MARY Mother of God
AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Sunday, October 12, 2025 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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AFC Liturgical Schedule - Oct. 13-19, 2025

Monday
October 13: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
10:00 a.m. Mass (NH) ✞ Mary Ann Alcorn
5:30 p.m. Mass (HR) CDA Members

Tuesday
October 14: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
CLERGY DAYS—Oct. 14 & 15—Note Mass Changes
6:00 p.m. Adoration (CRC)

Wednesday - Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
October 15: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11;42-46
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Larry Farasyn
5:30 p.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Albert & Anna Verly

Thursday
October 16: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Victor, Mary, Ron & Donna Schilling
8:30 a.m. Mass (WG) ✞ Larry Buysse
1:30 p.m. Mass (OBC) ✞ Maurice Van De Wiele
5:30 p.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Ruth Schommer

Friday - Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
October 17: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Dianne Eis
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Leona Peterson
10:30 a.m. Mass (HS) ✞ Florence Sommerer
12:00 p.m. Benediction (SJC)

Saturday - Saint Luke, Evangelist
October 18: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
2:30 p.m. Donner/Seabury Wedding Mass (HR)
5:00 p.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Virgil & Pauline Wiener

Sunday - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8
8:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Jack Hennen
8:30 a.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Connie Duscher
9:00 a.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Oscar & Mary Louwagie
10:00 a.m. Mass (HR) CDA Members
10:00 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ MaryAnn Alcorn
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) ✞ Jim Coquyt

Weekly Happenings

Monday, Oct. 13 - Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Parish Offices are Closed
1 pm (CRC) Catholic 'Stangs Women's Study
After 5:30 pm Mass (CH) CDA Taco Mixer
6:30 pm (HR) Griefshare

Tuesday, October 14
Priests attending Clergy Days
6:45 am (CH) Holy Redeemer Men's Group meets
7 pm (CRC) Catholic 'Stangs hang out night

Wednesday, October 15
Clergy Days
Deadline to turn in pledges for St. Mary's School
6 pm (HRS) Adult Choir practice
6:30 pm (SM) Choir practice
NO Faith Formation Classes - MEA Break
9 pm (CRC) Catholic 'Stangs Bible Study

Thursday, October 16 - Boss's Day
MEA Break—No School
6 am (CH) SHE Program
11 am - 1 pm (SM) CCW Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Friday, October 17
MEA Break—No School
5:45 am (SM) That Man is You
12 pm (HR) Parish Office closes
5 pm (HR) Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 18

Sunday, October 19 - World Mission Sunday
CDA Gummi Bear drive
Following 8 am Mass (HR) Fr. Paul's open house farewell
Following 9 am Mass (SM) K-4 Sunday School
Following 9 am Mass (SM) Choir practice
2 pm (CRC) OCIA

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.

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

Can't find Masses Online? Or Adoration or the bulletin?
Don't worry—you're not alone! We've moved to a new website: www.mmogafc.org. Please be sure to update your bookmarks, since we're no longer using www.holy-redeemer.com.
We're excited for you to explore our new online home!

Holy Redeemer Fall Raffle Winners: ***If you missed the drawing on September 27, check out the easel in the back of church for the list of winners.***

The Taco "Bout CDA Mixer will take place on Monday, **October 13** in Carlin Hall following the 5:30 PM Mass at Holy Redeemer. Come enjoy walking tacos and learn what CDA, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, is all about. This is open to all Catholic women of our Area Faith Community who are 18 years of age or older. We will have our meeting following the mixer.

PRO-LIFE BENEFIT PANCAKE, EGG, SAUSAGE BREAKFAST will be held Sunday, **October 26**, in the Holy Redeemer Church basement in Marshall. Sponsored by Birthright of Marshall and Choices Pregnancy Center of Marshall. Volunteers are needed; please call Cindy at 507-828-4529. Thank you!

Young Adult Catholics Pumpkin Carving & Bonfire:
When: **Tuesday, October 21st**
Time: 7 PM
Where: Josh & Sara's House, 225 Athens Ave., Marshall

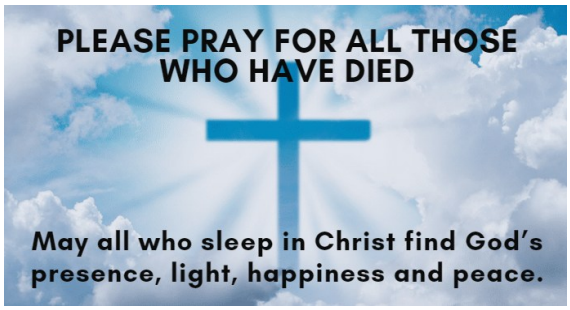
Bring your own lawn chair and pumpkin.
Young Adult Catholics meet each month on the third Tuesday at 7 PM.

Mark your Calendars "Finding Hope in the Storm": On Monday, **October 27th** after the 5:30 pm Mass, the Holy Redeemer CCW is sponsoring Deb Hadley, an inspirational speaker and author. Deb will share how a simple encounter opened her heart to God and transformed her perspective after the loss of her children. Please join us for Mass, a meal, fellowship followed by Deb speaking in Carlin Hall from 6:30 to 8 PM. All are welcome! Free will offering for KT Humble Hearts. Shirts and books will be sold at the event.

We Adore Him

Adorers are needed at St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel for ***Mondays at 7 PM in November, Thursdays at 10 AM beginning in November, Fridays at 12 AM from November 1 till April 1 and any fifth Thursday at 3 PM.*** Please call the Parish Office at 507-532-5711 or sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/3u857rsu.

CDA Gummi Bear Drive: NEXT weekend, **Oct. 18th & 19th**, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be accepting a free-will donation for gummi bears after all Masses. Proceeds will go toward building houses in Minnesota for Habitat for Humanity. "**25 homes in 25 years—2 in Marshall"**. Thank you for your continued support.



Reminder: The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, **October 13** in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday at 8 AM.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic faith, a baptized Catholic who wishes to be confirmed in the Catholic faith, or simply wanting to learn more? We will meet on Sunday, **October 19** at the Campus Religious Center at 2 PM. Please contact Deacon Ken Noyes at 507-401-1060 if you have questions.

St. Mary's, Cottonwood CCW Soup and Sandwich luncheon will be held on Thursday, **October 16** from 11 am - 1 pm. Adults $12, ages 6-12 $6, ages 5 and under are $2. Dine-in and take-outs available. Choice of turkey wild rice, chili, potato & vegetable beef along with turkey & ham sandwiches, a beverage and Cold Stone ice cream & a cookie for dessert..

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

Marathon for Non-Public Education: **October 15th** is the deadline to turn all pledges and donations into St. Mary's School.

October is Respect Life Month. Please consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. The crosses in front of St. Mary's in Tracy depict the innocent lives lost through abortion!

St. Mary's Tracy Administrative Assistant is located at St. Mary's School Office. Hours are Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm. You can still call the rectory phone number at 507-629-4075 or the school directly at 507-629-3270 with any questions or concerns.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR WINNER:
October 5 - $500: Reid Kimball
October 10 - $100: Mary Squires

Perennials: Marianne Ankrum is downsizing one of her perennial gardens. If you are interested in flowers, please call her at 507-626-0346 to make arrangements to remove them.

Guatemala Mission Trip Collection:
***Most Needed: Bedding (sheets & blankets)**
*School supplies
*Children's clothing (good condition, must cover shoulders)
Collection boxes are available at each parish during the month of **October**. Monetary donations can be sent to **St. Michael's, 200 Euclid Ave., Milroy MN 56263** designating A'KALA Mission. Any questions call **Jean Schmidt at 507-828-2171**. Thank you for helping us support the people of San Lucas!

AFC, Organization & Community Happenings

Studio 1 - Marshall's local cable access is airing the series *"Grab Your Catechism."* Episode 6 titled ***"Community Dimension of Our Vocation"*** will air on Studio 1 public access Bluepeak channel 325 & Spectrum channel 180 at 4 PM on **Tuesday**, **Oct. 14** & at 9 AM on **Friday, Oct. 17**.

World Mission Month—Praying with the Mission Church: October is World Mission Month. We are invited not only to give but to pray for the church in mission territories. One way to do this is by praying the World Mission Rosary, introduced by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1951. Each decade is a different color, representing a region of the world. In Evangelii Nuntiandi, St. Pope Paul VI reminds us that prayer is the soul of all mission: "It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer". Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ's love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

Farewell Open Houses for Fr. Paul Schumacher: It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Fr. Paul. His pastoral presence, love of storytelling and servant heart are gifts he unselfishly shared and will be greatly missed in our area parishes.

You are invited to stop and say thank you and wish Fr. Paul farewell as he prepares to move into the senior living apartments at Lake Villa Maria in Sleepy Eye, MN. It is the Leavenworth/Sleepy Eye area where Fr. Paul grew up and now, he has decided to return there to live this next phase of his life. Fr. Paul will be deeply missed, and we wish him all the best.

The first of three open houses is this weekend, **October 12th** following the 9 am Mass at St. Mary in Cottonwood. The second open house will be on Sunday, **October 19th** following the 8 am Mass at Holy Redeemer Church with rolls being served in Carlin Hall. The third open house will be following the Noon Mass at the Campus Religious Center on Tuesday, **October 28th**.

AFC, Organization & Community Happenings Continued

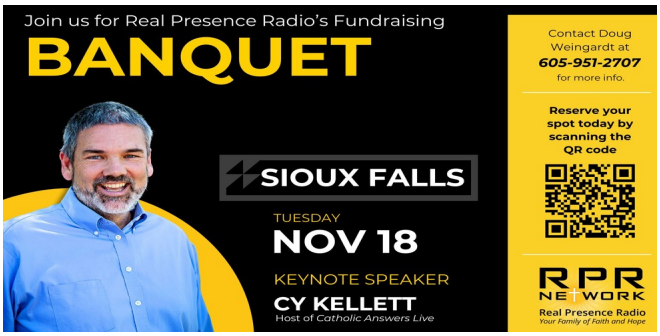
Upcoming Community Events:

- **Sunday, Oct. 26**, St Paul's Catholic Church, Comfrey **Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner**. Serving 11 am - 1:30 pm. $15 a meal. Extra rings of sausage will be available for sale.

Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday: Today we celebrate the women of our parish who provide leadership and activities for our parish through the Spirituality, Service, Leadership, Legislation, Reverence Life, Scholarship and Historian committees. Ladies, THANK YOU for all you do for the Council of Catholic Women.

Help save lives: Wabasso Legion and American Red Cross are sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Wabasso Community Center on Wednesday, **October 22nd** from 1 to 7 PM. Please call Arlene at 507-342-5493 to make an appointment.

***Women's Emmaus Retreat*, Oct. 24-26**:
"I am changed and blessed!!!"
Who: All women of Mary Mother of God Area Faith Community and surrounding communities.
When: **Oct. 24-26** (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)
Where: Beautiful Lake Shetek Retreat Center
Cost: $150, includes all meals!
Space is limited! Register now by contacting Lisa Meyer at (507)530-2841 or visit https://www.mmogafc.org/, *Education tab, Faith Formation, Adult Formation, then Emmaus.*



Faith Formation / Religious Education News

Faith Formation Update for St. Mary in Tracy: We are excited to announce Faith Formation will begin for the 1st-8th grade classes on Wednesday, **October 22** at 6:15 pm. The final necessary volunteer stepped forward to teach the 5th/6th grade class! At this time, we do not have any subs in Tracy for this year. If the Lord has been tugging at your heart to help with Faith Formation, but you couldn't commit to a whole year, please reach out to Becki at beckij@mmogafc.org to discuss your availability to sub in a classroom if a regular teacher/small group leader isn't available. Thank you to all of the volunteers who are making this year's Faith Formation program possible!
Father Steve and Becki

No Faith Formation MEA Week: There will be no faith formation classes in any of our parishes on Wednesday, **October 15** due to the MEA break.

Youth Sunday in Cottonwood:
Youth Sunday is today, **October 12.** Faith Formation students will be participating in Mass this morning.

A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for Saturday, **November 15** from 9 am – 12 pm at the Cathedral High School, New Ulm (room #113). Please ask individuals 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 and password they created to register at this time. Users may also change their session decision online if needed. If you need assistance registering someone, please contact Sherry Kalow (skalow@dnu.org).

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

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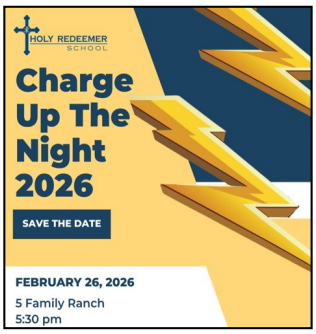
HRS is looking for a smaller Christmas tree than originally wanted 12-15 feet.

We are hiring for a preschool assistant - Full-time or MWF position.
https://www.holyredeemerschools.com/employment.html



Save the Date!
HRS tickets available soon.

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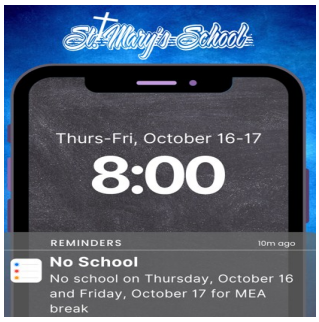
Winter warm-up tickets available:
https://e.givesmart.com/events/LaN/



No school at either school October 16-17 for MEA break.

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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