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Sunday, January 4, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord

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AFC Liturgical Schedule - Jan. 5-11, 2026

Monday - Saint John Neumann, Bishop
January 5: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
10:00 a.m. Mass (NH) ✞ All Souls in Purgatory
5:30 p.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Rita Trisko

Tuesday
January 6: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Jack Hennen
3:30 p.m. Mass (BE) ✞ Richard & Janet Doom
5:30 p.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Mary Ann Alcorn

Wednesday
January 7: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Bob Cole
8:20 a.m. Mass (HRS) ✞ Mary Muchlinski
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Alita Lenertz
5:30 p.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Francis Schommer

Thursday
January 8: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Jean Neisius
8:30 a.m. Mass (WG) ✞ Bev Stassen
8:30 a.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Sue Edwards

Friday
January 9: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Jack Dempsey
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Bev Stassen
12:00 p.m. Benediction (SJC)

Saturday
January 10: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
9:00 a.m. First Reconciliation (HR)
9:00 a.m. First Reconciliation (TR)
5:00 p.m. Mass (HR) ✞ John Marron Sr.

Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord
January 11: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
8:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Joe & Ruth Mortier
8:30 a.m. Mass (MIL) ✞
9:00 a.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Doris Gregoire
10:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Terry Gregoire
10:00 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Donna Bjorklund
11:30 a.m. Mass (HR-Spanish) For People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. Perpetual Adoration week begins (SJC)
6:00 p.m. Mass (CRC) ✞ Joseph & Frances Bot family

Weekly Happenings

Monday, January 5
6:10 pm (CH) Emmaus Mass Monday

Tuesday, January 6

Wednesday, January 7
5 pm (HRS) Youth Choir practice
6 pm (HRS) Adult Choir practice
6 - 8 pm (Red Baron Arena) AFC Skating Party

Thursday, January 8

Friday, January 9
5:45 am (SM) That Man is You
12 pm (HR) Parish Office closes

Saturday, January 10

Sunday, January 11
Following 9 am Mass (SM) K-4 Sunday School
2 pm (CRC) OCIA class

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, ESPECIALLY

Maxine Timmerman
Robert Gritman
Donald "Don" Wyffels
Greg Cattoor
Arthur "Art" Rogers

May all who sleep in Christ find God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

Confession Times

Tuesday 5 pm (MIL)
Third Tuesday 6 pm (CRC)
Saturday 8:30 am-1st Sat. Only (HR)
Saturday 11 am (TR)
Saturday 4 pm (HR)
Sunday 8 am (MIL)
Sunday 8:15 am (SM)
Sunday 5:15 pm (CRC)

AFC Bulletin Submittal Deadline: Wednesday 9 AM. Send to Barb Marron at bmarron@mmogafc.org.
More news and events can be found on www.mmogafc.org. To sponsor an ad on back contact Latiefa at 507-532-4493.

Holy Redeemer Church

Mark Your Calendars: On Saturday, **January 17** at 9 AM help is needed to repair Pew Kneelers at Holy Redeemer Church. More information to come in next week's bulletin.

Catholic Schools Week is January 25—31, 2026. The Sunday Masses on **Sunday, January 25** are being moved from Holy Redeemer Church to Holy Redeemer School to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Open Houses will follow the 8 AM and 10 AM Mass. Stay to explore and celebrate our Catholic School.

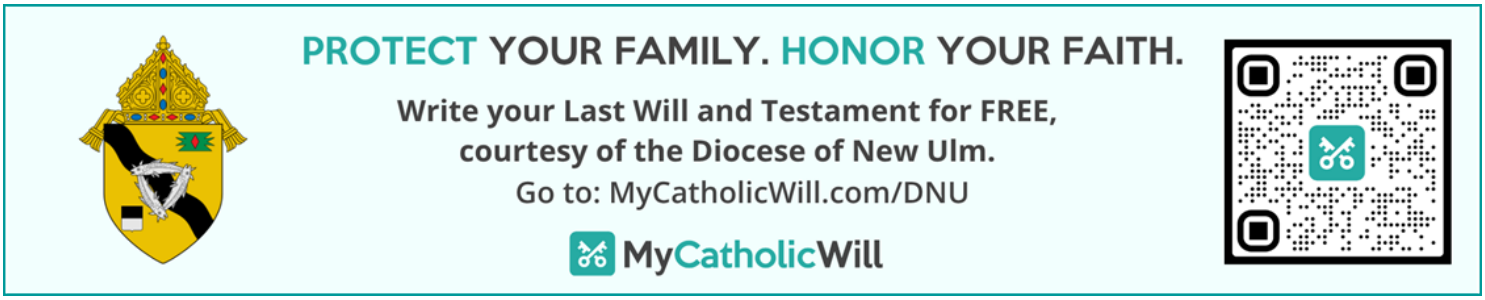
As part of the Catholic Schools Week Mass, we will be celebrating a special Mass of Remembrance to include and honor our deceased loved ones and benefactors. We also invite you to share any prayer intentions, which will be brought forward during the celebration as a sign of love and remembrance. There will be an insert in the **January 11** bulletin that can be filled out and returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the school by **January 20**.

Baptism Prep Class: For anyone wishing to baptize their first child in the Catholic Church, the next Baptism Preparation class is Tuesday, **January 13** at 7:30 p.m. at the Faith Formation building (next to Holy Redeemer School). Registration is required. Please visit https://www.mmogafc.org/baptism.html to sign up or call the Parish Office at 507-532-5711.

Young Adult Catholics: Join us on Tuesday, **January 20** at 7 PM in Carlin Hall at Holy Redeemer Church. We gather every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Holy Redeemer Church in Marshall at 7 PM.

Mass at the Campus Religious Center: Mass at 6 PM on Sunday's will resume on **Sunday, January 11**. Classes at the college resume on **Monday, January 12**.

Radio Rosary *is broadcast on KMHL (1400) Sundays at 7 am, Weekdays at 6:10 pm (Mon.-Sat.). Send intentions to Radio Rosary, 2787 County Road 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229. Cost:* ***$25.00*** *per broadcast. Please include your contact information (email address or phone #) when requesting a radio rosary. Questions call Karla at 507-828-0397 or Coreen 507-531-7348. Rosary intention names are listed on the Mary, Mother of God AFC Website: https://www.mmogafc.org/radio-rosary.html*



St. Mary's Church, Cottonwood

The Cottonwood Area Food Pantry would like to thank the Mary, Mother of God AFC for hosting a food drive in November. Special thanks to everyone who gave food or monetary donations. The monetary donations are used to purchase perishable items such as milk, cheese, and bread. We truly appreciate your continued support of this mission to help our neighbors in need.

St. Mary's, Cottonwood 2026 Calendar Raffle Tickets are available for purchase after the weekend masses at St. Mary's in Cottonwood or by contacting Lynn at 507-532-5711. Ticket Cost is $25.00 each. Monthly Prizes are $125.00/ $75.00/$25.00. These make great gifts.

St. Mary's Church, Tracy

St. Mary's Cemetery Committee is actively seeking someone to mow the cemetery starting in the spring of 2026. This is a paid position. Please call or stop into the parish office if you are interested with an estimate of your cost to mow and trim each time. The cemetery committee is also in need of an additional member on their committee. The committee meets twice a year. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR WINNERS:
January 2 - $100: Jesse Johns

Support our Mission Group
St. Mary's Tracy and St. Michael's, Milroy are selling San Lucas Mission Whole Bean and Ground Coffee
$16 per bag for Honey Nut
$14 per bag for others
Tracy contact: Shea at 507-629-4075
Milroy Contact: Jean at 507-336-2505

Pancake Breakfast—American Legion Fundraiser: Is today, **January 4** from 10 AM to 12:30 PM at the American Legion Post #173, 169 4th Street, Tracy. Serving pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. Free will offering. Proceeds will be used for scholarships and Girls/Boys State.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed St. Mary's in Tracy is in need of a **Meals on Wheels Coordinator** to help schedule drivers during the weeks when our parish is responsible for meal delivery. We are also in need of **drivers**. Meal delivery takes approximately **45 minutes**, from about **11:15 a.m. to noon**, and volunteers may serve **as many days as they are able**—there is no requirement to commit to every day. If you are willing to help us continue this long-standing ministry, please contact **Carol Strand at 507-829-0135**. St. Mary's has proudly been part of this program for many years, and your help is essential for us to continue serving our community. Our next scheduled delivery dates are **January 19–30**.

St. Michael's Church, Milroy

Pro-Life Coffee and Rolls: Mark your calendar for The Pro-life coffee and roll fundraiser on **January 18** following Mass at St. Michael's in Milroy.

Mark Your Calendars: The St. Michael's Parish Office will be closed from **January 19 through the 27th**. Don & Jean Schmidt will be on a mission trip to Guatemala.

Area Faith Community News & Community Happenings

May the joy of the wise men's discovery of Jesus fill our hearts as we celebrate.

Social Media Pages: **Mary, Mother of God, AFC**
Stay connected and follow us here:
Facebook: facebook.com/mmogafc
Instagram: instagram.com/marymotherofgodafc

RIVERBEND TEC RETREATS: Meet Jesus in a new way through a Riverbend Together Encountering Christ (TEC) Retreat! This is a three-day experience centered on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus and includes several talks, reflection and discussion, games and music, and celebration of the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. The next TEC retreat weekend is scheduled for **February 14-16, 2026** at Holy Trinity in Winsted and anyone age 16+ is encouraged to attend. For more information and to register online, visit https://www.riverbendtec.org/

Upcoming Events:

- ***Ecumenical Prayer Service***: Sunday, **January 18**, 3 PM, Church of St. Mary in Willmar
- ***Forgiven Retreats***: **January 11** in Minneota, **March 8** in Willmar & **April 19** in Fairfax
- ***Consecrated Life Mass***: **February 2, 2026** at 5:30 pm in New Ulm at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

2026 Prayer Service for Life & MCCL March for Life: There will be a Prayer Service for Life at 10:30 AM on **January 22, 2026**, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. The annual March for Life will take place from 12-12:30 and program from 12:30 to 1 pm on the Capitol building steps. Area CCW and KCs from southwest Minnesota are sponsoring a bus so there is no cost to attend. The bus will leave from Marshall at 6:30 AM, stop in Redwood Falls at 7:15 AM, stop in Olivia at 7:45 AM and Glencoe at 8:30 AM. Contact Lori Timmerman at 507-476-0070 to reserve a spot.

Upcoming Forgiven Retreat: Are you desiring to encounter the Lord's love, mercy, and healing in a deeper way? This half-day retreat is an opportunity to renew our understanding and love for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession). Over time, this Sacrament can come to seem like an obligation or only needed for very big sins. The reality is that the Lord desires to meet us *regularly* with His mercy and healing and does this in an unparalleled way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us on **Sunday, January 11th at St. Edward's in Minneota** from 2-7:30 pm to be renewed in this gift and to receive deeper healing. The day will include presentations, shared meals, small groups, Q&A with a priest, and an opportunity to go to Confession and receive prayer with prayer teams during a Eucharistic Holy Hour. **Register online for free at dnu.org/worship or use the QR code below**. Please prayerfully consider who in your life you could invite to come with you! Questions? Contact the Office of Worship at worship@dnu.org or 507-233-5320.

Studio 1 - Marshall's local cable access is airing the series *"Savoring Our Faith with Father Leo Patalinghug (Season 2)."* Episode 8 titled ***"Tribute to Italy"*** will air on Studio 1 public access Bluepeak channel 325 & Spectrum channel 180 at 4 PM on **Tuesday**, **Jan. 6** & at 9 AM on **Friday, Jan. 9**.

Men's Emmaus Retreat: Why not make time for God! Mark your calendars for the upcoming Men's Emmaus Retreat from **February 6-8, 2026** at Shetek Lutheran Ministries Retreat Center, Lake Shetek. Cost is $150 which includes all meals and two nights lodging. To register contact Roger Schroeder at (507) 829-5423, Todd Bock (507) 530-2472, Gerry Toland $507) 828-7378 or Tom Meyer (507) 865-4616.

Thank You

As we celebrate the gift of this Christmas season and the New Year, we want to thank each of you who joined us for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Masses in each of our four parishes, the lectors, ushers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, musicians, song leaders, AV ministers, and those who spent time decorating our churches for the season. All of you helped to make our liturgies prayerful and uplifting.

A special thanks for each of you who included in your gift giving at Christmas an offering to your local parish as well as your year-end gifts. Your offering is more than financial support – it is a living sign of hope where each parish can shine Christ's light in worship, in service and in care for those in need.

Lastly, thank you for those of you who sent cards, dropped off homemade treats, and extended your well wishes to all of us priests and our area staff members. We are so grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness in this season of giving. Be assured of our continued gratitude and prayers for you and those you love. Wishing you a healthy, happy and holy New Year.

On behalf of our priests, deacon, and area staff,
Fr. Steve

Holy Redeemer CCW Council of Catholic Women United in Prayer, Study & Service	In loving memory of our parents, Ernie & Jane Louwagie. By Wayne, Conni, Gwen, Lisa & families	In Memory of Richard & Janet Doom, Maurice & Margaret Doom and Wesley & Leona Cuypers By The Doom Family	In Memory of John & Agnes Coudron by The Coudron Family	In Memory of Leo Andries, Brenda Andries & Trisha Andries DeWolf by The Andries Family

Stewardship Report: Due to timing and Parish Offices being closed, December collection and Year-to-date totals for all four Parishes will be posted in the **January 11** Bulletin.

Faith Formation / Religious Education News

Mary, Mother of God AFC Winter Skating Party will be held on Wednesday, **January 7, 2026**, from 6 to 8 PM at the Red Baron Arena & Expo. Free skate rentals are available (limited supply), or bring your own skates. All participants, including adults, must complete a waiver. Forms can be found on the link below: https://www.mmogafc.org/youth-opportunities.html or filled out at the event. Please print and bring completed forms to help reduce wait times.

Upcoming First Reconciliation:
Saturday, **January 10, 2026**—9:00 AM at St. Mary's in Tracy and at Holy Redeemer in Marshall
Saturday, **January 17, 2026**—9:00 AM at St. Michael's in Milroy and at St. Mary's in Cottonwood

First Communion Parent Meetings:
Option 1: Wednesday, **January 21, 2026**—6:00 PM at St. Michael's in Milroy (basement)
Option 2: Sunday, **January 25, 2026**—10:15 AM at St. Mary's in Cottonwood (following 9 AM Mass)

Bulletin Key:

BC - Boulder Creek (Marshall)	**HR** - Holy Redeemer Church	**PV** - Prairie View (Tracy)
BE - Boulder Estates (Marshall)	**HRS** - Holy Redeemer School	**SJC** - St. Joseph's Chapel (FF)
CRC - Campus Religious Center	**HS** - Hill Street Place (Marshall)	**SM** - St. Mary's-Cottonwood
CH - Carlin Hall (at HR)	**MIL** - St. Michaels - Milroy	**SMS** - St. Mary's School, Tracy
FF - Faith Formation at HRS	**NH** - Nursing Home (Marshall)	**TR** - St. Mary's - Tracy
HP - Heritage Pointe (Marshall)	**OBC** - O'Brien Ct (Tracy)	**WG**-Walnut Grove Country View

In Memory of Our Precious Son and Brother, Jeremy John by Reinhold and Connie Mathiowetz & Families	In Loving Memory of the deceased members of the Strandberg and Labat families by Gerri Labat and family	In Loving Memory of Robert Derynck by His Family	In Loving Memory of David & Sharon Gruhot by Brian, Kevin, Brad and their families	In Loving Memory of the Deceased Family Members of Roger & Shirley Verly

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