



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Sunday, Jan. 15th, 2017 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (1st 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) or by phone (526-5626 or 526-3511).

PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

JANUARY 16: This Monday we observe a civil “feast day,” memorializing civil rights leader Martin Luther King. 7 days later—January 23—we observe an anniversary of our nation’s *withdrawal* of civil rights that protected the most vulnerable in our nation, the unborn. All of us living in this land enjoy a whole range of protections & securities. But our pre-born children have been denied the one that is most fundamental. We continue to support & pray for all causes & all laws that protect & enhance life, especially for the defenseless & for families.

JANUARY 20: It’s inauguration day this Friday. I took special interest recently when I came upon some information about the Bible on which the oath of office is taken during the inauguration. In most cases, the oath is taken with a hand on the Bible. In some inaugurations the Bible was open to a particular page. Many are not known, some were closed (like Lincoln’s Bible, that Obama used in 2009), some were opened at random. There’s an insert in the bulletin this week that lists the passages, when known, to which the Bible was opened, plus the texts.

At the inauguration of Jesus (at the beginning of his public ministry) there was also a Bible opened to a particular passage. According to Luke (4:14ff): “*Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, & news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues & was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, & went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read & was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll & found the passage where it was written:*

*‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
& recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
& to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.’”*

In our liturgy we would expect a homily to follow the Scripture—and that’s what happened, more or less, in that Nazareth synagogue. The next verses say, “*Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant & sat down, & the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, ‘Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’*” (His homilies weren’t always that short.)

So, that’s what he chose at his inauguration. And we’ve reflected ever since on how those verses were fulfilled through the rest of his life & in our lives. We don’t know how thoughtfully presidents chose verses for their inauguration. History judges how they may have been fulfilled or not, or how well they captured the term of office that followed.

This brought to mind something I read recently in Doris Kearns Goodwin’s *Team of Rivals* (“The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln”). About his 2nd inaugural address, she writes, “*If the spirited crowd expected a speech exalting recent Union victories, they were disappointed. In keeping with his lifelong tendency to consider all sides of a troubled situation, Lincoln urged a more sympathetic understanding of the nation’s alienated citizens in the South. There were no unbridgeable differences, he insisted: ‘Both read the same Bible, & pray to the same God; & each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God’s assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men’s faces; but let us judge not that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered; that of neither has been answered fully. The almighty has His own purposes’.*” (This was before the “*With malice toward none, with charity for all*” part.) And when I checked the list of Scripture verses featured at inaugurations, there after Lincoln’s name is Matthew 7:1, “*Stop judging, that you may not be judged.*” For him, Mt. 7:1 was apparently not just on a page in an open Bible.

One more word on Lincoln & Scripture: After Sherman’s March to the Sea, towards the end of the Civil War, Goodwin says: “*News of the victories, Lincoln wrote, brought ‘those who sat in darkness to see a great light.’*” Goodwin put the words in quotes but made no attribution. We don’t need it, do we! The 1st reading of the Christmas Mass during the Night is still fresh in our minds, “*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light*” (Isaiah 9:1).

Which all got me thinking about what verses we might choose at new beginnings in our lives or at milestones or which ones we carry with us through life, like mottoes, that are especially significant. I know I’ve mentioned from time to time the words of John the Baptist, “*He must increase, I must decrease*” (John 3:30). I also keep in reserve Joshua 24:13, “*I gave you a land which you had not tilled & cities which you had not built, to dwell in; you have eaten of vineyards & olive groves which you did not plant.*” (It helps me appreciate my predecessors & parishioners who came & went before I came.) There are dozens, maybe hundreds, of others that deserve a place. Which are yours?

JANUARY 18 – 25 has long been designated in Christian Churches as an Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. From the beginning of this tradition (1908), these particular 8 days were chosen because the 8th day, January 25th, is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The unity of Christians can only come about through the grace of God & the conversion of all Christians. The Winnebago area Churches host a prayer/luncheon, this year at Community Covenant Church, Huntley: Wednesday, January 25. Noon. **Be there.**

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue./W 8:30AM/ Helen Dressen †
Wed/BE 7:30AM/Dick Maher †
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - Marian Warmka †
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/Jeanne Bresnahan †
Sat./BE 5:15PM/Mildon, Loretta
& Stephen Engesser †
Sun./W 8:00AM/Ernest & Phyllis Salic †
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ In Honor of the Blessed Virgin
Rosary before Mass

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Sat., Jan. 21: Servers: Jack Frundt
5:15 PM SSPP Joey Frundt
Ministers of Communion: Bev Dummer/Steve Geerdes
Bill Hamlin/Andre Hamlin/Skip Schimek
Gift Bearers: Derald & Kas Greenfield
Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., Jan. 22: Servers: Clara Ziegler
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Judy Johnson
Linda O'Neil/Jamie Ness
Gift Bearers: Chuck & Sara Murry
Ushers: Rick Mauris & Doug Klocek

Sun., Jan. 22: Servers: Zack Kramer
10:00AM SSPP Anna Nagel
Ministers of Communion: Pam Armon/Lola Schultz
Rich Schneider/Shirl Maher/Margaret Haag
Gift Bearers: Scott & Amy Kramer Family
Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

Knights Corner:

January 15th, 2017-KC/Genesis Pancake Breakfast in Winnebago
January 21st, 2017-KC Steak Fry @ BE Legion
January 29th-Pro-life Breakfast

The Winners of the Knights of Columbus coloring contest are Travis Moore, age 6, son of Dan and Lora Moore. And Amelia Greff, age 8, daughter of Lindsey Greff and Terry Keithan. Both winners produced a poster with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas" and will now be entered into the State contest. Good job Travis and Amelia!

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 21st 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.

KC Pro-Life Breakfast on Sunday January 29th at St Peter & Paul Hall. Serving from 9AM to 12 Noon. Biscuit & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk. FREE WILL Offering. Proceeds going to Pro-Life.

2016 Contribution Statements are ready to be picked up at St. Mary's and SSPP's church entrance. Please notice that there may be 2 columns of figures on a page.

Blue Earth Lions 39th Annual Brunch will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15th at the Blue Earth area High School Commons. Serving will be from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. The menu: pancakes, eggs, French toast, sausage, juice coffee and milk. Your free will donation will be used for local projects. Donations of used eyeglasses and hearing aids will be appreciated.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Feb 17-19 at Windom, MN. Visit SouthMNWWME.org or call 507-227-8229 for more info or registration.

"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, 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.

The Winnebago Ministerial Association's Unity Lunch is Wednesday, January 25th. It is being held at the Covenant Church in Huntley. Serving will begin at 12:00 noon followed by a short prayer service. Everyone is invited to attend. A Free Will Offering will be taken up.

Muir Library in Winnebago will be discussion groups based on the idea of pushing the limits of knowledge - Jan. 23 at 7pm, connection - Feb. 16 at 7pm, survival - March 6 at 7pm and nature - March 30, 7pm. The programs will include short videos of real people, real stories and real science. Attend one or all of the events.

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. Linda O'Neil will be contacting members of our group before then. Thank you!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Jan. 7 & 8:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$5,435.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$116,396.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$125,863.16

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Jan. 8:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,336.45
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$32,844.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$32,162.21

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Angie Nagel - 526-5626 (office) - 526-3485 (home) - 507-276-5114 (cell), angieyouthministry@bevcomm.net

January Calendar:

- 14 Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 10AM
- 15 Coffee & Donuts hosted by Grades 6 & 7
God Squad Gathering -- 5:00-7:00PM
- 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

Time: 4:30 - 7:00PM (The centers take about an hour to complete.)

Where: Social Hall

Snacks and beverages will be provided!

Camp Omega Retreat

Seven of our high school youth led a retreat this past weekend at Camp Omega, which is just outside of Waterville, for a group of youth from Owatonna. The weekend included small and large group activities, some fun and games, and some times of powerful prayer and reflection. Our youth who led this retreat were amazing leaders, they witnessed the Gospel, they shared some very touching life stories, they were goofy and dressed in funny costumes and they talked about how their faith and their own personal relationships with Jesus have sustained them in times of joy and in times of pain in their lives. I was so blessed to have spent the weekend with this great group of young people: **Katie Allis, Jared Armon, Maddie Armon, Andrea Chavero, Hannah Haugh, Rynne Klabunde and Lauren Schoenfelder!**

If you would like to be a part of this awesome ministry, please let me know! Our next retreat is in Owatonna on Feb. 11th.

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 6 & 7 will be hosting. Please join us!

God Squad Movie Night!

Who: Youth in Grades 6-12
When: Sunday, January 15th
Where: My Space room
Time: 5:00 - 7:00PM
What: Gather for a time of food, fun, and faith!

Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers

Who: Confirmation Candidates and a parent or sponsor
When: Wednesday, January 25th

Pathways TEC Retreat!

Please join us for Pathways TEC #68 in Mankato at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church February 18-20, 2017. (Saturday-Monday). Together Encounter Christ is a retreat for high school students and adults. Over the course of 3 days, discussion, presentations and activities will lead participants into more meaningful encounters with Jesus in the sacraments and in community. TEC has been life-changing for many as it's core is the focus on the Pascal Mystery. Participants come away with a new understanding of the limitless love of Christ, a lot of new Catholic friends to support each other, and hearts on fire to share the good news they have heard over the weekend. If you are interested in attending, please let me know!!

