



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Sunday, Sept. 30th, 2018 – 26th 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

Thomas More—St. Thomas More—comes to mind this Sunday with the gospel's words on the cost of discipleship. Christ spoke in the strongest terms of the need to resist sin, no matter the cost. The story of Thomas More & his resistance to Henry VIII & refusal to acquiesce in the face of the King's demands 1st came to me in 1966 with the movie *A Man for All Seasons*.

A Man for All Seasons “depicts the final years of Sir Thomas More, the 16th-century Lord Chancellor of England who refused to sign a letter asking the pope to annul King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon & refused to take an Oath of Supremacy declaring Henry VIII supreme head of the Church of England.” (That movie, by the way, won Best Picture that year &, for movie buffs which I am not, was directed by the same man who directed *High Noon* and *From Here to Eternity*.)

Saints are no strangers to temptation. Thomas More wrote the following to his daughter shortly after his arrest: “Dear Meg, I will not mistrust God, though I shall feel myself weakening & on the verge of being overcome with fear. I shall remember how St. Peter at a blast of wind began to sink because of his lack of faith, & I shall do as he did: call upon Christ & pray to him for help. And then I trust he shall place his holy hand on me & in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning. ... And therefore, my own good daughter, do not let your mind be troubled over anything that shall happen to me in this world. Nothing can come but what God wills. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be best.”

This Sunday, September 30, is the feast of the great Scripture scholar St. Jerome (342 – 420). This year, September 30 is also the 75th anniversary of a milestone document of Pope Pius XII on Scripture study in the Catholic Church. He chose St. Jerome's feast day as his publication date intentionally, of course.

First, a word about St. Jerome & “the Vulgate.” The Bible commonly used in the Church for centuries was a Latin translation done by Jerome around the year 400 of both the Hebrew Old Testament & the Greek New Testament called ‘the Vulgate.’ That word means ‘common’ in Latin, which was the common language of Europe until well into the Middle Ages. Jerome's translation prevailed for centuries, in liturgical use & as the basis for vernacular translations of the Bible.

The Vulgate came about because of a crying need in the Church: By the end of the 4th century there was a confusing diversity among Latin manuscripts (handwritten copies) of the New Testament. One of the prominent bishops of the day, St. Augustine, lamented, “Those who translated the [Old Testament] from Hebrew into Greek

can be counted, but the Latin translators are out of all number. For in the early days of the faith, everyone who happened to gain possession of a Greek manuscript [of the New Testament] & thought he had any facility in both languages, however slight that might have been, attempted to make a translation.”

In these circumstances, the stage was set for the most decisive series of events in the whole history of the Latin Bible. In the year 383, the pope urged Jerome, the most learned Christian scholar of his day, to produce a uniform & dependable text of the Latin Scriptures; he was not to make a totally new translation but to revise a text of the Bible in use at Rome.

Jerome had misgivings about this request. His first inclination was to decline the pope's invitation. He wrote to the pope: “You urge me to revise the Old Latin version, & as it were, to sit in judgment on the copies of the Scriptures that are now scattered throughout the world; & inasmuch as they differ from one another, you would have me decide which of them agree with the original. The labor is one of love, but at the same time it is both perilous & presumptuous—for in judging others I must be content to be judged by all.... Is there anyone learned or unlearned, who, when he takes the volume in his hands & perceives that what he reads does not suit his settled tastes, will not break out immediately into violent language & call me a forger & a profane person for having the audacity to add anything to the ancient books, or to make any changes or corrections in them?”

Nevertheless, Jerome undertook the task, risking the reaction he recognized from the beginning. He agreed because it was an assignment that came from the supreme pontiff of the Church. His other reason for embarking on such a task came from his scholarly side: The need was great because of the astonishing diversity among the Old Latin manuscripts—“almost as many forms of text,” he wrote, “as there are manuscripts.”

I say this much time about St. Jerome today because of what another pope said on September 30, 1943, about Scripture study & because I want to do all I can to improve our Bible knowledge & confidence. (“Catholics just don't know the Bible” doesn't have to be true anymore—if it ever was.) Next week I'll say more about the storied 1943 encyclical, “Inspired by the Spirit” (*Divino Afflante Spiritu*), in which the pope called for “new translations of the Bible from the original languages, instead of the Latin Vulgate of Jerome, which was revised multiple times & had formed the textual basis for all Catholic vernacular translations until then. It inaugurated the modern period of Roman Catholic biblical studies.”

Have you joined yet the ranks of those responding to this year's annual Catholic Ministries Appeal? Great investment.

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 – RoseAnn Ewald †
 Thur_St. Luke's 10:00AM – Gene Mikolai †
 Fri./BE 8:30AM – Chuck Willette †
 Sat./BE 5:15PM – Dolores Engesser †
 Sun./W 8:00AM – Vi Stauffer †
 Sun./BE 10:00AM – Parents of Tom & Sue Juba †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Oct. 6: Servers: Nick Frundt
 SSPP Joe Frundt

Ministers of Communion: Bev Dummer/Ann Kehr
 Mary Warner/Mary Uppena/Gary Armon

Gift Bearers: Gary & Marsha Engler family

Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., Oct. 7: Servers: Spencer Salic
 St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Peter Somers
 Kathy Somers/Lola Baxter

Gift Bearers: Pre K, K, 1st & 2nd Graders

Ushers: Doug Klocek & Rick Maruis

Sun., Oct. 7: Servers: Brandi Uecker
 SSPP Ashlyn Klinkner

Ministers of Communion: Mary Eckhardt/Margaret Haag
 Shirl Maher/Lee Mikolai/Shawn Hassing

Gift Bearers: Kathy Lowery

Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

KC Corner:

Oct. 9th KC Officers meeting 6:30pm with reg. meeting to follow.

Oct. 20th KC Steak Fry at Blue Earth American Legion

DONATIONS NEEDED: Pumpkins, squash, and gourds for the Harvest Alter. You can put them in the box at the entrance of SSPP church. Thanks!

SS Peter & Paul Council of Catholic Families: Your 2018-2019 \$25 dues are to be paid by Oct.15. Dues can be mailed to the rectory or put in an envelope and put in the weekend collection. Please indicate the circle number with your payment. Your dues fund funeral dinners and charitable projects.

Saturday, October 13th – Owatonna is the place to be! Join women from across the Diocese of Winona-Rochester for this first of its kind gathering. Theme for the day is "Look to Mary." Enjoy speakers, Mass with Bishop Quinn, Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima, lunch, exhibits and more! Register on-line at www.dow.org or pick up a registration form in the parish office.

Monday, October 22, Blue Earth Area CCW Quarterly Meeting at 7:00pm in Vernon Center, St. Matthew's Parish.

Please Join Us!! Saturday, October 20th, 2018 Sts. Peter & Paul-Blue Earth/St. Mary's Winnebago Seven Sisters Apostolate invites you to a day of information and inspiration in Blue Earth, with our guest speaker, Janette Howe. Our day will

begin with Adoration at 7:00am and Mass to follow at 8:00. Father Peter Klein will be officiating. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. This spiritual retreat will end early afternoon. Founder of the Seven Sisters Apostolate, Janette Howe will be sharing her amazing story about this movement that is growing in the United States and throughout the world. Registration deadline is October 15th. (A free will offering will be taken to help with Janette's travel expenses.) Please call to confirm your attendance: 507-525-4053-Lola or 507-893-3729-Chris

Baby Bottle Campaign Gives Alternatives to Abortion

Help Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with babies through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home on Respect Life Sunday, October 7th, and filling it with your spare change during the month of October.

Please plan to attend the annual Rosary Rally, to be prayed in accordance with Our Lady of Fatima's message, to offer reparation for sin, blasphemy, outrages, and to jumpstart lukewarm Catholics. It will be held in a new location this year, in front of The Hub on Riverfront Drive in Old Town, Mankato, MN, on Saturday, October 13, at 12:00 Noon. The America Needs Fatima campaign is sponsoring Public Square Rosary Rallies in cities all over America. Bring a lawn chair, if you'd like. Any questions, feel free to call Barb Johnson, 507.625.5945, or Nicholas Kiminksi 952.594.9551. Be sure to dress for the weather, and be mindful of the new location.

Join the School Sisters of Notre Dame for their 43rd Annual Craft Fair & Garage Sale! This event will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. on October 13, 2018. More than 30 booths will be selling items handmade by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Giveaways are awarded throughout the day. Enjoy a hot beef lunch served. If you have any questions please contact Sister Monica Wagner at 507-389-4231 or mlwagner@ssndcp.org. To learn more: www.ssndcp.org/craft-fair.

St. Mary's parish will be collecting items for the Options Pregnancy Center in Fairmont for the month of October. They could use the following items: for mothers: bath towels, gift cards for groceries, lotion, soap, shampoo, maternity clothes. for fathers: personal care items; for babies: small packs of baby wipes, diapers, bath towel sets, Avant or Gerber baby bath wash with no plastic bags, Avena or Johnsons baby bath wash, sleepers, baby clothes size 0-6 months.

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: 9/22 & 23 2018:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,292.00
 Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,969.25
 Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$55,796.00
 Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$49,397.60

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: 9/23/2018:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,057.00
 Adult/Plate giving last week: \$4,303.60
 Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$13,741.00
 Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$17,792.72

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 30 **Joyful Noise Choir** sings for 10am Mass
Youth Trip to the Grotto of the Redemption!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 **Classes Begin -- Grades K-10**
My Space -- 5-6:15PM
- 7 **Confirmation Introductory Meeting, 8:30AM**
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Gr. K & 1
- 10 **Classes for Gr. K-10**
My Space -- 5-6:15PM
- 14 **God Squad Youth Group -- 6-8PM, Social Hall**
- 17 **No Classes -- MEA BREAK**
- 24 **Classes -- Grades K-5**
Food Scavenger Hunt -- Gr. 6-10
No My Space!
- 28 **Junior High Youth Rally -- Gr. 6-8**
- 31 **Classes -- Grades K-5**
No Classes -- Grades 6-10

Catechists for 2018/2019!

These wonderful people have responded "YES" to the call of being catechists for the 2018/2019 Faith Formation year.

What a tremendous blessing they are to our program!

<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Trish Schimek</i>
<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Louise Koranda</i>
<i>Grades 2 & 3</i>	<i>Lindsey Greff</i>
<i>Grade 4</i>	<i>Cindy Trasamar</i>
<i>Grade 5</i>	<i>Amy Stevermer</i> <i>Cathy Stevermer</i>
<i>Grade 6</i>	<i>Karla Carr</i>
<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>Christina Dahl</i> <i>Jennifer & Carissa Engesser</i>
<i>Grade 8</i>	<i>Jessica Salic</i>
<i>Grade 9</i>	<i>Amy & Scott Kramer</i>
<i>Grade 10</i>	<i>Janel Buseman</i>

Confirmation Introductory Meeting

Who: All 10th Grade Confirmation candidates and parents

When: Sunday, October 7th -- 8:30AM -- Donuts, juice and coffee will be served.

Where: Social Hall

What: You will learn all about our Confirmation program and its requirements. All candidates and at least one parent must attend. We will all attend 10AM Mass together where the candidates will participate in the Rite of Enrollment.

The Rummage Sale was our best yet!

Every year I wonder if we will be able to fill the Social Hall for our annual Youth Rummage Sale and every year I am amazed at the amount of donations we receive from parishioners. The Social Hall was packed once again! A very

special thanks to all the people who gave so much of their time to sort, organize and price the countless items that came in the door and thanks to those of you who donated such quality items for the sale! Our sale has gained quite the reputation in our community because there were nearly 75 people waiting outside the door by noon on Friday and I counted at least 100 shoppers within the first 15 minutes of the sale! All of this contributed to our best sale yet!! **We made an amazing profit of \$5,200!!!** There is no other fundraiser we can do to make that kind of money in just a week so thank you for supporting the efforts of our youth! It is so appreciated!

Coffee and Donuts!

Children in Grades K-1 will be hosting COFFEE and DONUTS on Sunday, October 7th after 10AM Mass. Come and join us!

Food Drive Kick-Off for Grades K-5!

On *Wednesday, October 10th*, we will be kicking off a food drive for Grades K-5! All children are asked to bring non-perishable food items to class with them through November 7th. All items collected will be given to the Faribault County Food Shelf! Thank you for your support of this worthy organization that helps so many people right here in our own community!

Junior High Youth Rally/Retreat!

Who: Youth in Grades 6, 7, & 8 -- This is a required retreat for all 6th-8th Graders!!

What: Games & Icebreakers, keynote presentation by Fr. Tim Biren, Breakout Sessions, Mass, Pizza Supper, Dance and Door Prizes!

When: Sunday, October 28th

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!