



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Sunday, March 12th, 2017 – 2nd 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 (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

40 days of Lent? I've heard a comment or two recently, questioning how we come up with 40 days of Lent. "It's 6 weeks (that's 42) + Ash Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday before the 1st week of Lent. That's 46, not 40." Actually, traditionally, when the Church speaks of 40 days, it's referring to the Lenten fast, modeled on Jesus fasting 40 days (as we read last Sunday, as we always do on the 1st Sunday of Lent). Since there's no obligation to fast on Sunday, the original holyday & feast day, you minus Lent's 6 Sundays from 46 to get 40.

That's the Lenten fast. The liturgical Lenten season is calculated a little differently. It's a horse of a different color. You begin with those same 6 weeks—42 days—but minus Good Fri & Holy Sat because they're part of the Triduum (The Great 3 Days), not Lent. *And* you don't add those 4 days before the 1st Sun of Lent because they were considered the porch of Lent & not Lent proper.

The "porch of Lent??" (I know, I know, I never heard of it either.) The readings of the 4 days before the 1st Sunday of Lent are meant to train us to enter into the penitential season of Lent. They provide lessons on how to better pray, fast, & give alms. While Lent runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, this method of counting will make obvious the traditional 40 days. *And*, if you go back & read the Scriptures of those 4 days before last Sunday, it makes sense. They do seem to serve the same purpose that the introduction to a book does—before you get into the chapters themselves. (Anyway, *I* bought all this.)

A footnote about Sundays "not counting" (There must be a better way of saying that.) I like what I read in one resource: *So I Should Pig Out on Sundays, Right? Not so fast.* [I think that was supposed to be a pun.] Just because your Lenten sacrifice isn't binding on Sundays doesn't mean that you have to go out of your way on Sundays to indulge in whatever you gave up for Lent. But in the same respect, you should not actively avoid it (assuming that it is something good that you've deprived yourself of, rather than something that you shouldn't do or consume anyway). To do so would be fasting, & that's forbidden on Sundays—even during Lent.

In the Rice Bowl project, last week the theme was "Encounter Innovation;" this week it's "Encounter Nutrition." *We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she & other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children & families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment?* My 1st thought in answer to that is, "By supporting the Rice Bowl project." Visit crsricebowl.org for more. Are you going to try ifisashi? I learned that's peanut stew over polenta. (I think I'll have a little macaroni & cheese instead.)

We're 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 Lenten Services in Winnebago is one of our many good local Lenten traditions. It's on Wednesdays & hosted each week by a different Church, featuring a ½-hour lunch 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. (Last week, I had the best question I think. Because I chose it.)

Last Wednesday at the Baptist Church:

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

This Wednesday 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?*)

Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope is the name of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. I hope you consider this appeal a priority (among the many you probably receive). It makes possible the many retreats & conferences for our youth & young adults to encounter Christ; faith formation for laity to share the rich story of our faith in their parishes; catechetical training for hundreds of priests, parish & school staff; support with vocations discernment; resources to strengthen marriages & families; ongoing assistance to our parishes & schools; & community outreach to the poor. A wide array of ministries is available as our Church helps thousands *renew faith, extend mercy, inspire hope*—because you & I make it possible. Please give generously to this year's appeal. I personally found the material we recently received highly informative & even motivational. It's a vibrant Church.

St. Joseph's Day is next Sunday, March 19th—coinciding, almost, with the 1st day of spring, March 20. This month's *Image of Faith* (presented this Sunday), honors him. St. Joseph's Day just doesn't have the same ring as St. Patrick's Day. And it doesn't have a place on the secular calendar. That may be just as well for St. Joseph, who then can stay simply the husband of Mary & the foster-father of Jesus. (During a confirmation interview last year, I asked a candidate who Jesus' father was. The answer: "*Joseph...well, God was his biological father.*" Never heard it put that way before.) St. Joseph is revered as the patron of the universal Church, peace, charity to the poor, a happy home & a happy death.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 830AM/Members of the Rosary Society
/BE 10:00/ CDA
Wed/BE 7:30AM/ Special Intention of Carol Hamlin
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - No Mass
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/ Mc Rae & Rita Willmert †
Sat./BE 5:15PM/ Mildon, Loretta
and Stephen Engesser †
Sun./W 8:00AM/ Peter Staloch †
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Geraldine Johnson †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., March 18: Servers: Jack Furndt
5:15 PM SSPP Joey Frundt
Ministers of Communion: Mary Warner/Becky Spencer
Ann Kehr/Gary Armon/Shawna Barnett
Gift Bearers: Derald & Kas Greenfield
Ushers: Dave Warner Group

Sun., March 19: Servers: Clara Ziegler
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Len Sonnek
Linda O'Neil/Pat Salic
Gift Bearers: Kindergarten & 1st Graders
Ushers: Dick Kortuem & Dick Maday

Sun., March 19: Servers: Luke Carr
10:00AM SSPP Anthony Carr
Ministers of Communion: Pam Armon/Lee Mikolai
Vitres Samek/Shawn Hassing/Arlen O'Brien
Gift Bearers: Shawn & Sue Hassing
Ushers: Shawn Hassing Group

Knights Corner:

KC Meeting March 13th @ 7PM Room #1
KC Steak Fry March 18th

March 15th Soup Supper:

Circle 6 will be serving Creamy potato & ham and Ground beef, spinach, tomato & mushroom soup with Chicken salad sandwiches for a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

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.

St. Luke's Auxiliary Annual Spring Bake Sale:
Friday, Marcy 31 from 8:30 to Noon in St. Luke's Chapel.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES in Winona Minnesota has an immediate opening for a part-time, ten month Parish Social Ministry (PSM) Program Director. This position has responsibilities across the diocese; therefore, the PSM Program Director could, in theory, be located anywhere within our diocese. This is an exciting opportunity for a

great communicator with strong interpersonal skills who has solid knowledge of and passion for Catholic social teaching and parish social ministry. The successful candidate must have a B.A. in the human services field, theology, or pastoral ministry and must be a practicing Catholic who understands and supports the values of the Catholic Church. Must be able to work independently, take initiative, multi-task, and possess great judgment, maturity, and the ability to think systemically. Experience in facilitating groups and managing programs and people is a real plus. Please email resume, cover letter, and three work-related references to Robert Tereba, Executive Director, at rtereba@ccwinona.org by Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

Job loss or a change in job status is an all too common experience in this difficult economy. Sadness, resentment and discouragement are common responses. At Catholic Charities we can help you move through your emotional responses to more productive goals. For more information contact Catholic Charities at Albert Lea - 507-377-3664 or Mankato - 507-387-5586 or www.ccwinona.org.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE On **Saturday, March 25, 2017**, come hear Janette Howe speak on the history, mission, and structure of this growing women's apostolate. "The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that at least one Holy Hour is prayed each day of any given week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop..." Catholic women, bring some friends with you! Come be inspired and learn how you can be part of a Seven Sisters Apostolate, deepening your prayer life while covering our diocesan priests, chaplains, retired priests, and bishops in prayer. The morning begins at **Pax Christi Church** (4135 18 Ave. NW in Rochester) with **9am Mass** offered for the intention of Seven Sisters Apostolate. Then, we will cross the street to **St. James Coffee House** (4156 18 Ave. NW), where you may buy refreshments before Janette's **10-11:30am presentation**. More information at sevensistersapostolate.org or contact Janela Hubka ([507-282-6090](tel:507-282-6090) or DaveAndJanela@gmail.com). Thank you!

Mark your calendars! Sunday, March 12th 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 will be having potluck suppers after our Thurs. Stations on 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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: March 4 & 5:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,536.10
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$149,652.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$153,162.62

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: March 5:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,362.95
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$42,228.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$41,789.56

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

March Calendar:

- 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!

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. Click on "Offices" then "Youth and Young Adults" then on "Totus Tuus".