



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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Sunday, March 26th, 2017 – 4th Sunday in 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 (patssp@bevcomm.net) or by phone (526-5626 or 526-3511).

PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

Last Sunday, this Sunday, & next Sunday stand apart; as 1 author explains it: *“For these 3 weeks of our annual Lenten journey toward Easter, the faithful considers 3 of the most fundamental elements of our faith, namely water, light, & life. Our mentor-guide is John, the 4th evangelist. Our companions along the way are the unnamed woman of Shechem (last Sunday), the man born blind (this Sun), & Lazarus (next Sun). Each of these 3 embodies a certain aspect of human need; each also has an attitude toward God which every believer needs to imitate. By sharing in their experiences & by joining in their encounters with Jesus each of us will be able to identify within ourselves those same basic human needs & to find the remedy for our every need in God. Water, light, & life: with these 3 gifts, God slakes human thirst, heals blindness & denies the finality of death. With these gifts, our sharing in the mystery of salvation began at baptism; with these gifts, our life in Christ is continually renewed.”*

Are you going to Mexico this week, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows, & life while growing economic opportunity in a greenhouse?

“St. Mary’s Gaels?” I was catching one of the NCAA basketball games recently. Arizona & St. Mary’s were playing. I heard the announcer referring to the Gaels—I knew it was not Gales but I did not know what St. Mary’s this was. St. Mary’s of California, I learned. Huh. Then I looked again at all the brackets of the 64-team tournament, recognizing many of the teams, & recognizing especially the teams of Catholic universities—10 of them.

My own March madness was to study up a little on these 10 (of the 197 U.S. members of the Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities): some we’re very familiar with, some maybe not. Here they are, along with who administers them, year of origin, & student population.

1. Creighton, Omaha; Jesuit (1878); 8,000
2. Gonzaga, Spokane; Jesuit (1887); 7,400
3. Iona College, New Rochelle, NY (40 miles north of midtown Manhattan); Christian Brothers (1940); 4,100; (also “Gaels,” like St. Mary’s)
4. Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana; Holy Cross fathers (1842); 12,300
5. Marquette, Milwaukee; Jesuit (1881); 11,700
6. Mount St. Mary’s, Emmitsburg, Maryland, near Gettysburg (1808—America’s 2nd oldest Catholic university; the oldest? Georgetown, a Jesuit university in Washington since 1789); 2,200
7. St. Mary’s College of California, Moraga (a small suburban community 20 miles east of San Francisco); Christian Brothers (1863; like our own St. Mary’s University in Winona, it began life as a diocesan college & was later taken over by the Christian Brothers); 4,300

8. Seton Hall, South Orange NJ; diocesan (1856); 9,600
9. Villanova, Philadelphia; Augustinian (1842); 10,800
10. Xavier, Cincinnati; Jesuit (1831); 6,500

Footnotes

1. No, there are no comments here about how they’re doing in the tournament; this is a Catholic bulletin page not a sports page.
2. Yes, 4 of these 10 are Jesuit (there are 24 other Jesuit colleges & universities in the country).
3. More about Mount St. Mary’s, where some of our own priests attended (like Fr. Seitz over in Jackson): This campus includes the 2nd-largest Catholic seminary in the country. In its early days, Sulpician priests moved their seminarians here. (Sulpicians are members of a Catholic religious order formed in 1641 specializing in priestly formation.) Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity & the 1st native-born citizen to be canonized as a saint, came to Emmitsburg in 1809 & lived on the campus (in a log cabin that’s still there) while her own school was being built 2 miles away. She established St. Joseph’s Academy, the 1st free Catholic parochial school in the U.S. & considered the foundation of the entire Catholic parochial school system in the country. It closed in 1967 & merged with Mount St. Mary’s. So there. Fascinating history I thought. What a Church.

I’ll be out of the parish for 3 days next week. I mention this mainly to remind you of 1 of your priests’ sources of enrichment & ongoing education. There are things each of us do individually (I hope) to keep growing spiritually & professionally, but there are other things we do together for the good of the Church. The bishop calls us together for various reasons: This week’s 3-day gathering is 1 of them; the annual ordination is another; various “ministry days” another; the Chrism Mass another. And so on.

Watch out on Saturday. Tradition has it that April 1 is Apr. Fools' Day because it was on this day that Noah sent doves from the ark to check for dry land before the flood had abated. (Actually, it was the 1st of Nisan, the 1st month of the Jewish year & roughly equivalent to our Apr.) This 1st dispatch of course was a wild goose chase to use a fowl metaphor. Even though Noah might object to the implication that he was just fooling, the doves' frustrated mission is commemorated in today's April Fools' tricks. So watch out.

The St. Casimir School Board in Wells asked me to announce this: *To any parishioners who would like to donate to the only Catholic school in Faribault County, St. Casimir’s, please do so by going to the website: www.GoFundMe.com Navigate to Education. In the search box key in St. Casimir School. Scroll down to & click on Read More & follow the prompts. (For assistance in getting to the website, call GeeDee at 553-5319.)*

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30AM/No Mass
Wed/BE 7:30AM/ No Mass
Thur. 10:00AM/St. Luke's - Loretta Wirkus †
Fri./ BE 8:30AM/Gene Uppena †
Sat./BE 5:15PM/Fred & Anita Virnig †
Sun./W 8:00AM/ MaryAnn Ziegler †
Sun./BE 10:00AM/ Don Stancl †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., April 1: Servers: Luke Carr
5:15 PM SSPP Anthony Carr
Ministers of Communion: Angie Frundt/Jason Spencer
Bill Hamlin/Andre Hamlin/Barb Prescher
Gift Bearers: Ted & Gwen Armon Family
Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., April 2: Servers: Emma Dahl
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Gerald Scovill
Lola Baxter/Mark Franta
Gift Bearers: Rick & Amy Mauris
Ushers: Rick Mauris & Doug Klocek

Sun., April 2: Servers: Hailey Becker
10:00AM SSPP Brandi Uecker
Ministers of Communion: Jenny Armon/Mary Eckhardt
Lola Schultz/Arlen O'Brien/Shirl Maher
Gift Bearers: Tim & Barb Steier
Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

Knights Corner:

April 8th, Last KC Steak fry until September
April 10th KC Meeting Room #1
Congratulations to Mason Mauris, Lucas Kramer, Brian Krieger, Adam Murphy, and Andrew Murphy for becoming First Degree Knights. Thank you for deciding to join and helping us grow our Council.

March 29th Soup Supper after 5:30 Stations of the Cross:
Circle 1 will be serving Vegetable beef and Texas bean & pork soup with a sliced turkey sandwich for a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

St. Luke's Auxiliary Annual Spring Bake Sale and Collective Goods sale will be Friday, Marcy 31 from 8:30 to Noon in St. Luke's Chapel.

CCW Family Circle Chairpersons remember to have someone from your circle bring at least two baked good items for the Spring Bake Sale by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 31.

New Horizons Adoption Agency in Blue Earth has a new mom that is in need of a queen size bed in good condition. If you have a bed to donate, call Chris at New Horizons 526-3518.

Council of Catholic Families & Finance Council Minutes are available at the church entrance and in the parish website bulletin.

Found at SSPP: Cross necklace with gold chain. Call the rectory - 526-5626 if this belongs to you.

There are new, inspirational CD titles in the Faith Raiser Kiosk located in the church hall. If you haven't already stopped, please take a look at these new selections.

Grief Support Groups: There is a poster at the entrance of SSPP and St. Mary with info about UHD grief support groups meeting in April.

Blue Earth Senior Center Spring Fling: 2nd annual fundraiser on Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 11am - 1:30am
MENU: Old Fashioned Maid Rites, Spring Salads, Refreshing Refrigerated Desserts. Free Will Offering to support the Senior Lunch Program at the Blue Earth Senior Center
Sponsored through a Thrivent Action Team

St. Luke's is looking for caring, compassionate people to assist our residents and their guests in our Gift Shop/Coffee Shop. You can get more information by calling Cheryl at 526-6370 or Pat at 526-6371, or better yet, just stop by and check us out!

Attention Parish Women: You are invited to join your Blue Earth/Mankato Area Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Sisters for an inspiring **Salad Supper on Monday April 10th at All Saints Parish in Madison Lake**. The Salad Supper will begin at 6:00 PM with the Area CCW meeting following at 7:00 PM. Each parish is asked to provide two salads for the meal. If enough plan on going we can car pool. If you have never been to one it is a great event to attend. Contact Amy 525-2202 or Lola 525-0916 if interested in going.

All men of the diocese are invited to an evening of fellowship, spiritual reflection, and a man feast!

When: 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Friday, March 31, 2017

Where: St. Casimir Catholic Church, Wells, MN

Topic: The Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ

CatholicManNight begins with an hour of adoration with the opportunity for reconciliation, followed by beverages, a great meal, raffle, and fellowship. Being a Committed Catholic Man starts with committing to really know Jesus!

Questions? Please call Tom [\(507\) 553-3062](tel:5075533062) or

Larce [\(507\) 837-2340](tel:5078372340) for more info!

www.catholicmannight.com

The Council of Catholic Families is asking to prayerfully consider a donation to help support our good works of funeral dinners and Lenten soup suppers. We do receive some money through donations, however, our expenses are outweighing our income. Since we have not had a fundraiser in recent years, we are asking for help from our parishioners. You can mail or drop your donation off at the church or mark an envelope with CCF and drop it in the collection basket at mass. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Trinity Lutheran's Fair Stand Supper: Tuesday, April 4th from 5 - 7pm. Take-out orders are available by calling 526-5863. Deliveries from 5-7 are also available.

Winnebago Ambulance will have a Pancake & French Toast breakfast on Sunday March 26th at Winnebago Municipal Center. Serving from 9am - 12:30pm. Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Milk, Orange Juice, Coffee. FREE WILL DONATION

Goulash Supper Winnebago Area Museum Fund Raiser

on Tuesday, April 4 from 5-7pm at the Winnebago Area Museum for a free will donation. Proceeds will go toward expanding display areas.

St. Mary's will be having potluck supper after our Thurs. Stations April 6th. Everyone is welcome, beverages will be provided just bring a dish to pass.

Blood Mobile at the Winnebago Municipal center on Thursday, March 30th from 12-6 PM.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: March 11 & 12:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,690.80
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$157,966.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$160,699.19

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: March 12:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$956.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$44,574.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$43,162.92

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

March Calendar:

- 25-26 NCYC Fundraiser Kick Off
- 25 Coffee & Cookies after 5:15PM Mass
- 26 Coffee & Donuts after 10AM Mass
God Squad Gathering, 6-7:30PM
- 29 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space during Lent
First Eucharist Faith Sharing Centers

April Calendar:

- 5 Classes for Grades K-10
Altar Server Training -- Grades 4 & 5
No My Space during Lent
- 9 God Squad Gathering, 6-7:30PM
- 12 No Classes for Grades K-10!
- 16 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass!
- 19 Classes for Grades K-10
My Space -- 5-6:30PM
First Eucharist Pictures and Practice, 6PM
- 23 First Eucharist during 10AM Mass
Joyful Noise Choir sings for Mass
- 26 Final Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space!
- 27 FF / YM Board Meeting, 6PM

Pick A Day, Pray & Pay!

We currently have 24 high school youth and 4 adults who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) on November 15-19, 2017 in Indianapolis! This is the 5th time our parishes will take a group of youth to NCYC and this is our largest group yet!! The cost to attend NCYC is \$650.00 per person. We will be kicking off our "**Pick A Day, Pray & Pay**" fundraiser this weekend, March 25 & 26, after Masses. Please check out the display in the Social Hall!

Lenten Prayer Chain

Take note of the paper chain forming around the Social Hall. This Lenten season, we are focusing on prayer in our Faith Formation classes. Each week, children, youth and catechists will be asked to write down their prayer intentions on strips of construction paper. Those strips will be used to form a "Lenten Prayer Chain" as a sign that God hears all our prayers and that we need to pray for each other too. There is a table set up in the social hall with strips of paper, pens and a stapler. Feel free to add your own prayer intentions to our prayer chain! We hope to wrap our prayer chain as far around the social hall as we can!

Butter Braid Fundraiser

Our young people sold a total of 400 Butter Braids which is a profit of \$2,000!! If you ordered Butter Braids after Masses in February, please pick them up this weekend, March 25 & 26 after either mass. You can also call me to set up a different pick up time. Thank you for supporting our children and youth!

Totus Tuus coming this Summer!

Due to some limitations in our planning schedule this summer, instead of offering our own Vacation Bible School program as we have done in the past several years, we will be offering Totus Tuus as an option for all children and youth currently in Kindergarten through Grade 12. St. John Vianney in Fairmont is hosting Totus Tuus from **Sunday, July 30th - Friday, August 4th.** We will provide transportation for all children and youth who would like to participate! Please get these dates on your calendar today before your summer schedule gets all filled up! For more information on Totus Tuus, go to our Diocesan website at www.dow.org. Click on "Offices" then "Youth and Young Adults" then on "Totus Tuus".

Blue Earth CCF Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

The March 7, 2017 CCW/a Faithful Family-Quarterly meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Co-President Lola Schultz. We began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Circle Roll Call: Circle #1-3 #2-2 #3-2 #5-1 #6-4 #7-3.

Secretary's Report: The December 6, 2016 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of 2-28-17 there was a balance of \$2,770.85. There are 230 possible members with 103 having paid their \$20 dues. All are encouraged to get their dues paid to aid in our account balance.

Presidents' Report: A suggested website to aid in your Lenten journey is the Dynamic Catholic, and then to view "The Best Lent Ever".

Commissions & Committee Reports:

Communications: Three sympathy and 4 other cards were sent.

Community Concerns: March 31st is the Spring Bake sale and each circle is to provide 2 items. A price list was handed out. Jewelry donations are most welcome for bingo prizes. Steve Geerdes is a new Meals on Wheels volunteer.

Church & Family: No report.

International Commission: Ruth Kastner plans to drop off donated goods in Rochester that are for Haiti in June. Donations can always be left at the church between trips to Rochester.

Legislative Concerns/Respect for Life: No report.

Leadership: No chair

Funerals and Kitchen Report: There have been 3 funerals since December. Circle 7 is next in line to serve.

Old Business:

Volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee to find replacements for the 2017-2019 President and Co/Vice-President positions include Amy Kramer, Betty Armon and Karen Gossen. Please pray for willing volunteers to take over these positions for a new 2-year term. Also, Pat Boettcher will remain as the treasurer and Karen Gossen will remain as the secretary.

There was an update and discussion about the Buc Bag project in place at the school. It was decided it

is a very worth-while project. It was moved and seconded to donate \$200 towards the project.

New Business:

- Sanctuary/Sacristy cleaning: March-Circle #1, April-Circle #2, May-Circle #3.
- Spring church cleaning is scheduled for the week of April 1st-April 8th. Anyone available to help with window washing (on the lower windows) should come on April 24th. Watch the bulletin for more information.
- A committee comprised of Terri Colby, Deanna Cassem, Pat Boettcher and Mary Warner was formed to review the CCW Booklet. Please get any changes to the committee by July 1st.
- A motion was made, discussion held and motion seconded to show a suggested donation amount of \$5 per person at the Lenten soup suppers. This is not meant to be a money raiser, but the funds to cover the costs have been seriously lagging. A notice to this effect will appear in the bulletin and at the offering basket at the suppers.
- An idea was brought up about having a large Bake Sale to serve as a CCW fundraiser. This was tabled.

Upcoming events:

- March 25th is the Women's Lenten Retreat at St. John's Catholic Church in Foley, MN.
- April 5th is the WDCCW meeting at Sacred Heart Parish in Heron Lake.
- April 10th is the BECCW regional meeting in Madison Lake which includes the annual salad supper. We are to provide 2 salads.
- September 6-9 is the National CCW Convention in Dallas, TX

A closing prayer was provided by Circle #7
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Circle #1 leads closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gossen, Secretary

February 21, 2017 Finance Council

Minutes

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Roll Call: Fr. Klein, Marsha Engler, Skip Schimek, Bruce Hanson, Joe Tempel, and Dan Welder.

Minutes of the January 17th meeting were approved as written.

Fr. Klein's Report: 1.) Mark Rockers has the signs for the chapel installed. There is a motion activated light to draw attention to this area. 2.) No progress to report on moving the choir area. The group has met with Fr. to brainstorm ideas. There will be a minimal cost to move the lighting and the sound system. 3.) The Pastoral Group is considering a pictorial directory. 4.) Because of scheduling conflicts for VBS, the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Board has approved sending any interested students to join St. John Vianney students for the Totus Tuus event they are having this summer.

Old Business: 1.) The bell controller will be installed by March 6th. 2.) Dan talked to Greg Young about the repairs needed to the front steps of the social hall. He will check the area over and prepare a recommendation and bid. 3.) Krause will be contacted by Duane to get a bid for just the tuck pointing of the north side of the church. 4.) Vet's Glass didn't know of a business that could help with the restoration of the Stations of the Cross tapestries. We will contact the diocese to see if they know of any companies that could help with this project.

New Business: A request was made by a local group to use one of the classroom areas on the first and maybe third

Thursday of the month. It was voted to not approve this request as it would restrict the use for our own groups.

The finance report was approved as presented.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, March 21st at 6:15

After a final prayer, the meeting was adjourned.