



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

Sunday, July 23rd, 2017 – 16th 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 (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

July's Image of Faith of the Good Shepherd is not just any good shepherd. This simple line drawing is taken from an early Christian etching in the catacombs. Including "pan pipes" (commonly used by shepherds among the ancient Greeks, I just learned) to represent the "melodious teaching" of Christ makes it especially unique. And part of Christ's teaching that was especially unique is the parable. And parables are featured 3 Sundays in a row this July (when we read the "parables discourse"—chapter 13 of St. Matthew's gospel).

This Sunday's Weeds in the Wheat parable brought to mind the famous "Bookmark of St. Teresa of Avila":

<i>Nada te turbe,</i>	Let nothing disturb you,
<i>Nada te espante,</i>	Let nothing dismay you,
<i>Todo se pasa,</i>	All things pass,
<i>Dios no se muda,</i>	God never changes,
<i>La paciencia</i>	Patience attains
<i>Todo lo alcanza,</i>	All that it strives for.
<i>Quien a Dios tiene</i>	Who has God
<i>Nada le falta</i>	Lacks nothing
<i>Sólo Dios basta.</i>	God alone suffices.

This poem/prayer is so called because it was found, written in her own hand, in the breviary of the famous 16th century mystic & Carmelite nun.

That was a difficult Scripture last Sunday, one that I've been asked about. This is the text: *The disciples approached him & said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given & he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because 'they look but do not see & hear but do not listen or understand.' Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: 'You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes lest they see with their eyes & hear with their ears & understand with their heart & be converted, & I heal them'* (Matthew 13:10-17). Since we're in a 3-Sunday read-through of Matthew's "parables discourse", it deserves some comment.

I rely on commentaries & footnotes in our Revised New American Bible to understand this myself & explain it to you. (This is not for the faint of heart!) The footnote on that text says, *Since a parable is figurative speech that demands reflection for understanding, only those who are prepared to explore its meaning can come to know it. To understand is a gift of God, granted to the disciples but not to the crowds. In Semitic fashion, both the disciples' understanding & the crowd's obtuseness [density??] are*

attributed to God. The question of human responsibility for the obtuseness is not dealt with, although it is asserted in v. 13" [which I've underlined above]. *"Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" means recognition that the kingdom has become present in the ministry of Jesus.*

The parallel account in Mark's gospel is even worse—if I may put it bluntly, but respectfully!: *The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that 'they may look & see but not perceive & hear & listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted & be forgiven'"* (Mark 4:11-12). *"So that"?! Saying "because they don't understand" (as Matthew does) is one thing, but to say "so that they may not understand" is another!*

The footnote to those verses in Mark says: *These verses are to be viewed against [the background of] unbelief & opposition Jesus encountered in his ministry. It is against this background that the distinction in Jesus' method becomes clear of presenting the kingdom to the disbelieving crowd in one manner & to the disciples in another. To the former it is presented in parables & the truth remains hidden; for the latter the parable is interpreted & the mystery is partially revealed because of their faith.*

Does this help?? For me, only a little. So I went 1 step further: The passage of Isaiah that Jesus quotes is Isaiah 6:9-10 (right after the call of Isaiah, *"Whom shall I send?" "Here I am; send me!"*). The footnote *there* says, *The truth that the nation will remain impenitent is vividly foretold, as if its obstinacy would be cause, instead of merely occasioned by, the prophet's warning.*

It's passages like this (& scholars' explanations) that make Bible study forbidding to some—but at the same time demonstrates its importance & our need of it.

We noticed last week that, among the 17 parishes of the diocese (including Blue Earth) that have already surpassed their goals, 3 of them are way, way over the top—all in a cluster west of us: Jackson, Sherburn, & Lakefield. Part of the reason—only part, I think—is that their pastor makes the point of integrating a significant local project (parking lot repair, for example), part of the annual Catholic ministries appeal. That's a smart (& recommended) practice. If money is needed for something locally anyway, why not make only 1 appeal with 2 purposes ... *especially* because **all money received over & above the diocesan goal is returned to the parish and is not subject to diocesan assessment** ("tax free," as we say in the world). This practice is very similar to what all parishes did in a big way in 2013's capital campaign, Seeds of Faith (except then, numbers were much bigger & ¼ of all money donated, right from the start, was reimbursed to the parish.) Our project was the renovation of the rectory. In the future, remind me to include a local, needed project too, because it will doubly benefit us.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30AM - Peter Staloch †
Wed/BE 7:30AM - Gene Mikolai †
Thur. St. Luke's/10:00AM - Gene Uppena †
Fri./BE 8:30AM - Special Intention/Lola Schultz
Sat./BE 5:15PM - McRae & Rita Willmert †
Sun./W 8:00AM - John & Jean Staloch †
Sun./BE 10:00AM - Jacob Rumpza Family †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., July 29 Servers: Nick Frundt
5:15 PM SSPP
Ministers of Communion: Steve Geerdes/Chuck Frundt
Barb Prescher/Becky Spencer/Mary Uppena
Gift Bearers: Gary & Marsha Engler
Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., July 30: Servers: Spencer Salic
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Jerome Behnke
Sue Behnke/Karen Hernandez
Gift Bearers: Mark & Chris Rockers
Ushers: Dick Kortuem & Dick Maday

Sun., July 30: 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.

Attention Parish Ladies: The July meeting of the Area Council of Catholic Women will be hosted on July 24th by the St. Mary's CCW of Madelia, MN. The meeting will be held at the school across the street from the Church which is located at 19 Crosby Ave. NE. Please enter through the South doors. Parking is on the west side or on the street. Come enjoy female fellowship, education, and spirituality including our Memorial Service honoring past members, learn about a recent Medical Mission trip, and

hear the latest CCW news. Information on our fall Convention will be presented as well. All area ladies are welcome since CCW covers ALL women's church organizations. See you there; we will save a chair for you.

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.

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

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 or call 507-261-8248

The 46th annual LITOMYSL SUMMER

FESTIVAL at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl, 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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: July 15 & 16

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,690.90
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$12,660.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$11,139.24

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: July 16

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$935.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$3,519.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$3,474.79

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Angie Nagel - 526-5626 (office) - 526-3485 (home) - 507-276-5114 (cell), 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

NCYC Meeting!

Who: Youth and Parents!
When: Sunday, July 30th
Time: 6:00PM
Where: Social Hall
Pizza supper will be provided! On the agenda is our remaining fundraisers!

Fall Rummage Sale

The Fall Rummage Sale will be held on September 15-16. We will accept donations on Tuesday, September 12th and Wednesday, September 13th from 9am to 6pm.

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.

Totus Tuus coming this Summer!

There is still time to sign up for Totus Tuus! Call or email me right away if your child/ren are interested in attending!
Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4 --
Grades 1 - 6 -- 9:00AM - 2:30PM
Sunday, July 30 - Thursday, August 3 --
Grades 7-12 -- 7:30 - 9:30PM
We will provide transportation for all children and youth who are participating!