



**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, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 6<sup>th</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

**If our nation had a liturgical calendar**, today would be a solemnity: February 12<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, born this day in 1809—208 years ago. President Lincoln, a recent president suggested, believed in his heart that we are not north & south, slave & free, black & white, but one nation. On March 4, 1865, he delivered his storied 2<sup>nd</sup> Inaugural. In the words of Doris Goodwin in *Team of Rivals*: “Drawing upon the rare wisdom of a temperament that consistently displayed uncommon magnanimity toward those who opposed him, he then issued his historic plea to his fellow countrymen: ‘*With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation’s wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, & for his widow, & his orphan—to do all which may achieve & cherish a just & a lasting peace, among ourselves & with all nations.*’ More than any of his other speeches, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inaugural fused spiritual faith with politics.” March 4, 1865. 41 days later, on April 14<sup>th</sup>—Good Friday (coincidentally, as it is this year too)—he was assassinated. He died the next day, Holy Saturday.

**And also**—if our nation had a liturgical calendar—Tuesday would be a holy day too (some men would say “a holy day of obligation”). Valentine’s Day. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13 is required reading if you need help making this day a real observance of true love. That passage is St. Paul’s description & exaltation of “*the still more excellent way*” (the Way of Love). To save you looking it up & to encourage you to use it these days, here is the text: “*Brothers & sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human & angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy & comprehend all mysteries & all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, & if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*”

**Hearts are certainly trump** at this time of the year. Valentines brighten bleak February. The heart is no stranger in Scripture & Christian prayer either: The psalms say, “*I cry out with all my heart.*” Mary “*treasured all these things in her heart.*” Simeon said her heart would be pierced with a sword; Christ himself said to the religious leaders, “*You hypocrites, you pay me lip service but your hearts are far from me.*” He said our treasure would be

where our heart is. And that whoever nurses anger in the heart is a murderer; & as Christ hung on the cross, his heart was pierced. The 2 walking to Emmaus agreed, “*Were not our hearts burning within us?*” St. Paul told us: “*Set your heart on what pertains to higher realms.*” And at every mass we say: “*Lift up your hearts.*”

**February 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** are still 2 more February dates to add some interest to this month that is not most people’s favorite. February 15<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of Italian astronomer Galileo (1564) who confirmed the view of Copernicus, who declared Aristotle wrong: the Earth is not the center of things. The Sun is. February 19<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of that founder of modern astronomy, Nicolaus Copernicus (1473). A couple of years back when Pope Francis named a fellow Jesuit, Brother Guy Consolmagno, as the new director of the Vatican Observatory, he said, “*I am humbled by the continued support of the Holy See for our work in Astronomy, ever since the Observatory was first founded by Pope Leo XIII in 1891. It is important to remember that this Observatory was a Pope’s idea, not ours! But we do this work not just because a Pope wants us to do it. All the science we do, & all the outreach we do, reflects a quality that motivates everything we do in astronomy: a sense of joy. The stars are glorious, & it’s a treat to be engaged in their study. Their glory proclaims the Glory of their Creator!*”

**Which brings to mind words of Pope Benedict** awhile back spoken at a gathering at the Vatican Observatory in Rome: “*Dear friends, modern cosmology has shown us that neither we, nor the earth we stand on, is the center of our universe, composed of billions of galaxies, each of them with myriads of stars & planets. Yet, as we ... lift up our eyes to the heavens in order to rediscover our place in the universe— how can we not be caught up in the marvel expressed by the Psalmist so long ago? Contemplating the starry sky, he cried out with wonder to the Lord: ‘When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon & the stars which you set in place, what is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man, that you should care for him?’ (Ps 8:4-5). It is my hope that the wonder & exaltation which are meant to be the fruits of this International Year of Astronomy will lead beyond the contemplation of the marvels of creation to the contemplation of the Creator, & of that Love which is the underlying motive of his creation—the Love which, in the words of Dante Alighieri, ‘moves the sun & the other stars’. Revelation tells us that, in the fullness of time, the Word through whom all things were made came to dwell among us. In Christ, the new Adam, we acknowledge the true center of the universe & all history, & in him, the incarnate Logos, we see the fullest measure of our grandeur as human beings, endowed with reason & called to an eternal destiny.*” Meditation anybody??

Lincoln’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Inaugural was 400 words shorter than this bulletin page.

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue./W 8:30AM/ **NO MASS**  
Wed/BE 7:30AM/David Dols †  
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - George Paul †  
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/Bernard & Lorraine Bartes †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM/ Mildon, Loretta  
& Stephen Engesser †  
Sun./W 8:00AM/ Mary Ann Ziegler †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Norm Duggan †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**Sat., Feb. 18: Servers:** Nick Frundt  
**5:15 PM SSPP** Joey Frundt  
**Ministers of Communion:** Don Bleess/Jason Spencer  
Angie Frudnt/Barb Prescher/Shawna Barnett  
**Gift Bearers:** Ted & Gwen Armon Family  
**Ushers:** Dirk Esser Group

**Sun., Feb 19: Servers:** Clara Ziegler  
**8:00 AM St. Mary's**  
**Ministers of Communion:** Judy Johnson  
Chuck Murry/Jamie Ness  
**Gift Bearers:** Rick & Amy Mauris  
**Ushers:** Tony & Peggy Ziegler

**Sun., Feb 19: Servers:** Luke Carr  
**10:00AM SSPP** Anthony Carr  
**Ministers of Communion:** Jenny Armon/Joe Tempel  
Roger Schoenfelder/Shawn Hassing/Margaret Haag  
**Gift Bearers:** Chris & Michelle Klinkner Family  
**Ushers:** Bob Dulas Group

**Knights Corner:**

KC Meeting Monday Feb 13th 7PM Room #1  
KC Initiation Monday Feb 20th 7PM Room #1  
KC Steak Fry Saturday Feb 18th  
KC/Boy Scout Breakfast March 5th

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

**Knights of Columbus Steak Fry** is Saturday  
February 18th at the Blue Earth American  
Legion. Serving from 5PM to 7:30PM. 10oz  
Ribeye \$14.00 or Smoke Windsor Chop \$12.00,  
Baked Potato, Green Beans, Texas Toast,  
Coffee. Kid's meal: Hamburger or Grilled  
Cheese, Baked Potato, Green Beans for \$3.00.  
Take-outs available.

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

**Curious?** Read all about the Catholic Daughters of  
the Americas on the website:  
www.sspeterpaulmary.org. Click on ministries, then  
on CDA Documents and or 95th anniversary--Best to  
read both. Our local court is having a reception for a  
class of new members in June. Now is the time for  
ladies age 18 plus to join!

**Adoption is a wonderful way to build a family.** As  
one adoptive parent said, "Adoption has been a  
blessed event in our lives. We can't imagine loving  
anyone as much as our child. Our son has been the  
joy of our lives and has allowed us the opportunity of  
having a family. We are extremely grateful to his  
birthmother for bringing him into our world." If you  
are interested in adoption visit us at Albert Lea  
507-377-3664, Mankato 507-387-5586, or  
www.ccwinona.org

**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? "**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](mailto:beminnnesota@gmail.com) or visit  
[www.beminnnesota.org](http://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 Meeting** after Mass on Sunday  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

**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: Feb. 4 & 5:**  
Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$4,405.25  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$133,024.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$140,572.77

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Feb. 5:**  
Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$941.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$37,536.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$36,179.11

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

### **February Calendar:**

- 11 Retreat Team in Owatonna
- 15 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM  
Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers!
- 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!

### **March Calendar:**

- 1 No Classes for Grades K-10!  
Families attend Ash Wednesday Mass!
- 8 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent  
Circle of Grace curriculum taught in Gr. K-10
- 12 God Squad Gathering -- 6-7:30PM
- 15 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent  
Butter Braids Delivered!!!
- 22 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent
- 23 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 29 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent  
First Eucharist Faith Sharing Centers

### **Souper Bowl Collection!**

A special thanks to all who contributed to the Souper Bowl Collection last weekend! We collected \$525.00! The money will be given to Martin County Kids Against Hunger next Saturday, Feb. 18th when we help pack food for those who are hungry in our world. Thank you for supporting our youth and this very worthy cause!

### **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**

All children and youth are selling Butter Braids! 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. 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! If you missed out on ordering Butter Braids last weekend, just give me a call and I will take your order over the phone!

### **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

