



**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, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 (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 or 526-3511).

## PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

**“We all need an eagle.”** The gospel text last Sunday included the familiar promise of Jesus, *“I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come back again & take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be”* (John 14:2-3). That brought to mind the eagle in the old fable,



“The Eagle & the Wren” in which the eagle carried the wren to heights totally beyond the wren’s ability to reach. The modern retelling I used is by Jane Goodall who in an afterword commented, “We all

need an eagle.” Sunday’s gospel included the phrase, *“I am the way, the truth & the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

**One thing leads to another:** The text led to the fable which led back to the beloved hymn “On Eagle’s Wings”: *“And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn...”* And that song in turn led back to Scripture & its many mentions of eagles, starting with Psalm 91: *“God will rescue from the fowler’s snare..., will shelter you with pinions, spread wings that you may take refuge.”* From there the eagle trail led to Exodus 19:2-4: *“While Israel was encamped ... in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the Lord called to him & said, “Thus shall you say to the ... Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians & how I bore you up on eagle wings & brought you here to myself.”* From there we went to Deuteronomy 32:11 in the Song of Moses, at the end of his life before the Jordan crossing: *“As an eagle incites its nestlings forth by hovering over its brood, So he spread his wings to receive them & bore them up on his pinions”.* The prophets too speak in these terms, like Jeremiah referring to God *“like an eagle ... soaring aloft, spreading its wings”* (Jeremiah 49:22). When Isaiah proclaims the power of God to save he says, *“They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles’ wings; They will run & not grow weary, walk & not grow faint”* (Isaiah 40:31). Yes, we all need an eagle, & God has given us one.

**!!!!!!!!!!** I’m celebrating! Last week, in response to this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal, 7 more parishioners at SS Peter & Paul pushed us to \$16,678! That’s 102% of our \$16,310 goal! From 54 donors (18.6% of us). At St. Mary’s we’re still climbing too: This week we’re at \$3,055 or 52.6% of our goal. That’s from 22 donors (23% of us). I’m especially glad to see that almost ¼ of us at St. Mary’s are responding. This is a sure sign of good morale & engagement in a parish. I’m proud of both parishes. This is Church support in the best sense of the word & a sign of serious & committed communities of faith who see beyond our own parishes.

**“Goshfather”?! That heading recently in the Tribune got my attention, enough for me read the whole advice column: Q:**

*Recently, a close friend & his wife, who are Catholic, asked me to be the godfather to their child. I reminded them that I am an atheist. My children weren’t baptized & my understanding is that a godparent is a religious mentor. Although I am not catholic, religious or spiritual, I would be delighted to be a mentor, close confidant, friend, uncle, etc to the child. Nonetheless, I still wonder if it’s appropriate for me to be a godfather.*



**I would have my answer (& the Church’s).** I was curious what the advice columnist’s would be. She said, *“First there is this: Catholic Church canon [law] says a godparent will ‘...help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, & to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.’ If you are not comfortable with that, it would be most ethical to decline. If you are comfortable participating in the baptism service &, occasionally, other Church services, & if you feel able to fulfill this role for the child, then you should accept. The second hurdle is the Church itself. Christian churches differ regarding the godparent role & rite. But a Catholic priest might not be willing to administer this rite to a nonbeliever. Your friend should check with his priest. If you are NOT comfortable fulfilling religious-oriented role as a godfather, you should thank your friend for this honor. Ask him if you can be given an alternate status, whereby you will forge a special friendship with the child. Perhaps you could be the Goshfather—a special friend & honorary uncle.”*

**Her answer** brought a number of things to mind:

- “Goshfather”?? Now that’s one I’ve never heard. I guess I’m just keeping up! (I haven’t heard of Jingo either, or heard “Crush”.) Actually, I kind of like it, but I could never say it with a straight face.
- There’s certainly a lot in her response about being “comfortable”. I’d be more comfortable using the word “capable” instead, as in *“If you are not ‘capable’ of fulfilling the role....”* (Or is that too bold?? or is this too sarcastic?)
- *“A priest might not be willing to administer this rite to a nonbeliever”* “Might not”? No, “would not,” “could not”. (Also, “rite” is a generic word; “sacrament” is specific & what baptism is.)
- *“If you feel comfortable participating in the baptism”* That’d be like me taking the 1<sup>st</sup> step of the 12-step AA program—I’m not “uncomfortable” taking it; I just can’t. (It’d be like me saying I’m a Methodist—comfortably or uncomfortably. Nothing against Methodists; I’m just not one.)
- *“religious oriented role”?* I think you can take your Careful Gloves off & just boldly say “religious role”; that’s what it is so let’s go ahead & say it. (Is it just me or was that a very “cautious” response in the advice column?)

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

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue./W 8:30AM –Joanne Johnson †  
Wed/BE 7:30AM – In Honor of the Blessed Virgin  
with Rosary  
Thur./St. Luke's – 10:00AM – Norm Duggan †  
Fri./BE 8:30AM – McRae & Rita Willmert †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Clara Wolff †  
Sun./W 8:00AM –Paul & Agatha Franta †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM –Mark & Debbie Detke

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

Sat., May 27: Servers: Nick Frundt  
5:15 PM SSPP Joe Frundt

Ministers of Communion: Steve Geerdes/Don Bless  
Barb Prescher/Skip Schimek/Jason Spencer

Gift Bearers: Dennis & Mary Warner

Ushers: Dirk Esser Group

Sun., May 28: Servers: Spencer Salic

8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Mark Franta

Gerald Scovill & Jamie Ness

Gift Bearers: Rick & Amy Mauris

Ushers: Dick Kortuem & Dick Maday

Sun., May 28: Servers: Elizabeth Uecker

10:00AM SSPP Ashlyn Klinkner

Ministers of Communion: Shirl Maher/Joe Tempel

Margaret Haag/Shawn Hassing/Alren O'Brien

Gift Bearers: Scott & Amy Kramer Family

Ushers: Bob Dulas Group

**Knights Corner**

Officers Meeting June 7th @ 7pm room #1

Reg. KC Meeting Junes 12th @7pm Room #1

**Knights of Columbus** is still collecting food shelf items this month and there is a box in the back of the church at St Mary's and the shopping cart is in St Peter & Paul Church. Please help us collect food for the local food shelves and we will take them down at the end of May.

**Celebrating 95 Years of Catholic Daughters:**

2001 – The Court continues to save General Mills box tops for Education and Campbell labels for St. Joseph's School in chamberlain, SD.

**Catholic Daughters** invites everyone to join them in praying The Rosary before Mass at 9:35 each Sunday in May.

**CCW Quarterly Meeting:** June 6<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall at 7PM.

**Saint John Vianney Catholic School** is accepting applications for a full-time 4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary teacher for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Qualified candidates must hold a valid MN teaching license in K-6 Elementary Education. Send cover letter, resume, references, transcripts, and a copy of your MN teaching license to: Saint John Vianney Catholic School  
Sarah Striemer, Principal  
911 South Prairie Avenue  
Fairmont, MN 56031  
Deadline for application is May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Build a Better World** is the summer reading program at the Muir Library in Winnebago for kids in kindergarten to grade 12 and runs from June 5<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**The annual St. Mary's Cemetery** collection will be taken up on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Collection Envelopes will be available on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Each year, your continued support helps repair, maintain, and improve our cemetery. This year we will focus on repairing our statue at the cemetery on the south side, along with the help of our local Knights of Columbus group. As a church family, we are mindful of the fact that those laid to rest, may no longer have family to take care of repairs, so your contribution is appreciated when that need arises. Thank you. St. Mary's Cemetery Trustees

**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.

**St Mary's Rosary Society** will be meeting on Wed May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and all are welcome to attend.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: May 13 & 14**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,757.50  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$191,222.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$194,248.89

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: May 14**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,121.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$53,958.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$51,818.03

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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### **Calendar:**

- May 21 Baccalaureate during 10AM Mass  
Reception in the Social Hall following  
Mass!  
Everyone is invited!
- June 7 Mud Volleyball Tournament near Wells!
- July 8 Green Giant Days Parade!
- July 30-August 4 Totus Tuus for Grades 1-12 in  
Fairmont
- August 7-10 Camp Summit for Grades 5-7

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Shawna Barnett  
Judy Johnson  
Michelle Klinkner  
Pat Salic  
Sue Schoenfelder  
Jason Spencer  
Dan Warner

### **Mud Volleyball Tournament**

Who: Youth in Grades 8-12  
When: Wednesday, June 7th,  
Registration is at 11AM.  
Games start at Noon.  
Where: Farm near Wells  
What: Compete against other area  
church teams! This event is FREE  
and includes food and a t-shirt! We will  
meet in the Church parking lot at 10:30AM  
and drive together to the volleyball  
tournament. RSVP: To Angie by  
Monday, June 5th!

### **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 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 Camille Driscoll
Grade 4	Cindy Trasamar	Grade 10	Jennifer Engesser
Grade 5	Cathy Stevermer Rita Frundt		

### **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!

### **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](http://www.dow.org). Click on "Offices" then "Youth and Young Adults" then on "Totus Tuus".