



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Blue Earth, Minnesota

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Sunday, April 2, 2017 – 5th 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

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Have you made plans?

Apr. 13 Holy Thursday Mass: **5:00 pm (M), 7:00 (P/P)**

Apr. 14 Good Friday service: **noon (M), 3 pm (P/P)**

Apr. 15 Easter Vigil Mass: **8 pm (SS P/P—no 5:15)**

Apr. 16 Easter Sunday Mass: **8 am (M), 10 am (P/P)**

Can you come? These are the most important 3 days of the Church year. Plan ahead. Make this a priority. We need one another here for these. Sometimes other obligations make this impossible, but let's make this a priority.

Our preparation for Easter is "both baptismal & penitential," the Church teaches. Those 2 words, baptismal & penitential, refer to catechumens & the faithful. Catechumens are the unbaptized who are preparing for initiation—Easter sacraments: baptism, confirmation & Eucharist. We are the faithful. Lent is for us too: not for "baptismal preparation," but penitential. I invite every member of the parish to rehearse the Easter renewal of baptism in Lenten penance & renewal. Most fruitfully, this includes the sacrament of reconciliation.

So "**the light is on**"—meaning the light above the confessional. I want to make the sacrament available for you who live a life filled with activities & competing demands. So I vary the confession times for your convenience, to accommodate your various schedules as much as I can guess. In addition to the usual 4–5 Sat. afternoon & 7:30–7:50 Sun. morning times, these are extra confession times this week, the last week before Holy Week: Tues. 4-5 & 6-7 pm; Wed., 4-5; Thur. 11:30 am-12:30. Reconciliation (the sacrament as well as the personal work all of us have to do) is a staple of the season.

The Way of the Cross again this year has been part of our Lenten observance, publicly, communally, & weekly in each of our parishes. 5:30 on Wednesdays at SS P/P & on Thursdays at St. M. It's a devotion for all seasons but one especially suited to Lent. We've been varying the versions of this devotion again this year, trying to respond to the great variety there is among us in terms of personal tastes & methods in the spiritual life.

One of the most familiar versions of the Way of the Cross was written by one the great doctors of the Church (honored in one of the windows of SS Peter & Paul church, by the way), St. Alphonsus Ligouri (1696-1787). About the stations, he wrote, "*The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on his shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as he walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with his, and offering to him both our compassion and our gratitude.*" I learned when I came here that 1 of the many traditions of

these 2 parishes is the popularity of making the stations together each week in Lent. How good to be part of this.

It is the liturgy, though, more than a devotion like stations, that is Lent's main course. This year in particular. Every 3rd year (during "the year of Matthew" in our lectionary), the Church keeps a special tradition, an ancient practice going back to the 4th century. After the 1st 2 Sundays' Scriptures of the Temptation & Transfiguration & before Palm Sunday & finally Easter, we retell 3 stories in the life of Christ (that were only recorded by St. John):

The Woman at the Well,

The Healing of the Man Blind from Birth, &

The Raising of Lazarus.

These are the Church's foundational conversion stories. They teach what it means to be a true convert. This Sunday is the 3rd in this Scriptural triad: after Jacob's well & the pool of Siloam, we come now to the tomb of Lazarus.

"Encounter Resilience" is the theme of this week's Rice Bowl project: "*We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, & see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing 3 meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom?*" Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Good news on the administrative side—& more: the Bishop wrote to pastors recently saying that the Pension Plan for Priests Board of Trustees approved reducing parish assessments for the Pension Plan by \$230,000 annually. This means reductions of about \$2,400 for SS P/P & \$750 for St. M. I can only echo what the Bishop said in his letter to pastors, "*I am grateful for the faithful & generous support from parishes, pastors, & parishioners throughout the Diocese of Winona. The incredible response to the Rooted in Faith capital campaign has helped the Pension Plan for Priests continue to assist our senior priests & bring about the current renovation of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.*" Amen to that. !.

Are you an investor? If you give to the annual Catholic Ministries you are: investing in the ministry of Christ here in southern MN: not just a contribution, not just a donation; an investment, on which *all* enjoy a return. In this year's appeal so far, this is how we're doing:

SS PP: 33 (11.3%) have given \$6,115 (37.5%) of goal.

St M: 14 (14.3%) have given \$2,130 (36.7%) of goal.

(SS P/P's goal is \$16,310; St. M's is \$5,810.)

Diocesan wide:

\$1,037,463 has been given (52% of our \$2,000,000 goal).

Bells! This week in my absence the new bell controller was installed at SS P/P. I learned that at 6 am Thursday. More when I learn more & have more room. How about 7 am??

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue./W 830AM/ Jeanne Bresnahan †
Wed/BE 7:30AM/ Roger Zeledon †
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - Gene Uppena †
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/ Ray & Juanita Geerdes †
Sat./BE 5:15PM/Bernard & Lorraine Bartes †
Sun./W 8:00AM/ Larry & Monica McDonald †
Sun./BE 10:00AM/Dan & Ruth Driscoll †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., April 8: Servers: Nick Frundt
5:15 PM SSPP Joey Frundt
Ministers of Communion: Gary Armon/Shawna Barnett
Becky Spencer/Skip Schimek/Ann Kehr
Gift Bearers: Bob & Becky Spencer
Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., April 9: Servers: Brian Krieger
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Chuck Murry
Rick Mauris/Joyce Eastvold
Gift Bearers: 3rd & 4th Graders
Ushers: Mike Salic Sr. & Mike Salic Jr.

Sun., April 9: Servers: Anna Nagel
10:00AM SSPP Ashlyn Klinkner
Ministers of Communion: Pam Armon/Margaret Haag
Shawn Hassing/Vitres Samek/Joe Tempel
Gift Bearers: Roger & Sandy Grandgenett Family
Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

Knights Corner:

April 8th, Last KC Steak fry until September
April 3rd-Special Activity/Planning meeting 7PM Room #1
April 10th KC Meeting Room #1

CDA: Tues, Apr11--9:15, Audit; 10:00 Mass, 10:30 Meeting, 11:30 Lunch Please bring a dish to pass or a donation for Potluck. Also, UPC's, Boxtops & stamps may be brought to the meeting.

Celebrating 95 Years of Catholic Daughters:

2000 - One hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 1st Friday Mass was started.

April 5th Soup Supper after 5:30 Stations of the Cross:
Circle 2 will be serving Cheeseburger & Turkey vegetable soups with a sliced beef sandwich for a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

The Blue Earth Knights of Columbus will have its last Steak Fry on Saturday April 8th, at the Blue Earth American. Serving from 5PM to 7:30PM. 10oz Ribeye \$14.00, Smoked Windsor Chop \$12.00, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Coffee. Kids Menu: Hamburger Meal or Grilled Cheese, Baked Potato, Green Beans \$3.00. We also have take-outs available. We want to THANK YOU for your support and we will start our Steak Fry's again in September.

Decorating the church for Easter will take place on Saturday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m. With a lot of helping hands it should only take a couple hours.

Options Pregnancy Center's 33rd Annual Banquet will be at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont on Friday, April 7 at 6:30 PM. Complimentary tickets for the "Friendraising" Dinner are available by calling Options Pregnancy Center at 238-2330 by April 3. Reservations are required. An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended during the evening.

General Spring Church Cleaning 2017 - cleaning is scheduled for April 1st thru April 8th. A list of the spring cleaning assignments will be posted on the bulletin board in the sacristy. We ask that you date and initial when you have completed your tasks. More information on this is in CCW booklet, Thanks for your help.
Amy and Lola CCW co-presidents

Join St. Casimir's in Wells for A Life In The Spirit Day on Saturday, April 19 from 8 AM-5 PM. Learn about the Holy Spirit, His gifts and His desire to impact our lives. For questions or registration, call Marti at 507-380-5746 or the parish office 553-5391 by April 15. Suggested donation: \$20 includes lunch, snacks and handouts.

There are new, inspirational CD titles in the Faith Raiser Kiosk located in the church hall. If you haven't already stopped, please take a look at these new selections.

Ladies, mark your calendars to join the food, fun and prayers at the **Blue Earth/Mankato Area CCW Salad Supper and meeting on Monday April 10th at All Saints Parish at 601 - 4th Street in Madison Lake.** The Salad Supper will begin at 6:00 PM with the Area CCW meeting following at 7:00 PM. Each parish is asked to provide two salads for the meal. Attendance is highly encouraged for parish officers and anyone who has not attended an Area CCW meeting in the past, or if it has been a while since your last meeting. Take this opportunity to enjoy some great food and fellowship while spending some time learning, sharing, supporting and praying. There will be a special reward for new attendees. If anyone wants to ride share, contact Amy at 525-2202 or Lola at 525-0916

Thank you for all your prayers, love and good thoughts for our 50th Anniversary. Sam & Karen Hernandes.

You are invited to the Genesis Classical Academy Spring Tea, Saturday April 8th, 2017 from 2 - 4 pm at Parker Oaks, 211 6th St NW, Winnebago, MN. The event will feature a live and silent auction, as well as a spring hat contest with prizes for both children and adults. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door, and can be purchased at Genesis Classical Academy or First Financial Bank in Winnebago. All proceeds will benefit the school.

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 supper after our Thurs. Stations April 6th. Everyone is welcome, beverages will be provided just bring a dish to pass.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: March 25 & 26

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,794.37
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$162,123.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$163,493.56

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: March 26

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$818.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$45,747.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$44,134.92

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

April Calendar:

- 5 Classes for Grades K-10
Altar Server Training -- Grades 4 & 5
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!
- 18 First Eucharist Pictures and Practice, 6PM
- 19 Classes for Grades K-10
Grades K-5 to St. Luke's
My Space -- 5-6:30PM
- 23 First Eucharist during 10AM Mass
Joyful Noise Choir sings for Mass
- 26 Final Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space!
- 27 FF / YM Board Meeting, 6PM

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".

Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy

Information: The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dow.org

Pick A Day, Pray & Pay!

We currently have 24 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 kicked off our "Pick A Day, Pray & Pay" fundraiser this weekend, March 25 & 26, after Masses. Please check out the display in the Social Hall!

Lenten Prayer Chain

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 are writing down their prayer intentions on strips of construction paper. Those strips are forming 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!