



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

***Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**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

**“Rejoice heartily . . . shout for joy . . .”** That Word—that command—in last Sunday’s liturgy as well as a July 4<sup>th</sup> statement made way back in 1939 (which I just learned about from Ken Burns’ *Baseball*) came together for me last Sunday. It convinced me that Lou Gehrig’s words were worthy of the pulpit. I’ve never quoted or thought about Lou Gehrig in church before, be it said. Inspiration comes from wherever you find it, doesn’t it?

**Rejoicing comes easier** some days than others. In early summer, 1939, Lou & Eleanor Gehrig were not rejoicing. The health & remarkable athletic abilities of “the iron horse” were noticeably & publicly declining. In June of 1939, Eleanor Gehrig called the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Her call was transferred to Charlie Mayo (himself) who had followed Gehrig’s career & mysterious decline in health. He encouraged Eleanor to bring her husband to Mayo as soon as possible, which she did. After extensive testing, he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis—ALS (what many today call “Lou Gehrig’s Disease”). That was on June 19, 1939, his 36<sup>th</sup> birthday. Two weeks later, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, he made a public statement to a full house in Yankee Stadium.

**In his 4<sup>th</sup> of July Yankee stadium farewell**, Lou Gehrig may not have been *rejoicing heartily & shouting for joy*, but it was certainly more a celebratory than a lament. No self pity. No why me. It was not a time when an ordinary person would say, “I’m the luckiest man on the face of the earth.” But he did. He did not let the “bad break” diminish all that he considered so good about his life:  
*Fans, for the past two weeks, you’ve been reading about a bad break. [pause] Today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I have been in ballparks for seventeen years & have never received anything but kindness & encouragement from you fans. When you look around, wouldn’t you consider it a privilege to associate yourself with such fine men as are standing in uniform in this ballpark today? Sure, I’m lucky.*” He then mentioned 4 people by name—the Yankee owner, general manager, & 2 managers during his 17 years with the Yankees—calling it an honor to have known & played for them & repeating, “*Sure, I’m lucky.*” He continued, “*When the New York Giants, a team you would give your right arm to beat, & vice versa, sends you a gift—that’s something. When everybody down to the groundskeepers & those boys in white coats remember you with trophies—that’s something. When you have a wonderful mother-in-law who takes sides with you in squabbles with her own daughter—that’s something. When you have a father & a mother who work all their lives so you can have an education & build your body—it’s a blessing. When you have a wife who has been a tower of strength & shown more courage than you dreamed existed—that’s the finest I know. So I close in saying that I might have been given*

*a bad break, but I’ve got an awful lot to live for. Thank you.*” Two years later, in June of 1941, he died.

**For those interested (from my little research):** Lou Gehrig (1903 – 1941) played for the Yankees from 1923 to 1939. The Gehrigs had no children during their 8-year marriage. Eleanor never remarried & was quoted as saying, “*I had the best of it. I would not have traded two minutes of my life with that man for 40 years with another.*” She dedicated the remainder of her life to supporting ALS research. She died 43 years later, in 1984, & was interred next to Lou in Valhalla, New York.

**The Knights of Columbus** *Columbia* magazine arrived in the mail the day I finished the above paragraphs. This is becoming a Baseball Bulletin: Filling the *Columbia* cover is a smiling Chicago Cubs baseball player from a century ago. The article inside, “Caseys at the Bat,” reveals that it’s Johnny Evers, Hall of Fame 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman (who played on the 1906 Cubs team believed by many to be the best baseball team ever . . . I learned in *Baseball*). He’s the Evers of the “Tinker to Evers to Chance” double play combination, legendary in baseball lore. He was also a member of the Troy, NY, KC Council 176. (In 1918 “in spring training with the Red Sox he roomed with 23-year-old Babe Ruth, who would join the Knights in the following year.”) Interesting article.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> edition** in our *Images of Faith* series appears this week. I wanted to include this primitive “work of art” in this series & found a place for it to illustrate the 3 summer gospels of July 16, 23 & 30. These Sundays we’ll be hearing all of Matthew 13, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> major discourse of his gospel, made up of 7 “kingdom parables”.

**My last Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal report** to you was a month ago. Here’s the latest:

**SS PP:** 59 (20.3%) have given \$17,446 (**107.0%**) of goal!

**St M:** 24 (24.5%) have given \$ 3,225 (55.5%) of goal.

**Diocesan-wide**, we’re at 81% of our \$2 million goal.

Monica at the diocese says that the July 1 #s (participation, pledges, rec’d) are at the point we typically reach by the end of November. (“We just might make our \$2 million goal this year!”). 17 parishes have surpassed goal:

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| 1. 451%, Jackson         | 10. 109%, Lake Crystl   |
| 2. 396%, Sherburn        | 11. 107%, Blue Earth    |
| 3. 195%, Lakefield       | 12. 107%, Rchstr StFr   |
| 4. 130%, Rchstr Resrrctn | 13. 105%, West Albany   |
| 5. 125%, Kellogg         | 14. 104%, St. Clair     |
| 6. 125%, Iona            | 15. 102%, Westbrook     |
| 7. 123%, Rchstr StJn     | 16. 102%, Pipestone     |
| 8. 116%, Grand Meadow    | 17. 101%, Rchstr StPius |
| 9. 114%, LeRoy           |                         |

I’ll comment on *part of* Fr. Seitz’s secret in Windom-Jackson-Sherburn next week. Remember: We do receive back 100% of all \$\$s over goal. (We rec’d a check this week.)

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue. /W 8:30AM - In Reparation for Our Sins  
Wed/BE 7:30AM - In Honor of the Blessed Virgin  
Rosary to Follow  
Thur. St. Luke's/10:00AM - Phyllis Sohler †  
Fri./BE 8:30AM - Norbert & Helen Bleess †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM - Marian Warmka †  
Sun./W 8:00AM - Alex Klocek †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM - Mildon, Loretta  
and Stephen Engesser †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

Sat., July 22 Servers: Isabelle Barnett  
5:15 PM SSPP

Ministers of Communion: Angie Frundt/Mary Warner  
Don Bleess/Bev Dummer/Ann Kehr

Gift Bearers: Ted & Gwen Armon Family

Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., July 23: Servers: Noah Dahl  
8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Linda O'Neil  
Judy Johnson/Mark Franta

Gift Bearers: Rick & Amy Mauris

Ushers: Doug Klocek & Rich Mauris

Sun., July 23: Servers: Elizabeth Uecker  
10:00AM SSPP Ashlyn Klinkner

Ministers of Communion: Shirl Maher/Arlen O'Brien  
Camille Driscoll/Mary Eckhardt/Jenny Armon

Gift Bearers: Jim & Lucy Dols

Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

**Knights Corner:**

July 30th-5th Sunday Rosary @ St Mary's Church  
August 2nd-Officers meeting at 7pm room #1  
August 14th-Regular KC Meeting 7pm room #1

The Knights of Columbus will be having a 5th Sunday Rosary starting July 30th. This will take place at St Mary's Church and will start at 7:40am. Please join us and if you can't, the next one will be October 29th at St Peter & Paul Church.

**Celebrating 95 Years of CDA:** 2009 - The Court replaced the old pin emblems with new ribbon emblems.

**PARISH LADIES:** The July Area Council of Catholic Women (CCW) meeting will be held on July 24, 2017 at St. Mary's Parish in Madelia. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with a Memorial Service for our past members. Come spend some

time with other inspiring women while we discuss and share the most recent information from our national leadership as well as other local parishes. Mark your calendars today, and look for additional information in future bulletins.

**Hungry for Pie and Ice Cream?** Come to the Pie and Ice Cream Social at St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center on July 23, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

**Minutes of the May 30<sup>th</sup> Finance Council Meeting** are available at the church entrance and in the web site bulletin.

**Catholic Charities Thanks You** Sending out heartfelt thanks for your support of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal! Because of your compassionate generosity, thousands of individuals will be served by our seventeen programs this coming year. Your generous support makes a life-changing difference for families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, and children in great need. Lives in southern Minnesota are transformed and hope is restored because of you! Thank you and God bless.

Learn more at [ccwinona.org](http://ccwinona.org)

**Divorced - Widowed - Separated**

Beginning Experience of Rochester/Southeastern MN is offering "Coping with Life Alone" classes from Tuesday August 1 - October 6, 2017 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at at Bethel Lutheran Church (just East of K-Mart) 810 3rd Ave. S.E., Rochester, MN . For more information - contact [beminnnesota@gmail.com](mailto:beminnnesota@gmail.com) or call 507-261-8248

**The 46th annual LITOMYSL SUMMER**

**FESTIVAL** at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomyysl, rural Owatonna, will be Sunday, July 30th, beginning with a special Polka Mass at 10 a.m. Lunch in the church basement 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food and refreshment stands outdoors 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Many Adult and Children's Games. Raffle with over 65 prizes. Something for everyone. Prizes galore!! (Over 5000 prizes to be won in the popular Root Beer Barrel Game!) Country Store, Used a Bit Sale and a Silent Auction in the school building. Live musical entertainment including the Owatonna KC Choir, The Klecker Band, Dan Stursa Band, The Sand Creek Connection, and Hans Hohrman. Free

Shuttle. Prune, poppy seed and apricot biscuits (buchty) go on sale at 11 a.m. (by the school building). Holy Trinity Church is Handicapped Accessible and Air Conditioned. Everyone is invited to come to the Czech community of Litomysl on July 30th for a fun-filled day. (Directions are posted on the bulletin board at both church's entrances.) Check our website: [www.litomysl.webs.com](http://www.litomysl.webs.com)

**Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes** and the highlights of Spain: November 3-13, 2017 hosted by veteran pilgrimage leader Fr. John Vakulskas Jr. Seating is limited. Cost is \$3189 from Chicago or \$3289 from Omaha and includes air, first class hotels, daily tours and transfers, most meals, daily Mass and more. For a brochure and more info contact Fr. John Vakulskas Jr. at PO Box 347, Okoboji IA

51355 or [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com). or 712-490-8047.

#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

##### **Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: July 8 & 9**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly:	\$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week:	\$4,783.84
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date:	\$8,440.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date:	\$8,448.34
<b>Red Lake Mission Total:</b>	<b>\$2,886.00</b>

##### **Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: July 9**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly:	\$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week:	\$1,559.79
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date:	\$2,346.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date:	\$2,539.79
<b>Red Lake Mission Total:</b>	<b>\$1,041.00</b>

#### FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

#### **Calendar:**

July 30-August 4 Totus Tuus for Grades 1-12 in Fairmont  
August 7-10 Camp Summit for Grades 5-7

#### **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!

## **May 30, 2017 Finance Council Meeting**

Fr. Klein started the meeting with a prayer service.

Roll Call: Fr. Klein, Dan Welder, Marsha Engler, Skip Schimek, Bruce Hanson and Joe Tempel

Minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

**Fr. Klein's report:** 1.) Updated figures for the 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal shows SS Peter & Paul at 103.8% of our goal. 2.) The distributions of the Root in Faith Capital Campaign were reviewed. 3.) Moving the choir area – Dan Warner is at work with the sound system the move will require. Jean Bierly has filled out a grant application from Oregon Catholic Press to help cover the costs of the move. 4.) The decorated poles for Pentecost Sunday have been completed by Joe Tempel. The group viewed the finished project. 5.) The tabernacle doors have not been shutting properly. The company that was here to re-plate some of St. Mary's Communion vessels took a look at the tabernacle and offered some advice on what would need to be done for repairs.

**Old Business:** 1.) Frank Haag was consulted on what possible improvements could be made to the row of trees on the south side of the church concerning the soil erosion. He advised leaving it as is. 2.) Work on the church hall steps has not started at this time. 3.) Tuck pointing of part of the church has been completed in various spots. Another bid was presented for tuck pointing the north side of the church in the courtyard and for gutter repair in that area, but it did not include an estimate for the some caulking that was used and need to be dug out and replaced. Duane will be asked to have that included in the bid. It was approved to go ahead with these repairs after the final bid is presented. 4.) Baargen's will be doing the 2 part job of repairs to the parking lot when they are in the area. 5.) Fr. Klein will check with Fr. Sauer about repairs to the Stations of the Cross.

**New Business:** 1.) A parishioner voiced concerns about the safety of the large maple tree on the south east corner of the church. Duane will have Dave Wiltse check to see if the tree is still healthy or needs to be removed. 2.) The 2017-2018 Faith Formation budget was approved by the Faith Formation board and by the Finance Council.

The financial report was approved as presented.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 in the rectory conference room.

After a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.