PARISH LIFE

A Weekly Publication for Parishioners & Friends

Sunday, August 2, 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AFC Liturgical Schedule - August 3-9, 2026

Monday

August 3: *Jeremiah 28:1-17* / Matthew 14:22-36
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) + Larry Schmidt
10:00 a.m. Mass (NH) + Robert & Rosemary Vandendriessche

Tuesday - Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

August 4: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Matthew 14:22-36
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) + Donita Bennett

Wednesday

August 5: Jeremiah 31:1-7 / Matthew 15:21-28
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) + Laurence Louwagie
5:30 p.m. Mass (SM) +Theodore & Elmira Sanders

Thursday - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Matthew 17:1-9
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) + Jack Hennen
8:30 a.m. Mass (WG) + Bev Stassen
5:30 p.m. Mass (MIL) + Connie Duscher

Friday

August 7: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 / Matthew 16:24-28
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) + Russ Gorrell
10:30 a.m. Mass (HS) + Pete Labat
12:00 p.m. Benediction (SJC)

Saturday - Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

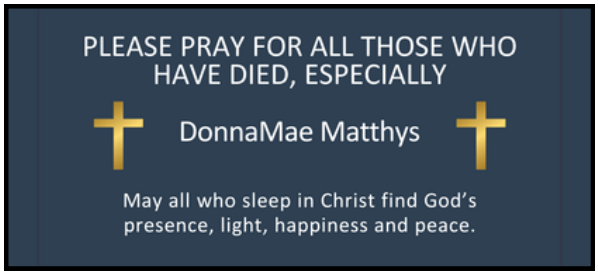
August 8: Habakkuk 1:12—2:4 / Matthew 17:14-20
5:00 p.m. Mass (HR) + deceased Regnier & VanNevel family members

Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a / Romans 9:1-5 / Matthew 14:22-33
8:00 a.m. Mass (HR) + Ray DeVos
8:30 a.m. Mass (MIL) + Barb Ludwig-Gilb families
9:00 a.m. Mass (SM) + Bob Gritman
10:00 a.m. Mass (HR) + George & Rita Laleman
10:00 a.m. Mass (TR) + Maxine Timmerman
11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass (HR) For the People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. Perpetual Adoration week begins (SJC)

Weekly Happenings

Monday, August 3
6:30 PM (HR) GriefShare
Tuesday, August 4
6:30 PM KC Meeting - Brau Brothers
6:30 PM Fair Stand Cleaning - Lyon County Fairgrounds
3:30 PM (TR) St. Mary's CCW Meeting
Wednesday, August 5
2-4 PM (HR) Holy Helpers
Thursday, August 6
Friday, August 7
Saturday, August 8
Sunday, August 9



Summer Confession Times

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)

Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall

503 West Lyon Street, Marshall, MN 56258 (507) 532-5711 Office Hours: M-TH 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Fri. 8 AM to Noon
Prayer Network: Evelyn Louwagie (507) 532-6798

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Events:
The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be **Tuesday, August 4**, at 6:30 p.m. at Brau Brothers Brewing Co. All members are encouraged to attend.

Save the Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive is coming to Carlin Hall at Holy Redeemer Church on **August 25** between 12:00 and 5:00 pm. Visit RedCrossBlood.org to sign up today!

Fair Stand Cleaning Volunteers Needed: Many hands make light work! We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Holy Redeemer Fair Stand on **Tuesday, August 4, at 6:30 p.m.** The more the merrier! If you're able to lend a hand, we'd greatly appreciate your help in getting the fair stand cleaned and ready for the season. Thank you!

Fair Stand Volunteers Sign-Up:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2AAB9-64553930-holy#/

Adorer Needed: We are looking for a committed adorer to fill the **Friday 12:00 a.m.** (midnight) hour at the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel in Marshall. If you are able to spend this quiet hour with our Lord each week, please prayerfully consider serving. Contact the parish office for more information or to sign up.

Mission Trip Donations Needed: Holy Redeemer 8th grader Titus Schotzko and his father, Andrew, will be serving on a mission trip to San Lucas, Guatemala, this August with Big Stone Therapies. Donations of gently used or new socks, tennis shoes (up to women's size 8 and men's size 9), Tylenol, ibuprofen, youth and adult multivitamins, knee/ankle/wrist/shoulder braces, walkers, canes, crutches, tennis balls, and ACE wraps are needed by **Monday, August 10**. Donations may be dropped off at Avera Therapy in Marshall on weekdays or in the Holy Redeemer gathering space on weekends. Thank you for supporting this mission to serve those in need.

St. Mary's, Cottonwood

255 W 4th Street S., Cottonwood, MN 56229 (507) 423-5220 August Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 6 - 8 pm

Mass Time Change: Please note a schedule change for the weekend of August 22–23. The regular 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on August 23 has been moved to **Saturday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m**.

Office Hours Change: Please note a change to the August office schedule. Office hours will be held on Monday, August 3, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. instead of Tuesday, August 4. After that, regular August office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Congratulations St. Mary's August 2026 Calendar Raffle Winners!

$125 - Casey Polzine
$75 - Bernie Heck
$25 - Jeanne Louwagie

Fall Festival News: Preparations are underway for the St. Mary's Fall Festival on **Sunday, September 20**! Donations for the Online Auction are now being accepted, and the Country Store is seeking fresh produce, home-canned goods, and baked items. Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. Michael's, Milroy

200 Euclid Avenue, Milroy MN 56253 (507) 336-2505 Office Hours: M-TH 8 AM-Noon
Prayer Network: Jean Schmidt (507) 336-2505

St. Mary's, Tracy

249 6th Street, Tracy, MN 56175 (507) 629-4075 Office Hours: M-F 7:30 AM-4:00 PM
Prayer Network: Lota Hannasch (507) 828-6825, Bonnie Buysse (507) 629-4496

St. Mary's School Weekly Calendar Winners:
July 31 - $100: Rae Kaare

St. Mary's CCW Meeting: The St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 4**, at 6:30 p.m.

Diocese of New Ulm - Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2026 is a consequential election year for Minnesota, with every U.S. House seat, one U.S. Senate seat, the governor's office, and all members of the Minnesota Legislature on the ballot. In a moment like this, faithful citizens are called to shape their consciences through the principles of Catholic social teaching and to become well informed by understanding the issues, studying proposed policies, and learning the candidates' positions.

The upcoming primary elections on August 11 will determine which candidates will represent their political parties on the November ballot. In many cases, the outcomes of these intra-party primaries will determine who steps into office. Voting is not only a right; it is a responsibility we carry as faithful citizens. As Catholics, our participation is vital in shaping a state that reflects our values, strengthens the common good, and upholds human dignity.

Thanks to the engagement of faithful citizens like you, this year, we have seen notable successes, some of which have garnered bipartisan support! The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC)—the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota—applauds the overwhelming passage of the Stop Harms from Addictive Social Media Act. This landmark legislation addresses social media addiction among youth by requiring parental consent for children under 16 to create social media accounts and prohibiting platform features that are known to be particularly addictive for children.

Working together, citizens and advocates helped to protect life and uphold human dignity by blocking bills such as the IVF Insurance Mandate, Physician-Assisted Suicide, Online Sports Gambling, and the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, which would have further entrenched abortion rights and imposed gender ideology on Minnesotans.

However, our work is not done. Maintaining an active relationship with our elected officials is an important part of faithful citizenship. County fairs, city festivals, and other community events offer excellent opportunities to meet candidates, ask where they stand on the issues that matter most to you, and encourage them to support policies that uphold human dignity and serve the common good.

MCC provides a helpful resource, Questions to Ask Candidates, highlighting important policy areas facing leaders at both the state and federal levels in 2027. Visit https://www.mncatholic.org/election2026 to explore these questions along with additional election resources, including parish political guidelines. You can also learn more about candidate positions through their official websites and social media accounts.

As Election Day approaches, I ask you to pray, become informed, participate in both the primary and general elections, and remain engaged in the civic life of our state. Let us engage the public square with clarity, charity, and conviction. Together, may we continue to be faithful witnesses to Christ in both our Church and our communities.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Chad W. Zielinski

Most Rev. Chad W. Zielinski
Bishop of New Ulm

Area Faith Community News & Community Happenings

STEWARDSHIP

Bulletin Week of...	Holy Redeemer	SM-Ctnwd	St. Michael	SM-Tracy
7/5/2026	$9,686.39	$2,935.09	$1,524.25	$1,870.50
7/12/2026	$4,824.46	$1,414.02	$1,024.00	$3,148.94
7/19/2026	$8,463.00	$613.00	$1,137.00	$12,736.89
7/26/2026	$14,600.35	$918.00	$1,499.85	$7,746.25
Monthly Total	$37,574.20	$5,880.11	$5,185.10	$25,502.58

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GriefShare: If you've experienced the death of a loved one (spouse, child, friend, family), you are invited to GriefShare. This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion of information on the DVD. You will find encouragement, comfort, and valuable information about facing your new normal in life and hope for the future.
Information and registration can be found at www.griefshare.org
GriefShare, a 13-session program, will be held Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm, beginning **August 3**, in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Area, 503 W. Lyon, Marshall. For questions, call 532-5711.

Salad Supper: Grace and Trinity Lutheran Churches of Westbrook invite you to their Salad Supper on **Wednesday, August 19**, at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (755 Adams Ave., Westbrook). The evening will feature inspirational speaker Megan May. For more information, contact Dolly Phelps at 507-227-2796.

Happy Birthday: Deacon Ken will be celebrating his birthday on **Monday, August 3!** May God continue to fill him with joy and peace. Please be sure to wish him a happy and blessed birthday.

https://franciscanretreats.net/silent-retreat-weekends

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to help with the pro-life fair booth during the Lyon County Fair **August 12-15**. For more information or to volunteer for a 3-hour shift please contact Lori Timmerman at 507 476-0070.

Weekday Mass Schedule Update: Our weekday Mass Schedule for all four of our parishes in the AFC will be changing in August and moving forward. These changes are being made so that each priest in our AFC is saying only one Mass each day (Monday through Friday). Please consult the bulletin for a listing of daily Masses in our AFC each week.

Bulletin Key:

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

AFC Bulletin Submittal Deadline: **Wednesday 9 AM**. Send to Dana Peterson at dpeterson@mmogafc.org.
More news and events can be found on **www.mmogafc.org**. To sponsor an ad on back of bulletin contact Latiefa at 507-532-4493.

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