

March 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT "LAETARE"-Rejoice!

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Masses:
• 8:30 a.m. Wed.
• 8:30 a.m. Fri.
• 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Confessions:
• 2:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sat. of the
Month

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• 8:30 a.m. Mon.
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Confessions:
• 8:00 a.m. Sun.

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

Sun. Mar. 31	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
	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>Lawrence & Lucille Lightfoot</i>
		2ND COLLECTION-THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES-ST. MICHAEL'S & ST. MARY'S
	10:00 a.m.	<u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Dolores Cooreman</i>
	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary's Church Roast Beef & Pork Dinner-Silent Auction & Raffle
Mon. Apr. 1	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +<i>Dana Cronican</i> Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
Tues. Apr. 2		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
Wed. Apr. 3	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Gr. 5th/6th, at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Rosella Truwe</i> <u>School Confessions after Mass</u> <u>St. Michael's Religious Education in Milroy</u>
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Gr. K-1
	6:50 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's
	6-8:00 p.m.	<u>Grades 2-12 Penance Services at St. Mary's in Tracy - Milroy and Tracy Students</u> <u>St. Mary's Religious Education in Tracy</u>
	6:30-7:30 pm.	Gr. K-1
Thurs. Apr. 4	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +<i>Maureen Lutgen</i>
Fri. Apr. 5	FIRST FRIDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Ray Thoof</i>
	9-2:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's in Tracy
	2:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's, +Benediction SCRIP order/pick up at St. Mary's School
Sat. Apr. 6	FIRST SATURDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +<i>Mary Lanoue</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u>
Sun. Apr. 7	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
	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>Paul Lightfoot</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +<i>Marilyn Weedman</i>

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 DeBlieck, 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: Sandy Alcorn, Don Alex, Kevin & Kim Arnold, Bob Brewers, Maia Brooks, Linda Bruns, Scott Daggett, Loanne Johns Dale, Delmar Debbaut, Paul DeSmith, Difficult Pregnancy, Lisa Driessan, Rachel Ewertz, Gavin Fischer, Mike Foley, Linda Fultz, Kelly Garner, Phillip Goblisch, Joanie Gruver, Glad Henning, Rachel Hubner, Vera James, Joe, Lillian Johannes, Alyssa Kirk, Barb Knutson, Leonard Lanoue, Jim Larsen, Nathan Lewis, Carol Louwagie, Kristine Lunsford, Beatrice Maeyaert, Ray Maeyaert, Bob McCoy, Fr. Bob Mraz, Al Rolling, Amy Sik, Someone Needs Healing, Someone Having Surgery, Ron & Evie Stadick, Lawrence Stassen, Dee Thatcher, John Thomas, Maurice VanDeWiele, Cathy Verly, Lloyd Welu, Tudy Will & 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. Joseph: Rosemary Hemmingsen & Jan LaVoy

Next Small Function – St. Elizabeth: Betty VanKeulen & Mary Jo Henkel

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.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." JOHN 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available **Weekends** are Apr 26-28, 2019 in HUTCHINSON, MN and Nov 15-17, 2019 in OWATONNA, 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.

WALNUT GROVE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, Community Center, 330 6th St. Thursday, April 25, 2019, 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, please call Maydra Maas at 507-747-2519.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GROWING CLOSER TO GOD AND TO YOUR SPOUSE THIS LENT? You are invited to a beautiful retreat designed to reignite & reconnect married couples entitled, **“Revitalize,”** which will be led by **Dcn Tony & Mary Grack** April 5-7, 2019 located at *The Abbey of the Hills Retreat Center* in Marvin, SD. Go to Abbeyofthehills.org or call the Abbey at 605.398.9200. The retreat is a free-will offering.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be at Wabasso Community center on Wed. April 17, 2019 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm – If you would like to make an appt call Arlene at 342.5493 or just walk in that day. **THEY HAVE A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF TYPE O BLOOD DONATIONS AND URGE TYPE O DONORS AS WELL AS ELIGIBLE DONORS OF ALL BLOOD TYPES to give now to help ensure lifesaving patient care isn’t impacted this winter. More donations are needed NOW. Thanks.**

JOIN US AT ST. ANASTASIA IN HUTCHINSON FOR THE 60TH ANNUAL NEW ULM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION as we welcome Kathy Bonner and Amanda Sieling as our Keynote speakers. Kathy, an international motivational speaker, will be speaking on Domestic Violence and her experiences on this subject. She has been published in national magazines and newsletters and produced and edited a nationally distributed brochure on domestic violence. Our second speaker, Amanda Sieling, a former Assistant County Attorney and now a Professor on Criminal Justice, will be speaking on delinquency, abuse, and neglect cases and its effects. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with women from throughout the diocese for a day of friendship. For more information and/or to register, contact your Parish CCW President, Patty Lessman, Tracy, Emily Welu & Taylor Mueller, Milroy. All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend. Be spiritually enriched! Grow in your faith! Meet new friends! Connect with other faith filled women from the diocese.

ST. MARYS ROAST BEEF & PORK DINNER, today, Sunday, March 31 serving from 11-1. Dine In, Take Out or Delivery in Tracy city limits by calling 629-3841. Join in the Raffle and Silent Auction during the event!

MARSHALL AREA DEMENTIA AWARENESS NETWORK has teamed up with A.C.E. of SW MN and Heritage Pointe to offer the REST training. The training will be Saturday, April 6 at Heritage Pointe from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. REST stands for Respite Education and Support Tools for family caregivers, volunteer and paid respite providers/caregivers. The program value is \$30 to attend; there is a cost share sliding scale available. This education offers CEU's for Social Workers and Nurses for an additional fee. We would greatly appreciate you sharing this unique training opportunity with caregivers in your congregation. Space is limited to 15 people so please RSVP to Jamie Lanners by April 1 at 507-828-8891 or email at marshallareadementia@gmail.com. For more information visit the REST website at www.restprogram.org or contact Jamie Lanners.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-12 are to attend the Penance Service at St. Mary's with their families. Confessions will be held from 6-8 pm. There will be three priests available for the sacrament. This is your class requirement.

1ST COMMUNION RETREAT is on April 13th at 1:30 in St. Michael's Church Basement.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE BANQUET LAST WEEK! We are very proud of our volunteers, you did a fantastic job of sharing God's love through your service. We served 345 people throughout the night. There were many great words said of our youth and adult helpers! A special thanks to all of our donors, because of your generosity, the trip and meal has been paid in full! Thank you, thank you!

APRIL 17TH-HOLY WEEK, NO CLASSES. (See bulletin for mass times.)

MAY 5TH-1ST COMMUNION for both St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

CHWC will be selling rolls again on April 14th at both St. Mary's and St. Michael's



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Monday, April 1st, Spirt Day ~ wear your St. Mary's clothing. Greenwood Nursery Certificates will go home.
Tuesday, April 2nd, Mrs. Dieter will be attending a MDE Title Workshop in Marshall. Band Lessons today.
Wednesday, April 3rd, Mass, 8:30, prepared by grades 5&6. Please wear appropriate clothing for mass, grades K-6.
Thursday, April 4th, Band Lessons, STARS Program, 2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 5th, Stations of the Cross, 2:00 p.m.

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: Mar. 22 \$100 – Donna Erbes; Mar. 29 \$100 – Laurie Templeton.

SCHOOL MEMORIALS in memory of Mary Lanoue, Don Maeyaert, Theresa Hansen, and Beverly Macht.

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

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD! Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Annabelle Lucille Diekmann**, age 93, who died on Monday, March 18 and whose funeral Monday, March 25, 2019 and was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Walnut Grove. Our condolences to her family.

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.

LOST & FOUND - KEYS

There was a set of keys found outside the church. If you are missing a set of keys, please contact Chris Schons @ St. Mary's School.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH EASTER CLEANING will be next Saturday, April 6th at 8:00 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, at St. Mary's in Tracy, are held on Fridays, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

ST. MARY'S GARDENS & QUILTS TOUR July 10 with July 11 rain date 2-8 pm. We are planning to tour in the Lake Shetek and Garvin area this year. If any one knows of someone that would like to be on our tour please contact one of the committee: Jolynn Johns, Becky Averill, Rose Goltz, Jan LaVoy, Fr. Mallak or Elise Lanoue. Anyone wanting to assist with this event in any way please contact the committee also. Raffle tickets will be coming for sale soon for a chance to win a 30x70 Cuddle Throw by Jolynn Johns; a Collapsible Wagon filled with Garden Supplies; and 2 St. Mary Pie Certificates.

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY; the "Food For Kidz" event is fast approaching and will be held April 24, 2019, 4-7:00 p.m. at the Caboose located at Hwy 14 in Tracy. If you are not familiar with this event please contact Tracy Lutheran and we can fill you in. We are asking for at least one member of your church to join us at the planning committee meeting to be held April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Tracy Lutheran Church. The purpose of this meeting is to have individuals sign up to help with distributing posters, contacting organizations for donations and help, etc. Please encourage at least one member of your church to attend. This is an event that is sponsored by the Tracy area Churches and your help is needed. Thank you. The "Food For Kidz" Committee.

MONTH THREE - DEVELOPING BABY

"I grabbed my hand!" The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce and is about 3 inches in length.

Denise Weedman -Reverence Life Commission.

Remember that Prayer Shawls are available in the back of Church.

MISSION OF LOVE PROJECT 19TH YEAR, look whatever \$2.00 donated can do. Provide corn, beans, rice to feed a FAMILY for a week at our Diocesan Mission at San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala. Also provide some school supplies. Imagine what \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50 or more can do. 100% goes to the mission and tax deductible. Make checks MISSION OF LOVE, put in envelope with your NAME and drop in collection at St. Mary's Parish or school office or give to Alita Lenertz. Your name goes on each card and sent to the mission. What a great Lenten alms given, also memorials for loved ones. Please be generous, note poster as you enter church You may contact Alita Lenertz, 507-629-4145 or 507-993-2654. Thank you!

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD: Mar. 24, 2019

Adult: \$1,608.00 **Youth:** \$14.00 **Loose Plate:** \$69.00 **TOTAL:** \$1,691.00

Total needed/week: \$,3923.07

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Apr. 7, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Tason Facio & Family

Lector: Marlene Halfmann

Cantor: Kim Schroepfer

Eucharistic Ministers: Jolynn Johns, Dave Lenertz, Heidi Morgan, Jan LaVoy, Gloria VanOverbeke

Server: Alex Munson, Jordan Munson, Weston Marten

Ushers: Gary Peterson, Fred Timmerman, Gavin VanMoer, Joe VanMoer

Money Counters Apr. 1, 2019 – Kathy Swift & Patty Lessman

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion: Apr. 10 – Linda, Apr. 17 – Fr. Mark, Apr. 24 – Dick



NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S IN MILROY

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!**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, at St. Michael's in Milroy, are held on Wednesdays, at 6:50 p.m.. Everyone is invited to attend.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLEANING dates are Friday April 5th 6:00 – 8:00 PM (hoping Men come also to clean the high places) and Saturday, April 6th. from 9:30-11:00 AM.. If these dates don't work for you please come during the week prior and the work sheets will be on the counter in the basement. Just mark off what jobs were completed. Thanks. Hope to see everyone there. (Many hands make light work)

Stewardship Report for Mar. 24, 2019

Adult: \$625.00 **Student:** \$2.48 **Loose Plate:** \$138.00 **TOTAL:** \$765.48

Total needed/week: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Apr. 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Kelly & Tom Hoflock

Organist: Carole Snyder

Cantor: Suzanne Lightfoot

Lector: Ken Lanoue

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

Servers: Rachel Coudron, Elizabeth Coudron, Kathryn Coudron

Ushers: Joe Lanoue, Bob Zwach, Cris Knott, Jeff Orren

Money Counters: Becky & Joe Lanoue, Jane Louwagie, Dean & Alice Vroman



From Fr. Steffl:

This weekend, we take up in our parishes the annual second collection for Catholic Relief Services, the charitable arm of the US Catholic Church, which goes to helping people in need and times of disaster, both here and around the world.

This next Wednesday, April 3rd from 6-8 pm at St. Mary's there will be 3 priests available for Confessions and it is for our Religious Education students, but also everyone from the parishes to come to receive that Sacrament and spend some time in prayer. If not this opportunity, there are still other scheduled times for individual Confessions before Easter, but if you have not yet found your way to the Confessional, be deliberate about finding a time to meet Our Lord as the Divine Physician!

Someone recently asked me why we don't have "general absolution" where a person can come to a penance service without having to go to individual Confession to a priest (even when these happened, the priest was supposed to tell the people that they needed to still go individually at the nearest opportunity...) I don't know when/if this was done in our local parishes, but some priests in the past unfortunately "took the easy way out" by not encouraging the use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession. And because of this, sadly, there are many people who have not been to Confession in a long time. Is it difficult to go? Yes, it is always difficult to admit that we have sinned; but it would be "spiritual malpractice" for me as a priest to deprive people of this Sacrament of Jesus' Mercy. But I've never had anyone tell me that they didn't feel God's Mercy and Forgiveness, or that they were sorry they went! It doesn't matter which priest you go to for this Sacrament, it just matters that you go. And if it has been a long time or a short time, don't let this Lent go by without getting back to where you need to be with the Lord through that Sacrament. What is called "general absolution" is only to be used in the most-rare of emergencies. Archbishop Flynn would tell his priests in St. Paul and Minneapolis "only if a plane is going down or you are on the battlefield... and if they survive, they still have to go individually!" As Pope Francis says, "Jesus is waiting for you, don't keep Him waiting..."

A little over a week ago, students from Milroy/Tracy went to "The Banquet" which is a "soup kitchen" in Sioux Falls that feeds the homeless. There were 46 students and adults from our parishes who attended for the evening and served 345 in need. It is a great opportunity for our students to meet Jesus in the faces of the needy. Thanks to our new Religious Education Directors, Diann Timmerman in Tracy, and Suzanne Lightfoot in Milroy, who have "not let any grass grow under their feet" since stepping into these positions.

Good news to report on the St. Mary's School fundraiser "Masquerade Ball" held at the Caboose a few weeks ago. Although the weather was awful, the event had a profit of about \$4100. It was a nice event, and even though Fr. Labat and I were not able to stay very long, it was very enjoyable and entertaining. Thanks to many who contributed and those who put many hours of organization in to making it a success!

