



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Sunday, March 4th, 2018 3rd Sunday of Lent

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 (patsspp@bevcomm.net) or by phone (526-5626).

PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

Today's practice of a 40-day Lent is rooted in Christ's 40 days fasting in the desert. Scripturally, the number 40 is usually a signal that marks a transition:

- in Christ's case, from private life to public ministry;
- in the case of catechumens (for whom Lent is a final retreat before initiation into the Church), it's a transition between the "catechumenate" to the "mystagogy"—"learning about the mysteries"—as the newly initiated begin living the Christian life;
- for candidates for full communion (including our own Ellen & Gabby & Jessica & Scott & Tara), it's the transition from non-Catholic to Catholic.

40? But 40's not the number you get if you count the days from February 14 to April 1 (this year's dates of Ash Wednesday & Easter)—46 is. Here's a formula for getting 40: $6 \times 7 = 42 - 6 = 36 + 4 = 40$. 6 weeks x 7 days in a week = 42, minus the 6 Sundays (the original, weekly, "feast day", or mini-Easter, when you might say fasting is forbidden & feasting required) = 36 + Ash Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday before the 1st Sunday of Lent. That =s 40.

For the weekly way of the cross devotions, we like to vary the diet. There are 7 Wednesdays & 7 Thursdays in Lent. The 1st are Ash Wednesday/Thursday & we don't schedule stations. The 7th are in Holy Week & we don't schedule stations. That leaves 5 (5:30 Wednesdays at SS P/P & 5:30 Thursdays at St. M). Among the many, many versions of this devotion in circulation, we're using 3:

week 1, Collegetown's popular version "*adapted from an old Latin compilation of liturgical & Biblical texts;*"

weeks 2 & 4, the contemporary Scriptural version using the gospel of St. Mark (our evangelist of the year), including 2 characters from Mark's gospel speaking at each station;

week 3 (this week), the classic version by St. Alphonsus Ligouri.

A Lenten tradition locally is the Lenten Wednesday Noon Services in W'bago. "Turning Points" is this year's theme & this is the schedule (locale/preacher topic):

~~2/21 at St. Marys, Rev. Presbtrn, on In the Bapt & Jesus~~

~~2/28 at 1st Baptist, Rev. Covenant, on Matthew~~

3/07 at Methodist, Rev. Catholic, on Nathaniel

3/14 at Covenant, Rev. Methodist, on Paul in prison/jailer

3/21 at Presbyterian, Rev. Baptist, on Nicodemus

The "Consecration to the Holy Family" card, with picture & prayer, was made available at the beginning of Lent, compliments of the Knights of Columbus. I've been carrying it around in my breviary, using the prayer but changing it slightly from "*We entrust our family to you*" to "*I entrust our families to you.*" I hope it's finding a place in your Lent too.

Plan ahead for the Great Three Days:

Mar. 29 Holy Thursday Mass: 5 pm (M), 7 pm (P&P)

Mar. 30 Good Friday service: noon (M), 3 pm (P&P)

Mar. 31 Easter Vigil service 8 pm (SS P&P—no 5:15)

Apr. 1 Easter Sunday 8 am (M), 10 am (P&P) as usual

The 2018 annual Catholic Ministries Appeal is now underway. For each year's Appeal it is highly recommended—highly—that we include a local parish project, so that any \$ given over our parish goal is retained by the parish & used for that goal. One of the reasons for that recommendation is that any of that over- & -above \$ *that is designated for that local parish project* is not subject to "diocesan assessment," as most other income is. (If we locally raised funds for that same project, apart from the Catholic Ministries Appeal, it would be subject to diocesan assessment so we could not use for that project *all* of the \$ given for it. Either way, any \$ given over the parish goal is returned to the parish; but with no project designated, that returned money is "taxed." (Am I repeating myself?) I'll tell you about our local projects (nothing earth-shaking) when space allows.

An "Agreed Upon Procedure Engagement" about finances in each of our parishes was just concluded. This is routine & this is about administration—not liturgy, not faith formation, not outreach, which are of far great interest to you (*I hope*). Still, I want you to hear from time to time about things on the administrative side so you can appreciate the good practices that are in place & the good reasons for trust that we all can have.

An "Agreed Upon Procedure Engagement," as the diocese explains, "*essentially specifies certain procedures designed to test adherence to parish policies & internal controls. This is similar in nature to an internal audit, but is conducted by an independent outside certified public accounting firm.*" I know this is boring to some of you, but just so you know.

About this "Engagement" our chief finance & administrative officer of the diocese explains further: "*Having a CPA firm conduct these engagements is a change from the prior method of having diocesan personnel conduct an internal audit. There are 2 reasons for this change:*"

1. Utilizing an outside CPA firm enhances the independent nature of assessing & testing policies & internal controls.

2. Separating the internal audit function from the parish support function allows your parish bookkeeper & parish administrator the ability to contact diocesan parish support personnel without the trepidation [sic] of requesting guidance in an area subject to testing by the exact same person."

And yes, this all included an "action report" to which we will respond with any corrective actions we plan to take. (Making good things better.)

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

Mon. No Mass
Tue. /W 8:30 AM – Jeanne Bresnahan †
Wed/BE 7:30AM – Dick Maher †
Thur. St. Luke's 10:00AM – Larry Trenary †
Fri./BE 8:30AM – Gen Armon †
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Dorothy & Matt Neubauer †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Fritz Bless †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Fritz Wolff †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., March 10: Servers: Jack Frundt
5:15 PM SSPP Joe Frundt

Ministers of Communion: Bill Hamlin
Andre Hamlin & Barb Prescher

Gift Bearers: Derald & Kas Greenfiled

Ushers: Bob Spencer Group

Sun., March 11: Servers: Clara Ziegler
8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Karen Hernandez
Peter Somers & Kathy Somers

Gift Bearers: 5th, 6th, & 7th graders

Ushers: Mike Salic Sr. & Mike Salic Jr.

Sun., March 11: Servers: Anna Nagel
10:00AM SSPP Timmy Nagel

Ministers of Communion: Roger Schoenfelder
Joe Tempel & Shawn Hassing

Gift Bearers: Shawn & Sue Hassing

Ushers: Shawn Hassing Group

Knight's Corner:

March 4th-KC/Boy Scout Breakfast @ ST Peter & Paul-8:30am-12:30PM

March 13th-KC Officers meeting @ 6:30pm with regular meeting to follow.

March 17th-KC Steak Fry @ BE Legion-5PM-7:30PM

March 25th-KC Breakfast @ St Mary's Church after 8am Mass.

Council of Catholic Families Updates:

March 6 – Blue Earth CCF Meeting at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall

Catholic Daughters--Tues. Mar. 13--10:00 Mass, meeting, lunch

KC/Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast is Sunday March 4th @ St Peter & Paul Social Hall. Serving from 8:30am-12:30PM. Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, Orange Juice, Coffee. FREE WILL OFFERING. Funds raised will help charter the Boy Scout/Cub Scout troupes.

We would like to thank the SSPP Congregation for all of the cards, calls, texts, and prayers for Dan's recovery from his snowmobile accident. Also to Father Kline for visiting us. We are blessed and humbled by the love and caring you have shared. Sincerely, Lora Moore.

March 7th: Stations of the Cross at 5:30. Soup Supper to follow: Circle 1 will serve pinto bean & tomato & ham soups with tuna salad sandwich. Suggested donation \$5.

Diocesan Social Concerns Retreat Day A retreat on Immigration and refugees will be held on Saturday, March 10 starting at 10 A.M. This event will be held at St. Theodore in Albert Lea, 315 E Clark St. and is sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota. This retreat is an opportunity to consider the issues of immigration, solidarity and our Christian responsibility. The day will include information, reflection, and shared stories, as well as time for prayer. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Deadline for sign-up is March 1. To register you may contact Tom Parlin at tparlin@ccsommn.org or 507-454-2270 ext 246

Benefit dinner, silent auction & bake sale for Deb Salic on Sunday, March 18th from noon to 4pm at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church Social Hall. Meal: Hamburger barbeque, potato salad & coleslaw for a free will donation. Bake sale items & silent auction items can be dropped off at the church by 11am on March 18th. The proceeds will assist with medical and travel expenses.

Winnebago Area Ambulance will have a Pancake/French Toast breakfast on Sunday March 11th, 2018 at Winnebago Municipal Center. Serving from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Milk, Juice, Coffee. FREE WILL OFFERING.

Winnebago Area Museum Goulash Supper will be on Tuesday, March 6th from 5-7 PM at the Winnebago Museum for a free will donation.

Potluck Supper after 5:30 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's on March 8th & 15th and 22nd. All are welcome.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Feb. 24 & 25

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,991.71
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$147,700.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$161,756.56
Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Feb. 25
Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$898.57
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$39,725.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$40,334.07

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

March Calendar

- 7 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space during Lent!
Circle of Grace curriculum taught to all grades.
- 11 Ski Trip #2 to Mount Kato!
- 14 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space during Lent!
Sr. Jessica here to visit all classes!
- 18 Joyful Noise sings for 10AM Mass
9th and 10th Grade Retreat
- 20 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 21 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space during Lent!
- 28 No Classes during Holy Week

April Calendar

- 4 First Eucharist Faith Sharing Centers
- 11 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space, 5:00-6:15PM
First Eucharist Pictures & Practice, 6PM
- 15 First Eucharist during 10AM Mass!
- 17 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 18 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space, 5:00-6:15PM
- 25 Final Classes for Grades K-10

Grades 6-10 Lenten Schedule:

- 5:30PM Youth attend Stations of the Cross if available
- 6:00 Soup Supper
- 6:30 Classes begin.

THERE IS NO MY SPACE DURING LENT!

Circle of Grace Curriculum to be taught on March 7th!

Circle of Grace is a safe environment program that the Diocese of Winona requires all Faith Formation programs and Catholic schools to teach to children and youth once a year to be compliant with The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Through Circle of Grace, adults assist children and youth to recognize that each of us lives within a Circle of Grace that holds our very essence in body, mind, heart, soul, and sexuality. Children and youth are taught to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual boundaries; recognize when boundary violations are about to occur; and demonstrate how to

take action when boundaries are threatened or violated. Circle of Grace is clinically sound and grounded in the Catholic tradition.

Butter Braid Delivery Info.!

Butter Braids will be delivered this **Wednesday, March 7th!** Please plan on picking up your order between **5:00 - 7:30PM in the Social Hall**. Thank you for ordering & supporting our youth!

Ski Trip #2 to Mount Kato!

When: Sunday, March 11th

Who: **GRADES 5 - 12**

Time: We will leave at 11AM (after Church) and return at 7PM.

Cost: \$10 (Lift Ticket), \$10 (Ski/Snowboard Rental)

Since we are booking a 2nd trip with Mount Kato, we are getting half off the group rates!

Registration forms and money are due by Wednesday, March 7th!

9th & 10th Grade Retreat

Who: All 9th and 10th Graders from our parishes!

When: Sunday, March 18th

Where: We will all attend 10AM Mass together at SSPP and then travel to St. Mary's for the retreat.

Time: The retreat will begin at 11:30AM and end at 5:30PM.

Details: Lunch and snacks will be provided. Dan Bauer and his team from Owatonna will lead this day of retreat. All 9th and 10th graders are asked to attend.

Schwan's Cares Fundraiser!

In an effort to raise money for camps and trips this summer, youth from both our parishes are introducing: **SCHWAN'S CARES**. You will be receiving a postcard in the mail in the coming weeks with step by step instructions on how you can order from Schwan's online, have it delivered right to your door, and earn money for our youth! For the first 45 days, our youth will receive 20% of all food purchases and for the last 90 days, they will receive 5% of all food purchases. As you know, Schwan's has everything: Meat, Seafood, Side Dishes, Pizza, Appetizers, Breakfast Items, Vegetables and Fruits, Ice Cream, Desserts and so much more! Watch for the postcard coming soon!