



**Saint Mary Catholic Church**  
32 1<sup>st</sup> St. NE  
Winnebago, Minnesota



**Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church**  
214 S. Holland  
Blue Earth, Minnesota

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***Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:patssp@bevcomm.net)) or by phone (526-5626 or 526-3511).

## PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

**There were bookends** for me last Sunday: Before Mass I was asked why I was wearing green instead of purple. After Mass I was thanked for “not making us sing ‘On Eagle’s Wings’.” I don’t get it. Why were these unusual comments made??

**SS Peter & Paul is hosting this year** the annual diocesan “Prayer Service for Life” this Sunday, January 28, 3:00. The bishop typically presides at this annual service but we’ve been informed that he can’t make it. Would I do it. OK. So, sorry to disappoint, but it’ll just be me (with Peter Martin, diocesan Director of the Office of Life, Marriage & Family). 45 minutes or so of song, opening prayer, reading, response, gospel, homily, specific lengthy prayers for people affected by abortion, Lord’s Prayer, closing prayer, blessing. Themes:

- 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.

**The feast of the Presentation** of the Lord is this Friday, February 2. 40 days after giving birth, Mary went to the temple for ritual purification, as required by Jewish law. It’s still on the calendar, 40 days after Christmas (though not called the feast of the Purification any more). It was just 4 weeks ago on Sunday, January 1, that we recalled the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. (Every 3<sup>rd</sup> year it’s the gospel of the feast of the Holy Family.) So we’ll meet old Simeon again, at a daily Mass. *“It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord”* (Luke 2:26). He was in the temple when Mary & Joseph brought in the child Jesus. He scooped him up in his arms & said, *“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation....”* Or, as some have paraphrased, “I can die & go to heaven now.” The Church has long included that “Canticle of Simeon” (the “*Nunc Dimittis*” after its 1<sup>st</sup> 2 words in Latin), in its daily Night Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, “Now you may dismiss your servant in peace.”

**The feast of St. Blase**, a 4<sup>th</sup>-century bishop in Armenia, is the next day, Saturday, February 3. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Devotion to him spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the 8<sup>th</sup> century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illness

of the throat. According to tradition, the blessing is given by touching the throat of each person with 2 candles, joined together in the form of a cross. We’ll do that Saturday evening after the 5:15 Mass.

**Want to make your Catholic voice heard** at the capitol? Register today to join Catholics from across Minnesota for “Capitol 101.” From 9 am to noon on Feb. 26, Mar. 16, & Apr. 17, Minnesota Catholics will be gathering at the state capitol to learn about the issues impacting our faith & daily life. You’ll have the chance to hear from & meet with legislators, pray with fellow Catholics, & get a window into the legislative process. These are opportunities for you to share your story & make your voice count. For more information or to register, go to [www.mncatholic.org](http://www.mncatholic.org) & click on the Capitol 101 banner. Pre-registration is required for this free event & space is limited. A free-will offering will be accepted.

**There are still cards available** at the church entries if you want to participate in the DACA Postcard Drive this January. (DACA stands for Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals.) As we said last Sunday, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the MN Catholic Conference & Catholic Charities are working to promote humane migration policies towards refugees & immigrants that reflect our Catholic values. They have provided us with postcards, inviting us to join U.S. Catholic Bishops & fellow MN Catholics in support of protecting immigrants & refugees by signing these postcards & asking that lawmakers ensure humane treatment & reforms towards migrants & refugees by supporting the Dream Act.

**That bill offers qualifying immigrant youth**, (including current DACA recipients), “conditional permanent resident status” & a path to full citizenship. To receive the conditional status, the youth must, among other requirements: have entered the U.S. as a child; been continuously present in the U.S. for at least 4 years prior to enactment of the bill; meet certain admissibility & security requirements, including a background check; & been admitted to an institution of higher education or have obtained or be pursuing secondary education. This bill allows recipients of this conditional status to obtain non-conditional lawful permanent residency if recipients satisfy requirements that include: background checks; demonstrated English proficiency; as well as knowledge of U.S. history & civics; & either education in a higher leaning institution, honorable military service, 3 years of employment in the U.S., or a hardship exception.

**Addresses:** Our U.S. representative is Tim Walz, 2313 Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington DC 20515. Our U.S. senators are Amy Klobuchar, 302 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington DC 20510; & Tina Smith, 309 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington DC 20510.)

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

Mon. No Mass  
Tue./W 8:30 AM – Larry & Monica McDonald †  
Wed/BE 7:30AM – Special Intention: Jenna Stevermer  
Thur. St. Luke’s 10:00AM – Francis & Phyllis Sohler †  
Fri./BE 8:30AM – Dick Maher †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Mildon, Loretta  
& Stephen Engesser †  
Sun./W 8:00AM – Agatha & Paul Franta †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Gene Mikolai †

**NEXT WEEK’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

Sat., Feb. 4: Servers: Anthony Carr  
5:15 PM SSPP

Ministers of Communion: Don Bless/Bev Dummer  
Angie Frundt/Barb Prescher/Jason Spencer  
Gift Bearers: Bob & Becky Spencer  
Ushers: Dirk Esser Group

Sun., Feb. 4: Servers: Emma Dahl  
8:00 AM St. Mary’s

Ministers of Communion: Len Sonnek  
Judy Johnson & Chuck Murry  
Gift Bearers: Tony & Peggy Ziegler  
Ushers: Doug Klocek & Bob Grant

Sun., Feb. 4: Servers: Hailey Becker  
10:00AM SSPP Maddie Armon

Ministers of Communion: Jenny Armon/Joe Tempel  
Roger Schoenfelder/Shawn Hassing/Mary Eckhardt  
Gift Bearers: Scott & Amy Kramer Family  
Ushers: Bob Dulas Group

**Knight’s Corner:**

Jan. 28th-Pro-Life Breakfast @ St Peter & Paul Church  
Jan. 28th-3pm Bishop Quinn Annual Prayer Service for Life @ St Peter & Paul.

**Knights of Columbus Pro-Life breakfast** will be Sunday January 28th 2018 @ St Peter & Paul dining Hall, from 9AM to 12Noon. On the menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuit’s & Gravy, Fruit, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk. FREE WILL OFFERING. Proceeds support local Pro-Life program and Options Pregnancy Center.

**A pregnancy** and subsequent abortion may be far behind you but the memories can be painful leaving you feeling emotionally and spiritually distressed. Project Rachel can help you to heal. Call the Catholic Charities hotline at 800-222-5859 or our office at 507-377-3664 in Albert Lea or 507-387-5586 in Mankato for confidential

information and help or visit us at

[www.ccsomn.org](http://www.ccsomn.org)

**UPCOMING RETREATS AT CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER** 621 First Ave South – Buffalo, MN 55313

**Women’s Silent Weekend Retreat**

**Theme:** “Take Courage!”

**Date:** February 23 – 25, 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) For questions or to register, contact [lpolman@kingshouse.com](mailto:lpolman@kingshouse.com)/763-682-1394, ext. 11

**Mental Illness: Faith, Family & Functioning**

a four-session discussion led by Dr. Terri Hanson will start on Mondays, February 5<sup>th</sup> through February 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 12:45PM at Trinity Lutheran church in Blue Earth.

More than one in five people suffer from some form of mental illness in their lifetimes. If you are struggling with mental illness or know someone who is, this class may be for you. Bring your own lunch. Coffee will be provided. For more info call Trinity at 526-3463

**Options For Women/Mankato has moved.**

Come to an Open House, Sunday, January 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m. 11 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 011. There is free parking in the 2nd St. and Cherry St. ramps. Enter under the black awing and take the elevator to floor D. Bring along a friend.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Jan. 20 & 21**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,903.50  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$126,600.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$144,020.71

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Jan. 21**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,162.10  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$34,050.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$33,847.40

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

### January Calendar

31 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space - 5-6:15PM

### February Calendar

1 FF/YM Board Meeting - 5:30PM  
3-4 Souper Bowl of Caring Collection  
Butter Braid Orders taken after Masses  
4 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass  
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Grades 9 & 10  
7 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:15PM  
1st Eucharist Parent Meeting -- 5:30PM  
11 Junior High Youth Rally in Owatonna!  
14 No Classes -- Ash Wednesday!  
Youth host Ash Wednesday Soup Supper!  
19 Ski Trip #1 to Mount Kato!  
20 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM  
21 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent!  
28 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent!

### Beverages & Snacks needed for My Space!

Non-caffeinated beverages and snacks are needed for My Space. Donations can be dropped off at the parish offices or can be sent with youth on Wednesdays when they come for class. Thank you!!

### First Eucharist Parent / Child Meeting

Who: First Eucharist Candidates and a parent  
When: Wednesday, February 7th  
Time: 5:30 - 6:30PM  
Where: Social Hall  
Snacks and beverages will be provided!

### Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

Next weekend, **February 3 & 4**, our young people will be participating in a nationwide movement to fight hunger. Youth will be standing at the church entrances with soup kettles collecting change to make a change for young people right here in our own community. The money collected will be donated to **BUC BAGS**. Bags of snacks and meals are packed and distributed to about 100 children in Blue Earth Schools on Fridays. This is an effort to make

sure children have an adequate amount of food to get them through the weekend. This is a very worthy cause that has such a positive impact on families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### Butter Braid Fundraiser

Youth will be taking orders for Butter Braids after Masses on **February 3rd & 4th**. Samples will be available in the Social Hall so you can get your favorites ordered! They come in seven different delicious flavors. They will be delivered on Wednesday, March 7th! The cost is \$12 per Butter Braid and we profit \$5.00 for each Butter Braid we sell. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to youth attending camps this summer! Children and youth in Grades K-10 will receive order forms in their classes on January 31st. If a family sells 50 Butter Braids, they will receive a \$40 VISA card!

### Junior High Youth Rally!

**Who:** Youth in Grades 6, 7, & 8  
**What:** Games & Icebreakers, keynote presentation by Fr. Tim Biren, Mass, Pizza Supper, Dance and Door Prizes!  
**When:** Sunday, February 11th  
**Where:** St. Mary's School & Sacred Heart Church - Owatonna

**Cost:** \$20.00 - plus money for a fast food lunch in Owatonna

**Time:** 9:30AM (Leave Blue Earth) - 7:30PM (Arrive back in Blue Earth)

Parents are needed to drive and chaperone the day. Please let me know if you are available! Youth will receive registration forms in their Faith Formation classes. The deadline to register is Wednesday, February 7th!

### Ski Trip #1!

Who: Youth in Grades 6-12  
When: Monday, February 19th  
Rates: Lift Ticket (\$22) and Rental (\$21)  
Details: We will leave Blue Earth at 8:30AM and return at 7:00PM.  
Registration forms will be handed out in Faith