



**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 3<sup>rd</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

**“Encounter Opportunity”** is the theme of this week’s Rice Bowl project: *“We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this lent?”* Visit [csrcebowl.org](http://csrcebowl.org) for more.

**Plan ahead.** Mainly I remind you of our Triduum Services, the high point of our liturgical year:

Holy Thursday, April 13, 5:00 at St. M, 7:00 at SS P/P

Good Friday, April 14, noon at St. M, 3:00 at SS P/P

Easter Vigil, April 15, 8:00 (no 5:15), at SS P/P

Easter Sunday, April 16, 8 & 10 as always

**I also invite you** to consider the Chrism Mass, & include this invitation from the host parish this year, Resurrection in Rochester (now pastored by our former neighbor to the west, Fr. Schuster): *Parishioners are cordially invited to attend the Chrism Mass of the Diocese of Winona. This celebration is one of the principle expressions of unity in this local Church each year. The priests, deacons, seminarians, diocesan curia staff & religious in our Diocese will gather to witness the blessing & consecration of the Holy Oils & to rejoice in the renewal of our priests' commitment to serving Jesus Christ & his holy Church. All are welcome! The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Resurrection Church, 1600 - 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE in Rochester, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday of Holy Week, April 10, 2017.*

**Monday, March 20**, is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring. Since the moon was full just a week earlier, the next 1 won't be for 3 weeks & we'll have to wait until April 11 for the 1<sup>st</sup> full moon of spring—and until April 16 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after *that*—which is always Easter Sunday which is on the late side this year because the moon was full just 1 week before March 20 & the next one . . . have I said all this already?

**Since we've been mentioning 40s this lent**, here's another one—very subtle: The account of the Transfiguration of Christ is always proclaimed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (last Sunday), which is more or less 40 days before Good Friday, because—*partly* because—of the traditional belief that Christ's Transfiguration happened just 40 days before his crucifixion. *Furthermore*: There's also a liturgical feast day of the Transfiguration, which is Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. Forty days after Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> is Sept. 14, feast of the Holy Cross. Not a coincidence. 40s & more 40s. Transitions.

**“There are so many ways you can help share the promise of God's boundless mercy. Your prayers & financial gifts enable us to support the many charitable, pastoral & educational works instructed by our Lord Jesus Christ.”** Bishop Quinn included that thought in the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal, *Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope*. I'm really hoping for a strong response.

## “Walking with God”

by Morgan Weistling is featured in March's *Images of Faith* installment, distributed last Sunday. It's a picture of St. Joseph & the child Jesus. Altho it would have been fitting for Fathers' Day in June, it was chosen for March because St. Joseph Day is today, March 19. (It's observed liturgically on Monday because Sunday's observance takes precedence.) How about an observance in your own household this Sunday, making the March *Image of Faith* a centerpiece & praying a short form of The Litany of St. Joseph. (Maybe a little way to promote the spirituality of men & husbands & fathers.) To save you looking it up:

### The Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*  
God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have...*  
God the Holy Spirit, *have...*  
Holy Trinity, one God, *have...*  
St. Joseph, *pray for us (after each invocation)*

Renowned offspring of David,	Joseph most strong,
Light of patriarchs,	Joseph most obedient,
Spouse of the mother of God,	Joseph most faithful,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,	Mirror of patience,
Foster father of the son of God,	Model of artisans,
Diligent protector of Christ,	Glory of home life,
Head of the Holy Family,	Pillar of families,
Joseph most just,	Patron of the dying,
Joseph most prudent,	Protector of the Church,
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	
<i>spare us, O Lord.</i>	

Lamb of God, who... *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who... *have mercy on us.*

V. He made him the Lord of his household,

R. *and prince over all his possessions.*

Let us pray.

O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our protector; you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

**We've made a little improvement** in St. Mary's church, although you will miss it if you never use the side entrance. Inside the door there are a few steps leading into the body of the church. We've added a hand rail to make that climb a little easier.

**Random bell ringing** may be heard at some point in the next week or 2 from the tower of SS Peter & Paul. We're getting close to the installation of the new controller, & I suppose part of that process will be some test ringing. I know *I'm* going to need a tutorial.

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue. /W 8:30AM/Alex Klocek †  
Wed/BE 7:30AM/In Honor of the Blessed Virgin  
Rosary to follow  
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's – George Paul †  
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/Bernard & Lorraine Bartes †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM/Marian Warmka †  
Sun./W 8:00AM/Joanne Johnson †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Gen Armon †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**Sat., March 25: Servers:** Carissa Engesser  
5:15 PM SSPP Seth Stevermer  
**Ministers of Communion:** Don Bleess/Bev Dummer  
Skip Schimek/Steve Geerdes/Lorraine Hassing  
**Gift Bearers:** Dennis & Mary Warner  
**Ushers:** Dave Warner Group

**Sun., March 26: Servers:** Spencer Salic  
8:00 AM St. Mary's  
**Ministers of Communion:** Mary Jean Perry  
Jerome Behnke & Sue Behnke  
**Gift Bearers:** Rick & Amy Mauris  
**Ushers:** Rich Findley and Mike Findley

**Sun., March 26: Servers:** Jocelyn Johnson  
10:00AM SSPP Logan Johnson  
**Ministers of Communion:** Lola Schultz/Joe Tempel  
Roger Schoenfelder/Rich Schneider/Margaret Haag  
**Gift Bearers:** Scott & Amy Kramer Family  
**Ushers:** Shawn Hassing Group

**Knights Corner:**

KC Steak Fry March 18<sup>th</sup>  
March 20th 1st Degree Initiation 7pm room #5  
April 8th Last KC Steak Fry till September  
April 10th, KC Meeting Room #5

**Celebrating 95 years of Catholic Daughters:**

1975: CDA members of our court will be remembered in Perpetuity in a Mass at Catholic University of America.

**March 22<sup>th</sup> Soup Supper after 5:30 Stations of the**

**Cross:** Circle 7 will be serving Chili and Chick wild rice soup with sliced tuna salad sandwiches for a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

**St. Luke's Auxiliary Annual Spring Bake Sale** and Collective Goods sale will be Friday, Marcy 31 from 8:30 to Noon in St. Luke's Chapel.

**CCW Family Circle Chairpersons** remember to have someone from your circle bring at least two baked good items for the Spring Bake Sale by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 31.

**NOW IS THE TIME** to join in the monthly reception of the Eucharist, prayer support and works of charity of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Now is the time for those who have been thinking about joining to join. There

will be a reception of new members in June. Call: Lee @ 526-5869

**Show your spouse how much you appreciate** them with some quality time together. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** makes a great gift for any special occasion. The next available **Weekends** are Apr 21-23, 2017 in Hutchinson, MN and Nov 17-19, 2017 in Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

**The Council of Catholic Families** is asking to prayfully consider a donation to help support our good works of funeral dinners and Lenten soup suppers. We do receive some money through donations, however, our expenses are outweighing our income. Since we have not had a fundraiser in recent years, we are asking for help from our parishioners. You can mail or drop your donation off at the church or mark an envelope with CCF and drop it in the collection basket at mass. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

**Seeking bookkeeper for the St. John Vianney Parish**

and School, Calvary Cemetery, Holy Family Parish and Holy Family Cemetery in Fairmont, Mn. This position is approximately 30 hours per week and is eligible for all diocesan employee benefits including insurance and 403b plan. Duties include Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Payroll. This would include implementing benefit programs and preparing federal and state quarterly and annual reports. Individual will report to Fr. Beerman and will also attend Finance Council and School Board meetings and prepare needed reports for both groups. Other duties include preparing annual budgets and annual diocesan reports. Degree and/or experience in accounting required. Contact the parish office at 235-5535 for a more detailed job description. If interested, contact Fr. Beerman with resume and references at [abeerman96@gmail.com](mailto:abeerman96@gmail.com)

**Trinity Lutheran's Fair Stand Supper:** Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7pm. Take-out orders are available by calling 526-5863. Deliveries from 5-7 are also available.

**Winnebago Ambulance** will have a Pancake & French Toast breakfast on Sunday March 26th at Winnebago Municipal Center. Serving from 9am - 12:30pm. Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Milk, Orange Juice, Coffee. FREE WILL DONATION

**Goulash Supper Winnebago Area Museum Fund**

**Raiser** on Tuesday, April 4 from 5-7pm at the Winnebago Area Museum for a free will donation. Proceeds will go toward expanding display areas.

**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 11 & 12:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,845.75  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$153,809.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$157,008.37

### Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: March 12:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$576.36  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$43,401.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$42,360.92

## 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:***

- 22 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent
- 23 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 25-26 NCYC Fundraiser Kick Off
- 26 Coffee & Donuts after 10AM Mass  
God Squad Gathering, 6-7:30PM
- 29 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent  
First Eucharist Faith Sharing Centers

### ***April Calendar:***

- 5 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent
- 9 God Squad Gathering, 6-7:30PM
- 12 No Classes for Grades K-10!
- 16 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass!
- 19 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:30PM  
First Eucharist Pictures and Practice, 6PM
- 23 First Eucharist during 10AM Mass
- 26 Final Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space!
- 27 FF / YM Board Meeting, 6PM

### **Pick A Day, Pray & Pay!**

We currently have around 22 high school youth and 4 adults who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) on November 15-19, 2017 in Indianapolis! This is the 5th time our parishes will take a group of youth to NCYC and this is our largest group yet!! The cost to attend NCYC is \$650.00 per person. We will be kicking off a fundraiser next weekend, March 25 & 26, after Masses. A flyer explaining, "Pick A Day, Pray and Pay", is in this week's bulletin. Please read about it and look for the fundraising display in the Social Hall next weekend!

Take note of the 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 is 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**

Our young people sold a total of 400 Butter Braids which is a profit of \$2,000!! If you ordered Butter Braids after Masses in February, please pick them up next weekend, March 25 & 26 after either mass. You can also call me to set up a different pick up time. Thank you for supporting our children and youth!

### **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".

### **Lenten Prayer Chain**