

**February 3, 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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 • 8 & 10 a.m. Sun. Bulletin editor Rachel Krueger rkrueger@holy-redeemer.com  
 • 12:30 p.m. Spanish  
 • 6:00 p.m. Sun. SMSU Rel. Center

Confessions:  
 • 9 a.m. & 4 p.m. Saturdays



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 • 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the Prayer Network Alita Lenertz Cell:507-993-2654  
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 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:**

<b>Sun. Feb. 3</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u></b>
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy</b> <b>+Mary Vroman Battle</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Deborah Larsen</b>
<b>Mon. Feb. 4</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy</b> <b>+Margaret Gilb</b> Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
<b>Tues. Feb. 5</b>		<b>Healing &amp; Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 6</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>Alita Lenertz – Happy Birthday!</b> <b><u>St. Michael's Religious Education in Milroy</u></b>
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Gr. K-6
	7:15-8:30 p.m.	Gr. 7-12
		<b><u>St. Mary's Religious Education in Tracy</u></b>
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Gr. K-12
<b>Thurs. Feb. 7</b>	<b>8 – Noon</b>	<b>Adoration at St. Michael's Rectory in Milroy</b>
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove</b> <b>+Evelyn Rys</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Bp. Grace 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree KC Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	St. Mary's CCW Meeting in the Church Hall at Tracy
<b>Fri. Feb. 8</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Dave &amp; Margo Casey</b>
<b>Sat. Feb. 9</b>	<b><u>2:00 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Confessions at St. Mary's in Tracy</u></b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 10</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Confessions at St. Michael's in Milroy</u></b>
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy</b> <b>+Dean Rudenick</b>
	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u></b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy</b> <b>+Donald Vroman</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Valentine's Dinner at St. Mary's in Tracy</b>

**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:** Don Alex, Kevin & Kim Arnold, Bob Brewers, Maia Brooks, Linda Bruns, Piyaunch “Bee” Chompsob, Scott Daggett, Norbert Dardis, Delmar Debbaut, Paul DeSmith, Matt Dieter, Abel Dolney, 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ourladyoftheprairie-afc.org).

**CCW NEWS**

**TRACY: Next Large Function—**St. Elizabeth: Betty VanKeulen & Mary Jo Henkel

**Next Small Function –** St. Anthony: Bonnie Buysse & Frances Haecherl

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> St. N. Apt. 201, New Ulm, MN 56073, Ordination Feb. 23, 1958, Birthday Dec. 4.

**"PUT ON THEN, AS GOD'S CHOSEN ONES, HOLY AND BELOVED, HEARTFELT COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, AND PATIENCE."** - *Colossians 3:12*. Experience these at 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](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup>. 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).

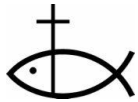
**“HARVESTING HOPE: ECUMENICAL FARMER & SPOUSE RETREAT”**, February 8 & 9, 2019, The Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center in Marvin, South Dakota. This retreat will focus on Hope, Faith, Communication with Spouse, Reduction of Stress, and HUMOR. Free will Offering, no one will be turned away. Begins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

**CONFIRMATION MEETING** was postponed to February 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FROZEN FOOD PICK UP** was postponed to February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to stop in and pick up your orders at Faith Formation.

**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** will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, PJ/Crazy Hair Day (bring a stuffed animal or blanket), Pennies for Patients posters will be created by saint groups, 8:30-9:15, Movie in the afternoon. Students are allowed to bring a beverage with resealable cover. Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Karla Cross, will visit St. Mary's School & Church.

**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, Hat/Sunglasses/Sports Day, Mini Course Session I, 1:05-1:35, "Wheel of Fortune", 1:45-2:45.

NO Band Lessons today, St. Mary's basketball practice for grades 3-6, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Big Buddies will visit for lunch & recess today.

**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**, Yourself in the Future Day, Parent Lunch, 11:20, Book Fair will be open until 1:00.

Mini Course Session II, 1:45-2:15, Mini Course Session III, 2:15-2:45

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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, 3-5:00.

**Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**, Mass @ 8:30, prepared by grades 1&2, Please wear appropriate clothing for mass, grades K-6.

Mismatch Day, Talent Show, promptly begins at 1:15 p.m. in the school gym (note time change)

"Meet the Panthers" night. Boys' basketball vs Lakeview Lakers. **FREE** admission into the game and a **FREE** treat at the concession stand.

**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade basketball tournament at St. Anne's, Wabasso

**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!

**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 25 - Theresa Buyck \$100; Feb 2 - Mark and Vicki Anderson \$100; Catholic Schools Week - Jolene Labat \$500

**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**



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD!** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lennard Allan Nydell**, age 77, who died on Thursday January 24 and whose funeral was Friday February 1. Our condolences to his 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.

**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.

**MISSION OF LOVE PROJECT 19<sup>TH</sup> 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!

**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. 27, 2019**

<b>Adult:</b> \$2,319.00	<b>Fuel:</b> \$157.00	<b>Debt:</b> \$35.00
<b>Youth:</b> \$10.00	<b>School Gift:</b> \$225.00	<b>Catholic Schools of Diocese:</b> \$521.75
<b>Loose Plate:</b> \$139.15	<b>Seminary Aid:</b> \$50.00	<b>Bldg &amp; Improvements:</b> \$27.00
<b>Total:</b> \$3,483.90	(Weekly Budget Average Needed: \$3,923.07)	

**Money Counters Feb. 4, 2019** – Kathy Swift & Pat Hansen

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

**Gifts:** Steve & Jan LaVoy Family

**Lector:** Tom Lenertz

**Cantor:** Carla VanDeWiele

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Vandendriessche – Just 1 (NO PRECIOUS BLOOD)

**Servers:** Lauren Verlinde, Lawton Verlinde, Nolan Verlinde

**Ushers:** Dave Dieter, Jeff Buyck, Tony Rolling, Mitchell Rolling

**Prairie View Nursing Home Communion:** Feb. 13 – Alita, Feb. 20 – Dick, Feb. 27 – Fr. Mark



**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. 27, 2019**

<b>Adult:</b> \$785.00	<b>Pro-Life Breakfast:</b> \$210.00	<b>Catholic Schools Collection:</b> \$167.00
<b>Student:</b> \$3.92	<b>Grant for Speaker:</b> \$300.00	<b>CCW Dues:</b> \$20.00
<b>Loose Plate:</b> \$225.26	<b>Restricted Fund for Speaker:</b> \$324.00	<b>DMA:</b> \$ 760.05
<b>Total:</b> \$2,795.23		

**Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Gifts:** Steve Goblisch Family

**Organist:** Doris Cauwels

**Cantor:** Moses Dolan

**Lector:** Kami Parker

**EHMC:** Taylor Mueller, Don Schmidt – Just 2 (NO PRECIOUS BLOOD)

**Servers:** Nicholas Schmitt, Ezekiel Dolan, Noah Kesteloot

**Ushers:** Mike Baune, Dominic Dolan, Ben Lightfoot, Dick Vroman

**Money Counters:** Greg & Wanda Debbaut, Jacob Welu



From Fr. Steffl:

For the next 10 days, from Feb 4-14, I will be on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with 24 people, many from our area. (Many are surprised to know that I have never been there.) I will keep everyone in my prayers, especially at the Masses we will have at the various shrines associated with the places of the Lord's life and passion.

Next Saturday, February 9 at 7:15 pm, Holy Redeemer is hosting a diocesan event called COR JESU (which means Heart of Jesus). This is the first time we have hosted this event that moves around the Diocese. It is a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with a reflection talk, and Confessions available. Frs. Craig Timmerman and Matthew Wiering will be here for this event (since I will be gone and Frs. Labat and Mallak will be helping with the Men's Emmaus Retreat). The event is open to everyone and I would like to encourage everyone to come to spend some time with Jesus. I hope we are able to host this event again. See the insert in this week's bulletin.

Last weekend at the Masses, it was announced that we **would be suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood at the weekend Masses for the rest of flu season. We will resume on Holy Thursday. For these next weeks, we will not need all the usual Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, so for those who are scheduled, please be attentive** to this temporary change.

With the upcoming departure of Ashley Benson as Director of Religious Education in our parishes, it appears that the best way to move forward was to separate the position into two part-time positions, one for each of the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Michael's. I am pleased to announce that Suzanne Lightfoot has accepted the position for St. Michael's and will be starting soon. I am hopeful that I will be able to finalize a replacement for St. Mary's soon as well. Please keep our religious education programs in your prayers, and thank you for your help during this transition. We wish Ashley well in her remaining time with us in this role, and thank her for her work! Ashley's husband, Brock, has been very helpful with the website for our parishes, and I wish to acknowledge his help, too.

Please put on your calendar the evening of Saturday, February 23 - the annual Masquerade Ball at the Caboose in Tracy. This is an important fundraiser for St. Mary's School. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information.

