



**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. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (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

**"Images of Faith"**. Well, what do you think? We unveiled & distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 12 last Sunday: The Lamb of God. It was a natural with last Sunday's gospel of John the Baptist using that term as he testified to Jesus & triggered the inauguration of Jesus public ministry (according to John the Evangelist).

**A Christian Unity Service** is an annual event of the Winnebago Ministerial, on/near Jan. 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul—this year hosted by the Huntley Community Covenant Church, noon on Wednesday.

**For inspiration** on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. I went to an antique resource of mine, *The Church's Year of Grace* by Dr. Pius Parsch (1957) for some commentary. It's still useful. You might be interested in a taste of it too: *"With festal liturgy the Church commemorates Paul's conversion because of its supreme importance to Christianity. The conversion took place about 5 years after our Lord's death. It was a sudden occurrence, not of the apostle's seeking but due wholly to divine intervention. St. Paul refers to it frequently in his epistles, always with the profoundest emotion & gratitude. The Acts of the Apostles gives a detailed account of the event, not once but three times: 9:1-22; 22:3-21; 26:9-18."*

*"Paul's conversion, to repeat, was a most decisive moment in the development of God's kingdom on earth. Thanks to his uncompromising spirit, the Church ... spread to the Gentiles. Paul it was who brought the faith of Christ to Europe &, yes, to Rome. Through him the Church became what it is by nature—universal, catholic. Accordingly, we too are indebted to him. With sentiments of deepest gratitude we celebrate that memorable event when grace scored so clean a victory over nature & human will. Indeed, we could call today's mystery a feast in honor of 'Grace Triumphant.' Still, the apostle's will was not slighted; rather, grace was wedded to will. As he himself said later: 'God's grace in me has not been fruitless' (1 Cor. 15:10)."*

**We included a little study last week** about the place of Scripture in the presidential oath of office during inauguration ceremonies. On some of those occasions it was opened to a particular passage; I counted 34 of those instances (that are known) & took interest in which books or passages have been most popular:

7 were from the Psalms

6 from Proverbs

3 from the prophets (all 3 from Isaiah)

3 from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 – 7)

Chosen twice were Micah 6:8 & also Solomon's prayer for wisdom (1 Kings 3:9-11 & its parallel 2 Chronicles 1:10). Probably the most familiar was 1 Corinthians 13, Paul's famous passage on love—chosen 4 times, but by 1 person (FDR for each of his 4 inaugurations). An honor-

able mention is Reagan's choice of 2 Chronicles 7:14 (also prominently quoted during the 2016 campaign). One president (Coolidge) chose maybe the most profound passage, St. John's prologue. (That reminded me of Fr. Hale, retired pastor of the Worthington parish where I was an assistant for 4 years. He'd been pastor from 1943 to 1973 & then continued to live in town until his death in 1985. His daily prayer-visit to church would always include a reading of John's prologue, 1:1-18.)

**Have you noticed** the south side of SS Peter & Paul Church? Recently we improved the lighting. It's our "3-season" ramp entry, used especially by people who have a hard time with steps. It was not lit well but now it is. We ended up replacing not only the bulbs but the 2 fixtures themselves. It's safer & more navigable now; also it has a bright look from a distance when approaching from the south. (The lighting has also been improved at the canopy entrance to the social hall.)

**There was an empty place at the table** for the SS Peter & Paul Finance Council meeting last Tuesday. It made us all reflective & grateful & saddened too. Norm Duggan sat in that spot for years & always made our meetings more productive & go better. In recognizing him we're reminded of those who currently serve in both of our parishes on councils & boards. "Administration" is one of the gifts of the spirit ("*Some people God has designated in the church to be, 1<sup>st</sup>, apostles; 2<sup>nd</sup>, prophets; 3<sup>rd</sup>, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, & varieties of tongues*" --1 Cor 12:28). When we thank God for Norm we include all the rest of you administrators on our pastoral & finance & faith formation councils & boards.

**About the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal:** December 11 was the last report I gave you on our response to the annual appeal that is now complete.

These are the final figures for our 2 parishes:

SS PP: 67 (23%) gave \$12,598 (77%) of goal;

so we fell short \$3,612 of our \$16,210 goal.

St M: 26 (27%) gave \$ 3,230 (56%) of goal;

so we fell short \$2,570 of our \$5,800 goal.

*(We will make up the difference from parishes' funds.)*

Diocesan wide:

\$1,658,463 was given (83% of our \$2,000,000 goal).

Among the 21 parishes of our Mankato deanery, 4 reached their goal:

St. Clair, Lake Crystal, Waldorf & Janesville.

**Last call.** As we've said before, the historic bell of SS P/P has been off schedule & often silent. The controller needs replacing. Instead of letting it sit silent, a few have encouraged us to repair it by offering to help with the \$5,000 cost. We're close to that with donations & ready to call in our order. Is anyone else interested? Last call.

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue./W 8:30AM/Phyllis Perryman †  
Wed/BE 7:30AM/Loretta Wirkus †  
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - Caleb Christensen †  
Fri./BE 8:30AM/Marian Warmka †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM/ Anita Virnig †  
Sun./W 8:00AM/Agatha & Paul Franta †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Norbert & Helen Bless †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**Sat., Jan. 28: Servers:** Carissa Engesser  
**5:15 PM SSPP** Erin Hannaman  
**Ministers of Communion:** Don Bless/Angie Frundt  
Chuck Frundt/Barb Prescher/Jason Spencer  
**Gift Bearers:** Deanna Cassem  
**Ushers:** Loren Prescher Group

**Sun., Jan. 29: Servers:** Noah Dahl  
**8:00 AM St. Mary's**  
**Ministers of Communion:** Joyce Eastvold  
Mary Jean Perry/Rick Mauris  
**Gift Bearers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**Ushers:** Mike Salic Sr. & Mike Salic Jr.

**Sun., Jan. 29: Servers:** Jocelyn Johnson  
**10:00AM SSPP** Logan Johnson  
**Ministers of Communion:** Shawn Hassing/Lee Mikolai  
Mary Eckhardt/Joe Tempel/Roger Schoenfelder  
**Gift Bearers:** Jim & Lucy Dols  
**Ushers:** Chuck Murphy Group

**Knights Corner:**

January 21st, 2017-KC Steak Fry @ BE Legion  
January 29th-Pro-life Breakfast  
KC Meeting Feb. 13th at 7PM in room 1  
KC Steak Fry February 18<sup>th</sup>  
KC/Boy Scout Breakfast March 5th

**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.

**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.

**Celebrating 95 years of Catholic Daughters:** 1984 A CDA plaque was donated to the court by Dorothea Hadlick, past Grand Regent, to be displayed in the casket of a deceased Member during visitation.

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

**Copies of the SSPP Finance Council Minutes** are available at the church entrance and in the bulletin on the church website at [www.sspeterpaulmary.org](http://www.sspeterpaulmary.org).

**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.

**You're invited to a Men's Retreat**

Dates: January 27-29, 2017  
Friday at 7 pm to Sunday at 1 pm  
Location: Schoenstatt Retreat Center  
[\(507\) 794-7727](tel:5077947727)

Cost: \$80--room, meals, and retreat  
\$50--meals and retreat only (no room)  
Theme: Fear not, proclaim the Father's love!  
Retreat Master: Fr. Francisco Rojas

**The Winnebago Ministerial Association** is hosting an ecumenical luncheon at 12:00 on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church in Winnebago. There is no charge for the meal but a free-will offering will be taken to support the local Kid's Backpack Program. Following a meal of soup, salad, bread, and dessert furnished by the six area churches, there will be a brief presentation where you will have an opportunity to learn more about the program. Please plan to join us for this time of food and fellowship as we try to ensure that none of our area children go hungry on weekends.

**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

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Jan. 14 & 15:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,209.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$120,553.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$129,072.16

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Jan. 15:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$977.10  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$34,017.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$33,139.31

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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### **January Calendar:**

- 25 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM  
Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers -- 4:30-7:00PM
- 26 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 29 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass  
God Squad Gathering -- 6-7:30PM

### **February Calendar:**

- 1 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM  
Butter Braid forms handed out to Gr. K-10!  
First Eucharist Parent / Child Meeting, 5:30PM
- 4-5 Souper Bowl of Caring Collection  
Butter Braid Orders taken after Masses
- 5 Coffee & Donuts hosted by Grades 8 & 9
- 8 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM
- 11 Retreat Team in Owatonna
- 15 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM
- 18 Team of youth to help at Kids Against Hunger in Fairmont
- 20 Ski Trip to Mount Kato -- Gr. 6-12
- 21 FF/YM Board Meeting -- 5:30PM
- 22 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM

### **Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers**

Who: Confirmation Candidates and a parent or sponsor  
When: Wednesday, January 25th  
Time: 4:30 - 7:00PM (The centers take about an hour to complete.)  
Where: Social Hall  
Snacks and beverages will be provided!

### **First Eucharist Parent / Child Meeting**

Who: First Eucharist Candidates and a parent  
When: Wednesday, February 1st  
Time: 5:30 - 6:30PM  
Where: Social Hall  
Snacks and beverages will be provided!

### **Butter Braid Fundraiser**

Youth will be taking orders for Butter Braids after Masses on **February 4th & 5th**. Samples will be available in the Social Hall so make sure to get your favorites ordered! They come in seven different

delicious flavors. They will be delivered on Wednesday, March 15th! The cost is \$12 per Butter Braid and our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs will profit \$5.00 for each Butter Braid we sell. Children and youth in Grades K-10 will receive order forms in their classes on February 1st. If a family sells 50 Butter Braids, they will receive a \$40 VISA card!

### **Kids Against Hunger Team Needed!**

Who: Youth in Grades 7th-12th Grade  
When: Saturday, February 18th  
Where: Fairmont Armory  
Time: Our pack time is 11:30am-1:30pm. We will leave Church at 10:45AM, do the food pack, then go out for a late lunch. We will return to Blue Earth at 3PM.  
Interested?? Please contact Angie as soon as possible.

### **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!!

### **Ski Trip to Mount Kato!**

Who: Youth in Grades 6-12! You can also bring friends from other churches!  
When: Monday, February 20th (President's Day)  
Time: We will leave Church at 8:00AM and return at 6:00PM.  
Registration forms will be handed out to Grades 6-10 on February 1st. There will also be forms available on the Youth Bulletin board in the Church entrance.  
Parents are needed to drive and chaperone for the day. If you are interested, please let me know.

## **November 15, 2016 Finance Council**

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Dan Welder and started with prayer.

Roll Call: Marsha Engler, Skip Schimek, Bruce Hanson, Norm Duggan, Joe Tempel, Dan Welder. Absent: Fr. Klein

Minutes of the October 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written.

Old Business: 1.) With the time change, the lighting of the parking area on the south side of the church needs more attention. The bulbs in the light poles were changed out with brighter lights, but this does not shine enough light around the area where cars park. It was decided to have Duane contact Anderson Electric to have two spotlights added to each pole that would be directed toward the parking area. 2.) Tuck pointing on the front entrance of the social hall needs to be redone. Duane is in contact with a company from Mankato to make these repairs, but they won't be able to get to it until next spring. 3.) The sweeps are in place on the front doors of the social hall to weatherproof the doors.

New Business: The insurance inspector was here on October 27<sup>th</sup>. 1.) He cited an area on the north roof of the church, in the courtyard, where there are some loose roof tiles. Duane has contacted Kruase Roofing to address this problem. 2.) The tree at the north end of the boulevard that is split and been strapped needs to be taken care of. Frank Haag has been monitoring this tree. It looks like it may need to be removed.

The financial report was approved with one correction.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:15 in the rectory conference room.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.