



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, Nov. 26th 2017 Christ the King

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 Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians": This Sunday, November 26, has been so designated by Cardinal DiNardo, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, & Bishop Cantú, Chairman of the Committee on International Justice & Peace. And they've asked for this coming week to be a "Week of Awareness of Persecuted Christians" with the theme "Solidarity in Suffering." (In this cause, the Bishops Conference is collaborating with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Near East Welfare Association & Aid to the Church in Need.)

In the spirit of this Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians, I now want to say something about a priest—a priest who had some influence on me because of what I heard about him as a child in catechism class: Fr. Pro. Fr. Miguel Agustin Pro. Now *Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*, priest & martyr (beatified in 1988 by Pope John Paul). His feast day was November 23—Thanksgiving Day this year—because it was on November 23, 1927, that he died, aged 36. (This is the 90th anniversary of his martyrdom.) I want to mention him not only as a way to observe this "Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians" but for 2 other reasons too: This is an opportunity also to say a good word about the Knights of Columbus & also to explain the origins of the feast of Christ the King.

First, a brief bio: *On January 13, 1891, Miguel Agustin Pro was born near Zacatecas, Mexico. In 1911 he entered the Society of Jesus. He studied in the U.S., Spain, & Belgium, where he was ordained. Returning to Mexico, he had to carry out his priestly ministry secretly because of the religious persecution. However, his zeal in performing his duties led to his arrest on false charges & he was condemned to death. He was shot to death on November 23, 1927.*

Now about the Knights of Columbus: A couple years back in the KC's magazine *Columbia* there was an article about the Mexican martyrs of the 1920s & '30s & the regime at the time that persecuted the Catholic Church. (*Columbia* is a consistently good, well-written Catholic periodical. Very many times through the years I've read parts of it & been influenced.) I paraphrase from it briefly here: Because of its organized & outspoken resistance, the Knights of Columbus was a particular target of the Mexican government. The Order was outlawed & Columbia magazine banned from the Mexican mail. Despite the threat of death for its members, the KCs not only survived in Mexico during this period, it thrived—from 400 members in 1918, to 43 councils & 6,000 members just 5 years later. Some of these members would become heroes for their faith. Six K of C priests, were among 25 Mexican martyrs canonized by Pope John Paul in 2000.

Little did I know when I read a serialized story about a

Fr. Pro on the back cover of *Treasure Chest* as a kid that I was learning about persecuted Catholics in nearby Mexico only a generation prior. Now I know. (*Treasure Chest* was a "Catholic-themed, comic-book-style" periodical, published in the '50s & '60s, that my catechists included in their lessons). Here's more of the background from the *Columbia* article:

Following the 1910 Mexican revolution—and the hateful anti-Catholic articles of the 1917 Constitution—Catholics in Mexico were viciously discriminated against & tortured for their faith. Pope Pius XI referred to the "cruel persecution" & "great evils" in a 1926 encyclical about the Mexico crisis. Throughout that country, the government seized Catholic schools & seminaries, stripping the Church of any property. It banned monastic orders, expelled missionaries & prohibited any form of public worship. Priests & nuns were barred from wearing religious garments, banned from voting, & forbidden from criticizing the government or commenting on public affairs.

Now I know that this experience of persecution was the inspiration for the Christ the King feast we celebrate today: *Thousands died proclaiming their faith during this dark time in Mexico's history. By the end of the 1930s, as many as 50,000 Catholics from every socio-economic background had been killed or martyred, including 90 priests. Those standing up for their faith during the civil war between the government & the underground rebels came to be known as Cristeros for their battle cry: "Viva Cristo Rey!" ("Long Live Christ the King!"). To the government of Mexico, this declaration of faith, often proclaimed as last words by Cristeros before their death, was clearly rebellious & treasonous. Yet, Pope Pius XI affirmed their cry by establishing for the universal Church the feast of Christ the King in 1925.*

Advent begins next Sunday, signaling the start of a new Church year. This Sunday's Christ the King solemnity is the annual feast that ends the year. According to our local tradition, we have materials ready for take-home to help make this season one that can prepare us for a spiritual experience of Christmas.

We recently made a sound improvement in SS P/P church: I have long been aware that the microphone system does not serve the sanctuary since there's no speaker there for it. From my presider's chair I could hear ok. Since I'm fairly familiar with the Scriptures I could hear the readings regardless. But when someone spoke from the pulpit, it took some guesswork to get the message. And it was worse for the servers. I was about ready to have them sit in the front pew for the Liturgy of the Word but then something better happened. About a month ago, lo & behold, a speaker was installed in the sanctuary, just to serve the sanctuary. (You can't see it but you can hear it.) It's made a world of difference. Thanks Dan.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30 AM –Jeanne Bresnahan †
Wed/BE 7:30AM – Special Intention
of Teresa Stevermer
Thur. St. Luke's 10:00AM – Phyllis Sohler †
Fri./BE 8:30AM – Gen Armon †
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Mildon, Loretta &
Stephen Engesser †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Ronald Bressler †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Gene Mikolai †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Dec. 2: Servers: Nick Frundt
5:15 PM SSPP Joe Frundt
Ministers of Communion: Don Bless/Steve Geerdes
Barb Prescher/Becky Spencer/Gary Armon
Gift Bearers: Chuck & Rita Frundt
Ushers: Bob Spencer Group

Sun., Dec. 3: Servers: Jack Hardy
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Pat Salic
Gerald Scovill & Joyce Eastvold
Gift Bearers: 3rd & 4th Graders
Ushers: Mike Salic Sr. & Mike Salic Jr.

Sun., Dec. 3: Servers: Brandi Uecker
10:00AM SSPP Maddie Armon
Ministers of Communion: Jenny Armon/Shawn Hassing
Vitres Samek/Rich Schneider/Shirl Maher
Gift Bearers: Frank & Margaret Haag
Ushers: Shawn Hassing Group

Knight's Corner:

Dec 1st KC/DD Christmas Part @ ST Peter & Paul 5:00PM start.
KC Meeting December 12th-Officer meeting 6:30 with meeting to follow

Quarterly CCF meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 5:30PM in the social hall. **Please note the time change.** Also check the parish web site for CCF info.

Baby Shower for Jesus: During Advent we will have our annual collection for Options Pregnancy Center in Fairmont. There is a list at the church entrance of special needs (there are extra copies in the folder attached to the cradle if you would like to take one home).

CCF Still looking for Backup Kitchen

Coordinator for the months of Dec.-March: Call Colleen at 447-2554 or Suz at 943-3484 if interested in this paid position.

Frost Fun Day: Cookie Walk, Soup & Santa on Dec. 2nd in Frost. **1.)** Cookie Walk: from 9-11 at the United Lutheran Church. **2.)** Community Club Soup Luncheon at the Community Center from 11:15-12:30 Frost. **3.)** Santa at the Community Center from 12:45-2pm.

Winnebago Area Museum's Christmas Open House will be on Tuesday, December 5 from 9am – 2pm. Join us for coffee desserts & Christmas cheer!

FourEver Young annual Christmas Benefit Concert will be on Sun., Dec. 10th at 2pm at the First Baptist Church in Winnebago. This year they will be joined by violinist Mary Flanagan & cellist Mairin Bierer, as well as Sarah Stensland (flute), Bennett Peterson (bass), and Cory Germain (drums). The concert is a benefit for Parker Oaks Auxiliary. Admission is free, but there will be a free will offering. Refreshments will be served.

2017Holiday Craft & Bake sale at the Lutheran Church of our Savior in Winnebago on Saturday, December 2nd from 9am to 1pm.

November is FOOD SHELF MONTH at St. Mary's for the Winnebago Area Food Shelf. A list of items always in short supply are: Size 4 & 5 diapers, Kleenex, Toilet paper
Toothpaste, Bar soap, Laundry soap, Dish soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Deoderant. Other items that always seem to go fast are: Peanut butter, Jello, Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, Soda crackers. Monetary gifts are always welcomed to help maintain our inventory. Thank you for your continued support of this much needed ministry.

St Mary's Rosary Society will be meeting Wed Nov 29th at 7:00 p m. All are welcome, please join us.

We want to say thank you for the gift we received at church on Nov. 19th. May God Bless You. Sam & Karen Hernandez

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Nov. 18 & 19

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,568.75
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$88,620.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$78,498.56

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Nov. 19

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$805.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$23,835.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$21,447.77

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

November Calendar

- 28 Blue Earth YM Mtg. - 8:30AM
FF/YM Board Meeting - 5:30PM
- 29 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space - 5-6:15PM

December Calendar

- 1 Blaze Youth Event - 6:30-9:30PM, Mankato
- 3 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Grades 5 & 6
- 6 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space - 5-6:15PM
- 13 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space - 5-6:15PM
- 17 Retreat Team Meeting - 6-8PM
- 20 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space!
- 22 Practice for Christmas Program - TBD
- 24 Christmas Program - 4PM
Christmas Eve Mass - 4:15PM
Joyful Noise Choir sings for Mass!

BLAZE event at Newman Center in Mankato!

Who: Youth in Grades 9-12
When: This Friday, December 1st -- 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!

Joyful Noise Choir!

The choir will sing on Sunday, December 3rd. Please be at church at 9am to practice. All adults and youth are invited to be a part of the choir. Come and join us!

Coffee & Donuts!

Youth in Grades 5 & 6 will be hosting COFFEE and DONUTS on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Please come and join us!

Retreat Team looking for new members!

All Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are invited to be a part of our parish Retreat Team. We travel to other parishes within our Diocese and lead retreats for youth in Grades 7-10. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry, please come to a gathering on Dec. 17th from 6-8PM in the Social Hall. Call Angie if you have any questions!

Christmas Eve Children's Program Sunday, December 24th -- 4PM in Church

There are parts for all children and youth, Preschool through Grade 12

Preschool -- Bell Ringers

Grades K-3 -- Singers

Grades 4-6 -- Speaking Parts & Singers

Grades 6-12 -- Choir for Mass, Greeters, Help with Children's Program

Christmas Program Practice

All children & youth who will be involved in the program need to attend the practice on Thursday, December 21st from 6-7PM in Church.

Christmas Program

All children and youth need to be in the Church Social