



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
214 S. Holland
Blue Earth, Minnesota

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June - August Office hours: Mon., 8 a.m. – noon; Tues. out; Wed. out; Thurs., 8:00 – 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 11th, 2017 – Holy Trinity 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

June this year is a month of feasts because of the lateness of Easter. Sundays are not Ordinary until the 25th:

June 4 was Pentecost, culminating Easter; today, June 11, is Trinity Sunday; & June 18 is Body & Blood of Christ Sunday.

All are “moveable feasts” & so bunch up in June this year because they all in sequence follow Easter, the great movable feast: Pentecost on the 50th day, & Trinity Sunday on the Sunday after Pentecost & The Body & Blood of Christ on the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost.

They're all “movable feasts”—they have different dates each year.

The 100th anniversary of apparitions of Lady of Fatima this year is being celebrated by the other SS Peter & Paul parish (Mankato): On the 13th day of each month from May through October all are welcome to a special remembrance of Mary: 6:30 pm rosary, 7 pm Mass & outdoor procession :

Tuesday, June 13th,
Thursday, July 13th,
Sunday, August 13th (no Mass);
Wednesday, September 13th, &
Friday, October 13th.

The June installment of our 2017 *Images of Faith* project had to wait until this 2nd Sunday of this month. That's because June's image is an icon of the Blessed Trinity & this Sunday is Trinity Sunday. It was inspired by Genesis 18, the story of Abraham & Sarah's hospitality—but is a totally Christian use of that ancient Hebrew story. (That's all explained in June's *Image of Faith* folder.)

So why do we call it an “icon” instead of simply a picture? The word “icon” is Greek & means image or representation. The books say that an icon is *“a religious image, primarily of Christ but also of Mary & the saints, painted according to a conventional model or symbolism, part of a place & act of worship. Iconography grew out of Eastern (Byzantine) Christianity & reached its highest point, some say, in the Russian Orthodox Church. In the Eastern Church it has sacramental overtones & has developed with the divine liturgy of which it is an organic part. As a visual expression of revelation, it corresponds to the Word of God, the written expression.”* We would not say that about the religious art more familiar to us—“devotional” art. Iconography is in a separate place & is too unfamiliar to us.

Icons (& sacred representations in general) have a very controversial & conflicted history. According to Islam, it is blasphemous to re-create the image of Mohammed (“the prophet”), which is why mosques are adorned with calligraphy & not icons. *“The Art of the Icon”* was a cover story some time back in the *St. Anthony Messenger*. It was richly illustrated. (How could

an article on icons not be?! I summarized the article & saved the following information: *Around the 7th century, Eastern Christianity's icons were almost obliterated when the “iconoclasts,” mixing religion & politics, set out to destroy them. Viewing icons as idolatrous, these people were largely successful in destroying the images themselves as well as those who created them & those who prayed with them. Very few survived. In the 8th century, an ecumenical council of the Church was convened. At that time, St. John of Damascus (“John Damascene”) determined that icons were not only legitimate (an “option”) but rather a necessity in explaining the incarnation of Christ. “To not have icons would be a denial of the incarnation itself.”* A strong statement.

This is part of our history—the art form of the icon as well as the attack of iconoclasm. This month's Image of Faith (another icon, like May's) is a good opportunity to learn this history & incorporate this treasure of our tradition in life & prayer. How about a little more catechesis: *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches (#476-477),

“Since the Word became flesh in assuming a true humanity, Christ's body was finite. Therefore the human face of Jesus can be portrayed.... At the same time the Church has always acknowledged that in the body of Jesus ‘we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see’ (Roman Missal, Preface of Christmas I). The individual characteristics of Christ's body express the divine person of God's Son. He has made the features of his human body his own, to the point that they can be venerated when portrayed in a holy image, for the believer ‘who venerates the icon is venerating in it the person of the one depicted’ (Nicaea II).” Enough catechism??

Flag Day? This Wednesday on our civil calendar is not a major observance—like Memorial Day & Independence Day (“solemnities,” in our Catholic language). But it still deserves notice. How about reviving a phrase from Whittier's poem “Barbara Fritchie”:

*“Shoot, if you must, this old gray head,
But spare your country's flag,” she said.
A shade of sadness, a blush of shame,
Over the face of the leader came;
The nobler nature within him stirred
To life at that woman's deed and word.
“Who touches a hair of yon gray head
Dies like a dog! March on!” he said.*

Background? According to one story, at age 95 Barbara Fritchie waved the Union flag in the middle of the street to block or at least antagonize Stonewall Jackson's troops, as they passed through Frederick in the Maryland Campaign (en route to their historic defeat at Antietam).

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 – Catholic Daughters
Wed/BE 7:30AM – Loretta Wirkus ☩
Thur. St. Luke's, 10:00AM /Gen Armon ☩
Fri./BE 8:30AM – Norbert & Helen Bleess ☩
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Ethan Rorman ☩
Sun./W 8:00AM – Alex Klocek ☩
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Dick Maher☩

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., June 17 Servers: Carissa Engesser

5:15 PM SSPP

Ministers of Communion: Don Bleess/Steve Geerdes

Barb Prescher/Skip Schimek/Jason Spencer

Gift Bearers: Richard & Edie Smith

Ushers: Bob Spencer Group

Sun., June 18: Servers: Brian Krieger

8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Gerald Scovill

Rich Findley/Karen Hernandez

Gift Bearers: Mike & Pat Salic

Ushers: Doug Klocek & Bob Grant

Sun., June 18: Servers: Ashlyn Klinkner

10:00AM SSPP Brandi Uecker

Ministers of Communion: Camille Driscoll/Shirl Maher

Lee Mikolai/Arlen O'Brien/Mary Eckhardt

Gift Bearers: Kathy Lowery

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.

CDA: Tues. June 13--10:00 Mass & Memorial Service, Meeting & Reception of new members, Lunch

Fr. Stenzel, in thanksgiving of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination, will offer Mass on June 18, 10am, at St. Casimir's Church, Wells. All are invited to an open house immediately following Mass at his rural home, *The Stone House*, at 60659 200th Street. From Wells: 3 miles East, 2 miles. North and ½ mile East on 200th Street. Join him for an afternoon of food, fun and reminiscing.

Please, no perishables in the Food Shelf cart.

June 18th – Father's Day Brunch at Riverside Town and Country Club – We will have seating times once again...with the 1st seating being at 10:00 am, 2nd seating at 11:00 am, 3rd seating at Noon, and final seating at 1:00 pm. Call now to reserve your preferred seating time. 507 526-2764.

Lapel Pins to Honor Vietnam Veterans: June 12 at 7 pm at the American Legion Post 89 in Blue Earth. This event recognizes, thanks and honors our Veterans who served during the Vietnam War. Eligibility: Living US Veterans who served in active duty in the Armed Forces from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. The event is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution and Faribault Count Veterans Service Office.

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.

Support Alzheimer's Research on Saturday, June 17 at 8AM in a 5K or 10K Walk, Run or Bike Ride. This will start and end at the Gazebo by the swimming pool in Winnebago. Register by calling First Financial Bank at 893-3155 or by emailing Kathy.dressen@1stbago.com. There is a \$5 registration fee.

The Winnebago Blood Mobile will be at the Municipal Center on Thursday, June 22nd from 12-6 PM.

Winnebago Area Museum in conjunction with Bago Fun Fes invites you to enjoy root beer floats on Saturday, June 17th from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Winnebago Area Museum for a free will donation.

Thank-you to everyone for your contribution to St. Mary's Cemetery. We will be working on repairing the statue at the cemetery, and your generosity will help with the maintenance of the grounds and repairs needed this year. There is still time to contribute and envelopes are available at the entry of the church if needed. St. Mary's Cemetery Committee

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: June 3 & 4

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$5,138.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$203,693.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$207,247.60

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: June 4

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$858.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$57,477.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$54,726.84
Cemetery Collection \$760.00

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

Calendar:

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

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 31th - 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!