In Palmi on November 16 of each year is commemorated the earthquake of 1894, which had its epicenter in the city and in which an event occurred defined as the "miracle of Our Lady of Mount Carmel". For 17 days preceding this earthquake many of the faithful had reported strange eye movements and changes in the coloring of the face in a statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The local and national press reported these strange occurrences and in the evening of November 16 the faithful improvised a procession carrying the statue on the shoulders of some of the faithful through the streets. When the procession reached the end of the city, a violent earthquake shook the whole district of Palmi, ruining most of the houses along the way of the procession. Only nine people died out of a population of about 15,000 inhabitants, as almost all of the population had been on the street as a result of the procession. Therefore a commemoration of the 1894 procession takes place each year.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Omar
*SHOES NEEDED!* Steubenville Participants are collecting gently worn, used shoes! The shoes will be sent to children in developing nations that need shoes. Give to a Steubenville participant or put in one of the boxes in the entrances of the church. The goal is 25 pairs per person!

*Family Drive-IN:* Everyone is invited to join local Christians on Wednesday, July 29th for Family Drive-IN. We will begin with worship at 8:00pm, 8:30pm Games, and 9:45pm we will show the movie HOME. $2 per person donation that will get you in to see the movie and also a free small popcorn and pop. This is a great ecumenical opportunity.

*We need more volunteers to be rosary leader at the masses. You can contact Annette at 732-2478 if you can help out with this.*

*We are starting to look for additional classroom assistants in the afternoon religion program. If you are willing to devote from 3-4:15 P.M. every Wednesday during the school year to helping our young people grow in their relationship with Jesus and His Church contact Victoria Bulcher at vbulcher@stmarysrlp.org or 320-360-5193*

*The St. Mary’s Christian women’s organization has purchased a hearing assistance system for those who have hearing impairment. The earpiece can go over a hearing aid. There are 4 easy to use devices located on the table up here by the baptismal font. Please feel free to use them. If you have questions about them call Sue Shutter at 732-2327*

*Celebrate Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 19-25, 2015!* “All Natural! Natural Family Planning: Good for the Body, Great for the Soul!” Learn about the benefits of NFP as you plan your family in harmony with nature and God’s plan for love. NFP is effective, wholesome, and healthy! For more information, visit www.stcdio.org/ofm/nfp. **Long Prairie** on Monday, July 27 & Monday, August 24 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church. For more information, or to register, contact Victoria Bulcher at vbulcher@saintanns.net or 320-360-5193. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long.

*August 9th—Next Baptism Class*

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**FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS IN YOUR AREA!**

**Saturday, July 25—Little Falls** • Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Bazaar begins with indoor Mass with country gospel music by LaVerne & Friends. Food stands, beer wagon, silent auction, games for all ages and pull tabs all begin at 5 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. Live entertainment by Kevin Lange & the Mississippi Drifters begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, July 26—Hillman** • St. Rita Parish Bazaar starts with Mass at 10 a.m. Homemade chicken and ham dinner served in handicapped accessible air-conditioned parish hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event includes refreshments, cake walk, bingo, pull tabs, bake sale, country store, ice cream and games for all ages. Fancywork/craft auction at 2:30 p.m. and grand raffle (cash and merchandise — over $4,000 in prizes) at 5 p.m.

**Sunday, July 26—Little Falls** • Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Bazaar continues with Mass celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. with country gospel music by LaVerne & Friends. Chicken and aluski dinner with all the trimmings including homemade coffee cake and pies served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event includes “Kid Polka” with Gene Retka, food stands, beer wagon, arts and crafts, kiddie games, bingo and pull tabs, dunking booth, silent auction, fancywork, cake paddles, live auction at 4 p.m. and grand raffle featuring over $17,000 (all cash prizes) at 6 p.m.

**Saturday, August 1—Greenwald** • Volleyball tourney at 9 a.m. kicks off Barley Days. Polka Mass at 7:30 p.m. on the St. Andrew Parish grounds. (Event continues Sunday.)

**Sunday, August 2—Albany** • Seven Dolors Parish Summer Festival begins with indoor polka Mass at 10:30 a.m. with music by The Nite Owls. Serving starts at 11 a.m. for chicken and ham dinner in air-conditioned and handicapped accessible parish center and Holy Family School basement. Takeout available. Stands — food and refreshments including fet kuchen, fancywork and crafts, quilt stand, country store, bingo, games for kids and cake walk — open at 11 a.m. Event includes hand-stitched quilts (sale begins at 10 a.m.), live music by Gene Ostendorf Band (1 to 5:30 p.m.), quilt auction (3 p.m.), raffle drawing ($2,000 grand prize/over 175 prizes) at 6 p.m.

**Greenwald** • Barley Days continues from Saturday starting with parade at 11 a.m. followed by food and music all day on church grounds. Beanbag tournament at 1 p.m.

**Pierz** • St. Joseph Parish Summer Festival starts with polka Mass at 10 a.m. Gorka’s chicken and sauerkraut dinner served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in air-conditioned, handicapped accessible dining area. Event includes food and refreshments, music by Dale Dahmen and The Polka Beats, bingo, pull tabs, country store, silent auction, games for kids, fancywork, bake sale, veggie sale, book sale and quilt wheel. Grand raffle drawing at 4:30 p.m.

**September 13th—ST. MARY’S PARISH FESTIVAL**
Readings for the Week of July 19, 2015

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28