



**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. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – The Epiphany of the Lord***

**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

**The familiar Epiphany story** has given me new food for thought this year, thanks to an analysis of it by some Venezuelan students I read about. They notice 6 parts in the magi story & a way of interpreting our spiritual life:

1. Following... a star,
2. Traveling... with others,
3. Meeting... with Herod,
4. Finding... the Christ,
5. Giving... their gifts, &
6. Returning... to their lives.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> part** of the story is: *The Magi See a Star*

What's my vision?

What's my purpose?

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> part:** *The magi were not Solitary Travelers*

How has my faith flourished because of others?

Who are my companions who've kept me going?

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> part:** *The Magi Meet with Herod*

How conscious am I of enemies of Christ?

Where in my life is confrontation with these forces?

**The 4<sup>th</sup> part:** *The Magi Find Christ*

How do my meetings with Christ happen?

Where do I experience the real Church?

**The 5<sup>th</sup> part:** *The Magi Give their Gifts*

What's my gift?

Is my life more about giving or more about getting?

**The 6<sup>th</sup> part:** *The Magi Return Home by Another Way*

How open am I to change?

When changes come that I don't want,

do I find another way that brings me what I do want?

**About the Eucharistic Prayers** we hear at Mass: I'm asked from time to time about which ones I use. (There are more than one.) So here are some thoughts, starting with a word about what we call "the Eucharistic Prayer."

**The Mass is made up of 2 main parts:** the Liturgy of the Word & the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Prayer is the central proclamation of thanksgiving & sanctification in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It begins with the preface & ends with the doxology & the great Amen.

**We have 10 Eucharistic Prayers** available for use:

- 4 general ones (#1, #2, #3, & #4),
- 2 on the theme of reconciliation,
- 1 for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, &
- 3 for Masses with Children.

**Eucharistic Prayer 1** (aka the Roman Canon) predates Vatican II (1962-1965) & is the one familiar to those of us who are older from our childhood (in Latin before the vernacular introduced by Vatican II). **Eucharistic Prayer 2**, the shortest, is based on a prayer dating back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. **Eucharistic Prayer 3** was written after Vatican II. **Eucharistic Prayer 4** is based on a 4<sup>th</sup> century prayer from the Eastern Tradition of the Church. The "Various Needs & Occasions" Eucharistic Prayer is sometimes referred to as the Swiss Eucharistic Prayer because it came from the

Swiss Catholic Conference of Bishops. It has been approved for use in the U.S. since 1995. (It also has 4 variations in the intercessions of its 2<sup>nd</sup> half.)

**During Advent, I used the 2 on reconciliation**, alternating on the 4 Sundays. I assumed it was not included in our "Today's Missal" (because of a question I was asked recently), but they're there, along with the basic 4. (The Swiss Eucharistic Prayer & those for children are not included in our pew resource for some reason.)

**The debut is next Sunday:** "*Images of Faith.*" It's a series of little folders, 1 coming each month, each with an image of faith on the inside, on the left, a brief explanation, & a related prayer on the right. Each is related to a feast day or liturgical season or Scripture reading in the month it appears. I 1<sup>st</sup> mentioned this project 2-3 weeks back. It's a cousin to the *Prayer of the Month* project of a couple of years ago. It might have been inspired by a Faith Formation class last week that included a lesson on sacramentals. But it wasn't. I've been thinking about this for some time as a way to spice up our prayer life & also to inspire more appreciation for religious art.

**Images of faith**—like the crucifix, the last supper picture, the religious art you have in your home—are sacramentals. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches (quoting the Liturgy document of Vatican II), "*The fine arts, but above all sacred art, 'of their nature are directed toward expressing in some way the infinite beauty of God in works made by human hands. Their dedication to the increase of God's praise and of his glory is more complete, the more exclusively they are devoted to turning men's minds devoutly toward God'*" (#2513).

**This Images of Faith project** will offer a monthly sample for you to use. You may want to upgrade the décor in your home with some framed prints of religious art, maybe 1 of the 12 in this project or maybe some of your own choosing with the motivation of these 12 little samples.

**The signage upgrade at SS Peter & Paul**, promised for some time, is now complete. As you know, the Pastoral Council studied this, including help from Mark Rockers with his professional expertise. After much process we put in the order & now it's installed: **identification of our church itself** (east front), social hall, classrooms (north exterior hallway door), & offices/rectory. **Inside the social hall**, signs will identify church & chapel (south door), lavs (north door), classroom (north door), & classrooms-offices-restroom (west door). **Inside the church** (& hallway), signs will identify the chapel, & the social hall ("restrooms, offices, rectory"). Now visitors & guests will have an easier time getting around our place. This gives us a more welcoming look—an important part of hospitality & even evangelization. We don't want our parish—including our property (or pastor! or staff!!)—to appear forbidding or difficult. Or be that way for goodness sake.

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue. /W 830AM/Living & deceased  
Members of the Rosary Society  
/BE 10:00AM/ Catholic Daughters  
Wed/BE 7:30AM/McRae & Rita Willmert †  
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - George Paul †  
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/Ray Detke † & Mary Detke  
Sat./BE 5:15PM/Bernard & Lorraine Bartes †  
Sun./W 8:00AM/ Teresa Walters †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Geraldine Johnson †

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**Sat., Jan. 14: Servers:** Isabelle Barnett  
**5:15 PM SSPP** Seth Stevermer  
**Ministers of Communion:** Gary Armon/Becky Spencer  
Ann Kehr/Lorraine Hassing/Shawna Barnett  
**Gift Bearers:** Chuck & Rita Frundt  
**Ushers:** Loren Prescher Group

**Sun., Jan. 15: Servers:** Spencer Salic  
**8:00 AM St. Mary's**  
**Ministers of Communion:** Len Sonnek  
Pat Salic/Chuck Murry  
**Gift Bearers:** Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders  
**Ushers:** Rich Findley and Mike Findley

**Sun., Jan. 15: Servers:** Maddie Armon  
**10:00AM SSPP** Kate Armon  
**Ministers of Communion:** Arlen O'Brien/Joe Tempel  
Jenny Armon/Mary Eckhardt/Vitres Samek  
**Gift Bearers:** Kathy Lowery  
**Ushers:** Chuck Murphy Group  
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**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.

**BE Knights of Columbus Steak** fry will be Sat. January 21<sup>st</sup> at the BE American Legion. Serving from 5PM to 7:30PM. 10oz Ribeye \$14.00 or Smoked Windsor Chop \$12.00, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Coffee. Kids meal a Grilled Cheese or Hamburger meal, Baked Potato, Beans \$3.00. Take-outs available.

**Please join us for the first St. Luke's Auxiliary meeting for 2017.** It will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the T.R. room on Leisure Lane at St. Luke's Lutheran care center.

**CDA:** Tues.Jan.10 -- Mass at 10:00, no meeting.

**Celebrating 95 Years of Catholic Daughters:**  
The Court started the custom of wearing CDA badges at funerals of members.

**"Rachael mourns her children;** she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more..." (Jeremiah 31:15). If you or a loved one has had an abortion, you may be feeling overwhelmed and burdened. Whatever the pain, you are not alone and there is hope. PROJECT RACHAEL can help. You will be provided with sensitive, confidential counseling to share your grief and receive support and healing. Visit us at [www.ccwinona.org](http://www.ccwinona.org), call our hotline at 1-800-222-5859 or our local Catholic Charities office in Mankato at 507-387-5586 or in Albert Lea at 507-377-3664.

**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

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

**Our January Breakfast** will be on Sunday, January 22, 2017 after Mass. I will be contacting members of our group before then. Thank you!

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Dec. 31 & Jan. 1:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$5,415.52  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$112,239.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$120,428.16

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Jan. 1:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,819.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$31,671.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$30,725.76

**FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

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***January Calendar:***

- 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

**God Squad Gathering!**

Who: Youth in Grades 6-12  
When: Sunday, January 15th  
Where: My Space room  
Time: 6:00-7:30PM  
What: Gather for a time of food, fun,  
and faith!

**First Reconciliation Families**

Please pray for these children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time on Saturday, January 14th at 10:00AM. Pray for them as they experience God's amazing mercy and forgiveness.

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

**Coffee and Donuts!**

Coffee and Donuts will be held after 10AM mass on Sunday, January 15th. Youth in Grades 7 & 8 will be hosting. Please plan on joining us!