



**Saint Mary Catholic Church**  
32 1<sup>st</sup> St. NE  
Winnebago, Minnesota



**Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church**  
214 S. Holland  
Blue Earth, Minnesota

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***Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – Solemnity of Mary***

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, 5:15 p.m., SS. Peter & Paul**

**Sunday, 8:00 a.m., St. Mary**

**Sunday, 10:00 a.m., SS. Peter & Paul**

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., St. Mary**

**Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., SS. Peter & Paul**

**Thursday, 10:00 a.m., St Luke's, Blue Earth**

**Friday, 8:30 a.m., SS. Peter & Paul (1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

**Mass is followed by Holy Hour)**

**Please check page 3 of bulletin for any changes to the schedule**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., SS. Peter & Paul

Sunday, 7:15 – 7:45 a.m., St. Mary

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Arrangements are made by contacting the pastor in advance of the date.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Arrangements for preparation & the date are made by contacting the pastor at least 6 months before.

**Pastoral Care of the Elderly/Sick**

Please contact the pastor when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

**Prayer Network**

Anyone wishing to have the prayerful support of our parish community may relay your prayer request to Ruth Kastner (943-3478) or Jeanette Verdoorn (526-2333) to initiate the calling tree.

**For prayers requests for St. Mary's,** call Mary Franta (893-4326) or Chris Rockers (893-3729).

**Faith Formation**

We have resources & activities for growth & formation of faith in all members of all ages. For our young people, we have programs & youth ministries coordinated by Angie Nagel at SS. Peter & Paul (526-5626) & Pat Salic at St. Mary (236-2195).

**Joining or Returning to the Catholic Church**

The rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process for adults to become members of the Catholic Church. For additional information, please contact the pastor.

**To rent the Social Hall of SS Peter & Paul**

To schedule activities/events, please contact Pat Boettcher(526-5626)

**Bulletin notices** Contact Pat by Wednesday afternoon at the office ([patssp@bevcomm.net](mailto:patssp@bevcomm.net)) or by phone (526-5626 or 526-3511).

## PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

We're still in the midst of the Christmas season & will be until January 9<sup>th</sup>, but I need to thank people already for their efforts in making it more festive & more sacred for all of us. I mentioned already those who prepare our churches—deck the halls—so the very physical setting can facilitate more engaging gatherings & prayer. Once again this year, how effective this was: music, liturgical ministries, the role of children, décor. On & on.

**"There should be harmony & diligence,"** the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the "sacramentary") says, "*among all those involved in the effective preparation of each liturgical celebration ... both as regards the rites & as regards the pastoral & musical aspects.*" I have found great evidence of "harmony & diligence" in these 2 parishes, especially expressed at times like Christmas. The Instruction has paragraphs on "*Arrangement & Ornamentation*" in particular. Once more, we have dedicated people—with good taste—who always make days like these better. I thank you, we thank you, very much.

**When Christmas falls on a Sunday**, there are some ripple effects on our liturgical calendar. There are 11 high feast days that override Sunday if they fall on a Sunday. That list certainly includes Christmas & its octave day, Mary Mother of God ("New Year's Day") as well as feasts like the Assumption & All Saints. Normally, the Sunday "within the octave of Christmas" is the feast of the Holy Family. When Christmas falls on a Sunday there is no "Sunday within the octave." An octave is 8 days. In the case of Christmas, its octave's 1<sup>st</sup> day (a Sunday) is Christmas itself & its 8<sup>th</sup> day (also a Sunday) is the feast of Mary Mother of God. No Sunday in between. In this case, the rules say, the feast of the Holy Family (obligingly) moves to December 30. In some countries (like ours), Epiphany has been transferred from Jan. 6 (12 days after Christmas) to the Sunday after the octave of Christmas. Finally, the Sunday following Epiphany is observed as the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. However— are you still awake? —if "Epiphany Sunday" occurs on Jan. 7 or 8, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is moved to the following Monday (losing its Sunday prominence). In this case, the ordered Sundays of the Year ("Ordinary Time") begin on the Sunday after Epiphany. And *that's* why there's no Sunday observance this year of Holy Family or Baptism of the Lord. All because Christmas came on Sunday. I think somebody asked me about this. I can't remember.

**On Christmas, I disappointed a couple people**, I learned. I mentioned "The Magic Flute" & they expected *Die Zauberflöte*, which is an opera by Mozart. (So I read a synopsis of it & don't get it. I don't get operas. And why do Germans run their words together like that anyway?) Anyway, the Magic Flute I brought is Scandinavian, not German. And I hope everybody got it. Not complicated.

All about things getting spoiled & God restoring all things in Christ. The flute wasn't magic, only fragile, & the work of grace isn't magic either, only ... amazing.

**On Wednesday following Christmas**, I was praying Evening Prayer in the Divine Office & came upon the antiphon, "*The holy Virgin gave birth to God who became for us the frail, tender baby she nursed*" & the closing prayer, "*Lord God, we praise you for creating us, & still more for restoring us in Christ.*" Both the antiphon & the prayer brought back "The Magic Flute" story.

**There are many ways** we have of declaring what Christ has accomplished, according to the plan of God—salvation, redemption, reconciliation; expiation, atonement—each term featuring a different aspect of our experience of God's grace. "Restoration" is what the Magic Flute (or Fragile Flute) story describes—at least according to my interpretation: A child brings, as a gift to the newborn Christ, a flute that has become damaged & is no longer capable of the music it could produce at its full potential. It seems to me at least that the story is describing each of us, with our gift now damaged & partly disabled after the Fall, but a gift still pleasing to God that will be restored by the touch of Christ in his glory, when we meet face to face.

**"Restoration"**—That captures an important part of what God's grace is doing in us. In 1903, when Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto became Pope Pius X, he chose the motto *Instaurare omnia in Christo*, "To restore all things in Christ," an allusion to Ephesians 1:10. (I lived for awhile at St. Pius X parish in Rochester, so learned that.)

**Our Sunday's Word to Keep** booklet has now expired with the end of 2016. It was good to hear comments from time to time through the year about its usefulness. If you have any anecdotes about your own use of it, be sure to tell me so I can pass them along, as inspiration to others—without attribution (as my lawyer says), of course. We don't want to embarrass anyone.

**I mentioned nativity scenes** in last week's bulletin (& during Christmas Masses)—their place in our faith &, briefly, those in our churches in particular. An idea was brought to me recently: Why not invite people to bring to church for display their favorite crèche for all to see, maybe on the Sunday following Christmas (which most years would be Holy Family Sunday)? The display could be prepared in the parish center & the church basement; we could have coffee & donuts, or more, for a gathering after Masses. Maybe even a chance to explain features of some of the crèches or stories behind them. This could become a tradition. What do you think? I think we should start making plans for next year. Talk to me.

**I also want to explain to you** why during Advent you couldn't find the Eucharistic Prayer I was using but I've come to the bottom of the page so I'll say it next week.

**Mass Schedule – BE=SS Peter & Paul, W=St. Mary's**

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue. /W 8:30AM/Ronald Bressler †  
Wed/BE 7:30AM/Gene Mikolai †  
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's – Phyllis Sohler †  
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/Gen Armon †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM/ Kris Cassem †  
Sun./W 8:00AM/ John & Jean Staloch †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Dan & Ruth Driscoll †

**Sat., Jan. 7: Servers:** Elizabeth Uecker  
5:15 PM SSPP Nick Frundt  
**Ministers of Communion:** Mary Warner/Don Bless  
Chuck Frundt/Angie Frundt/Barb Prescher  
**Gift Bearers:** Gary & Marsha Engler  
**Ushers:** Loren Prescher Group

**Sun., Jan. 8: Servers:** Emma Dahl  
**8:00 AM St. Mary's**  
**Ministers of Communion:** Mark Franta  
Mary Jean Perry/Rich Findley  
**Gift Bearers:** Jessica & Mike Salic Jr.  
**Ushers:** Dick Kortuem & Dick Maday

**Sun., Jan. 8: Servers:** Hailey Becker  
**10:00AM SSPP** Jennifer Scheid  
**Ministers of Communion:** Pam Armon/Shirl Maher  
Shawn Hassing/Lee Mikolai/Roger Schoenfelder  
**Gift Bearers:** Shawn & Sue Hassing  
**Ushers:** Chuck Murphy Group

**Knights Corner:**

January 9th, 2017 KC Meeting 7:00PM in Rm. 1  
January 15th, 2017-KC/Genesis Pancake  
Breakfast in Winnebago  
January 21st, 2017-KC Steak Fry @ BE Legion

**Knights of Columbus/Genesis**

**Academy Fundraiser Breakfast:** Sunday  
January 15th, 2017 @ Parker Oaks in  
Winnebago. Serving from 9AM to 1PM.  
Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Orange Juice,  
Coffee. FREE WILL OFFERING.

**The beautiful cross stitch nativity**

**scene** that is to the right of the pulpit was hand  
made by Karen Gossen's mother. The family  
keepsake is passed around to a family member  
each year at Christmas to display in their home.  
Lucky for us, this year Karen decided to share it  
with her church family.

**Assisi Heights Upcoming Events: Jan 1 – 14, 2017**  
**Doctrine of Discovery: What Is That and Why  
Does It Matter? ... \$10**

January 5, 2017  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Franciscan Enrichment – The Church of San  
Damiano... Donation**

January 10, 2017  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Please visit the website for a full description and  
registration:

<https://www.rochesterfranciscan.org/whats-happening.html>

**Winnebago Ambulance needs Volunteers.**

There will be an EMT Class in Blue Earth  
Starting Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> thru May 8<sup>th</sup>. If interested or  
if you know of anyone who would like to  
consider taking the class please contact Josh  
More via City of Winnebago and he will give  
you more information. Contact needs to be  
made ASAP. Thanks

**Winnebago Blood Mobile** will be on  
Tuesday, January 3 at the Municipal Center  
from 12-6 PM.

**St Mary's Rosary Society** is looking for a  
Treasurer. Please consider helping out in this  
position. Contact Mary Springer if  
interested. Thanks

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Dec. 24 & 25:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$14,537.04  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$108,052.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$106,832.64  
**Christmas \$4,074.00**

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Dec. 25:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,640.66  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$30,498.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$28,906.76  
**Christmas \$830.00**

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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### *January Calendar:*

- 4 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM  
1st Reconciliation Faith Sharing Centers  
4:30 - 7:00PM, Social Hall
- 7-8 Retreat Team at Camp Omega!
- 11 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM
- 14 Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 10AM
- 15 Coffee & Donuts hosted by Grades 7 & 8  
God Squad Gathering -- 6-7:30PM
- 18 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM
- 25 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM  
Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers --  
4:30-7:30PM
- 26 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 29 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass  
God Squad Gathering -- 6-7:30PM

### **Service Project Opportunities for Grades 6-10**

On Wednesday, December 21st, youth in Grades 6-10 participated in four different service projects. 50 young people and their catechists contributed one hour of service! That's 50 hours of service!

1. They cut plastic plastic bags into strips, connected the strips and made balls of plastic that will be crocheted into mats for homeless people.
2. They made inspirational New Year's cards for jail inmates right here in Faribault County.
3. They made rosaries for children. These rosaries will be hung in the entrance of the church for children to take home when they come to Mass.
4. They made 5 tie blankets for newly baptized babies at Saints Peter & Paul and St. Mary's.

### **First Reconciliation Families**

Our children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are:

Makayla Ankeny  
Oliver Ankeny  
Cole Becker  
Brayan Gonzalez  
Cadence Gunhammer  
Dylan Preuss  
Lucas Roiger  
Caiden Sickler  
Gabby Vargas

Faith Sharing Centers will be held on Wednesday, January 4th. They will be set up from 4:30-7:30PM in the Social Hall and take about an hour to complete. 2nd graders and at least one parent must attend Faith Sharing Centers.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, January 14th at 10AM. A small reception will be held in the Social Hall following Reconciliation. All are welcome!

### **Retreat Team looking for New Members!**

All sophomore, juniors, seniors and college age youth are invited to be a part of our retreat team! Our next gathering will be on Monday, January 2nd at 3:00PM in the Social Hall. Snacks will be provided! We will be preparing for our Camp Omega retreat which will be January 7-8. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions.