



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, Nov. 5th 2017 31st 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

Was this intentional? That we would sing “A Mighty Fortress is our God” last Sunday?? It was 2 days before October 31, the day in 1517 that Luther posted—on the social media of the day, a church door—95 ... points for discussion. I don't think of him as a hymnodist but he did write the text of “A Mighty Fortress.” That was very ecumenical of us to sing that (if not in honor of at least in recognition of). We're still all one family & like every family there are some stresses & strained relationships, sometimes even broken relationships—“broken communion” as we say in Church. We're not as broken as we once were (especially with Lutherans), but there still is not full communion which we're still praying for & cultivating.

That cultivating happens in many way & involves (or could, or should) all of us. One of the ways I do it as by participating in the Ministerial Association, the monthly gathering of pastors of the area. Being ecumenical doesn't mean weakening our Catholic identity & pride & conviction about fullness of faith. We can be evangelical about our Catholic faith & ecumenical in our relationships with non Catholics at the same time. Recognizing what we share with non-Catholics is not the same as saying we're really all the same. We're not. But saying we're right & they're wrong isn't helpful either—or accurate.

This isn't just my point of view or bent. From the highest level of teaching: “conciliar”. One of the 16 documents of the 2nd Vatican Council was the *Decree on Ecumenism*, calling for right attitudes about non-Catholics & engagement in the Christian unity movement. The following sentences, which I've quoted here before, are a good sample of that document & worthy of meditation:

“(T)he work of preparing & reconciling those individuals who wish for full Catholic communion is of its nature distinct from ecumenical action. But there is no opposition between the two, since both proceed from the wondrous providence of God.”

“...Catholics must joyfully acknowledge & esteem the truly Christian endowments from our common heritage which are to be found among our separated brethren. It is right & [beneficial] to recognize the riches of Christ & virtuous works in the lives of others who are bearing witness to Christ, sometimes even to shedding their blood. For God is always wonderful in his works & worthy of admiration.”

“Nor should we forget that whatever is wrought by the grace of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of our separated brethren can contribute to our own edification. Whatever is truly Christian never conflicts with the genuine interests of the faith; indeed, it can always result in a more ample realization of the very mystery of Christ & the Church.”

This all came to mind because of that song last Sunday. And the anniversary on Tuesday.

Fr. Jason Kern announced last Sunday at Masses in Wells, Easton & Minnesota Lake, that the bishop decided that he would be the administrator of these currently pastorless parishes until July 1, 2018, when a permanent assignment (call) will be made. The change from me to him includes 1. he will have Sunday Mass with them every Sunday & 2. he will reside in the parishes for 3 days/week or so (Thursday evening – Sunday evening, more or less). My point from the beginning was: How can a person pastor parishes (or even “administer” them) without Sundays in those parishes (without pulpit & altar)?? His Sunday Masses there & his part-time residence will greatly benefit the parishioners, even though it's not full time & it's not permanent. This still of course will take some flexibility & compromise on both their part & his; but the stability & predictability will be well worth the sacrifice.

Only this past summer Fr. Kern moved from the Mapleton cluster to the seminary staff in Winona. After much discussion, the Bishop (begrudgingly) allowed that the seminary program will suffer less in this interim than the parishes would with an absentee administrator for another 8 months. We welcome Fr. Kern & are grateful he's willing to complicate his weekly schedule (& drive the extra miles).

The Catholic Church & Scouting have had a long & mutually beneficial relationship. In that spirit & tradition, we are celebrating with Grant Madetzke who recently received the eagle scout award. In Grant's words, “*My eagle scout project was assisting the Lura Lake Association in building various bird houses. We made wood duck & bluebird houses to replace the worn out houses that were along trails at Rice Lake near Winnebago. The project took about 6 months to complete from being approved, building houses during the winter, & setting them out in the spring. I successfully completed my eagle board of review in June. This was the last step to earning eagle. I received a letter of approval July 20.*” (Only 4% of the young men that join Scouting achieve this milestone.)

Sound the call for retreat: This coming week, Sunday through Friday, I will be on a retreat. The strongest call that those in ministries in the Church need to hear is the occasional call *away* from ministry. In the face of busy schedules, rest & renewal leave room for the seeds of new life to take root. Just as Jesus sought a secluded place to pray, today's priests, religious & lay leaders also need time to reflect & recharge. Sometimes the need to escape to a quiet place comes when stresses outweigh our graces. That's not the case with me; but that doesn't make the retreat any less important & fruitful.

November 11: It's only a coincidence but a meaningful one that Veterans Day is the same day as the feast of St. Martin of Tours, a patron saint of peace & non-violence.

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

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. /W 8:30 AM - **NO MASS**
Wed/BE 7:30AM - **NO MASS**
Thur. St. Luke's/10:00AM -**NO MASS**
Fri./BE 8:30AM - **NO MASS**
Sat./BE 5:15PM - Kris Cassem †
Sun./W 8:00AM - Alex Klocek †
Sun./BE 10:00AM -Dan & Ruth Driscoll †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Nov. 11: Servers: Nick Frundt
5:15 PM SSPP Seth Stevermer
Ministers of Communion: Lorraine Hassing/Don Bless
Steve Geerdes/Chuck Frundt/Mary Warner
Gift Bearers: Derald & Kas Greenfield
Ushers: Dirk Esser Group

Sun., Nov. 12: Servers: Noah Dahl
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Len Sonnek
Rick Mauris & Mark Franta
Gift Bearers: Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders
Ushers: Rich Findley & Bob Grant

Sun., Nov. 12: Servers: Brandi Uecker
10:00AM SSPP Anthony Carr
Ministers of Communion: Arlen O'Brien/Joe Tempel
Rich Schneider/Pam Armon/Mary Eckhardt
Gift Bearers: Shawn & Sue Hassing
Ushers: Bob Dulas Group

Knight's Corner:

November 11th-Veterans Day
November 12th-Breakfast @ St Mary's Church after
8am Mass
November 14th- KC Meeting-Officers @ 6:30 &
meeting to follow.
November 18th-KC Steak Fry-Buc's Night Out
Fundraiser
December 1st-KC/DD Christmas Party

Circle 6 will be selling evergreen wreaths and
garlands for the holiday season. Please call Karen
Gossen at 525-3829 or Margaret Haag at 525-1645 to
place your order by Nov. 13th for pick up in time for
Thanksgiving. Pricing & size info posted at the
church entrance.

CCF Still looking for Backup Kitchen

Coordinator for the months of Dec.-March: Call
Colleen at 447-2554 or Suz at 943-3484 if interested
in this paid position.

Catholic Daughters: Tues- Nov.14th: 10:00 Mass,
meeting, lunch; Bring for the Food Shelf.

Shiloh Lutheran in Elmore will be holding its
annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 11-
1 PM.

Christ the King in Buffalo MN is offering
retreats from Nov. - Jan. A list and contact info is
available at the church entrance at SSPP & St.
Mary's

SS Peter & Paul and St. Mary's are in need of
volunteers for the ministry schedule each month.
Ministers of Communion (SSPP is really short for
Sun. Mass), ushers, gift bearers and lectors. Please
consider helping out in any of these areas. Contact
Fr. Klein, Chris Rockers or call the rector at 526-
5626 if you could help in any way. It will be
greatly appreciated and enhance our worship.

St. Mary's November breakfast served by the
Knights of Columbus will be Sunday November
12th after 8AM Mass. Serving Scrambled Eggs,
Ham, Rolls, Fruit, Coffee, Milk & Juice. Proceeds
will go towards the Statue fund at St Mary's
Cemetery.

November is FOOD SHELF MONTH at St.
Mary's for the Winnebago Area Food Shelf. A list
of items always in short supply are: Size 4 & 5
diapers, Kleenex, Toilet paper
Toothpaste, Bar soap, Laundry soap, Dish soap,
Shampoo & Conditioner, Deoderant. Other items
that always seem to go fast are: Peanut butter,
Jello, Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, Soda
crackers. Monetary gifts are always welcomed to
help maintain our inventory. Thank you for your
continued support of this much needed ministry.

Annual Swiss Steak dinner at Winnebago
Presbyterian Church on Sun., Nov. 12 from 11am-
1pm.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Oct 28 & 29

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,568.80
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$75,960.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$63,353.04

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Oct. 29

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,024.07
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$20,430.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$18,522.77

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

November Calendar

- 1 Classes for Grades K-10
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM
- 4-5 Faith Formation Bake Sale
- 5 Coffee & Donuts hosted by Grades 3 & 4
NCYC Parent Meeting -- 11:30AM, Social Hall
- 7 Catholic Night at PIZZA HUT! NCYC
Fundraiser!!
- 8 Classes for Grades K-10
1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg. - 5:30PM
NCYC Gathering - 7:30PM
- 15 Classes for Grades K-10
- 15-19 NCYC in Indianapolis!
- 22 No Classes - Thanksgiving Break!
Clean Church Pews - 10AM
- 28 FF/YM Board Meeting - 5:30PM
- 29 Classes for Grades K-10

Faith Formation BAKE SALE Fundraiser!

All faith formation families will be hosting a Bake Sale Fundraiser this weekend, **November 4th and 5th** in the Social Hall after masses. All proceeds will benefit the Angel Tree project. Come and support this worthwhile effort to make Christmas better for area children.

Coffee & Donuts on Nov. 5th!

Children in Grades 3 & 4 will be hosting Coffee & Donuts after Mass this Sunday, Nov. 5th! Please come and join us and help congratulate Grant Madetzke for earning his Eagle Scout Award!

CATHOLIC night at PIZZA HUT!

Youth attending NCYC invite all of you to Pizza Hut on **Tuesday, November 7th** from **5:00-8:00PM** for **CATHOLIC NIGHT!** All tips collected that evening will go towards our NCYC trip. Get a group of family, friends or neighbors together and join us for a fun evening!

First Reconciliation Parent / Child Meeting!

Who: Children in 2nd Grade and Parents
When: Wednesday, November 8th -- 5:30-6:30PM
Where: Church Social Hall
What: Children will receive their First Reconciliation book and parents will learn how they can help prepare their child for this wonderful Sacrament of forgiveness.
Treats will be served! Please call Angie if you have any questions!

NCYC Youth to deliver Northland phone book!

The little red phone book that everyone receives in Blue Earth will be delivered this year by our very own NCYC group! The company is going to pay us \$750 to deliver 2,000 phone books to all the residents and businesses in the city limits of Blue Earth. The group all wanted to order t-shirts so this money will help pay for those and items we ordered to take to NCYC to trade with people from other states!

Food Drive for Grades K-5!

All children in Grades K-5 are asked to bring non-perishable food items to class with them through November 8th. All items collected will be given to the Faribault County Food Shelf! Thank you for your support of this worthy organization that helps