



**Saint Mary Catholic Church**  
32 1<sup>st</sup> St. NE  
Winnebago, Minnesota



**Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church**  
214 S. Holland  
Blue Earth, Minnesota

**Pastor: Rev. Peter Klein**

**Administrative Assistant: Pat Boettcher; Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: Angie Nagel & Pat Salic**  
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**Summer Office hours:** Mon., 8 a.m. – noon; Tues., 8 a.m. – 10am Wed., 9 a.m. – variable, Thurs., 8:00 – Variable.

***Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 – 21<sup>st</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 ([patsspp@bevcomm.net](mailto:patsspp@bevcomm.net)) or by phone (526-5626).

## PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

**Bishop Quinn said to all of the priests** of our diocese this week: *Dear Brothers, During the past few weeks, there has been shocking news concerning the sexual abuse of minors, of efforts by bishops to conceal the truth and revelations concerning immoral behavior by a cardinal, that has rocked our Church and far beyond. All of us are profoundly shocked because of the evil done to the victims of clergy sexual abuse.*

*Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has issued a forceful and challenging letter to the People of God on August, 20, 2018, addressing the crimes and sins by clergy and the failure of Church leaders to protect children, minors and the vulnerable. This letter should serve as an examination of conscience for all of us and be a path forward.*

*Please provide a copy of the letter by Pope Francis to your parishioners by posting it on the parish web site, by printing it in the parish bulletin or by utilizing one of the many forms of social media. The letter is available on our diocesan web site or by clicking on the following link: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2018/documents/papa-francesco\\_20180820\\_lettera-popolo-didio.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180820_lettera-popolo-didio.html) [I've chosen only the latter. It's most helpful.]*

*Please know, I recognize dear brothers, that you are doing Christ's work every day and are asked to stand in the shadow of the Cross and bear the brunt of the shock and the pain of our people who are deeply scandalized and hurt. I remain with you as a brother in prayer and in fraternity as the Holy Spirit guides the Church.*

**Why go to school? Why study? What do you want to know? Why do you want to know that?** St. Bernard seemed to be addressing those very questions in a statement he made once about knowledge & a student's motivation in seeking it. (His feast day was just this past Monday, August 20.) These are timely thoughts with so many students heading back to school these late-summer days. The following reflection is from a sermon of St. Bernard on the Canticle of Canticles:

*There are some who desire knowledge merely for its own sake; & that is shameful curiosity. And there are others who desire to know, in order that they may themselves be known; & that is vanity, disgraceful too. Others, again, desire knowledge in order to acquire money or status by it; that too is a discreditable quest. But there are also some who desire knowledge, that they may build up the souls of others with it; & that is charity. Others, again, desire it that they may themselves be built up thereby; & that is prudence. Of all these types, only the last two put knowledge to the right use."*

**A person's motives** can make or break any endeavor. A bad motive—or simply a self-centered one—can spoil a good work. St. Bernard mentions 5 motives for scholar-

ship, only the last two being worthy: 1. mere curiosity, 2. vanity, 3. monetary, 4. charity, 5. prudence. (I might ask, isn't it prudent to want to make money to earn a living??) Food for thought—about our motives about many things. *Jesus' knowledge was the knowledge of God, gained in cultivating a relationship with God through prayer. He certainly used that knowledge "to build up the souls of others."* God bless all students returning to school these days, & God bless those charged with teaching them. May their motives too be only the purest: loving & prudent.

**The feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist** is this coming Wednesday, August 29. Some years back in a St. John's *Looseleaf Lectionary* commentary, I read the following, & kept it. This "builds up my soul," as St. Bernard says; maybe it will yours also. (1<sup>st</sup> you should read the text of this grisly story in Mark 6:17-29.)

*This is more than a gruesome, inspiring story of martyrdom. As Mark unfolds this story, it is evident in its details that he was preparing his readers for Jesus' death:*

- Herodias, like the chief priests, plots the execution in devious ways, afraid of what the people might do.
- Herod, like Pilate, does the condemning even though he doesn't really believe it's the right thing to do.
- Followers of John, like the disciples of Jesus, take & bury John's body.
- When Herod hears about Jesus, he is afraid that it is John raised up, when in fact Jesus has been raised up.

*Mark wanted his readers to be like John: preparing others for the challenge of Jesus in their lives. Mark's concern seems to have been that his Christian community live in such a way that when people observed them, they would think that Jesus had come back to life.*

**There is interest in the Catholic Church** out there on the part of some who are not Catholic, or who once were & would like to return or would like to be confirmed. RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—is the acronym we use for the process of catechesis, formation & reception of non-Catholics into the Catholic Church. It is very flexible & can be done to fit the needs of those interested. We'll start in the early fall. Call us if you'd like to be a part of this.

**From the Diocese to the husbands & wives** of our parishes: *Bishop Quinn, in recognition & gratitude of your years of marriage, requests the honor of your presence at the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass: Sunday, September 16, 2:00 pm, at Good Shepherd Church in Jackson, followed by a Light Reception with the Bishop; including the presentation of Anniversary Certificates. Family & friends are encouraged to attend! Please register at <https://www.dow.org/event-details/495>*



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

Mon. No Mass  
Tue. /W 8:30 AM – Paul & Agatha Franta †  
Wed/BE 7:30 AM – In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rosary to follow  
Thur. St. Luke’s 10:00AM – Gen Armon †  
Fri./BE 8:30AM – William McDermott †  
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Kris Cassem †  
Sun./W 8:00AM – Dolores Stevermer †  
Sun./BE 10:00AM – Dan & Ruth Driscoll †

**NEXT WEEK’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**Sat., Sept. 1: Servers:** Maddie Armon  
**SSPP**

**Ministers of Communion:** Steve Geerdes/Angie Frundt  
Chuck Frundt/Jason Spencer/Gary Armon

**Gift Bearers:** Ted & Gwen Armon family

**Ushers:** Bob Spencer Group

**Sun., Sept. 2: Servers:** Spencer Salic  
**St. Mary’s**

**Ministers of Communion:** Pat Salic

Gerald Scovill & Rich Findley

**Gift Bearers:** Dick & Joann Maday

**Ushers:** Mike Salic Sr. & Mike Salic Jr.

**Sun., Sept. 2: Servers:** Anna Nagel  
**SSPP** Timmy Nagel

**Ministers of Communion:** Shawn Hassing/Mary Eckhardt

Vitres Samek/Jenny Armon/Roger Schoenfelder

**Gift Bearers:** Frank & Margaret Haag

**Ushers:** Shawn Hassing Group

**KC Corner:**

Sept. 9th-Paul Christensen Benefit 11am-1:30pm @ St Peter & Paul

Sept. 11 – Officer meeting 6:30pm with regular meeting to follow

Sept 15th-River Palooza Cook-Out @ Riverside Country Club

Sept 22nd-KC Steak Fry @ American Legion Youth Trip to NCYC

Sept 30th-5th Sunday Family Rosary @ St Peter & Paul before 10am Mass.

**We need HELP!** The month of September is extremely busy for our KC council with many events we are sponsoring. We need more KC members to help at these events. We NEED you! Thank you, Grand Knight Dan Moore.

**Paul Christensen Benefit Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 11AM-**

**1:30PM:** Serving Hamburger/Pork burger meal with Free Will Donation. Raffle tickets for \$1,500.00 in prizes are on sale now from KC, CCW, Catholic Daughters & Catholic Youth team members. The drawing will be at 1 PM at the benefit.

**SSPP Catholic Council of Families Quarterly meeting**

will be Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 5:15 in classroom 5.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CENACLE** will be meeting on Tuesday September 4 at 10AM. We normally meet on the first Monday of the month but because of Labor Day being on Monday we decided to move it to Tuesday for the month of

September. Please come and join us for prayer and meditation in the chapel at SS Peter & Paul in Blue Earth. All are welcome! Lola Schultz 526-4492

**SS Peter & Paul and St. Mary’s:** Be a part of our new family directory program. Individuals and families that sign-up to have their pictures taken for the church directory will receive a free 8x10 and a free church directory. Pictures will be taken at SSPP on September 4-8. Either parish can sign up during this time. We need YOU to make it complete! SSPP can sign up on line by going to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yddp71pk/> where you will create a user ID and password. This will allow you to make any corrections or changes for your appointment.

**Catholic Charities Web Designer:** Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota has an immediate opening for a part-time (15 hrs/week) Web Designer. The Web Designer will have the responsibility for working on a variety of projects primarily involved in web site design and development. This includes overall navigation flow, layout of specific pages, and may include creation of individual graphic elements. This position will also be responsible for making updates to the agency Facebook page. We are looking for a person who is a self-starter, shows initiative, and works well on a team. The successful candidate must also be organized and able to multi-task, pay strong attention to detail, and meet deadlines. Must be proficient at Windows Office Products including Word, Excel and Outlook. Requires a minimum of an Associate’s degree or equivalent experience in graphic design, art, or related field. Experience with a web-based graphic design or web interface design is required, preferably WordPress. Please e-mail resume, cover letter, and a list of three work-related references to [info@ccsomm.org](mailto:info@ccsomm.org) by September 7, 2018.

**St. John Vianney (Fairmont)** will be hosting their annual Fall Festival on September 23rd. There will be a turkey dinner served at 11am, Heavenly Baskets Silent Auction, Cookies By-The-Pail, games for kids, Ultimate Frisbee for teens. For discounted pre-sale tickets call the parish office at 507-235-5535. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 4-10.

**St Mary’s Rosary Society** will meet on Wed August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All St Mary’s ladies welcome.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Aug 11 & 12:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,292.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$7,732.50  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$34,336.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$35,204.33

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Aug. 12:**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,057.00  
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$788.00  
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$8,456.00  
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$8,906.12

## FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 9 **Paul Christensen Benefit**  
(Youth help needed!)
- 12 **Rummage Sale Drop Off Day**  
(9am - 6pm)
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- 14 **Rummage Sale** -- Noon - 7pm
- 15 **Rummage Sale** -- 8am - 3pm & 6-7pm
- 16 **Rummage Sale** -- 11am - Noon  
**Coffee & Donuts** after Mass  
**Catechetical Sunday**
- 19 **Catechist Meetings** -- 10am & 5:30pm
- 30 **Joyful Noise Choir** sings for 10am Mass  
**Youth Trip to the Grotto of the Redemption!**

### Catechists needed for the 2018/2019 Faith Formation year!

Maybe you are being called to be a catechist for our parish Faith Formation program this coming year! Do you have an active faith life? Do you have a desire to share your faith? Do you believe that your time and energy would be well spent investing in the faith of our young people? Listen carefully, I think God is calling you!! **There are currently openings in Grades 7, 9 and 10 (6:30-7:30PM).** Lesson plans are provided for catechists of all grades as well as supplemental materials like videos, books, hands on activities, and information on Saints and liturgical seasons. Classes begin on October 3rd and end on April 24th. If you're being called or would like more information, please don't hesitate to call me!!

### The Rummage Sale is coming soon to a parish near you!

I'm hearing from many of you that piles are forming in your homes and garages for our annual youth rummage sale! That's good news! If you've started a pile yourself or are in the process of cleaning out spaces in your home or garage, keep in mind the items we will accept and those that we don't accept.

### Items We Accept:

Clothing (All sizes) -- Must be clean and in good condition.  
Coats, Hats, Mittens, Snow Boots, Snow Pants  
Toys, Puzzles, Books (Only Novels & Children's Books)  
Athletic Equipment  
Kitchen and Household Items  
Bedding, Towels, Pillows, Rugs  
Home Decor, Knick Knacks, Holiday Decorations  
Electronics, CD's, DVD's, Gaming Systems  
Furniture, Lamps,  
Plants, Garden Produce, Baked Goods

### Items We DO NOT Accept:

Stained / Torn / Out-dated Clothing, Shoes,  
Console or Tube TV's,  
Out-dated Electronics,  
Cassettes or VHS tapes, Mattresses,  
Cookbooks, Magazines,  
Old & worn out books,  
Car Seats, Baby Cribs,  
Mini Blinds, Curtain Rods,  
Exercise Equipment,  
Encyclopedia sets, Old Computers,  
Sewing Machines

\*\*\* If you have any questions about whether we will take an item you would like to donate, please just give me a call!

### Youth Trip to West Bend, Iowa!

Who: Youth in Grades 6-12

When: **Sunday, September 30th**

Where: **Grotto of the Redemption** -- It's a spectacular site! If you've never been to the Grotto, you really need to see it.

What: We will all attend 10AM Mass and will leave right after Mass. We will have lunch in Algona, IA and then head to the Grotto. We will be back in Blue Earth between 5:30-6PM.

Cost: \$10.00 donation to the Grotto and lunch expense

Needed: Parents are needed to drive and chaperone this trip. Please let me know if you are available to help.

Registration: Please