



**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, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (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

**This Sunday** on our liturgical calendar is called “the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.” No “1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time?” No. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is usually the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (like the last Sunday is Christ the King). The day after is “Monday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time.” The word “ordinary”, by the way, when we use it to describe times on our liturgical calendar, doesn't have the ordinary meaning of ordinary as we ordinarily use the word ordinary. It refers to the season of the year apart from Advent/Christmas & Lent/Easter; it means ordered, or set in order, & not common or plain.

**January 15, 1929**, was the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King. In commemoration, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of January each year is designated Martin Luther King Day in the U.S. (This year the actual birthday & the civic “feast day” coincide.) As we Catholics know so well from our own rich tradition of feast days, the purpose of this federal holiday is to further the values he championed.

**Born in Atlanta**, King was the son & grandson of black Baptist preachers. He'd been serving as pastor of a church in Montgomery, Alabama, for just over a year when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a public bus in the city in protest against segregation. King was chosen to lead a boycott of the city's transit system. It was 1955. His home was dynamited & his family threatened but, a year later, Montgomery's bus service was desegregated. As president of the Southern Christian Leadership Council, he organized voter registration drives, sit-ins & marches throughout the South, protesting segregation. He was shot & killed on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, where he'd gone to support a sanitation workers' strike. He was 39 years old.

**That was 50 years ago.** Some of us remember that day—& certainly that year: 1968. That year President Johnson signed the landmark legislation called The Civil Rights Act of 1968 (follow-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964). It was that same spring (“the Prague Spring”) that the then-Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia. On June 5, Senator Robert Kennedy was shot while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination in Los Angeles & he died the following day. Besides all this, on October 11, the U.S. launched Apollo 7, the 1<sup>st</sup> manned Apollo space mission (& the 1<sup>st</sup> space flight to broadcast live on TV from orbit). On November 4, Richard Nixon (who had lost the 1960 presidential election to John Kennedy) was elected president, defeating Hubert Humphrey.

**In December of that year, 1968**, Thomas Merton died an accidental death during a visit to Bangkok, Thailand. I remember hearing the news. In those seminary days I'd already been introduced to Merton's writing. Born in France in 1915, Merton was a Trappist monk & writer. When he was 26, he entered the Trappist Abbey of Our

Lady of Gethsemani near Bardstown, Kentucky, where he lived the rest of his life. 1968 was only the 53<sup>rd</sup> year of his life, & also the 20<sup>th</sup> year of his early memoir, *The Seven Storey Mountain* (1948), which became an international best seller & for which he is best remembered.

**50 years ago. 1968.** Some years stand apart. I was a sophomore in college, a time when one is especially impressionable in any context but with such current events, a truly formative time for me personally. Besides the call that God had put into my heart, the events of that year only deepened & clarified my personal ideas about how I wanted to live my life.

**January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.** This is a great irony that seems to be lost on some in this country: that 7 days after celebrating the work of a great civil rights leader, we observe an anniversary of our nation's *withdrawal* of civil rights that protected the most vulnerable in our nation, the unborn. All of us living in this land enjoy a whole range of protections & securities. But our pre-born children are being denied the one that is most fundamental. We continue to support & pray for all causes & all laws that protect & enhance life, especially for the defenseless & for families.

**Related to this—& with the Minnesota Vikings** in the sporting news these days—I took special note of the guest speaker at a “Men Building Bridges” Father/Son Prayer Breakfast recently sponsored by St. Victoria Parish in Victoria (nw of Shakopee): Matt Birk. A Cretin Derham Hall (& Harvard) graduate, Birk played for the Viking 1998-2009 before leaving for the Baltimore Ravens. He was a 2-time All-Pro, 6 times Pro Bowl selection & a 2013 Super Bowl participant. More importantly, he was MN Vikings Community Man of the Year 7 times & the 2011 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year.

**Birk is a pro-life activist.** His wife volunteers at a crisis pregnancy center & he participated in the Maryland March for Life in 2011. He is also a practicing Catholic & father of 8 (now living in Mendota Heights). After the Ravens won Super Bowl 47, Birk chose not to attend the celebratory meeting with President Obama, saying “*I wasn't there. I would say this, I would say that I have great respect for the office of the presidency, but about five or six weeks ago, our president made a comment in a speech and he said, 'God bless Planned Parenthood.' Planned Parenthood performs about 330,000 abortions a year. I am Catholic, I am active in the pro-life movement and I just felt like I couldn't deal with that. I couldn't endorse that in any way.*”

**A DACA Postcard Drive** is being organized by the MN Catholic Conference. (Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals) Catholic Charities is helping parishes in our diocese with this. We will be provided with pre-printed postcards which parishioners can sign after Mass next weekend.

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

Mon. No Mass  
Tue. /W 8:30 AM - Peter Staloch †  
Wed/BE 7:30AM - Gen Armon †  
Thur. St. Luke's 10:00AM - Parents of Tom & Sue Juba †  
Fri./BE 8:30AM -Special Intention/Amy Stevermer  
Sat./BE 5:15PM - Millie & Lorraine Spencer †  
Sun./W 8:00AM - Alex Klocek †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM - Joe Anderson †

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

Sat., Jan. 20: Servers: Nick Frundt  
5:15 PM SSPP

Ministers of Communion: Lorraine Hassing/Ann Kehr  
Bill Hamlin/Andre Hamlin/Skip Schimek  
Gift Bearers: Bob & Becky Spencer  
Ushers: Loren Prescher Group

Sun., Jan. 21: Servers: Noah Dahl  
8:00 AM St. Mary's

Ministers of Communion: Len Sonnek  
Karen Hernandez & Judy Johnson  
Gift Bearers: K, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders  
Ushers: Dick Kortuem & Dick Maday

Sun., Jan. 21: Servers: Anna Nagel  
10:00AM SSPP Ashlyn Klinkner

Ministers of Communion: Joe Tempel/Shirl Maher  
Shawn Hassing/Roger Schoenfelder/Pam Armon  
Gift Bearers: Chris & Michelle Klinkner family  
Ushers: Shawn Hassing Group

**Knights' Corner:**

Jan. 20th-KC Steak Fry at American Legion 5 to 7:30pm.  
Jan. 28th-Pro-Life Breakfast @ St Peter & Paul Church  
Jan. 28th-3pm Bishop Quinn Annual Prayer Service for Life @ St Peter & Paul.

**The Knights of Columbus Steak Fry** will be on Saturday, January 20th 2018 at the Blue Earth American Legion. Serving from 5pm to 7:30pm. 10ozRibeye-\$14.00 or Smoked Windsor Chop-\$12.00, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Coffee. Kids menu: Grilled Cheese or Hamburger meal, Green Beans, Baked Potato - \$3.00. Take Outs will be available.

**Knights of Columbus Pro-Life breakfast** will be Sunday January 28th 2018 @ St Peter & Paul dining Hall, from 9AM to 12Noon. On the menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuit's &

Gravy, Fruit, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk. FREE WILL OFFERING. Proceeds support local Pro-Life program and Options Pregnancy Center.

**A pregnancy** and subsequent abortion may be far behind you but the memories can be painful leaving you feeling emotionally and spiritually distressed. Project Rachel can help you to heal. Call the Catholic Charities hotline at 800-222-5859 or our office at 507-377-3664 in Albert Lea or 507-387-5586 in Mankato for confidential information and help or visit us at [www.ccsomn.org](http://www.ccsomn.org)

**Blue Earth Lions 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Brunch:**

The Blue Earth Lions Club will hold their annual brunch on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Earth Area High Schools commons. Serving will be from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, French toast, sausage, juice, coffee and milk. Your free will donation will be used for local community projects and the Lions Sight, Hearing, and Diabetes projects. Donations of used eyeglasses and hearing aids will be appreciated and accepted.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:** Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Winnebago Community Center from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, dessert & beverage will be served. Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds will help support the 'Bago Fun Fest.

**The Annual Unity Lunch,** sponsored by the Winnebago Ministerial Association, will be held at St. Mary's on Jan. 24. Soup, sandwiches and bars will be served at 12:00 noon. All are invited to attend this lunch. Cost is a Free Will donation.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Dec. 30 & 31**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$15,249.85  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$118,160.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$137,889.28

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Dec. 31**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$1,078.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$31,780.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$32,705.40

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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### January Calendar

- 13 First Reconciliation -- 10AM, Church
- 14 Joyful Noise choir sings for 10AM Mass  
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Gr. 7 & 8
- 17 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space - 5-6:15PM
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Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers, 4:30-7:30PM
- 25 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 31 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space - 5-6:15PM

### February Calendar

- 3-4 Souper Bowl of Caring Collection
- 4 Joyful Noise Choir sings for 10AM Mass  
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Grades 9 & 10  
Butter Braid orders taken after Masses!
- 7 Classes for Grades K-10  
My Space -- 5-6:15PM  
1st Eucharist Parent Meeting -- 5:30PM
- 11 Junior High Youth Rally in Owatonna!
- 14 No Classes -- Ash Wednesday!  
Youth host Ash Wednesday Soup Supper!
- 19 Ski Trip #1 to Mount Kato!
- 20 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- 21 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent!
- 28 Classes for Grades K-10  
No My Space during Lent!

### First Reconciliation on January 13th!

Six of our parish children received their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 13th. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers as they journey towards receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, April 15th.

*Abigail Greff*

*Travis Moore*

*Aiden Mutschler*

*Daniel Nagel*

*Hayden Prestegard*

*Shea Spencer*

### Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers

All Confirmation Candidates and a parent or sponsor are asked to attend the Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers on Wednesday, January 24th instead of regular classes. The centers will be set up from 4:30 - 7:30PM and take at least an hour to complete. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Junior High Youth Rally!

**Who:** Youth in Grades 6, 7, & 8

**What:** Games & Icebreakers, keynote presentation by Fr. Tim Biren, Mass, Pizza Supper, Dance and Door Prizes!

**When:** Sunday, February 11th

**Where:** St. Mary's School & Sacred Heart Church - Owatonna

**Cost:** \$20.00 - plus money for a fast food lunch in Owatonna

**Time:** 9:30AM (Leave Blue Earth) - 7:30PM (Arrive back in Blue Earth)

Parents are needed to drive and chaperone the day. Please let me know if you are available! Youth will receive registration forms in their Faith Formation classes. The deadline to register is Wednesday, February 7th!

### Ski Trip #1 Rescheduled due to the cold!

**Who:** Youth in Grades 6-12

**When:** Monday, February 19th

**Rates:** Lift Ticket (\$22) and Rental (\$21)

**Details:** We will leave Blue Earth at 8:30AM and return at 7:00PM.

Registration forms will be handed out in Faith Formation classes and are due back on Wednesday, Feb. 14th.

Parents are needed to drive and to chaperone this ski trip and get to ski FREE! Please let me know if you are available to help!