

February 10, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of the Prairie & Bread of Life Area Faith Communities
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Holy Redeemer Church
 503 W. Lyon St.
 Marshall, MN
 56258
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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
 • 8 & 10 a.m. Sun. Spanish Bulletin editor Rachel Krueger rkrueger@holy-redeemer.com
 • 12:30 p.m. Sun. SMSU Rel. Center
 • 6:00 p.m. Sun. Confessions:
 • 9 a.m. & 4 p.m. Saturdays



St. Mary's Church
 249 6th Street
 Tracy, MN 56175
 507-629-4075
stmary@iw.net

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. 2nd & 4th Sat. of the Month Prayer Network Alita Lenertz Cell:507-993-2654
 Lota Hannasch Home: 507-629-4145
 507-629-4866



St. Mary's School
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 Tracy, MN 56175
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 Monday - Friday
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 200 Euclid Avenue
 Milroy, MN 56263
 507-336-2505
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Masses:
 • 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. Feb. 10	FIFTH 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 +Dean Rudenick
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Donald Vroman
	5:00 p.m.	Valentine's Dinner at St. Mary's in Tracy
Mon. Feb. 11	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy +Ernest Louwagie Spirit Day at St. Mary's School
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Daughter Meeting in Carla Hall at Holy Redeemer after Mass
Tues. Feb. 12		Healing & Deliverance Prayer Day at St. Michael's in Milroy
	1:30 p.m.	Mission Group Meets in St. Mary's Church Hall in Tracy
Wed. Feb. 13	5:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Judy Lenertz <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
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	<u>St. Mary's Religious Education in Tracy</u> Gr. K-12
Thurs. Feb. 14	8 – Noon	Adoration at St. Michael's Rectory in Milroy
	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Country View in Walnut Grove +Pearl VanDeWiele
Fri. Feb. 15	8:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +Darlene Macht
Sun. Feb. 17	SIXTH 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 +John Schuh
	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>CCW Rosary at St. Mary's in Tracy</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's in Tracy +William Schons

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, Loanne Johns Dale, Delmar Debbaut, Paul DeSmith, Lisa Driessan, Rachel Ewertz, Gavin Fischer, Mike Foley, Kelly Garner, Phillip Goblisch, Theresa Hansen, Glad Henning, 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, 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. 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 23rd St. N. Apt. 201, New Ulm, MN 56073, Ordination Feb. 23, 1958, Birthday Dec. 4.

HAPPY WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - FEB. 12! Celebrate your sacrament by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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.

THE “WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE SERIES” (Adult Faith Formation) will be starting Wed. Feb. 13 from 6-7:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s rectory in Milroy and Sun. Feb. 17 from 2-3:00 p.m., also at St. Michael’s in Milroy. Mark your Calendars. Everyone is welcome even if you didn’t attend last year – every session is a new beginning.

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.

DO YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME TO GIVE? ARE YOU AGED 55 OR BETTER? If so, please consider volunteering with the Senior Companion programs at the Adult Community Center in Marshall. You can change lives by spending time with an isolated senior and providing transportations to vital errands, medical appointments, and recreational activities. This program is all about building relationships and community, which it seems we need now more than ever. We pay our volunteers a small stipend and reimburse for travel. You can message me here, reach me at 507-530-2295 or email to gail.sumerfelt@lssmn.org #IAmSeniorCorps #DoMoreTogether

THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SEEKS FREELANCE WRITERS! The Diocese of New Ulm seeks to hire freelance writers to cover, as assigned, both diocesan and parish events and/or programs for The Prairie Catholic, the official newspaper of the Diocese of New Ulm. Note: Often times interviews for assigned stories can be covered via telephone and no travel is necessary. Interested writers should contact Christine Clancy at cclancy@dnu.org; 507-233-5332.



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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 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!

CONFIRMATION MEETING was postponed to February 13th 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.



ST. MARY'S AREA FAITH COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE SOUP & PIE FUNDRAISER AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND. OUR PROFITS WERE \$1,362.

Sunday, February 10th, 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's, 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, February 11th, Spirit Day ~ wear your St. Mary's colors., Pennies for Patients collections continue.

Tuesday, February 12th, Band Lessons today, St. Mary's basketball practice for grades 5&6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13th

Thursday, February 14th, Valentine's Day Party @ 1:30 p.m. No Band Lessons today. St. Mary's basketball practice for grades 5&6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 15th, Mass @ 8:30, prepared by grades 3&4, Please wear appropriate clothing for mass. Grades K-6, St. Mary's Basketball Team Pep Fest @ 2:30 in the gym.

Saturday, February 16th, 5th & 6th grade basketball tournament at St. Mary's School. Come and enjoy watching your St. Mary's Echoes Basketball Team!

Monday, February 18th ~ NO SCHOOL FOR ST. MARY'S STUDENTS.

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: Feb 1 - Mark and Vicki Anderson \$100; Catholic Schools Week - Jolene Labat \$500; Feb. 8 \$100 – Sean Halloran

SCHOOL MEMORIAL in memory of Lenny Nydell.

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.

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.

CCW SPRING GATHERING FOR DEANERY 2 - Mark your calendars - Tuesday, March 5th the CCW Deanery Spring Gathering will be here at St. Mary's in Tracy. Registration is at 5:00, Mass at 5:30, Meal at 6:30 followed by the speaker Deacon McGeown at 7:00. He will be speaking on Spiritual Healing.

MONTH TWO - DEVELOPING BABY

"I can suck my thumb now". The developing baby is now called a "fetus". She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning and so forty muscle sets begin their first exercise. By 8 weeks all body systems are present. This little one can now suck her thumb and is about two inches long. Thank you for praying for this precious little baby.

Denise Weedman - Reverence Life Commission

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

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.

TRACY POLICE DEPARTMENT advised us that there was a complaint of parishoners parking in front of driveways. Apparently this occurs frequently and this announcement is to notify everyone to be more aware when parking on the street do not block driveways.

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 Guatamala. 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!

MARK YOU CALENDARS NOW!! ST. MARY'S DINNER, RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION will be held this year on Sunday, March 31. Contact Keith Schons 629-4289 if you would like to donate to the meat or place your donation in a well marked envelope in the collection. If you have a specific area you would like to work at please call Gwen Johnson 507 829-9321, Silent Auction items can be donated anytime. Please leave in the parish office Monday thru Friday 8-12 or contact Jan LaVoy 507 829-2755 to let her know that you are donating something. We are looking this year for more assistance with the Silent Auction. If you would like to help out in this way please call Jan LaVoy 507 829-2755 or Elise Lanoue 629-3252.

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: Feb. 3, 2019

Adult: \$3,676.10

Youth: \$-0-

Loose Plate: \$38.00

Total: \$8,139.10

Fuel: \$100.00

School Gift: \$575.00

Seminary Aid: \$10.00

REAP Donation: \$1,000.00

Debt: \$25.00

Catholic Schools of Diocese: \$50.00

Bldg & Improvements: \$5.00

Lasagna Food: \$2,660.00

(Weekly Budget Average Needed: \$3,923.07)

Money Counters Feb. 11, 2019 – Karen Lanoue & Charlene Lenertz

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Gifts: Terry & Lisa Schaar Family

Lector: Brittany Peterson

Cantor: Katie Lanoue

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan LaVoy – Just 1 (NO PRECIOUS BLOOD)

Servers: Lindsey Horner, Hailey Hubner, Ashton Daniels

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

Prairie View Nursing Home Communion:, Feb. 20 – Dick, Feb. 27 – Fr. Mark, Mar. 6 - Sandy



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 Feb. 3, 2019

Adult: \$1,695.00

Student: \$1.64

Loose Plate: \$73.00

Total: \$2,050.64

CHWC Rolls: \$194.00

VBS: \$67.00

CCW Dues: \$20.00

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Gifts: Brian Hauger Family

Organist: Carole Snyder

Cantor: Camille Dolan & Margaret Dolan

Lector: Evy Dolan

EHMC: Joni Baune & Katy Lightfoot – Just 2 (NO PRECIOUS BLOOD)

Servers: Elaina Leach, Grace Dolan, Brianna Duscher

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

Money Counters: Greg & Wanda Debbaut, Jacob Welu

From Fr. Steffl:

This last week, I heard that I was the victim of “spoofing” which is when someone takes another person’s name and sends an email asking for “help” by email, pretending to be someone else. A few parishoners received an email from someone claiming to be me, asking them to buy some gift cards for me. It is unfortunate that people do such things, but it is an opportunity for me to write about this – always be cautious with emails asking for help or money. Never will I or anyone from the parish solicit help or ask for donations via email. I am glad that the people who received one of these “fake” emails brought it to my attention. If something looks strange, question it, or report it to the police. Never give money via email!

The weekend of March 2/3 (right before we begin Lent), the United States Bishops have designated as “Safe Haven Sunday” which is to address the growing problem of pornography and its effects on our culture and individuals. With the internet, it is now easier than ever to access pornography, even for very young children. This is becoming an explosive problem for our society, and the statistics are scary. In particular, the Bishops wish, with this upcoming weekend, to make parents aware of the issue and what they can do to protect their children and educate themselves about this issue. There is a link created on the Holy Redeemer website with a letter from the Bishop about this, and some additional helpful links, especially for parents. Please check it out – especially parents!

I am glad to announce that the “other half” of our DRE position has now been filled. Diann Timmerman has agreed to take over the St. Mary’s ½ of the position that Ashley Benson is giving up, in anticipation of the arrival of her baby. Diann has been very involved in Holy Redeemer’s religious education program for a number of years, and has many connections to the Tracy parish and community.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!