MARY Mother of God
AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Sunday, September 7, 2025 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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AFC Liturgical Schedule - September 8-14, 2025

Monday - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
10:00 a.m. Mass (NH) ✞ Mary Ann Alcorn
5:30 p.m. Mass (HR) CDA Members

Tuesday - USA: Saint Peter Claver, Priest
September 9: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
12:00 p.m. Mass (CRC) ✞ Richard & Janet Doom
3:30 p.m. Mass (BE) ✞ Linda Oftedahl
5:30 p.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Richard Vroman
6:00 p.m. Adoration (CRC)

Wednesday
September 10: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Diane Buysse
8:20 a.m. Mass (HRS) ✞ Robert, Harriet & Ricky Tholen
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Dan VanDeWiele
10:45 a.m. Mass (BC) ✞ Joe & Betty Claeys
5:30 p.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Kay Nelson

Thursday
September 11: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Albert & Pat Serreyn
8:30 a.m. Mass (WG) ✞ Marie Larson
8:30 a.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Brooklyn Larsen

Friday
September 12: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Florence Sommerer
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Leona Peterson
12:00 p.m. Benediction (SJC)

Saturday - Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
September 13: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
2:30 p.m. Boerboom/Terfehr Wedding
5:00 p.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Helen DeSleer

Sunday - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
8:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Eileen Dulas
8:30 a.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Dan Schuh
9:00 a.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Henry Nelson
10:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ James Novosad, Sr.
10:00 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Helen DeSleer
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) Healing for Roger & Deb DeBaere

Weekly Events

Monday, September 8
1:30 pm (TR) St. Mary's pie making
6 pm (CH) Holy Redeemer CDA meeting
6:30 pm (HR) Griefshare

Tuesday, September 9
7 pm (CRC) Catholic Stangs
7:30 pm (FF) Baptism Class

Wednesday, September 10
5 pm (HRS) Youth Choir practice begins
6 pm (HRS) Adult Choir practice begins

Thursday, September 11

Friday, September 12
12 pm (HR) Parish Office closes
5:30 pm (HR) Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14

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.

AFC of Mary Mother of God (General Information, Holy Redeemer & St. Mary, Cottonwood)

AFC Director of Faith Formation: As was announced earlier this summer, we hired Greg Blanchette to serve as our Director of Faith Formation for our four parishes. Towards the end of July, Greg was offered a substitute teaching position and the varsity head football coaching position at YME (Yellow Medicine East). Greg has a great desire to serve our youth as a coach and teacher and so I supported his decision to take that job rather than staying on with us.

While we are without an area director for faith formation, Becki Johnson and Fr. Steve will serve as interim directors with Emily Goblirsch serving as the administrative assistant for faith formation. We will work to make sure that catechists are trained, parents are kept informed and involved and students are formed in the faith. If you have questions regarding this year's faith formation program, please feel free to reach out to Fr. Steve, Becki or Emily. We are here to be of help and are looking forward to another year of forming our children and youth in the faith.

Join us for SHE- the Women's program to grow in relationship with God and others. **"Love Unveiled"**
Thursday mornings 6 am-7am from **Sept. 18-Nov. 20th**
HRC-Carlin Hall
5:45 Fellowship/coffee
6:00 Video
6:30 Discussion (distinct age groups)
7:00 Closing
Scan QR code to register or go to:
https://admin.paradisusdei.org/admin/courses/5384
(No need to register if you attended last year.)
More info: Contact Jane 507-530-2952 or Mary 507-530-2772

Holy Redeemer Choirs: Choirs will begin practicing on Wednesday, **Sept. 10** in room 101 at Holy Redeemer School. The Youth Choir will practice at 5 PM and the Adult Choir at 6 PM. For more information, please contact Anna Lenz at alenz@holy-redeemer.com.
NEW: Adult Impromptu Choir (like the adult summer choir) will meet Saturday, **Sept. 20** at 4:30 pm & sing at the 5 pm Mass. **Also NEW**: Teen Choir for high school students will meet Sunday, **Sept. 21** at 9:30 am & sing at the 10 am Mass. This group will meet on a monthly basis.

We Adore Him ***Perpetual Adoration…*** *Adorers are needed at St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel for* ***Thursdays at 3 PM & beginning November 1 for 12 AM on Fridays until April 1.*** Please sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/3u857rsu or call 507-532-5711. Also a sub is needed on Mondays at 7 PM for October & November. Please call Barb at 507-532-5711 if available.

Holy Redeemer Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1291. On Monday, **Sept. 8** the CDA will meet following the 5:30 pm Mass at Holy Redeemer. We will share upcoming activities & welcome new members.

Congratulations Holy Redeemer's
September 2025 Calendar Raffle Winners!
$800 - Peg Juffer
$300 - Scot Rewerts
$150 - Cathy Gagnon

Congratulations St. Mary's, Cottonwood
September 2025 Calendar Raffle Winners!
$125 - Ernie & Joyce Viaene
$75 - Fr. Paul Schumacher
$25 - Monica Senden

AFC of Mary Mother of God (St. Mary's, Tracy & St. Michael's, Milroy) and Misc.

St. Mary's, Tracy Calendar Raffle Please contact a St. Mary's family to purchase tickets. Tickets will also be available at the church. Cost is $52 a ticket. Weekly drawings will be held. Contact Beth Gervais (612-418-7916) or Marie Schreier (618-304-8632) for more details.

St. Mary's Pie Project had a very successful weekend over Box Car Days selling pies. Thank you to all who contributed to that success! We will be making pies on Monday, **Sept. 8** at 1:30 pm. It is that time of year also for peeling apples & making fillings on Monday, **Sept. 15** at 1:30 p.m. Come join in the fellowship. *Many hands make light work.* Thank you to Brian Lanoue and G & R Electric for the use of & for transporting a freezer for pie selling at St. Mary's School on Monday.

Studio 1 - Marshall's local cable access is airing the series *"Grab Your Catechism."* Episode 1 entitled ***"What is the Moral Life?"*** will air on Studio 1 public access Bluepeak channel 325 & Spectrum channel 180 at 4 PM on **Tuesday**, **Sept. 9** & at 9 AM on **Friday, Sept. 12**. Fr. Charles P. Connor will explore moral life, the reality of sin and the mercy of God.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR WINNER:
September 1 - $1,000 - Maxine Gaul

Children's Liturgy will begin on **Sunday, Sept. 14** for preschool—1st Grade.
* 8 AM Mass at **Holy Redeemer**
* 8:30 AM Mass at **St. Michael**

Sponsor an ad! The Mary, Mother of God Area Faith Community weekly bulletin has several open spots for a sponsorship ad. ***These ads help make it possible to print our weekly bulletins at no cost to the church!*** If you are interested in ad sponsorship or would like more information, please contact Latiefa at 507-532-4493 or email latiefa@henleprinting.com.

VIRTUS Training Sessions:
Sept. 14, 1-4 pm at Church of St. Aloysius in Olivia
Sept. 22, 6-9 pm at Church of St. Anne in Wabasso
Sept. 24, 6:30-9:30 pm in Canby at Kornerstone Kravings
Sept. 29, 5:30-8:30 pm, Church of St. Mary in Willmar
Sept. 29, 6-9 pm, Church of St. Anastasia in Hutchinson
Please ask those needing a new VIRTUS account to register online through the diocesan Website https://www.dnu.org/safeenvironment/ by clicking on the large red button in the left margin of the main Safe Environment Web page. Individuals with existing pending accounts who did not previously register for a session should log back in to their new VIRTUS account using the user id & password they created to register at this time. Users may also change their session decision online if needed. If you need help registering someone, please contact Sherry Kalow (skalow@dnu.org).

STEWARDSHIP

Bulletin Week of...	Holy Red	SM-Ctnwd	St. Michael	SM-Tracy
8/3/2025	$10,477.32	$3,614.00	$4,119.48	$1,736.00
8/10/2025	$9,254.42	$834.50	$1,471.01	$1,994.00
8/17/2025	$30,312.32	$1,949.75	$1,076.00	$1,543.00
8/24/2025	$8,351.00	$769.00	$1,785.75	$2,583.00
8/31/2025	$25,575.47	$2,860.00	$1,183.98	$3,942.00
Monthly Total	$83,970.53	$10,027.25	$9,636.22	$11,798.00

Organization & Community Happenings (Diocese, CCW, CDA, KC's etc.)

Special Collection: Next weekend, the (arch) diocese will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergrad & graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. Scan the QR code on the envelope in your packet or visit https://tinyurl.com/3sbhjeuh to learn more.

Prayer Vigil: Join the Sisters of Mary Morning Star for a Prayer Vigil tonight, **Sept. 7** at 7 PM at Church of St. Eloi in Ghent. Celebrate the canonization of Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati.

RPR NETWORK Real Presence Radio *Your Family of Faith and Hope*

Fall Live Drive is here! Join us **Sept. 9-11**, from 7 AM to 7 PM each day. Support Real Presence Radio by tuning in to 89.5 FM or calling 877-795-0122 to give.

Organization & Community Happenings Continued

Upcoming Community Events:

- ***Sunday, Sept. 7, Redwood Falls, St. Catherine Church*** Fall Festival, 11 am-1 pm
- **Sunday, Sept. 14**, ***IHM Catholic Church, Currie*** Fall Festival Dinner, 11 am-1 pm, Turkey & trimmings
- **Sunday, Sept. 14**, ***St. Edward's Church, Minneota*** Fall Festival, 10:30 am-1 pm, Pork Loin Dinner
- **Sun., Sept. 21**, ***St. Joseph Catholic Church, Montevideo*** Fall Festival, 11 am-1 pm, Grilled Pork Chop dinner
- **Sunday, Sept. 28**, ***St. Anne's Church, Wabasso*** Turkey Dinner & Festival, 11 am-1 pm
- **Friday, Oct. 3**, 6 pm, Hope Harbor's "Celebration of Hope" www.Hopeharbormn.org/events
- **Tues., Oct. 7**, Feast Day Mass, 5:30 pm, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Lucan

Deanery 2 CCW meeting is on Monday, **Sept. 15th** at Sts. Peter & Paul in Ivanhoe. Registration fee is covered by your parish CCW. Please contact your local CCW President before Monday, **Sept. 8th** to register.
Cottonwood (St. Mary) Lucinda Weverka (507)828-2753
Marshall (Holy Redeemer) Leanna Olsem (507)828-0585 or Lori Timmerman – (507)476-0070
Milroy (St. Michael) Jean Walling (507)828-3943
Tracy (St. Mary) Carol Strand (507)829-0135

Inviting all Men of Mary, Mother of God AFC: Please join our men's group this fall as we gather to reflect on scripture and discuss various topics related to our Catholic faith. Fr. Steve will lead the sessions. We will use the small group discussion format. This will replace TMIY.
Date of first meeting: **Tuesday, September 23**
Time: 6:45 AM
Place: Carlin Hall, Holy Redeemer Church
No need to register, simply show up on September 23rd.

Save the Date! *Women's Emmaus Retreat* Oct. 24-26:
"My experience with the Emmaus Retreat can only be described as powerful! I truly met Jesus for the first time that weekend." -Past participant.
Join us for a weekend of friendship and faith, which is based on Luke 24:13-35 where two strangers encounter Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Come walk with Jesus and deepen your faith! For more information contact Lisa Meyer at (507)865-4616 or visit www.mmagafc.org, Education tab, Faith Formation, Adult Formation, then Emmaus.

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Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults
Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on **Tuesday, September 23 at 7 p.m. CT**. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/9-23-25/.

Campus Religious Center at SMSU (CRC)

Catholic Campus Ministry Daily Mass will be offered at the CRC on ***Tuesdays at Noon***. All the other weekday Masses will be held at Holy Redeemer Church. The Sunday evening Mass at 6 pm will once again be offered beginning on **Sunday, September 7th** at the Campus Religious Center.

Holy Redeemer CCW – 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

Faith Formation / Religious Education News

Faith Formation Registration is OPEN!

Register your child(ren) for classes at any of our four parishes. We welcome parish members and families who are not currently registered parishioners.

Programs Offered:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Preschool–2nd Grade, only at Holy Redeemer School)
- Alive in Christ (Grades Pre K-5th)
- EDGE (Middle School)
- Lifeteen (High School)

Classes Begin: **September 17**

Cost: $60/child per year (+$15 in sacramental prep years, no family cap). Contact Emily at (507)532-5711 with questions. Register here: https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2746567 or scan the QR code.

Our AFC is hiring! We are looking for people to serve as **Site Coordinators in Milroy and Tracy**. This position would be 3-5 hours per week, surrounding the regular Faith Formation hours for each Parish. If interested, please contact Becki (beckij@mmogafc.org or 507-532-5711). We look forward to hearing from you!

Volunteers Needed: All four parishes are looking for volunteer helpers in our Wednesday night classrooms. Please contact Becki at beckij@mmogafc.org or Emily at EGoblirsch@mmogafc.org or call 507-532-5711 if interested in helping!

School Information

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Get your order in soon! Stop in the office to order. Closes **September 12**.

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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