



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Blue Earth, Minnesota

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Sunday, Feb. 5th, 2017 – 5th 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

Promoting vocations to priesthood & religious life involves everyone. It's sometimes direct, like comments & lessons in class, & sometimes subtle, like the example of those already living as sister or priest. We're happy to welcome this weekend Fr. Will Thompson from our vocation office to preside at Mass & talk about vocations.

When parents ask me, "What can parents do to encourage & support children who have the gifts for ministry as priests, brothers & sisters?" I have 8 answers: 1. Acknowledge your child's gifts & talents; encourage their interests. 2. Pray for your child. 3. Show by your example that sharing time, talent & treasure with your civic & Church communities is a value to you. 4. Speak positively about priests, brothers & sisters. 5. Encourage but don't push your son or daughter toward any life or career choice. Leave room for the work of the Spirit. 6. Speak of your own call to marriage or parenthood as your vocation. 7. If your child expresses an interest in vowed or ordained ministry, *listen*, & do what you can to support that interest. 8. Consider a family outing to visit a seminary or religious community.

On February 11th, next Saturday, 160 years ago, a little girl named Bernadette, along with a sister & a friend, were searching for firewood. She heard "a rustling sound of wind" & saw a lovely woman dressed in white. It was the first of apparitions of the Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Conception, at Lourdes, France. Today, 5 million people a year visit the spot & the healing waters that were revealed to Bernadette. This deserves mention because our chapel in SS Peter & Paul church is named after this event: Our Lady of Lourdes chapel. The sign on the door tells you that—except since the door is almost always open, you can't see it. Now we have a new sign—2 of them—identifying our chapel, one in the church by door leading to it & one over the chapel door itself. Once inside, the mural on the back wall & a statue in the front are also signs of this patronage.

There will be no lent this month—this year there will be, but not this month. Usually it begins in February; its median date is Feb. 21. (Next year Ash Wednesday falls on ... *February 14th*—talk about a conflict of interest.)

But still, our February Images of Faith will feature a work of art inspired by lent & the reconciliation & renewal it offers: The prodigal son. (I didn't save it for March because there's something else I want to feature next month.)

Blest Art visited our parishes recently. As we know, "For centuries, the Christians in & around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journey-



ing to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christian. *Blest Art helps the struggling Christian families to maintain their livelihood & their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.*"

I mention monthly deanery meetings of priests from time to time. Last fall I didn't provide our annual updated deanery roster (waiting for the name of Fairmont's pastor); so finally here it is, so you know & can feel more familiar with our Church beyond the borders of our parishes:

The Mankato Deanery of the Diocese of Winona

In our deanery there are 11 pastors of 22 parishes (Only 3 of the 23 are not linked to 1 or 2 others: Waseca Sacred Heart; Mankato's SS. Peter & Paul and St. John)

There are 16 priests in our deanery:

11 pastors, 3 associates, & 2 senior priests

These are the 11 pastorates:

Blue Earth-Winnebago, Fr. Peter Klein
Fairmont-East Chain, Fr. Andrew Beerman
Janesville-Waldorf-New Richland, Fr. Michael Cronin
Madison Lake-St. Clair, Fr. Robert Schneider
Mankato, St. John the Baptist, Fr. John Kunz
Mankato, St. Joseph & Lake Crystal, Fr. Tim Reker
Mankato, SS. Peter & Paul, Fr. Mariano Varela
(+ associates Frs. Richard Yevchak & Andrew Whiting)
Mapleton-Vernon Center-Good Thunder, Fr. Jason Kern
St. James-Madelia, Fr. Tim Hall
(+ associate Fr. Miguel Proaños)
Waseca, Fr. Greg Leif

Wells-Minnesota Lake-Easton, Fr. Andy Vogel

4 of the 14 pastors/associates are also in special ministry:

Fr. Kern at the Newman Center at MSU &
Frs. Varela, Yevchak & Whiting in a Mankato seminary

1 of these 16 priests is in new position this year

Fr. Beerman from Adrian-Lismore-Wilmon

There are 2 senior priests (whose retirement is from pastorates not from pastoral service or priestly ministry):

Fr. Andy Olsem & Fr. Gene Stenzel

The Deanery includes a number of Catholic schools:

Fairmont (pre-K – 6), Madelia (pre-K – 6), Madison Lake (child care; pre-school; all-day/every-day kdgrtn), Mankato (pre-K – 12), Waseca (pre-K – 4), Wells (K – 8)

There is a high school seminary in Mankato:

Bl Jose Sanchez Del Rio (Institute of the Incarnate Word)

There is a Newman Center at MSU in Mankato:

St. Thomas More

There is a motherhouse of sisters in Mankato:

The School Sisters of Notre Dame

There is a retreat house near Janesville: Holy Spirit

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue./W 8:30AM/Peter Staloch †
Wed/BE 7:30AM/Dick Maher †
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - Norbert & Helen Bleess †
Fri./BE 8:30AM/ McRae & Rita Willmert †
Sat./BE 5:15PM/ Kris Cassem †
Sun./W 8:00AM/Alex Klocek †
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Dan & Ruth Driscoll †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Feb. 11: Servers: Carissa Engesser
5:15 PM SSPP Erin Hannaman
Ministers of Communion: Andre Hamlin/Bill Hamlin
Bev Dummer/Steve Geerdes/Skip Schimke
Gift Bearers: Bob & Becky Spencer
Ushers: Dirk Esser Group

Sun., Feb 12: Servers: Emma Dahl
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Lola Baxter
Joyce Eastvold/Mark Franta
Gift Bearers: 5th & 6th Grade
Ushers: Mike Salic Sr. and Mike Salic Jr.

Sun., Feb 12: Servers: Hailey Becker
10:00AM SSPP
Ministers of Communion: Lee Mikolai/Shirl Maher
Pam Armon/Mary Eckhardt/Rich Schneider
Gift Bearers: Roger & Sandy Grandgenett Family
Ushers: Bob Dulas Group

Knights Corner:

KC Meeting Feb. 13th at 7PM in room 1
KC Steak Fry February 18th
KC/Boy Scout Breakfast March 5th

CDA--Tues: Feb. 14; 10:00 Mass,
Meeting, Lunch

Celebrating 95 years of Catholic

Daughters:

1985 - A newsletter, Court Crier was started.

1990 - Court Crier newsletter won 1st place in State.

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

Assisi Heights Upcoming Events:

The Art of Meditation: A Way of Contemplative Prayer... \$10 on February 18, 2017 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Meditation is a prayer form of moving beyond thoughts, words and images. It is an exercise of finding God's mysterious presence in our most silent self. Register at:

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

Widowed, Divorced or Permanently Separated

Do you know someone who is suffering from the loss of a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation? Beginning Experience of Rochester is an International Ministry which offers a program called "Coping with Life Alone" to help participants move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with hope renewed presented by those who have suffered such losses themselves who are willing to share their experience. "Coping with Life Alone" a ten session class meets weekly beginning on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904. The sessions focus on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with life as a single person. Contact Beginning Experience Rochester by calling [507-261-8248](tel:507-261-8248) or emailing beminnnesota@gmail.com or visit www.beminnnesota.org to start an amazing healing process for yourself or to encourage someone you love to step beyond grief and pain.

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: Jan. 28 & 29:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3531.20
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$128,867.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$136,167.52

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Jan. 29:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,075.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$36,363.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$35,238.11

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

February Calendar:

- 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
Butter Braid orders due in to Angie!

Sr. Jessica visits classrooms!

We were very fortunate to have Sr. Jessica, a Shoenstatt sister from Sleepy Eye, visit with Grades K-10 this past Wednesday. She spent time with each class in Grades K-5 and talked to Grades 6-10 in larger groups. This weekend, all Catholic parishes around the world will celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life. Sr. Jessica shared her journey to becoming a Shoenstatt Sister and asked all our young people to pray especially for their own vocation this weekend. Sr. Jessica is a joyful, vibrant, faith-filled woman of God who loves her vocation and loves God above all else. What a beautiful presence of Christ she was to our young people this past week!

Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers

Who: Confirmation Candidates and a parent or sponsor
When: Wednesday, February 15th
Time: 4:30 - 7:00PM (The centers take about an hour to complete.)
Where: Social Hall
Snacks and beverages will be provided!

Butter Braid Fundraiser

Youth will be taking orders for Butter Braids after Masses **this weekend**. 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 received order forms in their classes this past week. If a family sells 50 Butter Braids, they will receive a \$40 VISA card! All children / youth orders are due in to me on Wednesday, February 22nd!

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.