



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 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

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

We celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ on the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon of spring, culminating the great 3 Days of his dying, resting, & rising. It's spring.

*As soon as April pierces to the root
The drought of March and bathes each bud and shoot
Through every vein of sap with gentle showers
From whose engendering liquor spring the flowers;
When zephyrs have breathed softly all about
Inspiring every wood and field to sprout,
And in the zodiac the youthful sun
His journey halfway through the Ram has run;
When little birds are busy with their song
Who sleep with open eyes the whole night long
Life stirs their hearts and tingles in them so,
Then off as pilgrims people long to go,
And palmers to set out for distant strands
And foreign shrines renowned in many lands.*

So begins Chaucer's storied Canterbury Tales. "*Then off as pilgrims people long to go...*": For us, the pilgrimage may not be one to Canterbury (maybe someday) or Santiago de Compostela but simply the pilgrimage of Christian life itself, which we have well begun & which we have renewed through the last 40 days + 3. May a new zeal & enthusiasm for Christ & this community of faith so radiate in us that it could be said of us, "*Life stirs their hearts & tingles in them so.*"

Welcoming visitors & enjoying their company is part of our holidays & our celebration of holydays. Those who once lived with us we always like to see return. We see the changes in you but also the changes in ourselves. We see the faces we live with anew & are reminded of the love & appreciation we have for the sons & daughters who never left, but found something to live on—and for—right here at home. So to you visitors: a hearty *Welcome back!* You are always part of your home parish! And as always, the warmest *Welcome to our house* to those who are members elsewhere—or nowhere—but join us at SS Peter & Paul & St. Mary. Make yourself at home.

Thanking those who serve us: The many participants in Holy Wk liturgies have a way of making familiar things new & memorable (& "faith formative"): servers (why do I start with servers?!), musicians (we couldn't live without you!), readers (proclaiming what you have heard & believe), footwashees (helping us take to heart Christ's command that we serve one another), decorators (willing to work behind the scenes to help create an atmosphere of prayer), oil bearers, cross bearers, church cleaners, worship aid preparers, sacristans. Thank you all v, v much.

The new bell controller was put to use on Holy Thursday: our church bell pealed along with the Gloria of that holy day. With the push of a button or 2. (I was approached by a parishioner wanting to ring the bell—and

slipping me \$5. That was too easy. So I'm getting the word out. ~~I've~~ We've made \$35 so far.) We may tinker with the timing when we get time. The installers set it in the traditional way: at 6, 12 & 6 the bell rings the Angelus: 3 sets of 3 strokes/pause (to accompany the 3 sets of verse/response/Hail Mary) & then 20 seconds of pealing (for the closing prayer). At least that's the way I learned it.

Red vestments on Palm Sunday & Good Friday: There are only 2 Sundays that wear red: Palm Sunday (for the blood of sacrifice) & Pentecost Sunday (for the fire of the Spirit). Plus on weekdays, the red chasuble is used on Good Friday as well as feast days of saints who were martyrs. "*In the Body of Christ,*" the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, "*not all members have the same function, & this diversity of ministries is shown externally in worship by the diversity of vestments. At the same time, the vestments should contribute to the appearance of the rite itself.*" Do our vestments to that??

That red chasuble of Palm Sunday & Good Friday is brand new, as some of you noticed. (The chasuble is the main outer garment, in green, white, violet, or red, worn by the priest at Mass.) This one is a gift to the parishes. Putting a new vestment into use is a good time to revisit that *General Instruction* & be educated & formed in its spirit: "*In addition to traditional materials, vestments may be made from natural fabrics of the region or artificial fabrics in keeping with the dignity of the sacred action & the person wearing them. The beauty of the vestment should derive from its material & form rather than from its ornamentation. Ornamentation should include only symbols, images, or pictures suitable for liturgical use, & anything unbecoming should be avoided.*" (Also watch for a new green chasuble for St. Mary's—which'll be shared with SS P/P—to debut June 25th, the 1st Ordinary Time Sunday after the 90-day Lent/Easter seasons.)

6 more members of our parishes have joined the Investors Circle—that's what you might call those who contribute to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. Because it's not just a donation, it's an investment in the life of our Church & the ministry of Christ & our future. In this year's appeal so far, this is how we're doing:

SS PP: 36 (12.4%) have given \$6,865 (42.1%) of goal.

St M: 17 (17.3%) have given \$2,630 (45.3%) of goal.

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

Diocesan wide:

\$1,169,931 has been given (58% of our \$2,000,000 goal).

Some left-overs: The recent NCAA basketball tournament included 10 Catholic universities, as I mentioned recently. One of them, Gonzaga, made it to the finals (#2 isn't bad). Gonzaga, a Jesuit institution 7,400 students strong, is named after St. Aloysius Gonzaga. I don't know if any of his friends called him "Zags" but I do know that he died a premature death—he was just 23.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 830AM – NO MASS
Wed/BE 7:30AM/ Dick Maher †
Thur. /St. Luke's – 10:00AM – Charles Arickx †
Fri./BE 8:30AM/ Loretta Wirkus †
Sat./BE 8:00PM/Mildon, Loretta & Stephen Engesser †
Sun./W 8:00AM/Marcella Slama Johnson †
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Rosary before Mass

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., April 22: Servers: Carissa Engesser
5:15 PM SSPP Seth Stevermer
Ministers of Communion: Angie Frundt/Jason Spencer
Barb Prescher/Gary Armon/Chuck Frundt
Gift Bearers: Chuck & Rita Frundt
Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., April 23: Servers: Emma Dahl
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Mark Franta
Joyce Eastvold/Rich Findley
Gift Bearers: 2nd Graders
Ushers: Doug Klocek & Bob Grant

Sun., April 23: Servers: Logan Johnson
10:00AM SSPP Jocelyn Johnson
Ministers of Communion: Jenny Armon/Lee Mikolai
Rich Schneider/Mary Eckhardt/Arlen O'Brien
Gift Bearers: Jim & Lucy Dols
Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

Knights Corner:

April 22nd- Dale Bless Appreciation Cook Out
April 29-30-KC Annual Tootsie Roll Drive after each Mass.
May 8th-KC/Concert Assoc. Cookout 5:30 PM
May 8th-KC Meeting Room #1 7PM

The Knights of Columbus men are striving to win the Star Council Award, which is one of the highest awards that is earned. Therefore we will be conducting a **Food-Drive** to replenish the Winnebago and Blue Earth food pantries. Please help us by donating non-perishables in the boxes in the hallways of our Churches. Also we will be praying the Holy Rosary before Mass at 9:30am in Blue Earth **on April 30th**. All KC's are encouraged to participate in the Rosary.

The Dale Bless Appreciation Cook-out will be Saturday April 22nd at St Peter & Paul Church Hall. Serving from 5 to 8pm. Build your own Hamburger or Pork Burger, Chips, Beans & Root beer floats. FREE WILL OFFERING. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial & Knights of Columbus.

Catholic Charities Adoption Program: Choosing adoption for your unborn child is a very loving and mature decision. Even when you know it's the right choice, support and guidance is helpful. Catholic Charities

provides confidential services at no cost, and we facilitate open, semi open, or closed adoptions. You can find a loving home for your baby. Call Catholic Charities at 1-800-222-5859.

Salad Luncheon: Wed. April 19; 11:00-1:00 p.m. sponsored by CDA Court St. Peter at the Church of St. Peter in St. Peter. \$8 All you can eat.

Saint Casimir's Catholic School currently enrolls 34 students with a professional staff of 6 and is accredited by MNSAA. Saint Casimir's School is currently looking for a principal beginning the 2017-2018 school year. The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic and hold a minimum of a master's degree; preferably a MN licensure in educational administration or a related field. Additional requirements include a minimum of five years of educational experience in elementary education, ideally in a Catholic school system. Send a resume, cover letter, curriculum vitae, and list of references to: Father Andrew Vogel, 330 2nd Avenue Southwest, Wells, MN 56097. Applications must be completed by April 21, 2017 or until the position is filled with the appropriate candidate.

Easter Blessings! He is Risen~Hope Springs Eternal. The staff, volunteers, and board members of Catholic Charities extend wishes for joy to you and your loved ones. We strive to keep the hope of the Risen Lord close to our hearts as we serve the poor and marginalized in southern Minnesota. We hope to inspire all with our Mother's Day Annual Appeal theme of compassion, "*Lifting Up Those Reaching Out.*" Your continued support of our Annual Appeal uplifts those most in need.

Thank you for all of your support! Thank you to all who attended the fundraiser breakfast at St. Mary's for me earlier in March! It is amazing to see your unending efforts to support me in the mission work. The proceeds I am putting towards a mission trip this summer to Chile that I am helping lead. Thank you once again for all of your generous support! A special thanks to those of you who put it all together. God bless!

St. Mary's Scholarship: Any St. Mary's High School senior that is interested in applying for this scholarship, please pick up an application from Jeanne Kortuem or there are some forms in the sacristy at church. All Applications are due on or before May 9th. The winner will be announced on Sunday, May 21st.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: April 8&9

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$4162.61
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$170,437.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$172,143.24

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: April 9

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$903.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$48,093.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$46,433.48

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

April Calendar:

- 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

May Calendar:

- 3 Confirmation Pictures & Practice -- 7:00PM
- 6 Sacrament of Confirmation -- 11:00AM, SSPP
- 21 Baccalaureate during 10AM Mass

Grades 6-10 to help clean up cemeteries!

On either April 19th or April 26th (depending on the weather), Grades 6-10 will spend one of their final Faith Formation classes doing service at the cemeteries. Youth will be asked to bring rakes and we will meet at the cemetery at 6:00PM. We will start out with some pizza and pop then be given instructions on what to do. Any parents who would like to join us are more than welcome! We will end the evening at 8:00PM.

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!

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