



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, April 30, 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

May is the month of Mary in the minds of many, even though in the renewed liturgical life of the Church, December is the month when our Scripture & prayer is more Marian. And May can't boast a major Marian feast like December's Immaculate Conception, either. May begins not with a feast for Mary but for her husband. St. Joseph's great & more ancient feast is March 19; May 1 is called "St. Joseph the Worker" (& also happens to be the patron of 1 of our Mankato parishes). Apparently in response to the May Day celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted this secondary feast for St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. The relationship between Joseph & the cause of workers, however, pre-dates this liturgical observance.

The Place of Music

I inherited many, many good things in coming to these parishes. I have a list as long as my arm. Today I'd like to comment on just 1 little part of that inheritance: the location of our music ministry. In both churches they are well placed. We don't want the choir/musicians in a place so prominent that it competes with the altar & pulpit. The choir shouldn't be on stage. Their role is to serve & support the assembly in liturgy, not perform for them. On the other extreme, we are glad they are not removed from the assembly & inaccessible to the presider in a balcony.

Now an idea about a possible improvement. In SS P/P church, the stakeholders—that's primarily the music people & me (but ultimately all of you)—have talked about the advantages & disadvantages of the current space. The members of both choirs + the Finance Council & I have been considering the advantages of moving the music area from the south transept to the north transept. Currently, some members of the choir are hindered in participating at Mass, which is my biggest concern. They cannot even see the people & action in the sanctuary during Mass, which of course affects their hearing too.

From the north transept, the angle to the sanctuary, especially the pulpit, would be much better. Furthermore, there would be more room, since the entry from the ramp entrance takes up 36 square feet of the south transept. With those 2 benefits on the north side, the music people could reconfigure their seating (standing) so their backs would be to the north wall instead of to the front of the church. Big improvement.

The 4 pews currently in the north transept would be moved to the south transept if we made this change. A good side effect would be that the ramp entry would lead immediately to a seating area (instead of choir space). We could then reserve the front pew or two in the transept for people with limited mobility.

Another good side effect: The old confessional in the north transept is currently used for a little storage (passive storage, I call it), which could move to another

place, freeing this prime space for the active storage of music/choir paraphernalia. We could do some slight retrofitting of the antique confessionals, without damaging them one iota, to make life a little easier for the people who serve us so generously with music.

About that raised stone area: We would probably want to extend it on the west end of the transept to the whole area, to eliminate the inconvenient 2 levels & give the music area a slight elevation at the same time. (This would be in wood not masonry!) If this improvement comes to pass, it would also be a good time to invest in more suitable chairs, retiring the tin ones in favor of something more presentable & befitting the liturgy (& probably stackable too, to be practical).

There would be 4 cost factors ultimately: lighting, sound system, platform, & chairs. The electrical would be essential of course; the platform & chairs would be improvements. Actually, in brainstorming about this, good ideas have come out about improvements in the electrical too: placement of the lights & the number of jacks for mics, for example. With all of this, those involved would want to experiment in the new space before drilling holes anywhere. We've had some estimates made: \$500 – \$600 for the electrical & \$600 – \$700 for the electronics.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' instruction, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, & the prayers (Acts 2:42). Those 4 features of the Church in the very beginning were mentioned in the 1st Scripture last Sunday, & how fitting for the 1st communion of 11 of our younger members—including at St. Mary's Lokan Braunschhausen (Dan & Robyn's), Brody Haugh (Pat & Melissa's), Zac Johnson (Brandie's) & Lynsie Salic (Mike, Jr & Jessica's). These youngsters, who already shared in "*the apostles' instruction, the communal life, & the prayers*" (thanks to their parents), are now breaking bread with us too. And this Sunday, on their 2nd Holy Communion, we read Luke 24:13-35, the account of the experience of 2 disciples on the way to Emmaus & how Christ was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Emmaus Appearance of the risen Christ is also our image of faith for April, picturing what we might call the "liturgy of the Word" part of the episode: Christ using Scripture to explain what had happened those days in Jerusalem. Along with the Last Supper & John 6, this is certainly a ranking reading for understanding the Mass. It so happens that this coming week we'll be reading Jn 6 at daily Mass, including *Whoever eats my Flesh & drinks my Blood remains in me & I in him* (John 6:52-59).

5 more have invested in the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal since my last reporting—but what a jump because of those 5 (\$3,390 at SSPP!)

SS PP: 40 (13.7%) have given \$10,255 (62.9%) of goal.

St M: 18 (18.4%) have given \$ 2,730 (47.0%) of goal.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30AM –John & Jean Staloch †
Wed/BE 7:30AM – Brandon Goodrich †
Thur. /St. Luke's – 10:00AM –Gene Mikolai †
Fri./BE 8:30AM – In Reparation for Our Sins
Sat./BE 8:00PM – Fred & Anita Virnig †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Alex Klocek †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Gen Armon †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., May 6: Servers: Isabelle Barnette
5:15 PM SSPP

Ministers of Communion: Ann Kehr/Steve Geerdes
Don Bless/Skip Schimek/Barb Prescher

Gift Bearers: Gary & Marsha Engler Family

Ushers: Dirk Esser Group

Sun., May 7: Servers: Clara Ziegler
8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Karen Hernandez
Rich Findley & Joyce Eastvold

Gift Bearers: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Graders

Ushers: Mike Salic Sr. & Mike Salic Jr.

Sun., May 7: Servers: Zach Kramer
10:00AM SSPP Hailey Becker

Ministers of Communion: Pam Armon/Mary Eckhardt
Margaret Haag/Arlen O'Brien/Shirl Maher

Gift Bearers: Frank & Margaret Haag

Ushers: Bob Dulas Group

Knights Corner:

April 29-30 Tootsie Roll
May 3rd, 2017 Officers Meeting rm. 1
May 8th KC meeting, 7PM in rm.1
May 8th-KC/Concert Assoc. Cookout 5:30 PM
May 13th, 2017-BE Wine Walk Cook-out on
Main St

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the local Developmentally Disabled Adults on Saturday & Sunday April 29th & 30th. They will be handed out after each Mass- Free Will Donation

The Blue Earth Knights of Columbus would like to say "THANK YOU" for your support last Saturday for the Dale Bless Appreciation Cook-out. We had a great turn out and we had fun cooking for people that came to the event.

CDA--Tues. May 9, 10:00 Mass, meeting, May Crowning, lunch. Early scrapbooks will be on display.

You're invited to the 100th Anniversary of Fatima Celebration on Saturday, May 13 beginning at 12:45 PM at the farm of Andy and Natalie Price, Kasson. Guest Speakers include Rev. Thien Nguyen, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Cook, and Mother Assumpta, Prioress General of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Bernard Harrington at 5:00 PM. There will be Adoration, Rosary Procession, Benediction and Confessions will be available throughout the day. The farm is located at 23274 670th Street, Kasson, just 15 miles west of Rochester on Highway 14. More information:

www.giftofatima2017.com or Andy Price [507-259-7675](tel:507-259-7675) or stjosephdrivingschool@kmtel.com

Catholic Charities: There is a quote in *Les Miserables* that states, "To love another person is to see the face of God." We are humbled to see the face of God in those we serve at Catholic Charities. Pope Francis reminds us that we must be "living signs of hope." When you support Catholic Charities efforts to provide help and hope for the poor and marginalized in southern Minnesota, you are a living sign of hope for all. Together on **May 13th and 14th** we can be a sign of hope in this world by supporting the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Your compassionate generosity is a life-changing blessing!

St. Mary's Scholarship: Any St. Mary's High School senior that is interested in applying for this scholarship, please pick up an application from Jeanne Kortuem or there are some forms in the sacristy at church. All Applications are due on or before May 9th. The winner will be announced on Sunday, May 21st.

Winnebago United Methodist Church Mission Committee will host the annual Chicken & Biscuit Supper on Wednesday, May 3rd from 5-7 pm in the church basement. There will be a free will-offering. Call 893-4567 for free home delivery in Winnebago.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: April 22 & 23

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$8,557.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$178,751.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$184,691.24

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: April 23

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,018.78
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$50,439.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$48,578.95

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

May Calendar:

- 3 Confirmation Pictures & Practice -- 7:00PM
- 6 Sacrament of Confirmation -- 11:00AM, SSPP
- 7 Confirmation Reception after 10AM Mass
Catechist and FF/YM Board Appreciation
Evening, 6:00PM
- 21 Baccalaureate during 10AM Mass

these people for sharing their gifts with our young people.

Kindergarten	Trish Schimek	Grade 6	Jennie Johnson
Grade 1	Lora Moore	Grade 7	Angie Frundt
Grade 2	Lindsey Greff	Grade 8	Michelle Klinkner
Grade 3	Amy Stevermer	Grade 9	Karla Carr
	Carol Moore		Camille Driscoll
Grade 4	Cindy Trasamar	Grade 10	Jennifer Engesser
Grade 5	Cathy Stevermer		
	Rita Frundt		

First Eucharist celebrated this past Sunday!

We congratulate the following children for receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time last Sunday, April 23rd!

OLIVER ANKENY - Son of Ana and Brandon Ankeny

COLE BECKER - Son of Tara and Mike Becker

BRAYAN GONZALEZ - Son of Ana Chiguil and Jose Alberto Chiguil Ambros

DYLAN PREUSS - Son of Lynn Preuss and Travis Preuss

LUCAS ROIGER - Son of Ellen and Curt Roiger

CAIDEN SICKLER - Son of Kim and Calvin Sickler

GABRIELA VARGAS - Daughter of Valeria and Jose Vargas

Special Thanks to

Fr. Klein for helping prepare this group of children for the Sacrament of First Eucharist and for celebrating the liturgy.

Lindsey Greff for sharing her faith through her gift of teaching.

Carmen Coxworth for her help in planning, setting up, and organizing the entire celebration.

Joyful Noise Choir for leading us in the liturgy through their gift of music.

Ruth McNerney, Ann Kehr and Jane Armon for organizing, serving and cleaning up the reception.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas for their donation to the First Eucharist reception.

Grades 6-10 do service for their final class!

Grades 6-10 were not able to clean up the cemeteries on April 26th due to the weather. Instead, the 6th and 8th graders went to the Fairgrounds to clean up the 4-H Dining Hall and Exhibit Hall, the 7th graders went to St. Luke's to play some games with residents in Moonlight, the 9th graders went to plant flowers in pots for the cemetery and the 10th graders went to Nicollet Place to play Bingo with the residents. Being of service to others was a wonderful way to end our Faith Formation year.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2016-2017 FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS!

Our 2016-2017 Faith Formation year has come to a close. It has been a great year! We are so blessed by our catechists who go above and beyond to bring faith and fun and Catholic tradition and the love of Jesus into the lives and hearts of our young parishioners. What a blessing these faith-filled, dedicated catechists have been to our Faith Formation program. Please thank

Attention Graduating Seniors!

Parish Scholarship information was mailed to all graduating Seniors. Just a reminder that completed forms are due to Angie no later than Friday, May 5th. Don't miss out on this opportunity to apply for one of several scholarships being awarded at the Baccalaureate Mass on May 21st.

Pick A Day, Pray & Pay!

We have 23 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. Our first fundraiser is "**Pick A Day, Pray & Pay**". A display is set up in the Social Hall explaining this fundraiser. Please feel free to split the amounts that are remaining on the calendars with one or two other people. Thank you so much for your support of our young people attending NCYC!

Faith Formation Prayer Chain

Take note of the paper chain forming around the Social Hall. The chain is being formed by the prayer intentions of our children and youth in our Faith Formation classes and by parishioners! The chain will remain in the Social Hall until Pentecost Sunday when it will be brought forward during Mass by our children and youth. Please continue to add your prayer intentions to the chain until then.

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 31th - 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".