



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Sunday, Oct. 22nd, 2017 – 29th 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

Had I been thinking ahead, I would have included in last week's bulletin lines from last Sunday's 2nd reading—to which I referred: *“My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”* Paul had just spoken in his letter to the Philippians of how he *“learned the secret of being well fed & of going hungry, of living in abundance & of being in need.”* Then he spoke that phrase some of us have quoted more than once, *“I can do all things in him who strengthens me.”* It strikes me that this would be another way of praying for somebody (not only when they have asked us to!): to speak for them; to put ourselves in their place, their shoes, & say what they may not be able to say right now, *“I can do all things in him who strengthens me.”* To pray for them in the sense of “on their behalf”—to speak for them. Or (&) to face them, mentally, spiritually, & say, *“My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”* Wouldn't these be good ways to pray for somebody??

Does a good explanation bear repeating, like a good story does?? (At least I thought this explanation was good—the one from some time ago about moving the music area in SS P&P church from the south transept to the north. Now that we're about ready for the move, here it is again:

The Place of Music

I inherited many, many good things in coming to these parishes. I have a list as long as my arm. Today I'd like to comment on just 1 little part of that inheritance: the location of our music ministry. In both churches they are well placed. We don't want the choir/musicians in a place so prominent that it competes with the altar & pulpit. The choir shouldn't be on stage. Their role is to serve & support the assembly in liturgy, not perform for them. On the other extreme, we are glad they are not removed from the assembly & inaccessible to the presider in a balcony.

In SS P/P church, the members of both choirs + the Finance Council & I considered long & hard the advantages of moving the music area from the south transept to the north transept. We are now about finished preparing their new space. On the south side, some members of the choir were hindered in participating at Mass, which is my biggest concern. They cannot even see the people & action in the sanctuary during Mass, which of course affects their hearing too.

From the north transept, the angle to the sanctuary, especially the pulpit, will be better. Also, there will be more room, since the entry from the ramp entrance takes up 36 square feet of the south transept. With those 2 benefits on the north side, the music people can reconfigure their seating (standing) so their backs would be to the north wall instead of to the front of the church. Big improvement.

The 4 pews currently in the north transept are being moved to the south transept. A good side effect is that the

ramp entry now leads immediately to a seating area instead of choir space. We could now reserve the front pew or 2 in the transept for people with limited mobility.

Another good side effect: The old confessional in the north transept was used for a little “passive storage,” which will move to another place, freeing this prime space for the active storage of music/choir things.

We've extended the raised stone area at the west end of the transept all the way to the east, eliminating the inconvenient 2 levels & giving the music area a slight elevation at the same time. We'll also be adding more suitable chairs, retiring the tin ones in favor of something more presentable & befitting the liturgy (& probably stackable too, to be practical). In the process of this move we've also improved lighting & plug-in/jack accessibility.

Food for the Poor, a familiar & favorite Catholic mission group, is visiting us this weekend. Their mission is part of our mission too: *“To link the Church of the 1st World with the Church of the 3rd World in a manner that helps both the materially poor & the poor in spirit. The materially poor are served by local Churches, clergy & lay leaders who have been empowered & supplied with food by Food for the Poor. The poor in spirit are renewed by their relationship with & service to the poor through our direct ministry of teaching, encouragement & prayer. Ultimately we seek to bring both benefactors & recipients into a closer union with our Lord. What more can I say?!”*

Their visit takes me back to the Documents of Vatican II (mentioned a couple of weeks back on the feast day of Pope John 23rd). One of the Council's 16 documents is on the missions, entitled “The Missionary Activity of the Church.” The following is from paragraph 12:

“Furthermore, let the faithful take part in the strivings of those peoples who are waging war on famine, ignorance, & disease & thereby struggling to better their way of life & to secure peace in the world. In this activity, the faithful should be eager to offer their prudent aid to projects sponsored by public & private organizations, by governments, by international agencies, by various Christian communities, & even by non-Christian religions. ... Closely united with people in their life & work, Christ's disciples hope to render to others true witness of Christ, & to work for their salvation, even where they are not able to proclaim Christ fully. For they are not seeking a mere material progress & prosperity for people, but are promoting their dignity & brotherly union, teaching those religious & moral truths which Christ illumined with his light. In this way, they are gradually opening up a wider approach to God. Thus too they help people to attain to salvation by love for God & neighbor. And the mystery of Christ begins to shine forth. In this mystery the new person has appeared, created according to God (see Eph. 4:24). In it the love of God is revealed.”

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30AM – No Mass
Wed/BE 7:30AM – No Mass
Thur. St. Luke's/10:00AM – Gen Armon †
Fri./BE 8:30AM – McRae & Rita Willmert †
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Bill Stevermer †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Joanne Johnson †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Ray & Carmel Murphy †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Oct. 28 Servers: Jack Frundt

5:15 PM SSPP

Ministers of Communion: Bev Dummer/Jason Spencer
Mary Warner/Shawna Barnett/Ann Kehr

Gift Bearers: Tom & Helen Syverson

Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., Oct. 29: Servers: Noah Dahl

8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Sue Behnke
Jerome Behnke & Karen Hernandez

Gift Bearers: Alan & Jessica Yonkovich

Ushers: Mike Salic Sr. & Mike Salic Jr.

Sun., Oct. 29: Servers: Zach Kramer

10:00AM SSPP Elizabeth Uecker

Rosary at 9:35

Ministers of Communion: Pam Armon/Vitres Samek
Joe Tempel/Roger Schoenfelder/Mary Eckhardt

Gift Bearers: Roger & Sue Schoenfelder family

Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

Knight's Corner:

October 29th-5th Sunday Rosary @ St Peter & Paul -
9:30am.

Nov. 14th KC meeting-Officer meeting @ 6:30 & Reg
meeting to follow at 7PM.

Knights of Columbus Meeting Date Change-We will
now meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 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.

Thanks to all who donated corn stalks, bale of hay,
pumpkins, squash, and gourds. We definitely received a
bountiful harvest that even allowed us to decorate the
flower box between the church and social hall. Your
generosity is very much appreciated by not only us but the
deer and squirrels.

Please join us at the October Blue Earth/Fairmont/
Mankato Area CCW meeting in Blue Earth on Oct. 23.
The meeting will be held at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic
Church, and will begin at 7:00 PM. Come help us install
your new 2018 Officers and hear Suzy Sukalski's story
about living with Down Syndrome. Refreshments and
fellowship will follow the meeting. Come; learn things; be
inspired!

**St. Luke's Auxiliary is having their Annual Fall Bake
Sale** and Collective Goods (formerly Books Are Fun) on
Friday, Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m.-noon in the St. Luke's
Chapel.

Reminder to Circle Chairpersons: Each circle is
responsible for providing THREE items for the St. Luke's
Bake Sale.

Kitchen Backup Coordinator Needed!! CCW is
looking for an individual to serve as Kathy Lowery'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!

Options Pregnancy Center in Fairmont invites you to get
involved in changing someone's life by joining us for our
annual "**Laff for Life**" on Sat. Oct. 28th at 7 pm at the
Fairmont Opera House. The support raised from this free
event will enable us to continue offering our services to
women from our area with pregnancy related needs. For
more information & for free tickets, please call Options
Pregnancy Center at 238-2330 or email
cpcfntmn@frontiernet.net.

Diocesan Social Concerns Retreat Day Saturday,

October 28. A retreat on Immigration and refugees will be
held on Saturday, October 28 starting at 10 A.M. The
retreat will be held at St. Charles Borromeo, 1900 E 6th St.,
St. Charles, MN. This event is an opportunity to consider
the issues of immigration, solidarity and our Christian
responsibility. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. To
register you may contact Tom Parlin at
tparlin@ccsomm.org or 507-454-2270 ext 246

Winnebago Area Museum 40th Anniversary Gala Wine
Tasting Party on Saturday, October 28 from 5-7 at
Riverside Town & Country Club. There will be wine
selections & appetizers. Ticket price is \$40 per person.

St. Mary's kitchen and dining room cleaning: Sunday,
October 29th after Mass. Please bring pail and rags.

St. Mary's Rosary Society Members: Your Rosary
Society Dues have to be paid by October 31. There are 63
ladies listed on the breakfast list and 37 of them have paid
their dues. Can we make this 100%? Thank you.

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.

Annual Swiss Steak dinner at Winnebago Presbyterian Church on Sun., Nov. 12 from 11am-1pm.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Oct 14 & 15

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,192.50
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$67,520.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$57,934.14

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Oct. 15

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$941.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$18,160.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$16,888.70

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

October Calendar

- 25 Classes for Grades K-5
Food Scavenger Hunt - Gr. 6-10
No My Space!
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM
- 29 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass

November Calendar

- 1 Classes for Grades K-10
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM
- 3 BLAZE -- 6:30-9:30PM, Mankato
- 4-5 Faith Formation Bake Sale
- 5 Coffee & Donuts hosted by Grades 3 & 4
NCYC Parent Meeting -- 11:30AM, Social Hall
- 7 Catholic Night at PIZZA HUT! NCYC Fundraiser!!
- 8 Classes for Grades K-10
1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg. - 5:30PM
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM
- 15 Classes for Grades K-10
- 15-19 NCYC in Indianapolis!
- 22 No Classes - Thanksgiving Break!
Clean Church Pews - 10AM
- 28 FF/YM Board Meeting - 5:30PM
- 29 Classes for Grades K-10

Food Scavenger Hunt

For Grades 6-10 -- Wednesday, October 25th
We are gathering at TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH this year!

5:30 - 6:00PM Pizza Supper

6:00 - 7:15 Scavenger Hunt

7:15 - 8:00 Count items collected &

Closing Prayer at the AG CENTER!!

Youth from Saints Peter & Paul and St. Mary's, Trinity Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran will be joining forces for our annual Food Scavenger Hunt. Around 100 of our area young people will be working together to help stock the Faribault County Food Shelf for those in need.

Joyful Noise Choir!

The Joyful Noise Choir will sing for 10:00AM Mass on Sunday, October 29th! All youth and adults are invited to join us! Practice will be at 9AM in Church.

BLAZE event at Newman Center in Mankato!

Who: Youth in Grades 9-12

When: Friday, November 3rd -- 6:30-9:30PM

Where: Newman Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato

What: Games, snacks, praise and worship music, guest speaker, small group discussions led by MSU students, Adoration and Reconciliation.

Let me know if you are interested in attending!

Faith Formation BAKE SALE Fundraiser!

All faith formation families will be hosting a Bake Sale Fundraiser on **November 4th and 5th** in the Social Hall after masses. All proceeds will benefit the Angel Tree project. Come and support this worthwhile effort to make Christmas better for area children. Any parishioners who would like to donate items for the Bake Sale are more than welcome to do so! Call Angie if you have any questions.

CATHOLIC night at PIZZA HUT!

Youth attending NCYC invite all of you to Pizza Hut on **Tuesday, November 7th** from **5:00-8:00PM** for **CATHOLIC NIGHT!** All tips collected that evening will go towards our NCYC trip. Get a group of family, friends or neighbors together and join us for a fun evening!

Food Drive for Grades K-5!

All children in Grades K-5 are asked to bring non-perishable food items to class with them through November 8th. 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!