



**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, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

**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).

## PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

**New Year's Eve** is next Saturday night. We are approaching the end of the year on both the Church & civil calendars. The Church calendar ends on the Saturday after the feast of Christ the King—December 1<sup>st</sup> this year. The new year begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, a kind of “movable feast” that depends on the immovable feast of Christmas (never moving from December 25). The civil calendar, of course, begins with the immovable holiday of New Year's Day.

**"Advent"** is the name of the season that begins next Sunday. It means "coming;" its purpose is to prepare us:

1. to celebrate Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> coming, &
2. to welcome Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

Our emphasis on the 1<sup>st</sup> of those 2—and culture's capitalization on it—has made it a time of anything but slowing down our minds (& bodies) & *finding our souls*. In order to help us to use the season of Advent, we've chosen from among many advertised resources some materials for home, family or individual use. We can't celebrate Christmas in a spiritual way if we leave out Advent.

**Last Sunday we received a letter** from Bishop Quinn informing us of his decision, recommended by advisory groups at the diocesan level, to file for bankruptcy protection. I am filled with hope about this. This decision was made “*in cooperation with legal counsel representing the survivors.*” This is “*the fastest, most just & equitable way to hold ourselves accountable to bring healing & a path forward for survivors & our Diocesan community.*” As he explains, this “*allows us to reorganize our finances, enabling us to continue our ministry. Through-out the process, we will also work to ensure the continuity of our day-to-day diocesan operations.*”

**These are some questions** we have been asked:

1. *Will any parishes or schools close due to bankruptcy?* No. The parishes & schools within the Diocese are separate legal corporations & are not filing for bankruptcy.
2. *Will any parish employees lose their jobs due to bankruptcy?* No. The filing will not impact the employees in our parishes. The day-to-day operations of our parishes will not change.
3. *Will our parish face future legal action for past abuse?* No. A “channeling injunction” will be included in this filing which protects all parishes against future claims related to past child sexual abuse by clergy. Any claim or lawsuit filed against a parish as part of the bankruptcy will be resolved in the agreement.
4. *Will donations to our parish be used to pay survivors?* Parish assets & budgets are held separately from the Diocese. During this process nothing will change; weekly offerings will be used the way they have always been used.
5. *How will survivors be compensated?* Survivors will be compensated through a combination of insurance, Diocesan

savings, the sale of Diocesan assets & other sources. The amount of compensation is unknown at this time.

**Part of the good news** at this point is the reminder of what the Diocese has been doing (since 2002) to prevent future abuse:

1. conducted more than 30,500 mandatory criminal background checks on all clergy, staff, & volunteers
2. trained more than 107 VIRTUS® Facilitators across the Diocese (Angie in our parishes) to teach the VIRTUS® ‘Protecting God's Children for Adults Program’
3. trained more than 11,900 on the VIRTUS® program
4. presented the ‘Circle of Grace’ Safe Environment education program to more than 10,500 children in parish & Catholic schools during the 2017-2018 fiscal year
5. been found to be compliant with the Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People thru annual audits
6. all clergy in our Diocese are now mandatory reporters, meaning they are legally required to report any suspicion of child abuse or neglect to the relevant authorities

**If you have any questions** for the Diocese, please direct them to Matt Willkom, Director of the Office of Communications, at 507-858-1263 or [mwillkom@dowr.org](mailto:mwillkom@dowr.org).

**Before we leave November**, here's a fitting final thought for a month honoring all saints & teaching about the end times. Last Sunday, inspired by the spirit of November & also Jesus' citing of the fig tree in the gospel, I read a poem called “The Red Oak.” It's from Jon Hassler's book, *The Dean's List*. If you're interested, I'll save you looking it up:

*Among the four season's perpetual jokes  
Is the winter appearance of overdressed oaks.  
Refusing to fall with the sleet & snow  
Oak leaves cling, lifelike, through 50 below  
Until they are nudged by the force of the sap  
Rising to fashion the oak a spring wrap.  
  
I hope when it's autumn & winter for me  
I can look alive as the overdressed tree  
And during the lengthening nights I can cling  
To my wits & my heart—the tokens of spring—  
Only releasing them into the sod  
The moment I'm dressed in the glory of God.*

**There's been progress** at SS Peter & Paul on our protective glass project. On July of '16, we replaced the protective glass on the big west window of the church, so we're good there. Now we're starting stage 2: the same treatment for the south windows (we see a little evidence of moisture damage on the inside wall). I notice that the braces have been affixed to the exterior of the windows. This stage of our maintenance project will cost \$20,000. If you're looking for a deserving project to support as we near year's end, how about this one? (Stage 3 of the project is the same treatment for the courtyard & east main window in the future.)

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

Mon. No Mass  
 Tue. /W 8:30 AM – **NO MASS**  
 Wed/BE 7:30 AM – Fritz Wolff †  
 Thur. BE – St. Luke's 10:00AM – Walt Boever †  
 Fri./BE 8:30AM – Dick Dummer †  
 Sat./BE 5:15PM – RoseAnn Ewald †  
 Sun./W 8:00AM – Angie Murphy †  
 Sun./BE 10:00AM – Dick Maher †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**Sat., Dec. 1: Servers:** Anthony Carr  
**SSPP**

**Ministers of Communion:** Gary Armon/Jason Spencer  
 Chuck Frundt/Lorraine Hassing/Barb Prescher

**Gift Bearers:** Chuck & Rita Frundt

**Ushers:** Bob Spencer Group

**Sun., Dec. 2: Servers:** Jack Hardy  
**St. Mary's**

**Ministers of Communion:** Joyce Eastvold  
 Jerome Behnke, Sue Behnke

**Gift Bearers:** Pat & Mike Salic Sr.

**Ushers:** Mike & Rich Findley

**Sun., Dec. 2: Servers:** Maddie Armon  
**SSPP**

**Ministers of Communion:** Margaret Haag/Shirl Maher  
 Lee Mikolai/Mary Eckhardt/Joe Tempel

**Gift Bearers:** Roger & Sandy Grandgenett family

**Ushers:** Shawn Hassing Group

**KC Corner:**

Dec 7th-KC/DD Christmas Party @ SSPP 5:30pm

Dec. 11th-KC Officers meeting 6:30pm with Reg meeting to follow

Dec 30th-KC Family Rosary @ St Mary's before 8am Mass

**The BE Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all of you that came out to support our Steak Fry on Nov. 17th. We were able to donate \$575.00 to the Buc's Night Out fundraiser.

**Quarterly Council of Catholic Families** meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in rm. 5.

**Lessons and Carols:** Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 16, when the Tri-parish members of St. John's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Casimir's present this year's Lessons and Carols, *The Yearning*, at 4:00pm at St. Casimir's Catholic Church. Celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas with the Word, song and pageantry. All are invited to enjoy supper and fellowship in the church hall after

the program. There will be a free-will offering for the local food shelf. Plan to join us!

**Catholics at the Capitol 2019 – St. Paul, MN**

**2.19.19** Now is the time to begin to transform politics in Minnesota. Join your local bishop and 2,000+ Catholics in St. Paul on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to learn how you can build relationships with your newly elected officials and advocate for life and human dignity. Get your tickets, register for transportation, and find more details about this inspiring day of prayer, education, and advocacy by visiting [www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org](http://www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org). The Diocese will provide buses free of charge for any regional area that has registrants numbering 30 or more. We will likely have buses in Rochester and Mankato, but more buses may be reserved in other areas if interest is high.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual KBEW/Darling International** You Can Make a Difference camp-out will be Thursday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 until Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at noon in Juba's Parking lot. Donations to the Faribault County Food Shelf and new toys for the Western Faribault County toy drive can be dropped off at that time.

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior** in Winnebago invites you to their 2018 Annual Holliday Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Coffee, juice and rolls are being served from 9am to 11am and a hot, creamy turkey sandwich lunch from 11am to 1pm for \$5.

**St. Mary's Choir is beginning rehearsals for Christmas Eve Mass** - new members are welcome! You do not need to make a long-term commitment to choir but can just sing for Christmas if you wish. For more information, contact Judy Ness 507-525-2009. Rehearsals are scheduled for:

November 27th 7 pm

December 2nd after Mass

December 11th 7 pm

December 16th after Mass

December 20th 7 pm

**St Mary's Rosary Society** will have a meeting Wednesday Nov 28th at 7:00pm. Please join us, all are welcome

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: 11/17 & 11/18/2018:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,292.00  
 Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,058.45  
 Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$90,132.00  
 Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$78,226.54  
**Campaign for Human Development: \$625.00**

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: 11/18/2018:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,057.00  
 Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,366.00  
 Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$22,197.00  
 Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$27,179.67  
**Campaign for Human Development: \$170.00**

**FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

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

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

- 28 **Classes for Grades K-10**  
**My Space -- 5-6:15PM**  
 29 **FF/YM Board Meeting -- 5:30PM**

**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

- 2 **Retreat Team in Owatonna**  
 5 **Classes for Grades K-10**  
**My Space -- 5-6:15PM**  
 9 **Joyful Noise Choir sings!**  
**Coffee & Donuts** hosted by Gr. 5 & 6  
 12 **Classes for Grades K-10**  
**My Space -- 5-6:15PM**  
 19 **Classes for Grades K-5**  
**Grades 6-10 -- 5:30-7:30PM**  
**No My Space!**  
 23 **Christmas Program Practice,**  
**Lunch and a Movie! -- 11AM-2PM**  
 24 **Christmas Program -- 4:00PM**  
**Joyful Noise Choir sings!**

**Retreat Team looking for members!**

All Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors AND Graduates are invited to be a part of our parish Retreat Team. We will travel to Owatonna on Sunday, December 2nd to lead a retreat for youth in Grades 9 and 10. If you would like to be a part of the team, we will be gathering on Sunday, Nov. 18th from 7-8PM. Food will be provided! Call Angie if you have any questions!

**Joyful Noise Choir Schedule!**

Joyful Noise Choir will be providing music for the following Masses. All are invited to join us!  
 - Sunday, December 9th, 10AM Mass -- Practice at 9:00AM.  
 - Monday, December 24th, 4:00PM Mass -- Practice at 3:00PM.

**Coffee and Donuts!**

Grades 5 & 6 will be hosting Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, December 9th after 10AM Mass. Please come and join us!

**Practice, Dinner and A Movie!**

*Get this on your December calendar!!*

**Who:** All children & youth involved in the Christmas Program

**When:** Sunday, December 23rd

**Time:** 11AM (right after Mass) - 1:30PM

**Schedule:**

11AM -- Practice for the Christmas Program

Noon -- Lunch in the Social Hall

12:30 - 2PM -- Movie on the Big TV!

**Parents** -- Enjoy a few hours without the kids to get that last minute Christmas planning done!

**Youth** -- We could really use your help with this event! If you are interested in helping, please let me know!