

January 27, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Masses:
 • 7:00 a.m. Tues.-F. Pastor Fr. Mark Steffl msteffl@holy-redeemer.com
 • 5:00 p.m. Sat. Secretary Amy Bauer abauer@holy-redeemer.com
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 • 12:30 p.m. Sun. SMSU Rel. Center
 • 6:00 p.m. Sun. Confessions:
 • 9 a.m. & 4 p.m. Saturdays



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 507-629-4075
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Masses:
 • 8:30 a.m. Wed. Secretary Becky Lanoue 507-629-4075
 • 8:30 a.m. Fri. Religious Ed. Ashley Benson 507-629-3667
 • 10:30 a.m. Sun. Maintenance Tim Amick 507-829-5197
 Confessions:
 • 2:00 p.m. Prayer Network Alita Lenertz Cell:507-993-2654
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 Month Lota Hannasch 507-629-4866



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 • 8:30 a.m. Mon. Religious Ed Ashley Benson 507-336-2505
 • 8:30 a.m. Sun. Bookkeeper Kami Parker 507-828-6515
 • 8:30 a.m. 1st Sat. Church Cleaner Linda Dolan 507-829-1032
 Confessions:
 • 8:00 a.m. Sun. Groundskeeper Larry Karsten 507-336-2624



St. Paul's Church
 P.O. Box 236
 Walnut Grove MN
 56180

Masses:
 8:30 a.m. Thurs. Administrator Nancy Hewitt 507-859-2375
 At Country View Senior Living Bookkeeper Pat Hansen 507-859-2581
 Prayer Network Pam Baumann 507-859-2503

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

- Sun. Jan. 27** **THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 a.m. **Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy**
8:30 a.m. **Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy**
 +Brooklyn Larsen
 CHWC Rolls – Milroy & Tracy
2ND COLLETON: CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF THE DIOCESE-MILROY & TRACY
10:30 a.m. **Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy**
 +Roger VanOverbeke
- Mon. Jan. 28** **8:30 a.m.** **Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy**
 +Edith Ousky
 Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
7:00 p.m. **Marian KC Council Meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall in Tracy**
- Tues. Jan. 29** **Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy**
- Wed. Jan. 30** **8:30 a.m.** **Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy**
 +William Schons
 St. Michael's Religious Education in Milroy
6:00-7:00 p.m. Gr. K-6
7:15-8:30 p.m. Gr. 7-12
 St. Mary's Religious Education in Tracy
6:30-7:30 p.m. Gr. K-12
- Thurs. Jan. 31** **8 – Noon** **Adoration at St. Michael's Rectory in Milroy**
8:30 a.m. **Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove**
 +Pearl VanDeWiele
5:30 p.m. **St. Mary's Administration Council Meeting at St. Mary's Rectory in Tracy**
7:00 p.m. **Education Committee Meeting at St. Mary's Rectory in Tracy**
- Fri. Feb. 1** **FIRST FRIDAY**
8:30 a.m. **School Mass, Gr. 5th/6th, Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy**
 +Joseph Vercrusysse
 School Confessions after Mass
9:00-12:30 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. Feb. 2** **FIRST SATURDAY**
8:30 a.m. **Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy**
 +Linda Namie
9:00 a.m. **Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy**
- Sun. Feb. 3** **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 a.m. **Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy**
8:30 a.m. **Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy**
 +Mary Vroman Battle
10:30 a.m. **Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy**
 +Deborah Larsen

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: Don Alex, Kevin & Kim Arnold, Bob Brewers, Maia Brooks, Linda Bruns, Piyaunch “Bee” Chompsob, Scott Daggett, Norbert Dardis, Delmar Debbaut, Paul DeSmith, Matt Dieter, Lisa Driessan, Luette Egen, Rachel Ewertz, Gavin Fischer, Mike Foley, Guy Frechette, Kelly Garner, Theresa Hansen, Rachel Hubner, Vera James, Nick Jenniges, Joe, Lillian Johannes, Alyssa Kirk, Barb Knutson, Leonard Lanoue, Jim Larsen, Nathan Lewis, Carol Louwagie, Kristine Lunsford, Vonnie & Chuck Lutz, Beatrice Maeyaert, Fr. Bob Mraz, Lennard Nydell, Karen Peterson, Al Rolling, Amy Sik, Someone Needs Healing, 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. Anthony: Bonnie Buysse & Fran Haecherl

Next Small Function – St. Ann: Dorothy Algyer & Gwen Johnson

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.

MARION COUNCIL #3750 will be conducting their **annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest** Sunday, January 27th. Registration will start at 2:00 pm with the contest starting after the St. Mary’s grade school basketball games against Balaton approximately 3:00 pm. There will be competition for each age group including ages 9 through 14 for boys and the same ages for girls. Contestants age on January 1st will be the group they compete in. All students from the Tracy, Milroy, Balaton, and Walnut Grove areas are invited. Contact person for further information is Joe Van Moer at 507-215-1881.

MARION COUNCIL #3750 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be moving their meeting date from every third Monday to every 4th Monday of the month starting this month with the January meeting being held January 28th.

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." - **JOHN 13:34** - Experience the love of your spouse in a deeper, more meaningful way on 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.

THE “WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE SERIES” (Adult Faith Formation) will be starting **Wed. Feb. 13 and Sun. Feb. 17th**. More information will follow. Mark your Calendars. Everyone is welcome even if you didn’t attend last year – every session is a new beginning. (At St. Michael’s in Milroy).

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK is the week of January 27 through February 2. In conjunction with that significant event, Bishop John M. LeVoir has announced that a second collection be taken up at all Masses in the diocese the weekend of January 26 and 27 to benefit Catholic Schools in the Diocese of New Ulm. In those Area Faith Communities that have Catholic schools, 75 percent of the proceeds will go directly to that Catholic school. The other 25 percent will be deposited equally in two endowment funds already set up to benefit those Catholic schools. Where there are no schools, 100 percent of the funds will go into the endowment funds.

11 DAYS ALPINE EUROPE PILGRIMAGE INCLUDING “THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU.”
Come along May 18-28, 2020, to take in a spiritual event that happens only every ten years,

“The Passion Play of Oberammergau”. This international event has been taking place for over 400 years in Germany! This will all be part of a pilgrimage taking in three Alpine countries, Southern Germany, Austria and Switzerland. These are three of the most beautiful countries in all of Europe, and we’ll visit great sites such as Heidelberg, the Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Salzburg, Munich and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,499 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary’s Parish, 311 – 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

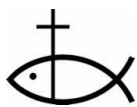
“**HARVESTING HOPE: ECUMENICAL FARMER & SPOUSE RETREAT**”, February 8 & 9, 2019, The Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center in Marvin, South Dakota. This retreat will focus on Hope, Faith, Communication with Spouse, Reduction of Stress, and HUMOR. Free will Offering, no one will be turned away. Begins Friday, 6:30PM Supper, Concludes Saturday, 3:00PM. Advanced registration is required. Register on line at www.abbeyofthehills.org Or call 605-398-9200.

COME AND ENJOY BRUNCH WITH BISHOP JOHN M. LEVOIR

The 5th Annual Benefit for Catholic Schools – Brunch with the Bishop will be on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. (serving will end at noon). The brunch will be held at Church of the Holy Redeemer (Roncalli Room), 503 W Lyon Street, Marshall. Bishop John M. LeVoir will assist in serving the brunch and greeting those attending. Guests will be asked for a free-will offering. Free-will donations will be allocated with 75% of the donations benefitting the diocesan endowments supporting Catholic schools and 25% to the local hosting school, Holy Redeemer. Donors will also have the opportunity to specify the allocation of any additional contributions. No reservations necessary.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL is planned for Tuesday February 19. Please consider attending as this is an opportunity to convey your Catholic values and message to elected officials. You may register (registration deadline is February 3) and/or find more information as far as schedule and activities at: <https://catholicsatthecapitol.org>.

ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT beginning Feb, 4 – March 11, 2019 at Redwood Area Hospital. Give yourself the opportunity to work through your own grief, gain strength and experience the care and support of others in the group. There is no cost to participate. It is important to attend all six sessions if possible. For more information on the support group or to register, please call Chelsey Gniffke at the Carris Health – Redwood Hospital at 507-637-4617.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Lucas Hubner, Elizabeth Buyck, Clara, Buyck, Tason Facio, Noah Johnson, Allison Dolan, Levi Duscher, Brystal Walling, Samuel Leach, Jayda Snyder, Levi Gladitsch, Payton Kesteloot, Levi Hauger, Lane Peterson and Garret Stolp for receiving their First Reconciliation on January 19th! We’d like to thank their parents for supporting them throughout the preparation for this wonderful Sacrament. Thank you to their Catechists for helping them along their faith journey. And Thank You to the CCW for helping get snack and lunch prepared for their retreat! All of your efforts are greatly appreciated!

CONFIRMATION MEETING will be held on January 30th at St. Mary’s Church Basement in Tracy at 7:00PM. All Confirmation students from St. Michael’s and St. Mary’s are required to attend along with a parent.

VALENTINE’S DINNER IS ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH at St. Mary’s in Tracy. Cost is \$35.00 per Couple or \$18.00 per Single. Must have reservation in by Feb. 6th or Call Jean Schmidt (507)-828-2171 to make your reservation. The schedule for the evening is 5:00-6:00 Social Hour, 6:00-7:00 Dinner, and 7:00-8:00 Entertainment. Proceeds go to the Youth for our Mission Trip to Kansas City in July 2019! Let our Youth take good care of you! Candlelight Evening!

SERVICE TRIP TO THE BANQUET, meals for those in need, Sioux Falls, SD, will be on March 20th this year. We are now taking donations to help pay for the meal and our transportation for this trip. If you’d like to donate towards this wonderful cause, please label it “The Banquet”. The meal cost is usually around \$1,000. Thank you for your generosity!



ST. MARY’S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Sunday, January 27th, 10:30 Mass at St. Mary’s, St. Mary’s Students will be fully participating in the Mass today.

Hot dog meal served after Mass through the Book Fair., Book Fair Open House following Mass, 11:30-1:00.

St. Mary’s Echoes basketball teams vs Balaton @ home, 1:30, Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest following the basketball game. **Catholic United Financial sponsored “Catholic Schools Raffle” continues. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and 100% of proceeds stays at St. Mary’s School. Please contact a St. Mary’s student.**

Monday, January 28th, PJ/Crazy Hair Day (bring a stuffed animal or blanket). Pennies for Patience posters will be created by saint groups, 8:30-9:15, Movie “Cars 3” will be watched at 1:15 p.m., Band & Choir rehearsal at TAHS, 1:40 p.m., 5th & 6th grade band concert, TAHS, 7:00 p.m. Arrive no later than 6:40 p.m., Children’s Community Choir concert, TAHS, 7:00 p.m. Arrive no later than 6:40 p.m.

Tuesday, January 29th, Hat/Sunglasses/Sports Day, NO Band Lessons today, Mini Course Session I, 1:05-1:35. “Wheel of Fortune”, 1:45-2:45, St. Mary’s basketball vs True Light, tip-off 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30th, Yourself in the Future Day, Parent Lunch, 11:20, Book Fair will be open until 1:00. St. Mary’s Alumni speakers, 1:00, Mini Course Session II, 1:45-2:15, Mini Course Session III, 2:15-2:45

Thursday, January 31st, Community Pride Day (dress as a business owner or employee), NO Band Lessons today. Mini Course Session IV, 12:45-1:15, “Passing Game” begins at 1:45, all school St. Mary’s basketball practice for grades 3-6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 1st, Mass @ 8:30, prepared by grades 5&6, confessions to follow for grades 2-6. Please wear appropriate clothing for mass, grades K-6. Mismatch Day, Talent Show, promptly begins at 1:30 p.m. in the school gym.

THANK YOU, DAN LANOUE, for building standards for our students. This will allow us to learn the skills necessary for Volleyball, Badminton, Pickleball and many other wonderful physical activities. The standards are beautiful!! Thank you, DAN!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN TRACY IS SPONSORING A SOUP AND PIE FUNDRAISER on Saturday, February 2nd at IHM Church Basement in Currie. Serving from 6 pm-8 pm. Serving Vegetable Beef, Ham & Potato, Chicken Dumpling, Chili, Fresh Baked Bread, Pies, Desserts, and Beverages. Take outs are available. Mass at IHM is Saturday at 5:30 pm.

SCHOOL MEMORIAL in memory of Andrew Laleman.

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: Jan. 18 \$100 – Dale Johnson III; Jan. 25 \$100 – Theresa Buyck

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL sponsored **Catholic Schools Raffle** is happening right now!!!! Please purchase tickets! Tickets are \$5.00 each or one book of 10 for \$50.00! You will be eligible to win a 2019 Chevy Trax or \$20,000 or \$5,000 Dream Vacation, Family Get-Aways to the Twin Cities, Smart T.V, Apple iPads, and much more! Please support St. Mary’s School ~ **every dollar generated will be given to St. Mary’s School!** Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary’s School.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is happening now! over at St. Mary’s School! **All proceeds generated will benefit St. Mary’s School Library.** You’ll find books & gifts for all of your young readers. Remember, books are fantastic gifts no matter what the age. Thank you for supporting our school library.

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 @ 507- 212- 2018 for information.

IT’S TIME TO START THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN BABY FOR 2019. In the back of Church there is a box that contains the small packets of prayers and baby booties for you to take. Prayers are said from January through October that an unborn baby that is in danger of not being born will be born healthy. In October there will be a baby shower and a fellowship luncheon to honor and celebrate the birth. You are “spiritually adopting” a baby by naming the child, praying for the child and its parents, and praying that the child is not aborted. A poster of the nine months of the development of the child is also in the back of Church. Each month will show the growth progress of the baby, including an explanation of that month. “I’m here” details the conception of new life within the mother’s womb. The child conceived will begin to grow over the next nine months. Denise Weedman, Reverence Life Commission

TRACY AREA GARDENS & QUILTS TOUR AND RAFFLE has been a successful event for the past four years. Thank you to the people from our parish and Tracy Kiwanis that assisted in any way to make these a success. As was stated last summer, Kiwanis has decided that they are no longer going to help sponsor this event. This event has the potential of bringing in \$4,500.00 for CCW and the kitchen remodel. To continue with this event we are in search of a minimum of 4 people to help on the committee. Without this commitment we will not be able to continue with the Tracy Area Gardens & Quilts Tours. Please contact Jolynn Johns 629-3724 or Elise Lanoue 629-3252 with questions or to volunteer to be a vital part of this fund raiser.

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: Jan. 20, 2019

Adult: \$2,713.00 **Fuel:** \$65.00
Youth: \$1.00 **School Gift:** \$225.00
Loose Plate: \$112.40 **Seminary Aid:** \$20.00
Total: \$3,136.40 (Weekly Budget Average Needed: \$3,923.07)
Money Counters Jan. 21, 2019 – Kathy Swift & Karen Lanoue

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Heidi Morgan Family
Lector: Jenna Buyck
Cantor: Kim Schroepfer
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Schaar, Colleen Schiller, Richard & Sandy Tuszynski, Bev Kosse
Servers: Brok Roggatz, Talon Brinkley, Madison Johnson
Ushers: Dave Dieter, Jeff Buyck, Tony Rolling, Mitchell Rolling
Prairie View Nursing Home Communions: Feb. 6 – Marianne, Feb. 13 – Alita, Feb. 20 - 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!**

Stewardship Report for Jan. 20, 2019

Adult: \$450.00 **Restricted Elevator:** \$500.00 **CCD Registration:** \$45.00
Student: \$0.95 **CHWC-Soup & Chili-to St. Mary:** \$668.00
Loose Plate: \$67.00 **Stipends:** \$30.00 **Total:** \$1,760.95

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Ann Felton Family
Organist: Carole Snyder
Cantor: Suzanne Lightfoot
Lector: Brandon Karsten
EHMC: Jean Walling, Becky Lanoue, Angie Orren, Alice Vroman, Eli Welu, Emily Welu
Servers: Rachel Coudron, Noah Coudron, Kathryn Coudron
Ushers: Mike Baune, Dominic Dolan, Ben Lightfoot, Dick Vroman
Money Counters: Greg & Wanda Debbaut, Jacob Welu

From Fr. Steffl:

FORMED is an on-line site where parishoners can access Catholic media – movies, presentations, audio, and on-line Catholic reading - things to deepen one’s Faith and knowledge of the Catholic Faith. For those of you who have not visited it – I recommend it strongly. One person described it as “Netflix for Catholics.” In the past, St. Michael’s and St. Mary’s have shared a subscription for any parishoners who would like to make use of the resources they have available. As it was time to renew the subscription for the parish, I discovered that only one subscription is necessary to include all the parishes that I am officially “pastor” of. So that means we can save some money for the Tracy and Milroy parishes while still offering subscription to our parishoners. For those already using FORMED, you will need to:

1. Login to FORMED
2. Click on your initials in the upper right hand corner
3. Click “subscription”
4. Click “Edit Parish Code”
5. Change the code to “YW2JXQ”

For those who have not yet used it, go to FORMED.ORG and click on “ENTER CODE” and use the code “YW2JXQ” and set up a user profile. Give it a try, it’s free, and there is so much to learn and use!

Holy Redeemer in Marshall is hosting its annual Lenten parish mission March 11-13. Everyone is invited from Milroy and Tracy, too, so please get these dates on your calendar. The speaker is a well-known man from Ireland, John Pridmore who had a remarkable conversion and is well worth your time!

This next week is Catholic Schools Week (CSW). This year’s “theme” for CSW is “Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.” Many of us have had the opportunity to attend a Catholic School. It is a good opportunity to be aware of what our Catholic Schools continue to provide, and to also show an expression of our Catholic Schools through our prayers, encouragement, and our financial support as an “investment” in the future, as many long ago also made an “investment” in us. In a particular way, I also take this time each year to remember to pray for those who taught me and the benefactors who made it possible for me to receive a Catholic education, as we pray also for the deceased alumni of our Catholic Schools.

Please also keep in your prayers our search for a new Director of Religious Education for Tracy and Milroy. We are looking for **either a shared full-time position or also two part-time positions, one for each parish and program**, with some shared responsibility overlap. *Please give this consideration, and your prayer, and encourage someone who might be a good fit to visit with me about it!*

