



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, Aug.13th, 2017 – 19th 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

The “**prerogatives of the Jews**” is a term I 1st heard used in the seminary, as in “the 8 prerogatives of the Jews” in Romans 9:4-5. Since those verses are part of the 2nd reading this Sunday, it’s a good time for a little review. First, about that word “prerogative”: “*a right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or class.*” Paul didn’t use the word “prerogatives” but he did list 8 claims & qualities of the Jews that give them a “privileged” place in God’s plan. The great Catholic theologian St. Thomas Aquinas cited this passage in Romans (among other Scriptures) to analyze & explain the dignity of the Jews. (The very name Jew is “honorable” he says.)

The relationship of Christians & Jews has been difficult & complex from the beginning—hence St. Paul’s anguished treatment of the topic in Romans 9, 10, & 11 (*Jews & Gentiles in God’s Plan*). He’s addressing Gentiles. He’s a Jew, of course. He’s also a Christian, of course! Between this week’s reading & next week’s, the lectionary skips some verses, including 11:1-2: “*Has God rejected his people? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, descended of the tribe of Benjamin. No, God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.*”

When the Catechism of the Catholic Church talks about non-Christians, it puts the Jewish people in 1st place: “*The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to God’s revelation in the Old Covenant.*” The Jews are “*...unlike any other non-Christian religion.*” The Catechism proceeds to quote St. Paul, from the part of Romans we read this Sunday (the 8 “prerogatives”): “*To the Jews ‘belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, & the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, & of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ.’*”

As a Church, we have not always sounded so gracious about the Jews or so much like St. Paul: Anti-Semitism is a deeply rooted cancer in our society & our world. It is not in remission! We need to continue to address the apathy of many Christians to improving Jewish-Christian relations & the persistence of anti-Semitism.

How about a trip to Detroit? We’ve been asked to spread the word: “*Bishop Quinn & Bishop Harrington invite you to join them in Detroit for the Beatification of Father Solanus Casey. The Diocese has organized a 3-night pilgrimage via deluxe motor coach bus to the Beatification Mass at Ford Field Nov 17-20. Other highlights include the Fr Solanus Casey Center, Sacred Heart Seminary, a tour of Detroit, & the Shrine of Christ’s Passion. A full itinerary will be available soon on the diocesan web site, www.dow.org. For immediate ?s, contact Ann Ringlien at aringlien@dow.org or at 507-858-1241.*”

Tuesday, Aug. 15th, is the feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holyday of obligation. Masses are at 8:30 AM at

SM & 5:15 PM at SSPP. This is one of our oldest feasts honoring Jesus’ mother. August 15th was the date for it, even back to the 6th century when it was called The Falling Asleep of the Mother of God. That’s where the old word “dormition” came from. That word’s root means “to sleep” & gave us the word “dormitory”. The term “assumption” (taking up) was later used to affirm the traditional belief that the body of Mary did not decay but soon after burial was assumed into heaven. This belief of the Church certainly did not originate on Nov. 1, 1950—that was merely the date on which Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary a dogma—an article of faith.

The phone rang last Friday after lunch. “*Hello, my name is Laurin Vance & I’m calling from Winnebago.*” I was scheduled for some 1st Friday communion calls & running late. Now the phone rings. “This better be important.” No, of course I didn’t say that—but it might have come through in my tone of voice. My caller continued, “*I’m a grandson of the man who built your church in Winnebago.*” Suddenly, I was in less of a hurry. I’m interested. He wondered where the church was in Winnebago & if it’s unlocked. At that moment it was hard for me to be helpful so he said, “*Where are you now?*” When I said the Blue Earth rectory he said, “*My grandfather built the Catholic Church in Blue Earth too. I’ll be right over.*”

In the 15 minutes before he arrived I changed my schedule & grabbed the history books of our parishes. SSPP was built in 1934 & SM in 1938. I have more info on SSPP: F. A. Slifer was the architect, the P. O. Navick construction company was the contractor, & Thomas J. Gaytee did the windows. When my guest arrived I learned that he’s from the Seattle area. He was interested in our history books (telling me he’s doing a photo essay of his grandfather’s work—& “*It’s Navik not Navick*”). He was more interested in the church, of which he took many pictures. (He also told me that he knew what I was busy about that day: “*I’m a retired Lutheran minister.*”) He went to St. Mary’s for more evidence, & pictures. I said that the little history book on St. Mary’s doesn’t mention Navik Construction & he said, “*Oh, I have the records on that.*” There are pictures of the foundation being dug & the cornerstone being laid. I learned that his grandfather built many churches (“mainly Catholic”) in southern MN. He also noticed the credit line “*Photo by Harland Navik*” under the picture of the church in the 1934 dedication book. “*That’s my uncle,*” he said, & then told an interesting story about how Harland’s career began with a photo of a lightning strike at Luther in Decorah, Iowa. A very, very interesting hour. We’ve promised to keep in touch. You will be hearing more I’m sure. Try & stop me.

The Anointing of the Sick sacrament is planned for Aug. 17 at St. Luke’s, during the weekly Thursday Mass there.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30AM – Fritz Bless †
BE 5:15PM – Dolores Engesser †
Wed/BE 7:30AM – In Honor of the Blessed Virgin
Rosary to Follow
Thur. St. Luke’s/10:00AM – Marian Warmka †
Fri./BE 8:30AM – Angie Gartner †
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Asa Spencer †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Jarret Meckes †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Norm Duggan †

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Tues., Aug 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

St. Mary 8:30 AM: Servers: Noah Dahl
Ministers of Communion: Mark Franta
Linda O’Neil & Karen Hernandez

SSPP 5:15 PM: Servers: Elizabeth Uecker
Nick Frundt

Ministers of Communion: Lorraine Hassing
Skip Schimek & Mary Uppena

Gift Bearers: Chuck & Rita Frundt

Sat., Aug. 19 Servers: Erin Hannaman
5:15 PM SSPP Luke Carr

Ministers of Communion: Mary Warner/Bev Dummer
Steve Geerdes/Ann Kehr/Barb Prescher

Gift Bearers: Jason & Andra Spencer Family
Ushers: Dirk Esser Group

Sun., Aug. 20: Servers: Brian Krieger
8:00 AM St. Mary’s Jack Hardy

Ministers of Communion: Joyce Eastvold
Mark Franta & Pat Salic

Gift Bearers: Jerome & Sue Behnke
Ushers: Bob Grant & Doug Klocek

Sun., Aug. 20: Servers: Anna Nagel
10:00AM SSPP Hailey Becker

Ministers of Communion: Jenny Armon/Margaret Haag
Vitres Samek/Lee Mikolai/Joe Tempel

Gift Bearers: Scott & Amy Kramer Family
Ushers: Bob Dulas Group

Knights Corner:

August 14th-Regular KC Meeting 7pm room #1

WE WON THE STAR COUNCIL AWARD!!!

Congratulations to all of our Knights who worked hard to achieve this goal of winning the highest award given to councils. This is a great milestone of success.

Celebrating 95 years of Catholic Daughters:

2016 – Lola Schultz, CDA member, received the 1st Place National Legislative Award for her Sex Trafficking Awareness project.

Communication is the basis for all relationships. When communication is lacking, the relationship is soon in turmoil. At Catholic Charities, we can teach communication skills to improve any relationship. Whether you’re having trouble communicating with your spouse, your children, or your parents, we can help at Catholic Charities. Visit us at www.ccwinona.org or give us a call at 507-377-3664 in Albert Lea or 507-387-5586 in Mankato.

Benefit Concert featuring music and message by Zac Huntley on Wednesday, August 16th at 7 PM at Hope United Methodist church in Blue Earth. A free will offering will be taken for the concert with dessert & refreshments served. The proceeds will help cover the cost for students in Columbia learning English at a nearby university.

Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign:

We won’t be using the baby bottles this year. If you wish to contribute, enclose your gift in and envelope and drop it in the collection. Thank you.

St. Mary’s Parishioner’s: Two envelopes for some special occasions are in our set of weekly envelopes. If you look at the Oct. 15th envelopes, you will see the first one has the special occasion written in red. If that is where you want your money to go, fine. If your donation is for your yearly church support, please use the one with no red writing on it. If you have any questions, call Elaine Kiehm or Jeanne Kortuem. Thanks.

Rosary Society meeting: Wed August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. All ladies welcome to attend.

RETREAT AT CHRIST THE KING

RETREAT CENTER 621 First Ave South –
Buffalo, MN 55313

MEN & WOMEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Theme: Premiere of "Take Courage!"

Date: August 25 – 27, 2017 **Presented by:**
King's House Preaching Team

Suggested Offering: \$160.00 per
person/\$100.00 per person for students
(includes \$30.00 deposit to reserve a room)

Registration forms are available at the entrance
of SSPP & St. Mary.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Aug. 5 & 6

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00

Adult/Plate giving last week: \$4,248.05

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$25,320.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$22,403.14

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Aug. 6

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00

Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,314.00

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$7,038.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$6,875.10

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

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.