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Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

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AFC Liturgical Schedule - Dec. 15-21, 2025

Monday
December 15: Nm 24:2-7, 1-17a; Mt 21:23-27
10:00 a.m. Mass (NH) ✞ Gene Staniszewski
5:30 p.m. Mass (HR) ✞ David Coudron

Tuesday
December 16: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
12:00 p.m. Mass (CRC) ✞ Jane Louwagie
3:30 p.m. Mass (BE) ✞ Joanne Lanners
5:30 p.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Jolene Hjelmberg

Wednesday
December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Maurice DeJaeghere
8:20 a.m. Mass (HRS) ✞ Mary Muchlinski
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Larry Buysse
5:30 p.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Gary & Jason Timmerman

Thursday
December 18: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Clarence Louwagie
8:30 a.m. Mass (WG) ✞ Lawrence Stassen
9:30 a.m. Mass (HP) ✞ Mark "Spike" Dolan
1:30 p.m. Mass (OBC) ✞ Roger Mickelson

Friday
December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
7:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Deb Thielges
8:30 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Roger Van Overbeke
10:30 a.m. Mass (HS) ✞ Jim & Cathy John
12:00 p.m. Benediction (SJC) **(Adoration closed until 1/4/2026)**

Saturday
December 20: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
5:00 p.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Larry Farasyn

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
8:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Maynard & Lula Hodges
8:30 a.m. Mass (MIL) ✞ Rosie Johnson
9:00 a.m. Mass (SM) ✞ Donna Bjorklund
10:00 a.m. Mass (HR) ✞ Irene Labat
10:00 a.m. Mass (TR) ✞ Joe Van Keulen
11:30 a.m. Mass (HR-Spanish) For People of the Parish
4:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service (HR)
6:00 p.m. Mass (CRC) ✞ Monica Hoof

The AFC Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 4 PM at Holy Redeemer Church.

Weekly Happenings

Monday, December 15
Bishop Zielinski Anniversary-Ordination to Episcopate

Tuesday, December 16
7 pm (CRC) Catholic 'Stangs spa night
7 pm (FF) 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus meeting
7 pm (HR) SMO "A Very Prairie Christmas"
7 pm (CRC) Young Adult Catholics meeting

Wednesday, December 17
NO Faith Formation classes at Holy Redeemer, St. Mary's-Tracy and St. Michael's
1 pm (HRS) Christmas Concert matinee
6:15 pm (SM) Gr. 5-11 Faith Formation classes
6:30 pm (HRS) Christmas Concert
6:45 pm (SM) Choir practice
7 pm (TR) Christmas Eve Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 18

Friday, Dec. 19
5:45 am (SM) That Man is You
12 pm (HR) Parish Office closes

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21
Christmas Pageant following 9 am Mass (SM)
11 am (SM) Decorating for Christmas

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, ESPECIALLY

Linda Van Overbeke
Mae Dandurand
Mary Alice Harney

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)

Holy Redeemer Church

Adoration—Holiday Hours: St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel at Holy Redeemer School will *close at **noon** on Friday, **Dec. 19** and reopen at **5 PM** on Sunday, **January 4**. Adorers are needed at 4 **PM on Wednesdays from January 7 through March 11, Fridays at 12 AM and Thursdays at 10 AM beginning in January.** Please call Deacon Ken at 507-401-1060 or Barb at the Parish Office at 507-532-5711 with questions.*

Nativity Scene Volunteers Needed: The Prairie Home Hospice Light up the Night is still seeking volunteers for the Nativity Scene. There are openings on Saturday, **December 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***.

Holy Redeemer Choir Updates: There will be no adult or youth choir practice on Wednesday, **December 17**. The adult choir will practice on Thursday, **December 18** at Holy Redeemer school at 6 PM and again on **Dec. 23** at 6 PM at Holy Redeemer Church. The adult choir will sing at the 3:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

SHEPHERDS OF THE FIELD for Holy Redeemer:
*Msgr. Douglas Grams, Church of St. Peter, 1801 W. Broadway Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082 **Birthday**: July 3 **Ordination Date**: June 13, 1987
*Fr. James Devorak, 940 Broadway St. S., Jordan, MN 55352 **Birthday**: Dec. 9 **Ordination Date**: Aug. 27, 1972

HR CCW: On behalf of our CCW, we thank all women who have sent in their annual dues. Just a reminder that if you have not yet paid your dues, a check for $25 can be sent to the church, dropped off at the parish office or in the collection at Mass. Your dues help support, empower and educate all the women in our parish in spirituality, leadership and service. To see the ways we serve our parish and our upcoming activities, follow Holy Redeemer Council of Catholic Women on Facebook and join us at a meeting! Thank you.

KC's Food Shelf Drive @ HyVee: The annual Knights of Columbus food drive for December will be held at HyVee on Friday & Saturday, **December 19th & 20th**. Please stop in and make a donation. Thank you

Guatemalan Coffee: It makes a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. Holy Redeemer CCW sells ground or whole bean coffee from San Lucas, Guatemala. It is available for purchase at the Holy Redeemer Parish Office during business hours.

St. Mary's Church, Cottonwood

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. ***These would make great Christmas gifts.***

Church Decorating: St. Mary's Cottonwood Church decorating for Christmas will take place on Sunday, **December 21** at 11 am. Additional help is needed to get this completed. All are welcome to help and many hands make light work. Hope to see you there!

Sunday, Dec. 21st is Youth Sunday at the 9 AM Mass followed by the Christmas Pageant.

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.

Coffee: It makes a great gift! After Mass on **December 7 and 21** at St. Mary's in Tracy, stop by to purchase Guatemalan coffee benefitting the San Lucas Mission.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR WINNERS:
December 12 - $100: Greg Kiley
December 14 - $500: Duane Ourada

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

Christmas Eve Choir: The St. Mary's (Tracy) Christmas Eve Choir will rehearse in the choir loft on Wednesday, **Dec. 17** at 7 pm, with a snow date of Sunday, **Dec. 21** at 3:30 pm. All are invited to join.

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.

to Dr. Brown for the donation of toothbrushes for Christmas gifts for the homebound and nursing home residents!

St. Michael's Church, Milroy

Advent Angel Tree: The Angel Tree at St. Michael's is 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

Area Faith Community News & Community Happenings

Retirement Fund for Religious: They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Check your packet for the envelope.

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Instagram: instagram.com/marymotherofgodafc

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 5 titled ***"Romantic Meals"*** will air on Studio 1 public access Bluepeak channel 325 & Spectrum channel 180 at 4 PM on **Tuesday**, **Dec. 16** & at 9 AM on **Friday, Dec. 19**.

Area Faith Community News & Community Happenings Continued

Please Note: ***Next week's bulletin will be a*** **double bulletin for both Sunday, 12/21 and 12/28. There will be NO NEW bulletin on 12/28. All submissions need to be turned in to Barb Marron at bmarron@mmogafc.org by 9 AM on Wednesday, December 17.**

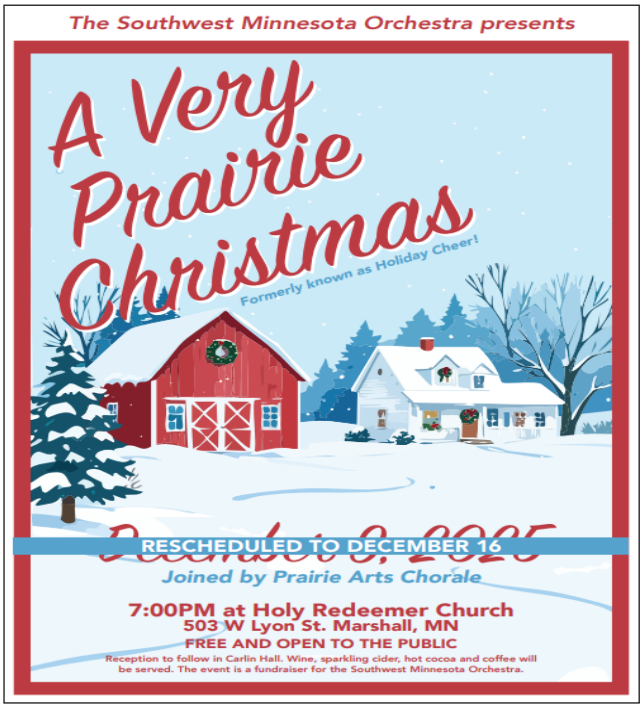
Upcoming Events:

- ***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

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, December 16 at 7 p.m. CT**. *(Please note this is a week earlier than usual due to Christmas!)* Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/12-16-25/.

Year-End Giving: Did you have an event that results in higher taxable income this year? Maybe it was the sale of stock or a payroll bonus. A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a charitable giving account that allows you to make donations today, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants to our parish and charities over time. Meanwhile, your DAF is invested and continues to grow tax free. For more information on how to set up a Donor Advised Fund, please contact the parish office at 507-532-5711.

Advent Lessons & Carols: All are invited to attend the diocesan Advent Lessons and Carols this afternoon, Sunday, **December 14** at 3 PM at Holy Redeemer Church for an afternoon of prayer, singing and scripture reading to prepare for the coming of Christ. Our Lady of the Prairie Diocesan Choir will be singing special Advent pieces as well as leading traditional carols. There will be a light reception following the service.



Advent is more than a countdown to Christmas: Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. Tune in on **89.5 FM in Montevideo** or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com

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

Mark your calendars: The Mary, Mother of God AFC Winter Skating Party will take place on Wednesday, **January 7, 2026** from 6 to 8 PM at the Red Baron Arena & Expo. More information to come.

Nativity Procession: Families with preschool and elementary-aged children are invited to take part in the Nativity Procession during the 3:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Redeemer. Each family will carry one piece of the Nativity scene as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together. There are 22 spots available for families — sign up soon to be part of this special Christmas tradition! More details will be shared by email as Christmas approaches. Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/4c4j2tjn Questions? Contact Becki at the Faith Formation Office at beckij@mmogafc.org or 507-532-5711.

Christmas Break: There will be no Faith Formation/Religious Education classes on Wednesday, **Dec. 17th** at **Holy Redeemer, St. Michael's and St. Mary's, Tracy.** St. Mary's in Cottonwood will have Faith Formation on that evening. There will be **no** faith formation classes on **December 24th and 31st**. There will be no Sunday morning Pre-K through 4th grade Sunday school in Cottonwood on Sunday, **December 28th**. Enjoy your holiday break.

School Information

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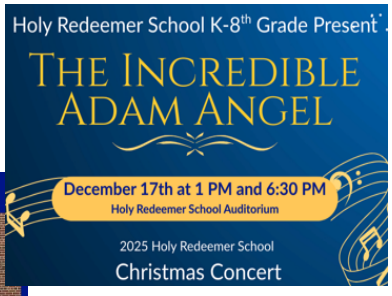

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Come one, come all to the St. Mary's School Christmas Concert **Today** at 5 PM! We can't wait to share the joy of the season with you!

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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