



**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, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent***

**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

**"Life Begins at Forty"** according to an old catchphrase. For us in the Christian tradition—the *Judeo-Christian* tradition—the phrase is a serious one & has religious significance. "Life begins at forty":

--It did for Noah (& the earth) after 40 days of rain & the great flood.

--It did for the desert Hebrews, whose journey from slavery to freedom took 40 years.

--It did for Moses when he prayed on the top of Mt Sinai for 40 days & 40 nights before receiving the gift of the Covenant & the Decalogue.

--It did for Elijah who, after being refreshed by food brought by an angel, walked 40 days to Mt. Sinai & met the Living God.

--It did for Jesus after emerging from a private life with a baptism in the Jordan by John & 40-day desert experience in preparation for his public ministry.

--It did for the crucified Christ after the 40 hours\* of his death when he gloriously rose.

--It did for the risen Lord who stayed with his apostles for 40 days before his ascension, promising & preparing for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

\***"40 Hours"** is a Eucharistic devotion, including continuous adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The 40 hours comes from time Christ spent in the tomb after his crucifixion—measured from Friday, 3 pm, until Sunday, 7 am; Good Friday to Easter Sunday (9 + 24 + 7).

**Our Lenten purpose** once again this year is for life to begin at 40—not on April 16, necessarily, after 40 days of Lent, but in a fresh start, a new beginning, whenever God's grace will make that happen. Lent can help.

**In the Rice Bowl project this week**, we encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother & father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. Hearing about efforts like this helps all of us think more creatively about service to others. (This is more than a Lenten project.) Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more. Is anybody going to try Dalma with Spinach (a meatless recipe from India)?

**We'll be making the Way of the Cross**—the Stations—twice each week: Wednesdays at 5:30 at SS. P&P & Thursdays at 5:30 at St. M. "*Christian prayer*," it says in the Catholic Catechism (2669), "*loves to follow the way of the cross in the Savior's steps. The stations from the Praetorium to Golgotha & the tomb trace the way of Jesus, who by his holy Cross has redeemed the world*".

**The Ecumenical Lenten Services in Winnebago** is one of our many good local Lenten traditions. It's held on Wednesdays & hosted each week by a different Church, featuring a ½ -hour lunch of soup & sandwich at noon followed by a ½-hour service. The theme this year is "Jesus Still Asking." Each week at a different church a

different preacher will speak on one of the questions of Jesus from the New Testament (*my ? is at the bottom of the page*):

This Wednesday at the Baptist Church:

I am the preacher (*Who do you say that I am?*)

March 15 at the Methodist Church:

Rev. Barnett (*Could you not wait with me one hour?*)

March 22 at St. Mary's Church:

Rev. Roys (*Have you any fish?*)

March 29 at Huntley Covenant Church:

Rev. Cornell (*Did you never read the Scriptures?*)

April 5 at the Presbyterian Church:

Rev. Anders (*Do you want to be made well?*)

**March began Wednesday**, as did Lent. There was a time in our Church, before the liturgical renewal, when the devotional life had more prominence than the liturgical. Among many other things, that meant that a month's dedication (May for Mary, October for the rosary, November for the "poor souls", for example) was more significant or meaningful in Catholic's lives than the liturgical seasons (Advent-Christmas, Lent-Easter). Years back, there was still a Lent of course, but March (for example) was as much "The Month of St. Joseph" as it was part of the liturgical season of Lent.

**March is the month of St. Joseph**, devotionally speaking, because his great feast comes in March, the 19<sup>th</sup>,—greater than St. Patrick's March 17<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, Irish. St. Joseph's Day is in the highest of the "memorial-feast-solemnity" hierarchy of observances in our Church. Our calendar is richly endowed with "feast days" of all kinds (the term "feast day" is also used generically for any liturgical celebration or anniversary). Of all the feast days through the year, only 17 are solemnities, most of which honor Christ or his mother. March 17<sup>th</sup> is 1 of only 4 exceptions, along with June 24 (John the Baptist), June 29 (SS Peter & Paul) & November 1 (All Saints). Solemnities celebrate events, beliefs, & personages of greatest importance & universal significance in salvation history. All of which is to say: Look forward to March's *Image of Faith*. It honors St. Joseph.

**How good it is** for us to hear about one another's faith experiences, especially specifically Catholic activities & events. Like SEEK 2017 (in January). SEEK is a bi-annual conference hosted by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Its purpose is to unite students who are seeking the fulfillment of Christ in their life. This year's locale was San Antonio, Texas, involving over 12,000 participants. Our Bishop was there. So were a couple of our priests. So was Marianna Rockers who reported on her experience last Sunday at St. Mary's. "*It was a great week of Catholic energy & motivation to get inspired about the beauty & richness of the faith.*"

**Have you contributed yet** to the Catholic Ministries Appeal?

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue./W 8:30AM/Dolores Stevermer †  
Wed/BE 7:30AM/Dick Maher †  
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - Norbert & Helen Bless†  
Fri./BE 8:30AM/Leo Rauenhorst †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM/Kris Cassem †  
Sun./W 8:00AM/ Helen Dressen †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Dan & Ruth Driscoll †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**Sat., March 11: Servers:** Kate Armon  
**5:15 PM SSPP** Maddie Armon  
**Ministers of Communion:** Andre Hamlin/Bill Hamlin  
Angie Frundt/Barb Prescher/Jason Spencer  
**Gift Bearers:** Deanna Cassem  
**Ushers:** Dave Warner Group

**Sun., March 12: Servers:** Noah Dahl  
**8:00 AM St. Mary's**  
**Ministers of Communion:** Mark Franta  
Joyce Eastvold/Rich Findley  
**Gift Bearers:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**Ushers:** Mike Salic Sr. & Mike Salic Jr.

**Sun., March 12: Servers:** Brandi Uecker  
**10:00AM SSPP** Elizabeth Uecker  
**Ministers of Communion:** Margaret Haag/Shirl Maher  
Jenny Armon/Mary Eckhardt/Roger Schoenfelder  
**Gift Bearers:** Frank & Margaret Haag  
**Ushers:** Shawn Hassing Group

**Knights Corner:**

KC Boy Scout Breakfast March 5th  
KC Meeting March 13th @ 7PM Room #1  
KC Steak Fry March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Congratulations Rich Schneider** for joining the Knights of Columbus and becoming a First Degree Knight. We welcome your leadership!

**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.

**March 8<sup>th</sup> Soup Supper:**

Circle 5 will be serving Chicken noodle and Wisconsin cheddar cheese soup with ham salad sandwiches.

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

**Celebrating 95 Years of Catholic Daughters:**

1943 - The Court started the custom of having Masses offered at SS Peter & Paul for deceased members.

**CDA:** Tues; Mar. 14, 10:00 MASS, 10:30 meeting, 11:30 lunch Come to one, two or all.

**TASTE & SEE:** Answer our Lord's call with faith, generosity and love by joining the Catholic Daughters. The local court will have a reception of new members in June.

**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.

**There will be no Knights of Columbus breakfast** at St. Mary's in the month of March.

**St. Mary's will be having potluck suppers** after our Thurs. Stations on March 9th, March 23rd and April 6th. Everyone is welcome, beverages will be provided just bring a dish to pass. Our Ecumenical service lunch will be March 22nd, free will donation.

**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. 25 & 26:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,556.49  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$145,495.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$149,626.52

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Feb. 26:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,049.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$41,055.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$40,426.61

Corrected amount

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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### ***March Calendar:***

- 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**

Butter Braids will be delivered on Wednesday, March 15th! I will announce the exact time they will be available to pick up in next weeks bulletin.

### **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!

### **Totus Tuus coming this Summer!**

Due to some limitations in our planning schedule this summer, instead of offering our own Vacation Bible School program as we have done in the past several years, we will be offering Totus Tuus as an option for all children and youth currently in Kindergarten through Grade 12. St. John Vianney in Fairmont is hosting Totus Tuus from **Sunday, July 30th - Friday, August 4th.** We will provide transportation for all children and youth who would like to participate! Please get these dates on your calendar today before your summer schedule gets all filled up! For more information on Totus Tuus, go to our Diocesan website at [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org). Click on "Offices" then "Youth and Young Adults" then on "Totus Tuus".