



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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June - August Office hours: Mon., 8 a.m. – noon; Tues. out; Wed. out; Thurs., 8:00 – 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 28th, 2017 – The Ascension of the Lord

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

The feast of the Ascension in recent years has been moved from the 40th day of Easter (“Ascension Thursday”) to the 7th Sunday of Easter—this Sunday. That means we lose the gospel otherwise assigned to that Sunday, which is always from John 17. That whole chapter is an account of Jesus praying, just before his arrest (John 18:1 & following). John 17 is the culmination of The Last Discourse & has long been called “the high priestly prayer of Jesus.” At this point, Jesus becomes the intercessor, speaking to the Father about the disciples instead of speaking to the disciples about the Father (it was probably more fruitful!).

The Easter candle was not ceremoniously extinguished last Thursday (the 40th day of Easter) nor will it be Sunday as we observe the Lord's ascension. There was a day when his departure was recalled with that ritual. Today the integrity of the whole 50-day season of Easter is preserved with the Christ candle prominent until Pentecost.

A “**novena**” is a specific time—9 days. There was also a specific place where the 1st novena took place: the cenacle—Latin for dining room & the term once used for the room of the last supper. Also, by tradition it was the same room (the “upper room”) to which the Eleven & Mary & some others went & waited, “devoting themselves to prayer” (Acts 1:13). Their waiting lasted 9 days. A novena in a cenacle. A time & a place for reflection on the promises of God. Is there room in our lives for that place of prayer that is “*spacious, furnished, & all in order*” (as Jesus described the cenacle)?

Memorial Day. Having “holy days of obligation” is not only Catholic but human. Memorial Day—like Thanksgiving, like July 4th—are American holydays as much as they are holidays, when we feel an inner obligation to observe the day, letting its meaning & tradition take over for awhile. We take a day off, knowing again that our lives need memories & thoughts bigger than today's work & a vision greater than any the world offers.

As I visit cemeteries this Memorial Day, I want to pay attention not only to the graves of my loved ones but also to other graves, some of which will have no visitors & some of which are graves of people forgotten & even of people unknown by any who live. This year, I have an inspiration for this. One of you recently sent me a passage from a book called *Ordinary Grace* (by William Kent Krueger). I read it with interest—so much that I bought the book & read it. I'm going to reread that passage this year, which I reprint below, in my cemetery visit. It was spoken by a man who was doing a graveside for an itinerant, a man unknown in the community where his body was found. At the simple service, a man read the 23rd Psalm & then from Romans 8, ending with: “*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor*

principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

And then, he made these graveside remarks: “*We believe too often that on the roads we walk we walk alone. Which is never true. Even this man who is unknown to us was known to God & God was his constant companion. God never promised us an easy life. He never promised that we wouldn't suffer, that we wouldn't feel despair & loneliness & confusion & desperation. What he did promise was that in our suffering we would never be alone. And though we may sometimes make ourselves blind & deaf to his presence he is beside us & around us & within us always. We are never separated from his love. And he promised us something else, the most important promise of all. That there would be surcease. That there would be an end to our pain & our suffering & our loneliness, that we would be with him & know him, & this would be heaven. This man, who in life may have felt utterly alone, feels alone no more. This man, whose life may have been days & nights of endless waiting, is waiting no more. He is where God always knew he would be, in a place prepared. And for this we rejoice.*”

Even if you don't plan a pilgrimage to a grave, this reflection may help you observe the day in your own way, even in your own home.

The chalices & ciboria we use at Mass—the communion ware—in our parishes are of good quality & worthy of the sacred Body & Blood of Christ we receive from them. However, I have long noticed that the interior (the cup) of the 2 chalices at St. Mary's that we use for communion to the assembly was worn thin & pitted. Metal was showing through & corroding to the point of leaving a gray discoloration on the purificator each Sunday after communion when I'd purify the vessels. No more.

Last week, we had them re-plated. For this repair work we could have them sent away but instead used a company from Texas that travels the country & does electroplating on site. We had them repair 2 chalices & 1 ciborium (the bowl-like container for hosts). It took about 3 hours. It is not inexpensive. The decision was an easy one: It was long overdue plus why buy new for maybe the same amount of money & have lesser quality vessels & then dispose of very worthy & repairable ones we've used for years? We're very pleased with the results.

3 more at SS P/P have joined in the success in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. We're now more over the top than we were last week:

SS PP: 57 (19.6%) have given \$16,898 (**103.6%**) of goal!
St M: 22 (23.0%) have given \$ 3,055 (52.6%) of goal.
(Diocesanwide we're at \$1,480,455: 74% of \$2 mill goal).

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30AM – Dolores Stevermer †
Wed/BE 7:30AM – Loretta Wirkus †
Thur. St. Luke's , 10:00AM /Matt & Dorothy Neubauer †
Fri./BE 8:30AM – Peter Fletcher †
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Bob Kennedy †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Helen Dressen †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Gene Mikolai †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., June 3: Servers: Jack Frundt
5:15 PM SSPP Seth Stevermer
Ministers of Communion: Angie Frundt/Bev Dummer
Bill Hamlin/Andre Hamlin/Mary Warner
Gift Bearers: Ted & Gwen Armon Family
Ushers: Bob Spencer Group

Sun., June 4: Servers: Noah Dahl
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Jerome Behnke
Sue Behnke & Karen Hernandez
Gift Bearers: Dick & Joanne Maday
Ushers: Rich Findley & Mike Findley

Sun., June 4: Servers: Hailey Becker
10:00AM SSPP Anna Nagel
Ministers of Communion: Jenny Armon/Lee Mikolai
Mary Eckhardt/Rich Schneider/Roger Schoenfelder
Gift Bearers: Roger & Sandy Grandgenett Family
Ushers: Shawn Hassing Group

Knights Corner

Officers Meeting June 7th @ 7pm room #1
Reg. KC Meeting Junes 12th @7pm Room #1

Knights of Columbus is still collecting food shelf items this month and there is a box in the back of the church at St Mary's and the shopping cart is in St Peter & Paul Church. Please help us collect food for the local food shelves and we will take them down at the end of May.

CCW Quarterly Meeting: June 6th in the Social Hall at 7PM.

Bible Study: We have not had a Bible Study recently. A suggestion was made to have one during the summer. Is anyone interested in leading a Bible Study or participating in one during the summer? If so, please call the rectory – 526-5626. Also, indicated dates and times that work best.

Saint John Vianney Catholic School is accepting applications for a full-time 4th grade elementary teacher for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Qualified candidates must hold a valid MN teaching license in K-6 Elementary Education. Send cover letter, resume, references, transcripts, and a copy of your MN teaching license to: Saint John Vianney Catholic School
Sarah Striemer, Principal
911 South Prairie Avenue
Fairmont, MN 56031
Deadline for application is May 29th.

Free Drop-In Legal Clinic for Veterans:

Wednesday, June 7 from 1-4 pm at the Faribault County Veterans Services Office in the Ag Center Plaza Suite 1A. Attorneys, MACV staff, County Veterans Service Officers, and child support officers will be available to assist veterans with questions, legal forms, and counsel. For more info call 507-345-8258.

Build a Better World is the summer reading program at the Muir Library in Winnebago for kids in kindergarten to grade 12 and runs from June 5th to August 5th.

The annual St. Mary's Cemetery collection will be taken up on Sunday, June 4th. Collection Envelopes will be available on Sunday, May 28th. Each year, your continued support helps repair, maintain, and improve our cemetery. This year we will focus on repairing our statue at the cemetery on the south side, along with the help of our local Knights of Columbus group. As a church family, we are mindful of the fact that those laid to rest, may no longer have family to take care of repairs, so your contribution is appreciated when that need arises. Thank you. St. Mary's Cemetery Trustees

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: May 20 & 21

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,621.71
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$195,379.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$197,870.60

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: May 21

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,088.81
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$55,131.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$52,906.84

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

Calendar:

June 7 Mud Volleyball Tournament near Wells!

July 8 Green Giant Days Parade!

July 30-August 4 Totus Tuus for Grades 1-12 in
Fairmont

August 7-10 Camp Summit for Grades 5-7

Congratulations to our 2017 Graduating Seniors!

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Jared Armon
Andrea Chavero
Laura Guthmiller
Hannah Haugh
Sierra Kafka
Ryenne Klabunde
Cole Klinkner
Lucas Kramer
Brian Krieger
Mason Mauris
Olivia Myers
Jesus Quintero, Jr.
Emily Rios
Joseph Ritter
Kyle Schaefer
Jennifer Scheid
Roger Ziegler

Parish Scholarship Winners!

On behalf of Saints Peter & Paul Church, the Council of Catholic Women and the Catholic Daughters, we would like to congratulate **Jared Armon, Hannah Haugh and Lucas Kramer**, the recipients of the 2017 Parish Scholarships. The church, CCW and Catholic Daughters all contribute towards this scholarship fund which recognizes graduating Seniors who have been of service to their church, community and school, with emphasis being on church involvement.

Mud Volleyball Tournament

This event is planned and sponsored by Dell Lutheran Church. All area churches are invited!

Who: Youth in Grades 8-12

When: Wednesday, June 7th, Registration is at 11AM.

Games start at Noon.

Where: Farm near Wells

What: Compete against other area church teams!

This event is FREE and includes food and a t-shirt! We will meet in the Church parking lot at 10:30AM and drive together to the volleyball tournament.

RSVP: To Angie by Monday, June 5th!

Save your Stuffed Animals!

We will again be using stuffed animals (clean and in good condition) to hand out during the Green Giant Days Parade! If you have any beanie babies or nice stuffed animals of any size that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Parish office or call me and I can come and pick them up.

Fall Rummage Sale

Spring cleaning is upon on! Are you cleaning out your basement, garage and closets and finding things you don't need or use or want anymore? Don't throw them out! Save them for the SSPP Youth Rummage Sale fundraiser this Fall! We will accept donations of good quality fall and winter clothing, coats, toys, books, furniture, bedding, kitchen items, household items, home decor, knick knacks, holiday decorations, CD's, DVD's, and any other treasures you can find. If you have a question about whether or not we will take something you would like to donate, please don't hesitate to call me anytime.

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! 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!

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! The children's program (K-Gr. 6) is from 9:00AM-2:30PM (Monday, August 1st - Friday, August 4th). The youth program (Gr. 7-12) is from 7:30-9:30PM (Sunday, July 31st - Thursday, August 3rd). Get these dates and times on your calendar today!