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AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Sunday, November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

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St. Mary's, Tracy
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Tracy, MN 56175
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AFC Liturgical Schedule - Dec. 1-7, 2025

Monday
December 1: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
10:00 a.m. Mass (NH) ✞ Ralph Leifgen
5:30 p.m. Mass (HR) CDA Members

Tuesday
December 2: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
12:00 p.m. Mass (CRC) ✞ Jim & Cathy John
3:30 p.m. Mass (BE) ✞ Helen DeSleer
5:30 p.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Cathy Steffes
6:00 p.m. Adoration (CRC)

Wednesday - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
December 3: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Mae Bossuyt
8:20 a.m. Mass (HRS) ✞ All souls in purgatory
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Dave Van De Wiele
5:30 p.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Addy VanMoer

Thursday
December 4: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Dianne Eis
8:30 a.m. Mass (WG) ✞ Richard Krueger
5:30 p.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Sue Edwards

Friday
December 5: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Jim Coquyt
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Jack Hennen
10:30 a.m. Mass (HS) ✞ Bill & Genny Sammons
12:00 p.m. Benediction (SJC)

Saturday
December 6: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
8:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ George & Rita Laleman
5:00 p.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Jon Fuhrmann

Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent
December 7: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
8:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Ed & Cathy Paradis
8:30 a.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Scott Debbaut
9:00 a.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Andy Viaene
10:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ James & Agnes Van Overbeke
10:00 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Cody Morgan
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) ✞ Clarence Louwagie

Weekly Happenings

Monday, December 1
6 pm (CH) CDA/CCW Advent party
6:10 pm (CH) Emmaus Mass Monday

Tuesday, December 2
6:45 am (CH) Holy Redeemer Men's Group meets
3:30 pm (TR) Tracy CCW meeting
6 pm (CRC) Catholic 'Stangs pizza night

Wednesday, December 3
4 pm (HRS) Preschool class
5 pm (HRS) Youth Choir practice
5:30 pm (HRS) Gr. K-5 Faith Formation classes
6 pm (HRS) Adult Choir practice
6 pm (MIL) Gr. K-6 Faith Formation classes
6:15 pm (TR) Gr. K-11 Faith Formation classes
6:15 pm (SM) Gr. 5-11 Faith Formation classes
6:45 pm (HRS) Gr. 6-11 Faith Formation classes
7:15 pm (MIL) Gr. 7-12 Faith Formation classes
9 pm (CRC) Catholic 'Stangs Bible Study

Thursday, December 4

Friday, Dec. 5 - First Friday/Communion Calls
Holy Redeemer Parish Office closes at noon
Last day to buy Cake Bundtlets (HRS)

Saturday, December 6
After 8 am Mass (HR) First Sat. Devotions/Confessions

Sunday, December 7
8 am—Noon (CH) Camp Foley breakfast
Following 9 am Mass (SM) K-4 Sunday School and Birthday Cake packing
9:30 am (MIL) St. Nicholas Day

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

We Adore Him *Adorers are needed at St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel for **Thursdays at 10 AM beginning in January & Fridays at 12 AM from January-March.*** Please call Barb at the Parish Office at 507-532-5711 or sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/3u857rsu.

Heart-to-Heart Teen Angel Tree: The tree in the gathering space at Holy Redeemer is adorned with angels with gift ideas for teens. To help with the Heart-to-Heart Lyon County Christmas Charity, please consider taking an angel, purchasing a gift and returning it un-wrapped to the Parish Center by Monday, **Dec. 8th**. Any price gift is appreciated! Don't have time to shop? Cash, checks and gift cards to local merchants will be used to purchase other gifts needed.

Nativity Scene Volunteers Needed: The Prairie Home Hospice Light up the Night is seeking volunteers for the Nativity Scene. There are openings on Dec. 13, 19 & 20. If you can volunteer, please click: https://tinyurl.com/ncwtsjhz. Consider signing up as a group or with friends or family! ***High School students get credit for Faith Formation hours***.

The HR Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, **December 13**, from 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. in Carlin Hall. Purchase a bucket for $20 or bring back previously purchased buckets and only pay $18. You may also order TO GO buckets for $20. To order, call or text Marianne at 507.476.0851 or Maggie at 507.828.8949 before 9 a.m. on Saturday, **Dec. 13**. We will be offering beverages and homemade rolls for all to enjoy, as well. We encourage all to stop by and get their Christmas baking done early!

Women's Bible Study—Grounded in Hope:
A 17-lesson women's Bible study, is ideal if you…
*Long to know Jesus with greater intimacy.
*Are ready to grow in your trust in Him as your true source of hope.
*Have grown weary as you run your race and need encouragement to persevere.
If you are interested in doing this study starting early January or just want to talk with someone first, please click on the link https://tinyurl.com/4w723jtb or call 507-530-2772. Deadline for registration is **December 4th**.

CDA/CCW Advent Party: All women of our Area Faith Community are invited to attend on Monday**, December 1** in Holy Redeemer's Carlin Hall after the 5:30 pm Mass. The evening will include a meal and fun games.

St. Mary's Church, Cottonwood

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD for St. Mary, Cottonwood:
Fr. Paul van de Crommert, Church of the Holy Rosary
525 Grant Ave., North Mankato, MN 56003
Birthday: October 21
Ordination Date: June 25, 1988

St. Mary's, Cottonwood 2026 Calendar Raffle Tickets are now 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.

Birthday Cake Fundraiser: St. Mary's Cottonwood CCW is sponsoring a birthday cake packing event after Mass on Sunday, **December 7th**. As we prepare to celebrate Jesus's birthday, let's help those in need to be able to celebrate special birthdays. Bring the ingredients for a cake (box cake mix + can of soda or angel food cake mix) and frosting/topping. Add candles & sprinkles if you'd like. Baking pans will be provided. Ideas for cake recipes are located in the back of church. Cake kits will be donated to our local food shelves.

St. Mary's Church, Tracy

St. Mary's Giving Tree: Located In the back of church is our "Giving Tree" for donations towards items needed in our parish community. Pick an ornament and donate towards this need. Drop in the collection or put in an envelope and drop at the school office. Thank you for your generosity this season. God Bless you.

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD for 25-26 for St. Mary, Tracy: Fr. Bernard Steiner, 1223 Karl Dr., Apt 210, New Ulm, MN 56073. **Birthday**: Nov. 4 **Ordination**: February 19, 1961

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR WINNER:
November 28 - $100: Vin Lanoue

Church Cleaning: St. Mary's, Tracy, Christmas Church cleaning will be on Saturday, **December 13 at** 8 am. Please consider helping—the more hands, the easier the task.

St. Mary's CCW Meeting: The next meeting is Tuesday, **Dec. 2** at 3:30 PM in the church basement.

St. Michael's Church, Milroy

Advent Angel Tree: The Angel Tree at St. Michael's is now on display**.** An angel tag will have a child's gender listed plus approximate age along with a list of ideas. Parishioners, please take a tag and buy the gift. Return the gift in a gift bag by **December 20**. Please attach the angel tag to the gift bag. Thank you.

Caramel Sales are in full swing and go through Christmas. Cost per box is $15.00. They will be sold after Masses in Milroy or order ahead by calling 507-828-2171. Proceeds will go to help build homes in San Lucas, Guatemala.

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD for 25-26 for St. Michael: Fr. Anthony Hesse, PO Box 383, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-0383. **Birthday**: October 23 **Ordination**: June 2, 2001

Mark your calendars for St. Nicholas Day: On **December 7** following the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Michael's, St. Nick will be present to hand out goodie bags to the children.

SNOW REMOVAL: St. Michael's is still looking for someone to remove snow. Please contact Jean Schmidt at 507-828-2171 or Becki Johnson at beckij@mmogafc.org or 507-532-5711. This is a paid position.

Area Faith Community News & Community Happenings

VIRTUS Training Session:

- Sat., **Dec. 6,** 9 am—12 pm, Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Please ask those needing a new VIRTUS account to register online through the diocesan Website https://www.dnu.org/safeenvironment/.

Retirement Fund for Religious: A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, IL. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving **next week**.

Jackpot Bingo: Catholic United Financial will be hosting Jackpot Bingo at the St. Leo Catholic Church on Sunday, **Dec. 7**. Warm up games begin at 12:30 pm. Ticket cost is $15. Basement & church are handicap accessible. Lunch will be served.

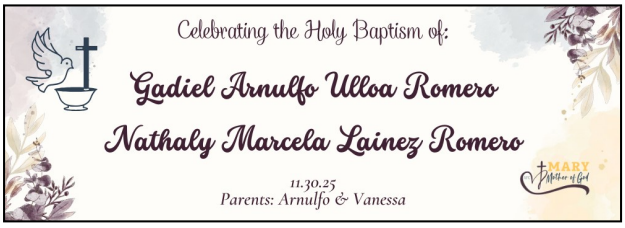
November Food Drive: This is the last chance to bring **non-expired** food items and/or monetary donations to each church to help support our local food shelf. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope marked **"Food Shelf"**. Food items may be left in the boxes at the entry of each church. Thank you for your generosity in caring for the needs of the hungry.

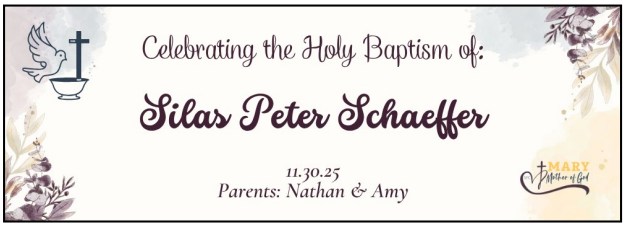
Studio 1 - Marshall's local cable access is airing the series *"Savoring Our Faith with Father Leo Patalinghug (Season 2)." Get ready for more faith, flavor and fun with Fr. Patalinghug.* Episode 3 titled ***"Seafood Diet"*** will air on Studio 1 public access Bluepeak channel 325 & Spectrum channel 180 at 4 PM on **Tuesday**, **Dec. 2** & at 9 AM on **Friday, Dec. 5**.

Southwest MN Men's Chorus Holiday Concert Series:
Sat., **Dec 6**—7:30 PM Immaculate Heart of Mary, Currie
Sun., **Dec. 7**—4 PM United Methodist Church, Lamberton
Sun., **Dec. 7**—7 PM St. Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield
Tues., **Dec. 9**—7 PM Tracy Alliance Church, Tracy

Area Faith Community News & Community Happenings Continued

Year-End Giving: The end of the year is not far away, and it is time to begin thinking of strategies to maximize the tax benefits of year-end giving. Federal and state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities like your parish, diocese, schools and other ministries. Remember that only gifts made by **December 31** can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April. Please consult your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation. Farmers, your harvest can bless our parish in a special way. You can avoid income and self-employment tax on raised grain gifted to your parish – even if you don't itemize donations. The grain should be delivered to an elevator with the actual storage ticket given to the parish. To get the tax savings, the parish – not the grower - must sell the grain. You still deduct production costs, but the value of the grain itself is not included in taxable income. To learn more about the benefits of charitable giving of grain, please contact the parish office at 507-532-5711.





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

Advent Lessons & Carols: Mark your calendar and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ with prayer, Scripture and carols on Sunday, **December 14** at 3 PM at Holy Redeemer Church. Featuring Our Lady of the Prairie Diocesan Choir. Hosted by the Diocese of New Ulm Office of Worship. A light reception will follow.

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

Opportunities to give back and earn Confirmation service hours!

Holy Redeemer Cookie Walk

Sat., Dec. 13 8:30-10:30 AM

Drop off Friday, Dec. 12, 4 to 5 PM

https://tinyurl.com/ycxjvxjp

https://tinyurl.com/4k7f3mku

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Late Nov—Dec. 23, 2025

Sign up as a family!

Marshall Runnings, Ace or HyVee

https://www.registertoring.com/default.aspx

Advent Candle Light Bearers

At Masses during Advent

Sign up as a family

At all four parishes.

https://tinyurl.com/k2y8ce48

Nativity Performer

At Light Up the Night

Sign up as a group or individual.

Numerous spots available.

https://tinyurl.com/ncwtsjhz

School Information

Principal: Ashley Honetschlager, ahonetschlager@holy-redeemer.com
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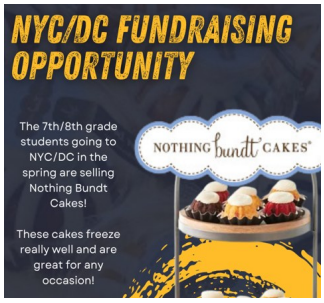
St. Mary's School, 225 6th Street, Tracy, MN 56175 - 507-629-3270
Administrative Assistant: Shea Pedersen, spedersen@stmarystracy.com
https://www.stmarystracy.com

St. Mary's School - Tracy, MN St.marys.catholic.school_tracy

Come support the students at the Camp Foley Breakfast on Sunday, **Dec. 7** from 8 am to Noon in Carlin Hall.



Bundt Cakes can be ordered in the school office or find a 7th or 8th grade student. **Sold until Dec. 5**. Will arrive before Christmas. See Poster under Holy Redeemer section for flavors. $7 each.

Join us at St. Mary's School for our Christmas Concert on **December 14** at 5 PM! We can't wait to share the joy of the season with you!

Save the Date!
Winter warm-up tickets available:
https://e.givesmart.com/events/LaN/

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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