



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, Jan. 7th, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

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 Christmas decor is still up because it's still the Christmas season. Five feasts form the foundation of this season. The first 4 are naturals: Christmas; Holy Family; Mary, Mother of God; & Epiphany. The 5th on the list, the Baptism of the Lord, doesn't seem to fit in the Christmas story. (It's usually observed on the Sunday after Epiphany but this year transferred to Monday please don't ask why.) This is why it's included: In the Eastern Church, the Epiphany is celebrated at the Lord's Baptism, because an epiphany isn't a single event—like Christmas—but a manifestation (which is what the word epiphany means), that takes many forms. We all have our "epiphanies"—our eye-opening experiences. In our liturgical tradition, the magi's epiphany experience has given the Three Kings feast its well-known name.

The coming year's movable feasts have traditionally been proclaimed on Epiphany, a great Immoveable Feast (always on January 6) which we've today made movable (by assigning it to the Sunday after January 1). It's a preview of coming attractions. So grab your calendar. Here they are for 2018: "*LET THIS PROCLAMATION SOUND FORTH...*"

- Ash Wednesday, beginning lent, is in 38 days: Feb 14*
- Easter, the heart of our faith, is in 84 days: April 1*
- Ascension Thursday is in 123 days: May 10
- Pentecost, fulfillment of Easter, is in 133 days: May 20
- The Body & Blood of Christ feast is in 147 days: June 3
- Christ the King last Sunday of the year is in 322 days: Nov 25

Now, all of us can add our own & our family's feasts & seasons, movable & immovable: birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, tournaments, vacations, reunions & all the rest.

***Footnote:** So Ash Wednesday this year is on Valentines Day & Easter on April 1, no fooling? The date of Easter, the Church's Great Movable Feast, was assigned by the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD to the 1st Sunday following the 1st full moon after March 20 (the vernal equinox). This date, changing each year, allowed pilgrims to have moonlight for traveling to the great Easter festivals of that day. So Easter's a week early this year: Easter may be as early as March 22 & late as April 25 & so has a window of 35 days. Apr 7 is the median date of Easter.

Immigration Sunday is also observed on the feast of our Lord's Epiphany in our Catholic Church in recent years. Certainly the Scriptures this holy day convey a strong message about the dignity of the human person & the unity of the human family. All human beings—regardless of their nationality, race, creed, or status—are "*coheirs, members of the same body, & copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus.*" As Christians, we are called to treat others as sons & daughters of God, brothers & sisters in Christ, & temples of the Holy Spirit. Reforming our

nation's immigration system is a matter of fundamental justice. Current immigration laws & policies do not adequately uphold the human dignity & rights of immigrants. Many live in fear, in the shadows of our communities. Too often, immigrant families are broken or kept apart by our laws & policies.

While Catholic social teaching recognizes a nation's right to control & protect its borders & does not condone unlawful entry or circumvention of immigration laws, it also upholds the right to emigrate for just reasons. Terrible suffering, poverty & violence often impel people to flee their homelands & to seek elsewhere a better life for themselves & their families. Of the estimated 37 million foreign-born residents in the U.S., some are naturalized citizens, some are moving along the path to citizenship, & some are students. Most are here for employment reasons. Whatever their legal status, the vast majority of our immigrant brothers & sisters are here seeking work to support themselves & their families.

Action follow-up on Immigration Sunday: A DACA Postcard Drive is being organized by the Minnesota Catholic Conference. (Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals.) Catholic Charities is helping parishes in our diocese in this effort. We will be provided with pre-printed postcards which parishioners can sign after Mass on the weekend of January 20-21. The postcards will be collected & sent to our lawmakers in Congress, both House & Senate.

As Catholics, we want to let our lawmakers know that we support the Dream Act of 2017. As the postcard explains, the Dream Act will help young adult immigrants who were brought to our country as children by their parents. These young adults only know the U.S. as their home. They work. They attend college. They serve in our Armed Forces. The Dream Act will protect them from being deported & sent to the country of their birth, a country that they do not know.

SS Peter & Paul is hosting this year the annual diocesan "Prayer Service for Life" with Bishop Quinn presiding, Sun., Jan. 28 (the Sunday between the NFC Championship & the Super Bowl) at 3PM. 45 minutes or so. The traditional order of service is: Song, Opening Prayer, Reading, Response, Gospel, Homily, short Adoration, Petitions, & Benediction with Bishop offering insights on:

- the priceless value of every human life
- our duty to preserve & protect the vulnerable through prayer, education, public advocacy & pastoral care
- God's merciful love which forgives, heals & cherishes all repentant sinners, including those who have been involved in abortion.

Does this mean anything to anyone?: "*Suites at Fall Creek Preferred Guest.*" I'm serious. Tell me.

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

Mon. No Mass
Tue. /W 8:30 AM - Living & Deceased
Members of the Rosary Society
/BE 10:00AM - Catholic Daughters
Wed/BE 7:30AM - In Reparation for our Sins
Thur. St. Luke's 10:00AM - Janan Skaar †
Fri./BE 8:30AM - McRae & Rita Willmert †
Sat./BE 5:15PM - Frances Sohler †
Sun./W 8:00AM - Jeanne Bresnahan †
Sun./BE 10:00AM - Ray Detke †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Jan. 13: Servers: Maddie Armon
5:15 PM SSPP Seth Stevermer
Ministers of Communion: Mary Uppena/Bev Dummer
Don Bless/Angie Frundt/Jason Spencer
Gift Bearers: Gary & Marsha Engler Family
Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., Jan. 14: Servers: Jack Hardy
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Chuck Murry
Lola Baxter/Rick Mauris
Gift Bearers: Pat & Mike Salic Sr.
Ushers: Mike & Rich Findley

Sun., Jan. 14: Servers: Anthony Carr
10:00AM SSPP Marie Carr
Ministers of Communion: Vitres Samek/Mary Eckhardt
Lee Mikolai/Margaret Haag/Jenny Armon
Gift Bearers: Shawn & Sue Hassing
Ushers: Shawn Hassing Group

Knight's Corner:

Jan. 9th-KC Officers meeting 6:30 pm with regular meeting 7pm.
Jan. 20th-KC Steak Fry at American Legion 5 to 7:30pm.
Jan. 28th-Pro-Life Breakfast @ St Peter & Paul Church
Jan. 28th-3pm Bishop Quinn Annual Prayer Service for Life @ St Peter & Paul.

Catholic Daughters of America: Mass only on Tuesday, Jan. 10th - no meeting.

The Knights of Columbus Steak Fry will be on Saturday January 20th 2018 at the Blue Earth American Legion. Serving from 5pm to 7:30pm. 10ozRibeye-\$14.00 or Smoked Windsor Chop-\$12.00, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Coffee. Kids menu: Grilled Cheese or Hamburger meal, Green Beans, Baked Potato - \$3.00. Take Outs will be available.

What goes up must come down! So on Monday, January 8th at 9 AM we will be taking down Christmas decorations at Saints Peter and Paul church. It takes a lot less time to undecorated the church than decorate. We could easily be done in a hour or less, depending on how many helping hands show up. Thanks in advance for your time and energy.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT CHRIST THE KING RETREAT Center 621 First Ave South - Buffalo, MN 55313.

lpolman@kingshouse.com/763-682-1394, ext. 11 to register.

WOMEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Theme: "Take Courage!"
Date: January 26 - 28, 2018
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)

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT WITH DEACON THOM WINNINGER

Theme: "Discovering God's Gift Within You!"
Date: February 2 - 4, 2018
Suggested Offering: 175.00 per person (includes \$30.00 deposit to reserve a room)

DIRECTED RETREAT

Date: February 5 - 9, 2018
Presented by: Members of the King's House Preaching Team
Retreat Fee: \$300.00 (includes \$50.00 deposit to reserve a room)

WOMEN'S SILENT LENTEN MIDWEEK RETREAT

Theme: "Take Courage!"
Date: February 13 - 15, 2018
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)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Dec. 30 & 31

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,165.19
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$113,940.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$122,639.43

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Dec. 31

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,227.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$30,645.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$31,627.40

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

January Calendar

- 6-7 Camp Omega Retreat!
- 10 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space - 5-6:15PM
- 13 First Reconciliation -- 10AM, Church
- 14 Joyful Noise choir sings for 10AM Mass
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Gr. 7 & 8
Ski Trip #1 to Mount Kato!!
- 17 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space - 5-6:15PM
- 24 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space - 5-6:15PM
Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers, 4:30-7:30PM
- 25 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 31 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space - 5-6:15PM

First Reconciliation on January

13th!

Seven of our parish children will receive their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 13th. Please keep these children in your prayers as they experience God's amazing grace through His gift of forgiveness.

Abigail Greff

Travis Moore

Aiden Mutschler

Daniel Nagel

Hayden Prestegard

Shea Spencer

Joyful Noise Choir singing Jan. 14th!

All youth and adults are invited to sing with the Joyful Noise Choir on Sunday, January 14th. We will practice at 9AM in Church on the 14th. Please come and join us!

Ski Trip #1 to Mount Kato

Who: Youth in Grades 6-12
When: Sunday, January 14th
Rates: Lift Ticket (\$21) and Rental (\$19)
Details: We will leave Blue Earth at 11:30AM, eat lunch at the RiverHills Mall, then head to Mount Kato for skiing from 2-7PM. Registration forms will be handed out in Faith Formation classes and are due back on Wednesday, Jan. 10th. Parents are needed to drive and to chaperone this ski trip and get to ski FREE! Please let me know if you are available to help!

2018 Confirmation Candidates

In four months, 15 young people from our parishes will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn about their faith, as they serve their church, family and community, as they meet with their sponsors, as they attend a retreat and prayer experiences, as they study the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and learn what those gifts will bring to them in their lives.

Our 2018 Confirmation Candidates are:

Mariah Albertson

Isabelle Barnett

Luke Carr

PJ Christensen

Emma Dahl

Jack Frundt

Grace Haugh

Jaxen Klinkner

Lauren Madetzke

Koby Nagel

Katelynn Reddick

Grace Roiger

Macie Stevermer

Davis Sunken

Efrain Trujillo