



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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June - August Office hours: Mon., 8 a.m. – noon; Tues. out; Wed. out; Thurs., 8:00 – Variable.

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017 – 13th 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 (patssp@bevcomm.net) or by phone (526-5626 or 526-3511).

PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

We welcome this Sunday Fr. Jerry Rogers who's appealing on behalf of the St. Mary's Mission & School in Red Lake MN where he serves. A most worthy cause.

I'm away June 26 - July 7 so this is an opportunity to use this space (which I'm jealous about) to give you an example of something. In our diocese, priests & employees who work with kids (like Angie & me) are required to read an article each month in our "VIRTUS" program. The topics vary greatly but all are about safe environment. Many of them—like this one—would be good for anyone to read.

"What Age is Appropriate for Children to be Provided with a Cell Phone?" By Robert Hugh Farley, M.S.

Introduction: Recently, I was asked to speak at an Illinois Bar Association conference on the topic of "Understanding Child Sexual Abuse and the Technology Facilitated Complaint Victim". As a result, I was also asked to provide input for the participants (family law judges & attorneys) on the issue of "What age is appropriate for a parent to provide their child with a cell phone?"

Background: For years, law enforcement recommended putting the family computer in an open area and also putting a piece of tape over the web-cam lens when it was not in use as excellent techniques to protect children from online child predators. Today, with children and young people using mobile devices like smart phones and tablets almost exclusively, neither of these safety techniques effectively protects children. According to a study conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation, there has been a huge increase over the years in media use among young people. The study found that 85% of teens 14 - 17 have cell phones, 69% of 11 - 13 year olds have cell phones, and 31% of children 8 - 10 have cell phones.

Traditional Cell Phone vs. Smart Phone : Traditional cell phones only allow the user to make & receive calls, texts, & in some cases take photos. A smartphone, on the other hand, allows the user to access the Internet & download apps—both of which can be very dangerous for children & young people. Caring adults may want to consider purchasing basic cell phones for children as a technique to keep them safe. These types of phones are still available & don't include a camera, texting, or internet access. Another consideration is purchasing an unsophisticated "kids" type of cell phone that only has 4 to 5 call buttons that can be preprogrammed. Sometimes, caring adults consider passing down one of their own phones. If this is the case, it is important to always turn off all the extra device features that have been enabled. This would limit a child's access to apps & websites that could pose a danger.

Consider the Child: Some parents focus on the danger of the child losing the new phone rather than being focused on the child having increased access to the Internet and being approached by an online predator. Not every child

is the same - there is no magic numerical age for a parent to safely provide a child with a cell phone that does have Internet access. The following are some behavioral characteristics and issues a parent who is contemplating buying a cell phone for their child should consider:

- How responsible is the child? An independent & responsible child fulfills obligations at home & at school.
- Does the child recognize consequences?
- Is the child accountable for his/her own actions? Does he or she resist blaming others?
- What is the maturity level of the child? This includes what general, emotional, & social characteristics the child exhibits both to you & with their peers.
- Does the child require a cell phone for some type of medical or safety reason?
- Does the child realize that having a cell phone is a privilege and not an entitlement?

In most cases, a parent should have the final say on the boundaries about with the cell phone as he/she is not only supplying/paying for the cell phone service, but also ultimately responsible for protecting the child from harm.

Creating Boundaries: The following are some issues a parent who has actually purchased a cell phone for their child should consider:

- In many cases, a parent can contact the cell phone provider and block Internet access and calls from phone numbers that the parent has not approved. Many cell phone companies allow the parent to cap the number of texts a user can send or receive as well as the number of voice minutes that the cell phone can be used.
- The parent should designate certain times that the cell phone needs to be turned off -for instance, during family meals, after 10 p.m., and during school hours.
- Don't allow cell phones in your kid's rooms at night to prevent them from texting or making calls after bedtime.
- If you purchase a smartphone, insist that parental permission is required for the download of each app on a mobile device. This is easily facilitated by a parent retaining the password that is required to install a new app.
- Be vigilant—physically examine the new phone on a regular basis to make sure that it has not been modified. Check that the features you have disabled have not been re-enabled by your child or a schoolmate.
- If your child has a driver's license insist that he/she never use the cell phone for calls or texting when driving.

Conclusion: Technology continues to rapidly change. Even if we do not have children of our own, it's important for us to partner with parents & uphold boundaries with the young people in our life regarding cell phone usage & social media. Parents, teachers & all of us who are charged with protecting children must continue our efforts to stay abreast of the many new devices, software programs, & the latest apps that may be used by young people as well as child predators seeking to manipulate & sexually abuse children.

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. St. Luke's/10:00AM – **Communion Service**
Fri./BE 8:30AM – **NO MASS** †
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Dan & Ruth Driscoll †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Dolores Stevermer †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Gen Armon †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., July 8 Servers: Carissa Engesser
5:15 PM SSPP

Ministers of Communion: Steve Geerdes/Barb Prescher
Skip Schimek/Mary Uppena/Becky Spencer

Gift Bearers: Tom & Helen Syverson

Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., July 9: Servers: Emma Dahl

8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Len Sonnek

Rich Findley & Joyce Eastvold

Gift Bearers: Mike & Pat Salic

Ushers: Tony & Peggy Ziegler

Sun., July 9: Servers: Brandi Uecker

10:00AM SSPP

Ministers of Communion: Jenny Armon/Lee Mikolai

Mary Eckhardt/Vitres Samek/Roger Schoenfelder

Gift Bearers: Chris & Michelle Klinkner Family

Ushers: Chuck Murphy Group

Knight's Corner:

Friday July 7th is KC Cook-out/Meeting

The KC's will have a cook-out at Dan Moore's farm-845 310th Ave starting at 5:-5:30 social, meal to follow. If you wish to bring a desert or salad, please do so. Wives are invited. We want this to be a relaxing night to meet and to plan events for 2017-2018 year. ALL KC MEMBERS ARE INVITED! Sorry, no kids invited this time.

95 Years of Catholic Daughters:

2002: The picnic in July for St. Luke's Catholic residents was changed to a visit after Mass & a gift of money deposited in each account and a gift of food the Catholic home bound.

Peter's Pence Collection: Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish we collected \$ at SSPP and \$ at St. Mary's. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and

sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, envelopes for this collection in the envelope packets for both parishes or visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Garden Angels: Earlier this year I was diagnosed with cancer and because of complications I could not take care of my gardens. I was too proud to ask for help but I did pray to the Lord about it. My prayer was answered! One morning in June these ten angels showed up and did weeding, mulching and planting of vegetable seeds and flowers in my gardens. I just want to recognize these ten people from our Blue Earth parish who took a couple of hours out of their day to help me. Amy and Zach Kramer, Terri Colby, Shirl Maher, Betty Armon, Daryl Gossen, Pat Boettcher, Mary Warner, Ann Kehr and Ruth McNerney. The Lord was looking down that morning and saying, "well done, good and faithful servants." I can't say thank you enough. Lola Schultz

Please check the social hall closet for pans and bowls left from funerals or the picnic. There are quite a few of them there. They will go on the garage sale in September if no one claims them.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Thursday, July 13 marks the 100th Anniversary of the 3rd apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three shepherd children. The message is to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and do penance for peace in the world. This message is more urgent today than it was in 1917. On behalf of Msgr. Mahon, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist (Rochester) everyone is invited to join the Rosary procession beginning at **11:30 AM and concluding with Mass at 12:10 PM on Thursday, July 13** at St. John's. The Rosary procession will begin in the prayer garden, proceed around the block and conclude in the Church.

Copies of the June Quarterly CCF unapproved minutes are available on the web site under Council of Catholic Families page under News & Events and at the church entrance.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: June 24 & 25

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,157.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,628.36
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$216,164.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$216,394.76

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: June 25

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,173.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$778.98
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$60,996.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$57,240.14

Catholic Charities African Hunger Crisis

There is a drought in East Africa affecting Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda. In Somalia there are 6.2 million people in need which is 50% of the population. Overall, 23 million people presently across the horn of Africa are without enough to eat. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is already on the ground coordinating with the United Nations to airlift supplies. Go to the link provided to learn more and for ideas on how to help:

<http://www.crs.org/media-center/current-issues/africa-hunger-crisis>

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

Calendar:

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

Save your Stuffed Animals!

We will again be using stuffed animals (clean and in good condition) to hand out during the Green Giant Days Parade! If you have any beanie babies or nice stuffed animals of any size that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Parish office or call me and I can come and pick them up.

Fall Rummage Sale

Spring cleaning is upon on! Are you cleaning out your basement, garage and closets and finding things you don't need or use or want anymore? Don't throw them out! Save them for the SSPP Youth Rummage Sale fundraiser this Fall! We will accept donations of good quality fall and winter clothing, coats, toys, books, furniture, bedding, kitchen items, household items, home decor, knick knacks, holiday decorations, CD's, DVD's, and any other treasures you can find. If you have a question about whether or not we will take something you would like to donate, please don't hesitate to call me anytime.

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! 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 31st - Friday, August 4th**. We will provide transportation for all children and youth who would like to participate! The children's program (K-Gr. 6) is from 9:00AM-2:30PM (Monday, August 1st - Friday, August 4th). The youth program (Gr. 7-12) is from 7:30-9:30PM (Sunday, July 31st - Thursday, August 3rd). Get these dates and times on your calendar today!

