



**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. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 7<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

**February's installment of *Images of Faith*** was distributed last Sunday. The Prodigal Son. We hear that parable at Mass once every 3 years—most recently, last September. For me, this parable & the Good Samaritan are the most important ones. For many, many years they have inspired me to reconciliation & charity. In more recent years, more deeply, they have come to describe Christ for me: the Father's Son who took the place of the prodigal ones & reconciled us to God; & the ultimate Good Samaritan who finds us, victims of sin & helpless, lifts us up & nurses us back to health. (In this series, the Good Samaritan is next November's Image.)

**Our card racks are back** (which we'd used in the past for our *Prayer of the Month* cards) in the entry of each church. Extra copies of the *Images of Faith* will be placed there each month if you miss one or want some extras.

**"Sexagesima Sunday??"** In plain English, "60<sup>th</sup>-day Sunday" is what they used to call this Sunday. The 3 Sundays before Lent, in the days before the restoration of the liturgical calendar, amounted to a pre-Lenten season, which prepared for Lent, which prepared for Easter, & so were dropped because of their repetitious redundancy. Septuagesima, Sexagesima, & Quinquagesima (Latin words for 70<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, & 50<sup>th</sup>) could not literally be the 70<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, & 50<sup>th</sup> days before Easter (although some weeks seem like they're 10 days long). The titles were used to correspond with the older term Quadragesima (40<sup>th</sup> day), the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent.

**Granted, you don't need to prepare to prepare;** or prepare to prepare to prepare. You just prepare. Ok. But isn't there merit in making plans for Lent before we're into it? So what do you have in mind? On this 60<sup>th</sup>-day Sunday.

### **I was asked for that *conscience* definition/teaching**

from Vatican II, heard from the pulpit last Sunday: *"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love & to do what is good & to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment.... For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God.... His conscience is man's most secret core & his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths."* (*Gaudium et Spes*, 16)

**"*Gaudium et Spes*" means "Joy & Hope"** & is the name of 1 of Vatican II's 2 documents on the Church. Our Church has the tradition of naming papal encyclicals (letters) & council documents by their 1<sup>st</sup> words in Latin—like Pope Francis's *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel) &, years back, John XXIII's *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth). The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) produced 16 documents. The big 4, "constitutions," have most authority & treat topics at the heart of our

faith: a doctrinal one on the Church (*Lumen Gentium* or Light of the Nations), a pastoral one on the Church (*Gaudium et Spes*), one on Scripture (*Dei Verbum* or Word of God), & the very famous one on the liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* or [this] Sacred Council).

**Nine more documents of the Council** are called "decrees" & speak less authoritatively & about concerns less central to Catholic faith (about communications, ecumenism, Eastern Churches, bishops, priestly formation, religious formation, the laity, priests, & missions). The remaining 3 are "declarations" on topics not "defining" our faith (about education, non-Christians, & religious freedom).

**To draw a comparison** about those 3 terms: Even the kids in the family know what things—values, behavior, language—"constitute" the family (are "binding" in the language of the Church), what things mom & dad have "decreed" about (still pretty serious), & what things they talk about ("declare") that matter in their lives.

**"Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope."** That's the name of this year's annual Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). That appeal is being made across the diocese this weekend. (This is only the appeal's *beginning*—since I'll be appealing this worthy cause through the next weeks.)

There are 7 parts of our faith life that it supports:

1. Vocations & Ministry
2. Pastoral Services
3. Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
4. Catholic Schools
5. Life, Marriage & Family
6. Evangelization
7. Communications

Not a week goes by for me without noticing or hearing about things happening in all these areas—with the possible exception of Catholic Schools, although last fall I appreciated its fruits every week (SJV in Fairmont).

**You must have noticed** the full-page spread on the CMA in the February *Courier*. And you must know my high regard for Monica Herman, our own executive director of the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota, an independent MN non-profit corporation that among other things handles this annual CMA. This article features 7 common questions about the appeal & her answers. (I could have answered all 7 but not as well as she did.) The only question with a somewhat complicated answer was "How are parish goals determined?" Reading through it, it's very clear—just don't ask me to repeat it in a month. (The diocesan goal is the same as last year & our parishes' goals are virtually the same.) The 1<sup>st</sup> question, "Why do we need the CMA-funded ministries?" is one I'll often be elaborating. The 2<sup>nd</sup> question, "Are CMA funds used to pay legal fees or settlements from sexual abuse cases?" is certainly legitimate & concerning & has a simple answer: No. I hope you read the whole page.

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue. /W 8:30AM/ Paul & Agatha Franta †  
Wed/BE 7:30AM/ Loretta Wirkus †  
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - Gen Armon †  
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/ Marian Warmka †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM/Ethan Rorman †  
Sun./W 8:00AM/Phyllis Perryman †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM/In Honor of the Blessed Virgin  
Rosary before Mass

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

Sat., Feb. 25: Servers: Jack Frundt  
5:15 PM SSPP Seth Stevermer  
Ministers of Communion: Gary Armon/Ann Kehr  
Barb Prescher/Mary Warner/Becky Spencer  
Gift Bearers: Jason & Andrea Spencer Family  
Ushers: Dirk Esser Group

Sun., Feb 26: Servers: Spencer Salic  
8:00 AM St. Mary's  
Ministers of Communion: Mark Franta  
Gerald Scovill/Pat Salic  
Gift Bearers: Rick & Amy Mauris  
Ushers: Dick Kortuem & Dick Maday

Sun., Feb 26: Servers: Jennifer Scheid  
10:00AM SSPP Elizabeth Uecker  
Ministers of Communion: Shirl Maher/Arlen O'Brien  
Mary Eckhardt/Lola Schultz/Vitres Samek  
Gift Bearers: Roger & Sue Schoenfelder Family  
Ushers: Bob Dulas Group

**Knights Corner:**

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

**There will be a First Degree Knight initiation**  
ceremony Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm here SSPP.  
If you would like to join the KC's, or if you would  
like more information, please contact any KC  
member, or contact Dan Moore at 236-3145.

**The Blue Earth KC's/Boy Scout Pancake**

**Breakfast** will be Sunday March 5th, 2017 at St  
Peter & Paul Family Center. Serving from 9AM-  
12:30PM. Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Orange  
Juice, Milk, Coffee. FREE WILL OFFERING.

**Celebrating 95 Years of Catholic Daughters:** 1946:

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet was held at the Blue  
Earth School.

**Quarterly CCW Family Meeting:** 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall

**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!

**Career Opportunity:**

Knights of Columbus is seeking an Agent for a full-  
time, professional career representing our insurance  
and benefits program in this area. Comprehensive  
training, benefits and a dedicated territory are  
included. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for  
membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more  
information, please contact, Luke Rennie, General  
Agent, at 507-417-4169 or [Luke.Rennie@kofc.org](mailto:Luke.Rennie@kofc.org)

**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](http://www.ccwinona.org)

**Mark your calendars!** Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> we will

be holding a special fundraiser breakfast at St.  
Mary's church hall after mass. The proceeds from  
the breakfast will go to help Matt Rockers with  
expenses associated with his commitment to  
FOCUS. Potato Bake, sausage, fruit, coffee cake,  
coffee, Milk and orange juice will be served. If you  
have any questions, or wish to help with this in any  
way, contact Marie Olson or Lola Baxter.

**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. 11 & 12:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,584.50  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$137,181.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$143,157.27

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Feb. 12:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$778.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$38,709.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$36,957.11

**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:***

- 18 Team of youth to help at Kids Against Hunger in Fairmont
- 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!  
Youth host Soup Supper!
- 5 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM 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

**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!

**Ski Trip to Mount Kato Cancelled for Monday!**

Hopefully the weather will get a little cooler and we will get some more snow so we can reschedule the Ski Trip for sometime in March! Stay tuned for further updates!

**Youth will host the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper!**

Youth in Grades 9 and 10 will host the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 1st. Help is needed for the following shifts:  
2:30 - 5:00PM Set up Social Hall and help in the kitchen  
6:15 - 8:30PM Serve meal and clean up

\*\* Pans of bars are needed for the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper! Please let me know if you can help out!

**Joyful Noise Choir**

Our Joyful Noise Choir will sing for 10AM Mass on Sunday, March 5th. We will practice at 9AM in Church. All youth in Grades 6-12 and adults are welcome to join us anytime.