



**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. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 8<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

We read through the Sermon on the Mount every 3 years (the Year of Matthew). It takes 6 Sundays. This year, this Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> & as far as we'll get because Lent starts this Wednesday & interrupts "Ordinary Time" until June 25. Because Easter (hence Lent) wanders around on the calendar, it often overrides this Sunday & next. Although we did hear these Scriptures in 2014 & 2011, we hadn't before that since 1990. Too bad. They're so good. This Sunday's Gospel is a favorite. I've prepared the following "personal Liturgy of the Word" from this Sunday's readings that you might clip & save:

### WORRY ... AND PROVIDENCE

From Isaiah 49: *Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.*

Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9:

*Only in God is my soul at rest;  
from him comes my salvation.  
He only is my rock & my salvation,  
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.  
Only in God be at rest, my soul,  
for from him comes my hope.  
He only is my rock & my salvation,  
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.  
With God is my safety & my glory,  
he is the rock of my strength; my refuge....  
Trust in him at all times, O my people!  
Pour out your hearts before him.*

From Matthew 6:24-34, Christ's Sermon on the Mount: *Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food & the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today & is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry. (Matthew 6:24-34)*

**The scrawled prayer** found at the Ravensbruck Nazi concentration camp, quoted last Sunday, was requested: *"O Lord, remember not only the men & women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not only remember the suffering they have inflicted on us, remember the fruits we bought thanks to this suffering, our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, the courage, the generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this.*

*And when they come to judgment, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness. Amen. Amen. Amen."*

**Also from last Sunday:** For those choking over Christ's saying, "Offer no resistance to evil," an insight from a premier commentary in the Catholic tradition: "*Jesus' teaching is a strategy for winning, not for passive resignation or indifference to evil. The goal is to shame the opponent into a change of heart. This presupposes the requisite dispositions in the opponent, which are not always present. In such difficult cases, recourse to other biblical principles may be necessary.*" (—Jerome Biblical Commentary)

**This Wednesday, March 1,** 40 days before Easter, we begin the sacred season of Lent. Before his public ministry began, Jesus himself went apart for 40 days: It was a time of transition from private life to public ministry & mission as our savior. In those 40 days, he recognized what the temptations would be & how powerfully God was with him.

**The Church's annual Lenten retreat** has grown out of Jesus' desert experience. Lent's the time we prepare for the Great 3 Days of the Passover of the Lord. Lent is a time for conversion by practicing more frequent & deeper prayer, fasting, & generosity. Participating in Lent also unites us to the catechumens preparing for the sacraments of Initiation & the candidates who will be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

**"Operation Rice Bowl"** is a long-standing lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. For me & for parishes I've been in through the years, it's been an important part of Lent. A benefit of the Rice Bowl project is the way it integrates 4 components:

prayer with our families & faith communities,  
fasting in solidarity with those who are hungry,  
learning about our siblings around the world, &  
giving sacrificial contribution to help those in need.

(Go to [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for additional resources—coloring pages, videos & other activities—to use at home.)

**So we'll be joining millions of Catholics** across the country by participating. The little rice bowl is good just as a visual through Lent, placed on the family table as a reminder of what this season's about. The 2017 Lenten Calendar is folded up inside each rice bowl. Be sure to find it & use it. It's a great resource. Each day it includes personal stories to demonstrate how our prayers & gifts help people overcome hunger & poverty (yes, we *can* do something); recipes that offer simple, meatless meals eaten by our neighbors around the world & daily reflections including simple actions for us to make a difference. Each year we get a kind of world-tour: Each week features a different part of the world where we (thru CRS) are serving; this year: India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, & Ethiopia—great work by a great program of a great agency of our Church. (We also have available in church other Lenten materials for home use. Browse & choose.)

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue. /W 8:30AM/Members of the Rosary Society †  
Wed/BE 5:15PM/Dolores Engesser †  
/W 7:00PM/ Ronald Bressler †  
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - Frank Dols Family †  
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/Joseph & Magdalen Rauenhurst †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM/ Gene Mikolai †  
Sun./W 8:00AM/Jeanne Bresnahan †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM/Norm Duggan †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**ASH Wednesday:**

**March 1: Servers:** Anna Nagel  
**5:15 PM SSPP** Ashlyn Klinkner  
**Ministers of Communion:** Mary Warner/Gary Armon  
Ann Kehr/Barb Prescher/Vitres Samek  
**Gift Bearers:** Ushers  
  
**7:00 PM St. Mary's: Servers:** Emma Dahl  
**Ministers of Communion:** Karen Hernandez  
Judy Johnson/Jamie Ness  
**Gift Bearers:** Dick & Joanne Maday  
**Ushers:** Rick Mauris & Doug Klocek

**Sat., March 4: Servers:** Isabelle Barnett  
**5:15 PM SSPP** Erin Hannaman  
**Ministers of Communion:** Don Bleess/Bev Dummer  
Steve Geerdes/Skip Schimek/Lorraine Hassing  
**Gift Bearers:** Gary & Marsha Engler  
**Ushers:** Dave Warner Group

**Sun., March 5: Servers:** Brian Krieger  
**8:00 AM St. Mary's** Jackson Sonnek  
**Ministers of Communion:** Rick Mauris  
Chuck Murry, Lola Baxter  
**Gift Bearers:** Jerome & Sue Behnke  
**Ushers:** Mike Findley & Bob Grant

**Sun., March 5: Servers:** Hailey Becker  
**10:00AM SSPP** Zach Kramer  
**Ministers of Communion:** Pam Armon/Joe Tempel  
Lee Mikolai/Rich Schneider/Shawn Hassing  
**Gift Bearers:** Kathy Lowery  
**Ushers:** Shawn Hassing Group

**Knights Corner:**

KC Boy Scout Breakfast March 5th  
KC Breakfast @ St Mary's March 12th  
KC Meeting March 13th @ 7PM Room #1  
KC Steak Fry March 18th

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

**Breakfast** will be Sunday March 5th, 2017 at St Peter & Paul Family Center. Serving from 8:30AM-12:30PM. Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee. FREE WILL OFFERING.

**Ash Wednesday, March 1 Soup Supper:**

Youth will be serving Vegetable noodle soup and Tomato soup with egg salad sandwiches after 5:15 Mass.

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

**Minutes of the January 17<sup>th</sup> Finance Council Meeting** are available at the church entrance and in the web site bulletin.

**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)

**Winnebago News:** St Mary's March Breakfast will be March 12th after 8AM Mass and the Knights of Columbus will be cooking.

**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 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. 18 & 19:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,912.76  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$141,338.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$147,070.03

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Feb. 19:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,420.50  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$39,882.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$41,798.11

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

### ***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

### **Lenten Prayer Chain**

You will begin to notice a paper chain forming around the Social Hall. This Lenten season, we are focusing on prayer in our Faith Formation classes. Each week, children, youth and catechists will be asked to write down their prayer intentions on strips of construction paper. Those strips will be used to form a "Lenten Prayer Chain" as a sign that God hears all our prayers and that we need to pray for each other too. There will be a table set up in the social hall with strips of paper, pens and a stapler. Feel free to add your own prayer intentions to our prayer chain! We hope to wrap our prayer chain as far around the social hall as we can!

### **Circle of Grace Curriculum being taught to all children and youth in Grades K-10!**

**Circle of Grace is a safe environment program developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha in response to Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. It serves the dual purpose of educating and**

**forming youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others. The Diocese of Winona requires all parishes to present this program to children and youth. Our catechists will be teaching this curriculum to their specific grade level on Wednesday, March 8th.**

### **Butter Braid Fundraiser**

If you missed out on ordering Butter Braids, just give me a call no later than Tuesday, February 28th and I can still get an order placed for you! They will be delivered on Wednesday, March 15th!

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

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 next Sunday, March 5th. We will practice at 9AM in Church. All youth in Grades 6-12 and adults are welcome to join us anytime.

## **January, 17, 2017 Finance Council**

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order after prayer.

Roll Call: Fr. Peter Klein, Dan Welder, Marsha Engler, Skip Schimek, Bruce Hanson.

Absent: Joe Tempel

Minutes of the November 15, 2016 were approved as written.

Fr. Klein's report: 1.) Mark Rockers has completed the installation of the signage for the church and hall. Nothing has been decided about an exterior sign for the rectory and offices.

2.) A group of choir people will meet with Fr. to move ahead with plans to locate the choirs to the opposite side of the church.

Old Business: 1.) A number of donations have been made for the church bell project. \$1400 is all that is needed to fund the \$4950.00 project. It was voted on to approve the project pending the receipt of the remaining funds.

2.) The paper work has been completed for the Red Cross to use the social hall for a disaster relief area for events involving more than 30 people. The Red Cross would be responsible for the cost and overseeing of the disaster event.

3.) A bid was obtained from Krause Konstruction for tuck pointing the north wall of the church and cleaning of mildew buildup on the exterior of the social hall at a cost of \$6125. The front steps to the social hall show some deterioration. The Kruase bid for replacement and structural repairs would be \$4280.00. It was decided to have Dan Welder check with Greg Young Masonry to study the options, costs and possibility of any local contractors for this step work.

4.) The heat cables near the chapel exterior were not working. Duane was going to check with Tween Electric, the installers, to see what the problem might be.

5.) The roof tile on the north side of the church has been repaired.

6.) The tree at the north end of the boulevard cited by the insurance inspector has been removed.

New Business: 1.) The untimely death of Norm Duggan has left a need for a new member to the

Finance Council. His contributions will be greatly missed. A replacement will be sought, but not until the end of the fiscal year in June.

2.) It was brought to Fr.'s attention that some of the Stations of the Cross tapestries are in need of repair. There may also be a few plaster areas in need of repairs. Fr. will check with someone at the Diocesan level for suggestions on possible companies for the repairs. Pat will check at Vet's Glass to see if they know of anyone doing this type of service.

The Financial report was approved with one correction.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 in the rectory conference room.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.