



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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Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2017 – 25th 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

I learned something after the Mass in the Nursing Home last Thursday, September 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Someone approached me & said that in her childhood the feast of the Holy Cross was celebrated on May 3. She then related some interesting specifics.

I looked in my old missal (which I've kept) that I used in my childhood & sure enough, there was May 3 designated "The Finding of the Holy Cross." (Not that I doubted the woman!) After a little more homework I learned that since the early centuries of the Church until the reform of the calendar called for by Vatican II in the 1960s, there were 2 Holy Cross feasts on the calendar, May 3 & September 14. On those 2 feasts, there were a number of events commemorated: Constantine's vision of the cross (& his conversion); the finding of the great relic, the cross on which Christ was crucified, by St. Helen (in the 4th century); the dedication of the basilica of the Holy Cross in Rome built by Constantine (Helen's son); & the return of the True Cross from Rome to Jerusalem (in the 7th century). Whew.

In the 1960s the calendar was revised. Some saints' days were eliminated not because they were judged non-existent or lacking in holiness but because in many cases all that remains certain is their name, or because they lack universal significance ("Like St. Symphorosa & St. Eleutherius?" Yes.) Also, dates of certain feast days were changed to be more historically accurate. And May 3's Discovery of the True Cross was merged with September 14's Holy Cross day as "The Exaltation of the Holy Cross."

Besides what I learned from the woman at the Nursing Home Mass, I came upon the following idea when I did a little research on this. This is from a 5-volume set called *The Churches' Year of Grace* by Dr. Pius Parsch, which I've carried around since 1966. It was written in the '50s & is out of date about some things but still has value. Listen to this: "*The feast of the Finding of the Cross is about our 'finding' of the cross. At Mass we find the treasure more precious than any other, the price of our redemption; here we pick the fruit from the Tree of life; & from here we carry the banner of victory into the battle of life after the Ite, missa est. It is also a finding of the Cross when we begin to see glory & triumph in the humiliations of daily life; when we greet our crosses as 'salvation, life, & resurrection'; when we evaluate the crosses of life as 'exaltation' rather than abasement, as the means to life rather than as miserable annoyances.*" Isn't that good??

Ite, missa est ? Some of us remember the priest saying that at the end of Mass. Now he says, "Go, the Mass is ended." Literally, the Latin is "Go, [the assembly] is dismissed." "Missa" & "dismissed" & "mission" all sound kind of alike. Pope Benedict once talked about

that: "*In antiquity, missa simply meant 'dismissal'. In Christian usage, however, it gradually took on a deeper meaning. The word 'dismissal' has come to imply a 'mission'. These few words succinctly express the missionary nature of the Church.*" Well put, Pope. (Also, I might add that the word "Mass" for our Sunday Eucharist comes from that same word "missa" of "*Ite, missa est.*")

About Constantine, mentioned above, I'd like to pique your interest in his story. Before a crucial battle he had a vision of the Christian cross & heard the words, "In this sign—in *hoc signo* (IHS)—you will conquer." And he did. (IHS in our tradition is also—and more significantly—the 1st 3 letters in Greek of the sacred name Jesus.)

Besides all this, I learned still more after that Nursing Home Mass. (That was a very rich day.) Actually, I learned more later, doing more homework, because of another question. The question was prompted by the Holy Cross readings: Numbers 21:4-9 about God directing Moses, "*Make a [bronze serpent] & mount it on a pole, & if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live.*" In the gospel (John 3:13-17), Jesus recalls this event saying, "*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*" Because of that came a question, "Is that where the caduceus comes from, & is that the symbol of



medicine & the U.S. Army Medical Corps?" Oh boy. I haven't heard the word caduceus in years; & I think there are a couple of cymbals clashing here. By now I have a head ache & I'm feeling stupid. So I looked it up. The caduceus is the traditional symbol of

the Greek god Hermes & consists of 2 snakes winding around a staff, usually winged. So far so good. Then I read that it's often mistakenly used as a symbol of medicine instead of the "Rod of Asclepius," especially in the United States because the U.S. Army medical officer uniforms "*popularized the erroneous use of the symbol throughout the medical field in the United States.*"

"Rod of Asclepius??" That's the *single* snake wound around a staff & the symbol of Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine. Many (me included) have made the connection between the Rod of Asclepius & Moses' bronze serpent in the Book of Numbers. "*Possibly this was the reason the ancients started to use the snake*" as the symbol of Asclepius. I think you can forget the "possibly." Whatever you make of all this, the snake-encircled staff is one thing & the caduceus is something else again.



Finally, did I miss a holy day of obligation last Saturday?!? (I'm going to get fired yet!) That was St. Grouse's Day I think. September 13, beginning at dawn, opening a season.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30AM - Agatha & Paul Franta †
Wed/BE 7:30AM - Dick Maher †
Thur. St. Luke's/10:00AM - Fr. Evaristo †
Fri./BE 8:30AM - Special Intention/Brad Stevermer
Sat./BE 5:15PM - Bob Moore †
Sun./W 8:00AM - Helen Dressen †
Sun./BE 10:00AM - Phyllis Sohler †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Sept. 30 Servers: Nick Frundt
5:15 PM SSPP Luke Carr

Ministers of Communion: Steve Geerdes/Jason Spencer
Bill Hamlin/Andre Hamlin/Skip Schimek

Gift Bearers: Gary & Marsha Engler

Ushers: Bob Spencer Group

Sun., Oct. 1: Servers: Clara Ziegler

8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Rick Mauris
Karen Hernandez & Chuck Murry

Gift Bearers: Dick & Joanne Maday

Ushers: Rich Findley & Mike Findley

Sun., Oct. 1: Servers: Anna Nagel
10:00AM SSPP Ashlyn Klinkner

Ministers of Communion: Camille Driscoll, Joe Tempel
Rich Schneider/Shawn Hassing/Arlen O'Brien

Gift Bearers: Chris & Michelle Klinkner Family

Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

Knight's Corner:

Sept. 24th Picnic @ Putnam Park
October 10th-Officer Meeting 6PM
October 10th- Initiation @ 6:30 Meeting to follow
October 21st-KC Steak Fry @ Blue Earth Legion
October 29th-5th Sunday Rosary @ St Peter & Paul -
9:30am.

KC Members and their Family are invited to a Picnic.

When: Sunday September 24th

Where: Putnam Park

Time: 5 O'clock PM

Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beans, Chips, Lemonade
Hope to see you there!

Thanks to all the young people from our parishes who made the steak fry last Saturday a success. Proceeds will go to the NCCY trip later. The Knights are proud of our youth!

Knights of Columbus Meeting Date Change-We will now meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting October 10th @ 7pm.

95 Years of Catholic Daughters:

2015 - Past regent, Catherine Mino, received a special Regent of the Year State Award.

Rosary will be prayed 9:35 before the 10:00 Mass on all 5 Sundays in October. Everyone--all ages, are invited to join in this powerful prayer.

DONATIONS NEEDED of pumpkins, squash, and gourds that will be used to decorate the church. You can put them in the box at the entrance of the church at SSPP. Thanks!

October is the month of the rosary. Consider this year special as it is the 100th year since Our Blessed Mother appeared to three small children at Fatima and gave them a message to pray for the forgiveness of sin and for peace.

For the second time in less than two weeks, another devastating hurricane has affected our brothers and sisters, this time in the Caribbean and Florida. Hurricane Irma has created widespread destruction. Again, we are asking you to join with the Catholic community across the United States in responding through a special collection. Catholic Charities USA is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water, and food of those affected by Hurricane Irma. There will be a second collection the weekend of Sept. 30 & Oct 1. Checks should be made payable to your local parish. For more information, go to www.usccb.org or www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

Council of Catholic Families dues this year are \$25 per family and are due in September. Please send these to your circle chair person, mail to the rectory or put in a marked envelope in the weekend collection. Please note on the envelope your name & circle #.

Kitchen Backup Coordinator Needed!! Kathy Lowery currently serves as our kitchen coordinator for funerals and soup suppers. CCW is looking for an individual to serve as Kathy's backup. This person would take over kitchen duties in the rare event that Kathy is unable to work. This is a paid position and we are asking that you prayerfully consider fulfilling this duty. If you are interested please call Suzanne Carr (943-3484) or Colleen Gronewold (447-2554) for more information. Thank you!

Fall Turkey Supper At St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Minnesota Lake, on Sunday, October 8, 2017, from 4:00-7:00 pm. \$10.00 and children under 5 Free.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Winnebago will be serving a Turkey Commercial Dinner on Sunday, October 8th from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Each October, St. Mary's parish collection baby items for the Options Pregnancy Center. Items that could be used- For mothers: bath towels, gift cards for her personal use, and used maternity clothes
For babies: quilts, blankets, layettes, sleepers, clothing, diapers size Newborn to 5, bath towels with hoods, baby bottles, Avant or Gerber Baby Wash, etc.
For fathers: men's personal items
Please consider donating during this Respect for Life month.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Sept. 16 & 17

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,741.61
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$50,640.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$42,019.62

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Sept. 17

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$730.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$13,620.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$12,695.70

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

September Calendar

- 24 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass.
AmazinGrace Event for Grades 6-12!
27 Faith Formation / Youth Ministry Board Mtg.
5:30PM, Classroom 4

October Calendar

- 4 Faith Formation Classes begin for Gr. K-10!
My Space -- 5 - 6:15PM
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM
8 Confirmation Introductory Mtg. 8:30AM
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Gr. K-2
11 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space -- 5-6:15PM
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM
18 NO CLASSES -- MEA Break
25 Classes for Grades K-5
Food Scavenger Hunt - Gr. 6-10
No My Space!
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM

Catechists for 2017/2018!

These wonderful people have been called to be catechists for the 2017/2018 Faith Formation year. What a blessing they are to our program!

Kindergarten	Trish Schimek
Grade 1	Lindsey Greff
Grade 2	Lora Moore
Grade 3	Carol Moore
Grade 4	Amy Stevermer Cindy Trasamar
Grade 5	Rita Frundt
Grade 6	Angie Frundt Cathy Stevermer
Grade 7	Deb Christensen
Grade 8	Jennie Johnson
Grade 9	Jeremy Coxworth
Grade 10	Karla Carr Christina Dahl

AmazinGrace!

Who: All youth in Grades 6-12
When: Sunday, September 24th
Where: Throughout Blue Earth
What: The area churches are planning an amazing event for youth! You will form teams and will walk around Blue Earth completing fun challenges and tasks before being given an envelope with clues to your next destination. Everyone will end up at the Fairgrounds for music, supper and a short devotional. This event is FREE and we are expecting at least 100 young people to attend!
Register: Even if you didn't register, just come to Trinity Lutheran Church at 2:30PM!!

Confirmation Introductory Meeting

Who: All 10th Grade Confirmation candidates and parents
When: Sunday, October 8th -- 8:30AM -- Donuts, juice and coffee will be served.
Where: Social Hall
What: You will learn all about our Confirmation program and its requirements. All candidates and at least one parent must attend. We will all attend 10AM Mass together where the candidates will participate in the Rite of Enrollment.

The Rummage Sale was a HUGE success!

Every year I wonder if we will be able to fill the Social Hall for our annual Youth Rummage Sale and every year I am amazed at the amount of donations we receive from parishioners. The Social Hall was packed once again! A very special thanks to all the people who gave so much of their time to sort, organize and price the countless items that came in the door and thanks to those of you who donated such quality items for the sale! Our sale has gained quite the reputation in our community because there were more than 50 people waiting outside the door by noon on Friday and I counted at least 100 shoppers within the first 15 minutes of the sale! All of this contributed to a great sale!! We made an amazing profit of **\$4,000!!!** There is no other fundraiser we can do to make that kind of money in just a week so thank you for supporting the efforts of