA FAITH COMMUNITY:

Sun. Jan. 6	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
	<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 +Lenore Rohlik
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Laurence Lenertz
Mon. Jan. 7	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +David Louwagie Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
Tues. Jan. 8		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's School VS True Light at Marshall
Wed. Jan. 9	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Crystal Stassen
		<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 pm.	Gr. K-12
Thurs. Jan. 10	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's Rectory in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +Gregg DeSmith
Fri. Jan. 11	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 5th/6th, Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Eduardo Mota SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
Sat. Jan. 12	<u>2:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
Sun. Jan. 13	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
	<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 +Larry Johnson
	10:30 am.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Allan & MaryJane Hammerschmidt

Baptisms: Contact Priest to set up a date.

Marriages: Contact Priest at least six months in advance of proposed wedding date.

Hospitalized or ill parishioners: Contact Priest.

New Ulm Diocese Catholic Charities: Counseling & Adoptions toll-free 1-866-670-5163

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.

Prayer Network prayers for healing for all the sick and other needs in the area faith community especially: Norbert Dardis, Alyssa Kirk, Kristina Lunsford, Kelly Garner, Maia Brooks, Robert Gruver, Lisa Driessan, Guy Frechette, Jim Larsen, Coley Fannin, Bob Brewers, Luette Egen, Cathy Verly, Matt Dieter, Someone needs healing, Beatrice Maeyaert, Carol Louwagie, Theresa Hansen, Arlene West, Ron & Evie Stadick, Dee Thatcher, Leonard Lanoue, Karen Peterson, Barb Knutson, Gavin Fischer, Nick Jenniges, Lennard Nydell, Lloyd Welu, Rachel Ewertz, Rachel Hubner, Beverly VanDeWiele, Piyaunch "Bee" Chompsob, Fr. Bob Mraz, John Thomas, Scott Daggett, Amy Sik, Don Alex, Paul DeSmith, Nathan Lewis, Mike Foley, Al Rolling, Tudy Will, Joe, Lawrence Stassen, Delmar Debbaut, & for 4 special intentions. *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.*



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 BECKY LANOUE AT stmary@iw.net.

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: www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org.

CCW NEWS

TRACY: Next Large Function—St. Anthony: Bonnie Buysse & Fran Haecherl

Next Small Function – Our Lady of Fatima: Karen Lanoue & Katie Lanoue

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD for 2017-18: 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 2017-18: 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.

START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT BY REFRESHING YOUR MARRIAGE WITH A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND. The next available **Weekends** are Feb 8-10, 2019 in Windom, MN and Apr 26-28, 2019 in HUTCHINSON, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229. **LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR:** Grieving the death of a spouse? Do you know someone who is? In the "Loss of Spouse" event, you will learn what to expect in the weeks and months after your spouse's death and how to survive the loneliness. Please join us for this encouraging seminar Monday, January 7, 6:30-8:00, at Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall, MN. Questions- 507-532-5711.

GRIEFSHARE --new session starting: GriefShare features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. The session will be held, Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm, January 14-April 8, in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Space. Any questions, call Dorothy 507-401-0601, or church office, 532-5711.

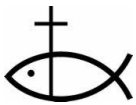
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF SW MN/MARSHALL, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" Series for ten weeks beginning Jan. 14, 2019. This series is designed for those wishing to work through the grieving process following the loss of a loved one. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church on Church and "A" Street in Marshall, MN. Registration is held the first two Monday nights starting at 6:30 P.M. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a \$75 fee to cover the cost of materials. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions, contact: Laurie W: 507-829-4004 or wall.laurie33@gmail.com, MaryAnn S.: 507-828-2866 or maryannschultz83@gmail.com, Mary J.: 507-872-6251 or yotel@centurytel.net.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE MCCL PRO-LIFE RALLY at the Capitol on Jan. 22; the 46th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in our country. There will be a bus leaving from the NW corner of the Marshall Mall parking lot at 6:45 am. It is sponsored by area Knights of Columbus and CCW groups. We will attend the Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30 am and then you can march to the Capitol or ride the bus for the public rally at noon. The bus will return after the rally. For questions or to sign up please call Lori Timmerman at 507-476-0070 or ltimmerman@holy-redeemer.com.

A NEW VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION has been added for Friday, January 18, 2019 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer School, Marshall.

JOIN BISHOP JOHN LEVOIR for the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 20, 2019. It will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at 312 SW 6th St in Willmar, MN. Several Christian denominations in southwest and west-central Minnesota will gather for an ecumenical celebration of the Word of God. The service is held as part of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are invited to attend and there will be a reception to follow.

THE CHURCH OF THE JAPANESE MARTYRS in Leavenworth is having a Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Pancake, Breakfast on Sunday, January 6th, 2019 serving from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. On the menu are pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, coffee, chocolate milk and juice. Cost is \$7:00 for adults; \$5.00 for ages 6-12; \$1.50 for preschool.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Biscuits – x5 dozen and Stir Fry Veggies – 1x bag, are FREE

FROZEN FOOD FUNDRAISER begins on January 2nd and orders are due on January 16th. Please reach out to any of our St. Mary's Religious Education youth or contact Ashley Benson if you'd like to place an order.

SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF is on January 13th at St. Michael's in Milroy from 5:00-7:00PM. This event is hosted by the Catholic Heart Workcamp Youth who will be traveling to Kansas City this year for their mission trip. Please contact Ashley Benson if you'd like to enter a soup or chili in this year's competition! Mark your calendars to come and taste some of the best soup & chili recipes in the area!

RECONCILIATION RETREAT will be held at St. Mary's in Tracy on Saturday, January 19. The retreat begins at 9:30AM with the Sacrament being at 1:00PM. At least 1 parent is required to accompany the student.

DEB HADLEY will be coming to speak at St. Michael's Church from 7:00PM – 8:00PM with refreshments in the basement afterwards on January 23rd. Grades 7 through 12 from both St. Michael's and St. Mary's Faith Formation Class are asked to attend.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Monday, January 7th, Spirit Day ~ wear your St. Mary's Colors, AIMSWEB testing in the morning, grades K-6, Principals' Meeting in New Ulm, all day.

Tuesday, January 8th, Individual & Group Band Lessons, St. Mary's basketball game at True Light in Marshall, 4:00.

Wednesday, January 9th, St. Mary's staff meeting, 3:05.

Thursday, January 10th, Individual & Group Band Lessons, St. Mary's basketball practice, 3:00-5:00, grades 3-6, "Meet the Panthers" Dance Team @ the TMB boys basketball game, FREE admission to the game and FREE treat at the concession stand.

Friday, January 11th, Mass @ 8:30, prepared by grades 5th&6th, Please wear appropriate clothing for mass, grades K-6. NWEA/MAP Growth Test make-up in the morning, grades 3-6

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 WEEKLY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: Dec. 28 \$100 – Tom & Julie Dolan; Jan. 4 \$100 – Greg Kiley.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A STUDENT'S TUITION? Tuition at St. Mary's school is only \$1,875.00 a year for one child, or about \$200 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 @ 212 2018 for information.

THANK YOU to all those who have given to the **Giving Tree Project.** We have collected \$775 towards certificates of gas and groceries for needy people that Father is able to give out throughout the year. We also collected \$100 towards tuition for some family who may have a hard time paying their tuition. We are very blessed to have so many generous parishioners. Happy New Year!

PLEASE JOIN IN ST. MARY'S FELLOWSHIP Sunday, January 20 after 10:30 mass. We will be serving soup and make your own sandwich. Everyone is welcome. Free will offering.

IT IS THAT TIME of year to renew or add to our year long run bulletin ad page. Commercial business, home business, large or small business anyone can advertise. Contact Elise Lanoue 629-3252 for details. Please patronize and thank the advertisers on the back of the Our Lady of the Prairie Bulletin.

COFFEE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE, ground & whole beans, \$10/bag. Contact Alita Lenertz, 507-629-4145.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD: Dec.24, 2018

Adult: \$8,356.00	Debt: \$100.00	School Roof: \$50.00
Youth: \$2.00	Fuel: \$100.00	School Endowment: \$50.00
Loose Plate: \$291.00	School Gift: \$850.00	Christmas Flowers: \$25.00
Total: \$9,824.00		

OUR GIFTS TO GOD: Dec. 30, 2018

Adult: \$7,508.50	Debt: \$755.00	School Gift: \$475.00
Youth: \$14.81	School Roof: \$1.95	
Loose Plate: \$173.26	REAP: \$5.00	(Weekly Budget Average Needed: \$3,923.07)
Total: \$8,933.52		

Money Counters Jan. 7, 2019 – Jan Griffith & Patty Lessman

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

Gifts: Larry & Bonnie Buysse

Lector: Kathy Brockway

Cantor: Katie Lanoue

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard & Sandy Tuszynski, Bev Kosse, Jim & Jeanine Vandendriessche

Servers: Xavier Koenig, Zoe Koenig, Connor Lanoue

Ushers: Richard Krueger, Vincent Lanoue, Tom Lenertz, Michael Lenertz

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Jan. 16 – Alita, Jan. 23 – Fr. Mark, Jan. 30 - Dick



NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S IN MILROY



ADORATION ON THURSDAY: 8:00 – Noon.

ADORATION is held at St. Michael's Every Thursday from 8:00 – Noon in the CHAPEL at the Rectory. Everyone is encouraged to come spend some time with Jesus. If not an hour – just come for a short visit. **HE LONGS TO SEE US!**

DANA CRONICAN, WIFE OF DEACON DICK CRONICAN, passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers. If you wish to send a card here is his address: Deacon Dick Cronican, 9207 Glasgow Dr, Fredricksburg, VA 22408.

EVERYONE INVITED TO HEAR DEB HADLEY'S AMAZING FAITH JOURNEY. Deb has endured many hardships in her life but strives to find purpose and meaning through her suffering. **JOIN US – January 23 at 7:00 PM, St. Michael's, Milroy, EVERYONE INVITED. Bring a Friend!**

ST. MICHAEL'S CCW MEMBERS: If you haven't already sent your CCW Dues of \$20.00, please do so asap. These dues contribute to our annual fee for NCCW nation wide plus pay for all the things like candles, wine, altar accessories, etc. Thanks.

Stewardship Report for Dec. 25, 2018.

Adult: \$1,260.00	CCW Dues: \$25.00
Student: \$-0-	Fall Collection: \$1,012.59
Loose Plate: \$111.65	
Total: \$2,409.24	

Stewardship Report for Dec. 30, 2018

Adult: \$1,385.50	Christmas Flowers: \$20.00	Christmas: \$85.00
Student: -0-	CCW Dues: \$40.00	Stipend: \$20.00
Loose Plate: \$105.00		
Total: \$1,655.50		

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

Gifts: Travis Brey Family

Organist: Doris Cauwels

Cantor: Camille Dolan & Margaret Dolan

Lector: Cathleen Amick

EHMC: Don Schmidt, Ken Lanoue, Cheryl Lanoue, Robin Hauger, Linda Dolan, Anthony Dolan

Servers: John Schmitt, Camille Dolan, Brody Hauger

Ushers: Bob Dolan, Dean Vroman, Greg Debbaut, Ken Parker

Money Counters: Ken Parker, Don & Alice Zeug

From Fr. Steffl:

The **Feast of the Epiphany**, the arrival of the Magi (Wise Men) to adore the Christ Child is traditionally a time of **house blessings**. It is done at this time connected to visit of the Magi to the dwelling of the Holy Family.

For those who would like to take a piece of blessed chalk after Mass to bless their homes, it is available. The marking over the doors of your home, or the entry way is:

20+C+B+M+19

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the names of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “19” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ to bless those homes so marked that he stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The prayer to be said as the letters are chalked above the door is:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

In Marshall, a new adult education series – Evangelization and Acts of the Apostles will be beginning next week. It is a 10-week series, with a DVD presentation and some questions to discuss afterward, similar to the last study we did this autumn on the Eucharist. Each session will be offered 4 different times each week: 3:30 pm Tuesdays (first one on Jan 15th) at Heritage Pointe, 6:30 pm Tuesdays in Carlin Hall (first one Jan 15th), 4 pm Wednesdays at Hill Street Place (first one Jan 16th), and 4 pm Thursdays at Boulder Estates (first one Jan 17th), and everyone is welcome to come to any of the locations. We had a great turnout for the series in the fall and want to encourage everyone to consider this as an option to continue to learn about our Faith!

