



**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, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**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

**May 13, 1917.** 100 years ago this coming Saturday, the mother of our savior, Mary, appeared to 3 young children in the Portuguese village of Fatima. She appeared 5 more times between May 13 & October 13. And that's why May 13<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.

**"Her message was consistent,"** one of my lectionary resources says, *"People must repent of their sins & turn back to God or there will be dire consequences. Her message was not only a call to individuals but a call to communal effort. The people of the world, all her children, must return wholeheartedly to the command of her Son: Love God & love one another."* When I read that, 2 Chronicles 7:14 (recalled before in this bulletin) came to mind: *"If my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves & pray, & seek my presence & turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven & pardon their sins & revive their land."*

**Mary's Fatima message,** the lectionary resource continues, *"echoes that of her Son. The message is not intended to frighten us but to warn us of the danger that we risk by trying to live without God. God, who created us in the divine image, longs for us to enjoy full happy lives. The way is clear. Cling to Christ the vine; his strength flowing through us will enable us to live in love."*

**Mary's apparitions at Fatima,** as you know, were not the only occasions of such extraordinary interventions from heaven in our earthly life. The following is just a sampling of the principal Marian apparitions historically:

- Banneux, near Liege, Belgium (8 times in 1933 to 11-year-old Mariette Beco as the Virgin of the Poor)
- Beauraing, Belgium (33 times in 1932-3 to 5 children)
- Fatima, Portugal (6 times in 1917 to 3 children, popularizing devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary)
- Guadalupe, Mexico (4 times in 1531 to Juan Diego)
- Knock, Ireland (with figures of St. Joseph & St. John the Apostle to 15 people in 1879)
- LaSalette, France (to 2 children in 1846 as sorrowing & weeping figure)
- Lourdes, France (18 times in 1858 to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous as the Immaculate Conception)
- Rue du Bac, Paris, France (3 times in 1830 to Catherine Labouré as "Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal")
- Rome (This may be the oldest of Marian devotions: the appearance of "Our Lady of the Snows" to an elderly couple in 352, asking for a shrine to be built. Today on this site stands St. Mary Major, the largest & most important of all churches dedicated to the Blessed Mother.)

**With Christ's resurrection appearances** so prominent in our Easter season Scriptures, I recalled recently (on 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday at the 5:15 Mass) a little catechesis: The Church has made some careful distinctions for us

about "resurrection appearances" & subsequent "apparitions" of Christ through the centuries. (These refer to appearances of Christ but also pertain to those of Mary.) Traditional apparitions (like those to St. Margaret Mary & St. Faustina & those of Mary) are very different from the massive appearances *of a Christ still on earth* like those we heard about on recent Sundays—the risen Christ walking up behind Mary at his own grave, entering a locked room, & joining 2 disciples walking to Emmaus. Those are called "post-resurrection" appearances: The risen Christ on earth coming to people on earth.

**The Catholic Church distinguishes** those appearances of Christ from what we call apparitions (including those of Mary at Fatima & elsewhere). Compared to the apostles' experience, these apparitions or visions or "private revelations" are experiences by people on earth of Christ who's now in heaven. Our Church may not require us to believe that these really happened; however (& I quote): *"But it may be impossible to deny the message"* they are intended to bring. The Biblical resurrection appearances were revelations that formed the Church & gave it its mission in the world—public revelations, not private. Subsequent visions in the life of the Church *only continue what was begun at Easter.* Anything people heard from Christ or saw in a vision that was extraordinary & physical only repeated but did not add to the original Easter revelation: Christ who died is alive again; & if we repent, & believe, we will share in this very same Passover.

**Memorial Day is just 3 weeks away.** This holiday is not the only time we think of our cemeteries & visit them, memorializing our loved ones who have gone before us. We have people who faithfully serve us by taking care of these sacred places in Blue Earth, near Winnebago, & near Delavan. They are responsible for arrangements for burials, of course, but also the ongoing administration, bookkeeping & physical caretaking of the property. No small task. When people call about a burial or any related concern, our "sextons" respond, often coordinating the needs of a family with the services of a funeral home & monument company—not to mention the pastor.

**Fritz Bleess,** who died on March 14, was that person working for us with the Delavan cemetery. So we've needed others to step up (this is not the main reason we miss Fritz!). Vince Bleess has agreed to help on the administrative side & Chuck Murry with the caretaking & mowing. It's good to have people familiar with our community & knowledgeable about our cemetery willing to help us, continuing the service & oversight that Fritz provided so faithfully so long.

**The music area move at SS P/P** from south transept to north: After a public explanation last Sunday, there's been (almost) only encouragement so discussion & 1<sup>st</sup> steps continue.

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue. /W 8:30AM - Members of the Rosary Society  
/BE 10:00AM - CDA  
Wed/BE 7:30AM - Dick Maher †  
Thur. /St. Luke's - 10:00AM - Norm Duggan †  
Fri./BE 8:30AM - Bernard & Lorraine Bartes †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM - Dolores Engesser †  
Sun./W 8:00AM - Fritz Bless †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM - Dan & Ruth Driscoll †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**Sat., May 13: Servers:** Carrissa Engesser  
Erin Hannaman  
**5:15 PM SSPP**  
**Ministers of Communion:** Gary Armon/Bev Dummer  
Lorraine Hassing/Andre Hamlin/Bill Hamlin  
**Gift Bearers:** Loren & Barb Prescher family  
**Ushers:** Dirk Esser Group

**Sun., May 14: Servers:** Brian Krieger  
**8:00 AM St. Mary's** Jackson Hardy  
**Ministers of Communion:** Len Sonnek  
Jamie Ness & Chuck Murry  
**Gift Bearers:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**Ushers:** Mike Tony & Peggy Ziegler

**Sun., May 14: Servers:** Logan Johnson  
**10:00AM SSPP** Jocelyn Johnson  
**Ministers of Communion:** Jenny Armon/Lee Mikolai  
Shawn Hassing/Rich Schneider/Joe Tempel  
**Gift Bearers:** Shawn & Sue Hassing  
**Ushers:** Bob Dulas Group

**Knights Corner:**

May 8<sup>th</sup> KC meeting, 7PM in rm.1  
May 8th-KC/Concert Assoc. Cookout 5:30 PM  
May 13th, 2017-BE Wine Walk Cook-out on Main St

**The Knights of Columbus** will be having a Build your own Burger on Saturday May 13th. We will be serving on the corner of 7th & Mains St in the Juba's Parking Lot. Hamburger or Pork Burger, Chips, Pop & all the toppings for your burger. We will be cooking from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come join us for noon lunch.

**The Knights of Columbus want to say "THANK YOU"** for your support for the Dale Bless Cook-Out and for your generous support for our Tootsie Roll drive this last weekend

**CDA**--Tues. May 9, 10:00 Mass, meeting, May Crowning, lunch. Early scrapbooks will be on display.

**Celebrating 95 years of Catholic Daughters:** 1993 - Members celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National CDA. The Court started saving Scott UPC's and aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses.

**Catholic Daughters** invites everyone to join them in praying The Rosary before Mass at 9:35 each Sunday in May.

**100th Anniversary Of Mary's Call At Fatima To Pray For Peace**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>. In celebration of the Fatima centennial, the Catholic Daughters will lead the rosary for peace at the Gazebo in downtown Blue Earth at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 13th. Come join in this public witness of ongoing prayer with Mary for the coming of the Kingdom of peace in our world. It's the 100th anniversary of WW 1. The U.S. joined in The Great War on April 6, 1917. On May 13, 2017 the children of Fatima were witness to the first of 6 Marian apparitions calling us to pray for peace, for an end of the War and for the prevention of a greater war that would follow quickly if we ignored her call.

**LAST CHANCE** to become a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in 2017. Contact Lee Mikolai.

**Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal** theme, "*Lifting Up Those Reaching Out*" inspires all to sustain one another with help and hope! **Next weekend** our parish families have the blessed opportunity to bring God's love to families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, and children in need. Your compassionate generosity and support of the mission of Catholic Charities is greatly needed & appreciated.

**100 Year Fatima Anniversary:** For the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions for Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity for the 13 of each month from May through Oct., the anniversary date of the apparitions by praying an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima at a statue Of Our Lady of Fatima. The faithful must also go to confession and Communion & pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. There will be a statue at SS Peter & Paul in Blue Earth. The elderly & infirm may obtain the benefit by praying in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

**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.

**A huge thank you to our Catechists this year!** Your time and talents are greatly appreciated. Please take time to thank the following: Karen Hernandez, Jessica Salic, Sarah Stensland, Marcene Sonnek, and Bryan Eastvold. Also thank you to Jessica and Sarah for leading our children's choir.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: April 29 & 30**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,792.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$182,908.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$188,483.14

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: April 30**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,078.08  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$51,612.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$49,657.03

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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### May Calendar:

- 6 Sacrament of Confirmation --  
11:00AM, SSPP
- 7 Confirmation Reception after  
10AM Mass  
Catechist and FF/YM Board  
Appreciation Evening, 6:00PM
- 21 Baccalaureate during 10AM Mass

### BOARD MEMBERS:

Shawna Barnett  
Judy Johnson  
Michelle Klinkner  
Pat Salic  
Sue Schoenfelder  
Jason Spencer  
Dan Warner

### Attention Graduating Seniors!

Parish Scholarship information was mailed to all graduating Seniors. Just a reminder that completed forms are due to Angie no later than Friday, May 5th. Don't miss out on this opportunity to apply for one of several scholarships being awarded at the Baccalaureate Mass on May 21st.

### CONFIRMATION celebrated this Saturday!

We congratulate the following young people for receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 6th! We welcome them as fully initiated members of Saints Peter & Paul Church!

<b>KATHERINE ALLIS</b>	<b>ARIANNA NAGEL</b>
<b>MADISON ARMON</b>	<b>RICKY PETERSEN</b>
<b>HUNTER BLEESS</b>	<b>CAITLIN RORMAN</b>
<b>CARISSA ENGESSER</b>	<b>AUTUM SCHAIBLE</b>
<b>ERIN HANNAMAN</b>	

We also congratulate **DALTON MESSER** who was fully initiated into the Catholic Church on Saturday, April 22nd. He received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. We welcome Dalton into our parish family!

### THANK YOU TO OUR 2016-2017 FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS!

Our 2016-2017 Faith Formation year has come to a close. It has been a great year! We are so blessed by our catechists who go above and beyond to bring faith and fun and Catholic tradition and the love of Jesus into the lives and hearts of our young parishioners. What a blessing these faith-filled, dedicated catechists have been to our Faith Formation program. Please thank these people for sharing their gifts with our young people.

Kindergarten	Trish Schimek	Grade 6	Jennie Johnson
Grade 1	Lora Moore	Grade 7	Angie Frundt
Grade 2	Lindsey Greff	Grade 8	Michelle Klinkner
Grade 3	Amy Stevermer	Grade 9	Karla Carr
	Carol Moore		Camille Driscoll
Grade 4	Cindy Trasamar	Grade 10	Jennifer Engesser
Grade 5	Cathy Stevermer		
	Rita Frundt		

### Pick A Day, Pray & Pay!

We have 23 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. Our first fundraiser is "Pick A Day, Pray & Pay". A display is set up in the Social Hall explaining this fundraiser. Please feel free to split the amounts that are remaining on the calendars with one or two other people. Thank you so much for your support of our young people attending NCYC!

### Faith Formation Prayer Chain

Take note of the paper chain forming around the Social Hall. The chain is being formed by the prayer intentions of our children and youth in our Faith Formation classes and by parishioners! The chain will remain in the Social Hall until Pentecost Sunday when it will be brought forward during Mass by our children and youth. Please continue to add your prayer intentions to the chain until then.

### 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 31st - 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".