



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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Summer Office hours: Mon., 8 a.m. – noon; Tues., 8 a.m. – 10am Wed., 9 a.m. – variable, Thurs., 8:00 – Variable.

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018 – 22nd 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 (patsspp@bevcomm.net) or by phone (526-5626).

PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

Happy new year to all our students returning to school, to teachers & staff members of schools. We have had special thoughts these days for those starting pre-school & kindergarten, those moving into junior high & high school, those going on to college & university levels.

We also commend new teachers as well as families with school-age children who have moved to town & are being initiated into a new school as well as a new community. These are big steps, but we recognize the smaller ones too—every step of the way & all new beginnings—& encourage all those involved.

Labor Day is Monday. Labor Day doesn't enjoy the significance that holidays like Memorial Day, Independence Day & Thanksgiving Day enjoy. The meaning of those secular holydays is clear in our minds & our observance of them includes more than just a day off. But Labor Day? How do you celebrate work? Or why!? Ask the unemployed, or those with menial & meaningless jobs. They know why some celebrate Labor Day. Some of the rest of us know too.

Teachings like Pope John Paul's have given us insight & inspiration: "Work is a good thing for man, a good thing for his humanity—because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being & indeed in a sense becomes more a human being."

There's a "Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work" in our Catholic Church's *Book of Blessings*. Its introduction says, "This blessing enables us to realize that our work forms a bond & a channel of mutual service & charity between the members of the human family; that by our labor we can share in the work of perfecting God's creation." Noble thoughts. May this Labor Day bring you a nobler view of your own labor.

Do you hear that definition of "religion" this Sunday? This is from the always-practical St. James: "Religion that is pure & undefiled before God & the Father is this: to care for orphans & widows in their affliction, & to keep oneself unstained by the world."

- Caring for the needy, &
- Keeping oneself "unstained by the world."

So how do we do that? How do we be in the world but not of the world?

1st, Christ has not called all to withdraw from the world. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son," St. John says. This brings to mind a teaching of our Church from Vatican II, in its document on "The Church in the Modern World." (aka *Gaudium et Spes* in Latin, its opening words). It doesn't call for rejection of the world; listen: *The joy & hope, the grief & anguish of the people*

of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy & hope, the grief & anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of people who, (united in Christ & guided by the Holy Spirit), press onwards towards the kingdom of the Father & are bearers of a message of salvation intended for all. This is why Christians cherish a feeling of deep solidarity with the human race & its history.

But even as we embrace "the joy & hope" of the world, we recognize the hostile environment in which we live. We remember the words of Christ in his Holy Thursday prayer to the Father: "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:14-16). Yes, there's a tension between the "deep solidarity" we have with the human race & hostile environment the world is—how easily "stained" by it we are, as St. James warns.

Finally, we cite 2 other New Testament authors, encouraging us to stay engaged in this world, but at the same time unstained. St. John: "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15). And St. Paul: "I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world (1 Corinthians 5:9-10). And from his letter to the Romans (12:2): And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

The upcoming Supreme Court vacancy provides us with yet another occasion requiring *focused* prayer. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee. However, given this historic moment, the U.S. bishops are urging all people of good will to pray that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court may move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

I'm still getting accustomed to calling us "The Diocese of Winona-Rochester" & knowing that we have a "co-Cathedral." There are 185 dioceses in our country; we are now among the 16 that have a co-cathedral. The nearest is here in our own state: the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis became a co-cathedral in 1966 & the archdiocese took on a new name to include both Twin Cities.

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

Mon. No Mass
Tue./W 8:30 AM - Robert Staloch ☩
Wed/BE 7:30 AM - Gene Mikolai ☩
Thur./St. Luke's 10:00AM - Francis & Phyllis Sohler ☩
Fri./BE 8:30AM - Chuck Willette ☩
Sat./BE 5:15PM - Marian Warmka ☩
Sun./W 8:00AM - Frtiz Bleess ☩
Sun./BE 10:00AM - Parents of Tom & Sue Juba ☩

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Sept. 8: Servers: Nick Frundt

SSPP Joe Frundt

Ministers of Communion: Don Bleess/Ann Kehr

Andre Hamlin/Bill Hamlin/Skip Schimek

Gift Bearers: Richard & Edie Smith

Ushers: Bob Spencer Group

Sun., Sept. 9: Servers: Noah Dahl

St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Len Sonnek

Judy Johnson/Chuck Murry

Gift Bearers: Rick & Amy Mauris

Ushers: Mike Findley & Rich Findley

Sun., Sept. 9: Servers: Brandi Uecker

SSPP Elizabeth Uecker

Ministers of Communion: Margaret Haag/Shirl Maher

Arlen O'Brien/Lee Mikolai/Pam Armon

Gift Bearers: Chris & Michelle Klinkner Family

Ushers: Shawn Hassing Group

KC Corner:

Sept. 9th-Paul Christensen Benefit 11am-1:30pm @ St Peter & Paul

Sept. 11 - Officer meeting 6:30pm with regular meeting to follow

Sept 15th-River Palooza Cook-Out @ Riverside Country Club

Sept 22nd-KC Steak Fry @ American Legion Youth Trip to NCYC

Sept 30th-5th Sunday Family Rosary @ St Peter & Paul before 10am Mass.

We need HELP! The month of September is extremely busy for our KC council with many events we are sponsoring. We need more KC members to help at these events. We NEED you! Thank you, Grand Knight Dan Moore.

Paul Christensen Benefit Sunday, Sept. 9th 11AM-1:30PM:

Serving Hamburger/Pork burger meal with Free Will Donation. Raffle tickets for \$1,500.00 in prizes are on sale now from KC, CCW, Catholic Daughters & Catholic Youth team members. The drawing will be at 1 PM at the benefit.

CDA will meet Tuesday September 11, Mass at 10:00 A.M. with meeting and lunch to follow.

SSPP Catholic Council of Families Quarterly meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 5:15 in classroom 5.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CENACLE will be meeting on Tuesday September 4 at 10AM. We normally meet on the first Monday of the month but because of Labor Day being on

Monday we decided to move it to Tuesday for the month of September. Please come and join us for prayer and meditation in the chapel at SS Peter & Paul in Blue Earth. All are welcome! Lola Schultz 526-4492

SS Peter & Paul and St. Mary's: Be a part of our new family directory program. Individuals and families that sign-up to have their pictures taken for the church directory will receive a free 8x10 and a free church directory. Pictures will be taken at SSPP on September 4-8. Either parish can sign up during this time. We need YOU to make it complete! SSPP can sign up on line by going to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yddp71pk/> where you will create a user ID and password. This will allow you to make any corrections or changes for your appointment.

Your Fall Live Drive on Real Presence Radio is coming September 19 - 21. Tune in and call in your support for your local Catholic Radio stations 970AM (Rochester). Thank you for your prayers and support. Call 1-877-795-0122 or send your gifts to PO Box 13703 Grand Forks, ND 58208.

Each Friday, Sept. 7-Sept. 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray/!

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is sponsoring a town hall meeting on immigration on Saturday, September 22 at St. Joseph in Owatonna, 512 S Elm Ave. The day begins with advocacy training at 10 a.m., followed by a break for lunch at noon. The Town Hall meeting will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., with local U.S. Representative and U.S. Senate candidates invited to attend. Participants are free to attend all or part of the day, but pre-registration is required. Lunch is \$10 and can be paid for at the door. The event is free to those who forego the lunch. Register on the Catholic Charities web site at www.ccsomn.org. Deadline to sign up is Friday, September 14. For more information and questions contact Tom Parlin at tparlin@ccsomn.org or 507-454-2270 ext 246.

St. John Vianney (Fairmont) will be hosting their annual Fall Festival on September 23rd. There will be a turkey dinner served at 11am, Heavenly Baskets Silent Auction, Cookies By-The-Pail, games for kids, Ultimate Frisbee for teens. For discounted pre-sale tickets call the parish office at 507-235-5535. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 4-10.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Aug 25 & 26:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,292.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,325.15
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$38,628.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$37,529.48

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Aug. 26:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,057.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,023.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$9,513.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$9,929.12

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 9 **Paul Christensen Benefit**
(Youth help needed!)
- 12 **Rummage Sale Drop Off Day**
(9am - 6pm)
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- 14 **Rummage Sale -- Noon - 7pm**
- 15 **Rummage Sale -- 8am - 3pm & 6-7pm**
- 16 **Rummage Sale -- 11am - Noon**
Coffee & Donuts after Mass
Catechetical Sunday
- 19 **Catechist Meetings -- 10am & 5:30pm**
- 30 **Joyful Noise Choir** sings for 10am Mass
Youth Trip to the Grotto of the Redemption!

Catechist needed for the 2018/2019 Faith Formation year!

Maybe you are being called to be a catechist for our parish Faith Formation program this coming year! Do you have an active faith life? Do you have a desire to share your faith? Do you believe that your time and energy would be well spent investing in the faith of our young people? Listen carefully, I think God is calling you!! **There is currently an opening in Grades 7 (6:30-7:45PM)**. Lesson plans are provided for catechists of all grades as well as supplemental materials like videos, books, hands on activities, and information on Saints and liturgical seasons. Classes begin on October 3rd and end on April 24th. If you're being called or would like more information, please don't hesitate to call me!!

Catechist Meeting & Meal!

Catechists for Grades Kindergarten through Grade 10 are asked to come to a meeting and a meal on **Wednesday, September 19th:**

10:00AM - Noon -- Grades K-5 Catechists

5:30 - 7:30PM -- Grades 6-10 Catechists

We will spend time in prayer, we will go over the Catechist Handbook, you will receive your teaching materials, and we will enjoy a nice meal together. See you on September 19th!

The Rummage Sale is coming & helpers are needed!

Helpers are needed for our annual Youth Rummage Sale!! If you would like to help, please call me at 526-

5626 or text me at 507-276-5114. *Fr. Klein has referred to this sale as the "Eighth Wonder of the World" so lots of help is needed!!!* You get the first pick of items brought in which is a major bonus! **Any youth interested in going to summer camps in 2019 or NCYC 2019 should plan on helping (and parents) since the money raised will help support these trips!**

Items We Accept:

Clothing (All sizes) -- Must be clean and in good condition.
Coats, Hats, Mittens, Snow Boots, Snow Pants
Toys, Puzzles, Books (Only Novels & Children's Books)
Athletic Equipment
Kitchen and Household Items
Bedding, Towels, Pillows, Rugs
Home Decor, Knick Knacks, Holiday Decorations
Electronics, CD's, DVD's, Gaming Systems
Furniture, Lamps,
Plants, Garden Produce, Baked Goods

Items We DO NOT Accept:

Stained / Torn / Out-dated Clothing, Shoes,
Console or Tube TV's, Out-dated Electronics,
Cassettes or VHS tapes, Mattresses,
Cookbooks, Magazines, Old & worn out books,
Car Seats, Baby Cribs,
Mini Blinds, Curtain Rods, Exercise Equipment,
Encyclopedia sets, Old Computers,
Sewing Machines

*** If you have any questions about whether we will take an item you would like to donate, please just give me a call!

Youth Trip to West Bend, Iowa!

Who: Youth in Grades 6-12

When: **Sunday, September 30th**

Where: **Grotto of the Redemption** -- It's a spectacular site! If you've never been to the Grotto, you really need to see it.

What: We will all attend 10AM Mass and will leave right after Mass. We will have lunch in Algona, IA and then head to the Grotto. We will be back in Blue Earth between 5:30-6PM.

Cost: \$10.00 donation to the Grotto and lunch expense

Needed: Parents are needed to drive and chaperone this trip. Please let me know if you are available to help.

Registration: Please contact me if you'd