



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Sunday, Oct. 1st, 2017 – 26th 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

“A culture of life—where every human life is protected, respected & celebrated—begins with a personal decision to respect the dignity of others.” Each October, the U.S. Bishops *Respect Life* program calls us to a new awareness & dedication to this essential part of the gospel. Their material this year took me back to the *Catholic Catechism* & what it teaches about respect for human life. Much is consolidated under the section on the 5th commandment: You shall not kill (paragraphs #2258 – 2317).

Our Church's teaching on the value of life is divided into 3 sections:

1. Respect for Human Life;
2. Respect for the Dignity of Persons; &
3. Safeguarding Peace.

Regarding *“Respect for the Dignity of Persons”* (#2284 – 2301), the *Catechism* teaches about 5 areas of concern:

1. The souls of others (scandal: leading another to evil);
2. Health (cult of the body, excess: food, alcohol, tobacco, medicine, drugs);
3. The person and scientific research (including organ transplants);
4. Bodily integrity (kidnapping, terrorism, amputation, and sterilizations); &
5. The dead (honor regarding the dying, the body: autopsies, cremations).

If you have access to a *Catholic Catechism*, you might use it to study up a little, continuing to form your conscience & understand our faith.

The Catholic teaching “Safeguarding Peace” in the *Catechism* (paragraphs #2302 – 2317) has special meaning for us during these tense times caused by the North Korean regime's belligerency. Paragraph #2309 in the section “Avoiding War” begins, “The strict conditions for legitimate defense by military force require rigorous consideration” & includes the 4 traditional elements of what is called “the just war doctrine”:

- 1.) the damage brought on the nation or world by the aggressor must be lasting, grave, and certain;
- 2.) all other efforts at resolution have been tried and failed or been impractical;
- 3.) there must be well-founded hope of success; &
- 4.) the use of arms must not cause worse disorder than the evil to be stopped (a condition requiring more serious consideration than ever because of the power of modern means of destruction).

October traditionally has also been known as “the month of the holy rosary.” In their 1973 pastoral letter “Behold Your Mother,” the U.S. Catholic Bishops said, “The scriptural riches of the rosary are of permanent value” (96). The next year, Pope Paul VI, calling the rosary “a Gospel prayer,” wrote, *“[The*



rosary] sets forth the mystery of Christ in the very way in which it is seen by St. Paul in the celebrated ‘hymn’ of the Epistle to the Philippians—[self-emptying], death and exaltation (2:11). . . . By its nature the recitation of the rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord’s life as grasped by the heart of her who was closer to the Lord than all others.”

The “Hymn of the Letter to the Philippians” (2:6-11). Sounds familiar. This very Sunday, it is included as part of the 2nd reading (Philippians 2:1-11)—the only time in the 3-year cycle of Sunday readings that it appears. But 2 weeks ago Philippians 2:1-11 was also the 2nd reading of the Sept 14th feast of “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross”. So we read the same passage 2 times in 2 weeks.

The Philippians Hymn (or “canticle”) is prayed in the Church's Liturgy of the Hours (by priests, religious & others) every Saturday evening. Canticles are hymns or poems (like the psalms) found outside the book of Psalms. Actually, at Evening Prayer every day a canticle is included. Each day has its own. Because of the importance of the Philippians canticle, it is given the honorable place of Saturday night (the vigil of the Lord's Day). You may want to copy it out of your Scripture & pray it every Saturday night too. As you pray it, you'll notice that it has 3 “verses”, each of which is featured in 1/3 of the rosary: joyful, sorrowful & glorious (or “self-emptying, death & exaltation” as Pope Paul VI said). This is another example of how deeply scriptural the rosary is (& we r).

A “Catholic Church Inquiry” series is beginning soon in our parishes, involving 2-3 people who are considering joining the Catholic Church. I use a form of (& certainly the spirit of) the RCIA, an acronym for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We use that general & ancient term for a process that's been recovered in the last generation or two. I say “some form of” because often it isn't full initiation (which includes baptism) that's sought but “reception into full communion.” It's the normal way we receive people into full communion, not only those coming from another church but also those who once were Catholic & discontinued practice for some time or who stopped their process of initiation before Confirmation. I should add that some form of “inquiry” happens in most every Catholic parish—in some cases as plain & simple as “instructions,” as priests used to call their preparation of “converts.”

I encourage you to invite people to join us as a family of faith. It may be a spouse, co-worker, a friend or a neighbor. Your invitation will make a difference. Few people would be offended to be invited to consider membership in the Church. They will be honored that you think they would be a good part of our household of faith.

No confessions next Friday after Mass because I have a children's Mass at St. Casimir School that morning so can't stay.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30AM – Fritz Bleess †
Wed/BE 7:30AM – Gene Mikolai †
Thur. St. Luke's/10:00AM –Marvin Boever Family †
Fri./BE 8:30AM – Arlene Killion †
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Mildon, Loretta
& Stephen Engesser †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Delores Stevermer †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Dan & Ruth Driscoll †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Oct. 7 Servers: Isabelle Barnett
5:15 PM SSPP Seth Stevermer
Ministers of Communion: Bev Dummer/Ann Kehr
Barb Prescher/Mary Warner/Shawna Barnett
Gift Bearers: Chuck & Rita Frundt
Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., Oct. 8: Servers: Jack Hardy
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Pat Salic
Joyce Eastvold & Rich Findley
Gift Bearers: Mark & Chris Rockers
Ushers: Bob Grant & Doug Klocek

Sun., Oct. 8: Servers: Marie Carr
10:00AM SSPP Luke Carr
Rosary at 9:35
Ministers of Communion: Arlen O'Brien/Jenny Armon
Vitres Samek/Mary Eckhardt/Roger Schoenfelder
Gift Bearers: Kathy Lowery
Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

Knight's Corner:

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.

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

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!

Mark your calendars for the October:

Blue Earth/Fairmont/Mankato Area meeting to be held in Blue Earth on October 24th!

CDA---The Catholic Daughters will be distributing Gummi Bears after Mass the weekend of Oct. 14th and

15th. Minnesota Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Habitat for Humanity International, have developed a partnership to build homes and support the effort of a Habitat for Humanity house, to be built within the state of Minnesota, with an estimated annual grant of \$10,000. The funding of this Catholic Daughter grant is made possible by the annual Gummi Bear fund raising project, conducted by local Catholic Daughter courts throughout the state of Minnesota. Funds collected each year will be used for the build the next year in Minnesota. This is an ongoing yearly project by the courts of Minnesota.

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.

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!

On the occasion marking the 100th Anniversary of Fatima you are requested to attend a celebration on **Friday, October 13 beginning at 4:30 PM.** There will be Exposition, outdoor Rosary Procession, Confessions, and Benediction. Bishop John Quinn will celebrate Mass at 5:30 PM with several priests concelebrating. The celebration will take place at the Andy and Natalie Price farm which is located at 23274 670th Street, Kasson, just 20 miles west of Rochester on Highway 14. More information: www.giftofatima2017.com or Andy Price 507-259-7675 or stjosephdrivingschool@kmtel.com

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. 23 & 24

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$4,431.12
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$54,860.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$46,450.74

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Sept. 24

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$901.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$14,755.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$13,596.70

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

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
FF/YM Board Mtg. - 5:30PM
- 25 Classes for Grades K-5
Food Scavenger Hunt - Gr. 6-10
No My Space!
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM

Faith Formation Classes begin this week!

Kindergarten - Grade 5 meet from 2:30 - 4:15PM

Grades 6-10 meet from 6:30 - 7:30PM

My Space open from 5:00 - 6:15PM

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

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.

Coffee and Donuts!

Children in Grades K-2 will be hosting COFFEE and DONUTS on Sunday, October 8th after 10AM Mass. Come and join us!

Food Drive Kick-Off for Grades K-5!

On **Wednesday, October 11th**, we will be kicking off a food drive for Grades K-5! All children are asked to bring non-perishable food items to class with them through November 1st. All items collected will be given to the Faribault County Food Shelf! Thank you for your support of this worthy organization that helps so many people right here in our own community!

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 **\$4,200!!!** 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 our youth