



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Sunday, Feb. 18th, 2018 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Lent is launched. This year, Ash Wednesday had to share with Valentine's Day. (The last time this coincidence occurred was in 1945.) Actually, the two get along pretty well together:

- Ash Wednesday & the season it begins are all about love ("true" love, as many Valentines say).
- People love one another because God loved us 1st ... a belief that Lent helps us rediscover.
- We could still give & receive flowers & a box of chocolates on Valentine's Day, since a spirit of joy & religious obligation can go together: We can be happy & enjoy the day & not be a sad-sack (remember the counsel of Jesus that we heard on Ash Wednesday about how to fast). "Roses are red & Catholics aren't blue."

The Ash Wednesday valentine given out last week may be helpful, even inspiring some meditation this season on the love of God & the heart of our faith. Preparing it led me to the feast of the Sacred Heart, with that venerable image so common in our tradition. It's in one of the windows of St. M (toward the front on the left); it's hidden away in an entryway window of SS P/P (between the rectory & the church); & it's in a window of the social hall of SS P/P (a migrant from the Guckeen church).

So the heart this year will bookend Lent: from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, when we hear about the lancing of Christ's side during the crucifixion. Bonaventure's reflection on the Sacred Heart, included in the prayer card, is used by the Church on the summertime-feast of the Sacred Heart but is also fitting for Holy Week, Good Friday, & Easter. We hope it's helpful this Lent.

The Rice Bowl project theme this year is "Encounter Lent, Companions on the Journey". This week, "Encounter Majd", the Rice Bowl as usual brings good food for thought: "*In Iraq, we encounter Majd & his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?*"

We're making the Way of the Cross—the Stations—twice each week: Wednesdays at 5:30 at SS. P&P & Thursdays at 5:30 at St. M.

"Turning Points" is the theme of this year's Lenten Wed. Noon Services in W'bago (locale/preacher topic):
2/21 at St. Marys, Rev. Presbtrn, on Jn the Bapt & Jesus
2/28 at 1st Baptist, Rev. Covenant, on Matthew
3/07 at Methodist, Rev. Catholic, on Nathaniel
3/14 at Covenant, Rev. Methodist, on Paul in prison/jailer
3/21 at Presbyterian, Rev. Baptist, on Nicodemus

The Rite of Election is this Sunday in Austin. It includes "The "Call to Continuing Conversion" in which the

bishop acknowledges baptized candidates who continue their preparation for full communion with the Catholic Church (like the 5 here in Blue Earth & Winnebago).

We're nearing the end of our winter, 8-week, Bible study, hosted by SS Peter & Paul. It's a program from Ascension Press on Wisdom, featuring Jeff Cavins, in which we explore the Bible's Wisdom books like Sirach & Proverbs. Each session has treated Wisdom from a different angle (including Wisdom in Relationships, Wisdom & Peace of Mind, Wisdom & Money). I've found it very helpful—not the least because of the reflections of attendees. During one of the sessions, the 7 capital sins were mentioned & we recalled & discussed them—and their opposite virtues. It became a fitting exercise anticipating the season Lent with its call for repentance. Here's what we recalled (with wording I found somewhere; see also the *Catholic Catechism* #1866):

Humility is the virtue that counters pride. As pride leads to other sin, true humility clears a path for holiness. Pride is a sin of undue & inappropriate appreciation of one's self worth. Conversely, the virtue of humility is about modest behavior, selflessness & the giving of respect.

Generosity, or liberality, is the virtue that is counter to greed – the sin of immoderate desire for earthly things. The virtue of liberality is focused not merely on the appropriate concern regarding one's earthly things, but furthermore on generosity & a willingness to give, freely & without request for commendation.

Chastity is the counter-virtue to the sin of lust. Chastity embraces moral wholesomeness & purity, & in both thought & action treats God's gift of sexuality with due reverence & respect.

Meekness, or patience, is the virtue that counters the sin of unjust anger, also called wrath or rage. Where the sin of wrath is about quick temper & unnecessary vengeance, the virtue of meekness focuses on patiently seeking appropriate resolution to conflicts & on the ability to forgive & show mercy.

Temperance or abstinence counters the sin of gluttony. To be gluttonous is to over-indulge. On the opposite hand, the virtue of temperance is centered on self-control & moderation.

Kindness, or brotherly love or love for one's neighbor, is the virtue which counters the sin of envy. Envy, contradicting God's law of love, is manifest in a person's sorrow & distress over the good fortune of another. Conversely, kindness is unprejudiced, compassionate & charitable concern for others.

Diligence, or persistence, is the virtue which acts as a counter to the sin of sloth. Sloth, as a capital sin, refers to laziness in matters of faith. Diligence in the spiritual life combats laziness & is manifest in appropriately zealous attitudes toward living & sharing the faith.

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

Mon. No Mass
Tue. /W 8:30 AM – Helen Dressen †
Wed/BE 7:30AM – Bill Stevermer †
Thur. St. Luke's 10:00AM – Gwen Johannes
Fri./BE 8:30AM – William McDermott †
Sat./BE 5:15PM – Ethan Rorman †
Sun./W 8:00AM – Lucille & Kenneth Findley †
Sun./BE 10:00AM – In Honor of the Blessed Virgin
Rosary before Mass

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Feb. 24: Servers: Seth Stevermer
5:15 PM SSPP Erin Hannaman
Ministers of Communion: Don Bless/Bev Dummer
Mary Uppena/Jason Spencer/Gary Armon
Gift Bearers: Dennis & Mary Warner
Ushers: Dirk Esser Group

Sun., Feb. 25: Servers: Spencer Salic
8:00 AM St. Mary's
Ministers of Communion: Jerome Behnke
Sue Behnke & Joyce Eastvold
Gift Bearers: Mark & Chris Rockers
Ushers: Mike Salic Jr. & Mike Salic Sr.

Sun., Feb. 25: Servers: Zach Kramer
10:00AM SSPP Jocelyn Johnson
Ministers of Communion: Arlen O'Brien/Shirl Maher
Pam Armon/Vitres Samek/Shawn Hassing
Gift Bearers: Frank & Margaret Haag
Ushers: Bob Dulas Group

Knight's Corner:

Feb 17th-KC Steak Fry @ American Legion 5-7:30pm
March 4th-KC/Boy Scout Breakfast St Peter & Paul Social Hall 8:30-12:30pm
March 13th-KC Officers Meeting @ 6:30pm with Regular meeting to follow.

Feb. 21: Stations of the Cross at 5:30. Soup Supper to follow: Circle 2 will serve Chicken & wild rice soup & chili with ham salad sandwich.

Have you always wanted a family? Have you been thinking about adoption but not sure where to start? Call Catholic Charities to schedule an adoption information meeting to learn about different types of adoption, the process, and how to begin. Visit us at www.ccsomn.org or call Catholic Charities at 507-377-3664 in Albert Lea and 507-387-5586 in Mankato for more information.

Council of Catholic Families Updates:

March 6 – Blue Earth CCF Meeting at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall

Diocesan Social Concerns Retreat Day A retreat on Immigration and refugees will be held on Saturday, March 10 starting at 10 A.M. This event will be held at St. Theodore in Albert Lea, 315 E Clark St. and is sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota. This retreat is an opportunity to consider the issues of immigration, solidarity and our Christian responsibility. The day will include information, reflection, and shared stories, as well as time for prayer. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Deadline for sign-up is March 1. To register you may contact Tom Parlin at tparlin@ccsomn.org or 507-454-2270 ext 246

Benefit dinner, silent auction & bake sale for Deb Salic on Sunday, March 18th from noon to 4pm at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church Social Hall. Meal: Hamburger barbeque, potato salad & coleslaw for a free will donation. Bake sale items & silent auction items can be dropped off at the church by 11 am on March 18th. The proceeds will assist with medical and travel expenses.

Visiting Women's Religious Communities in the Twin Cities Area on Saturday, March 3, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Women will have a chance to visit four different religious communities in the Twin Cities area to meet, learn, share meals and pray with Catholic sisters. We will visit local communities of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Visitation Monastery, Sisters of St. Joseph and Benedictine Sisters at St. Paul's Monastery. For more information or to download a flyer, please visit: <http://ssnd.org/events/visiting-womens-religious-communities>. **RSVP:** To register, please contact Sister Stephanie Spandl at sspandl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498 by March 1. The event is free

St Mary's Rosary Society will be meeting Wed Feb 28th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: Feb. 10 & 11

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,220.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$2,943.20
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$139,260.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$153,410.74

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: Feb. 11

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,135.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$801.00
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$37,455.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$38,128.50

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

February Calendar

- 20 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
21 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space during Lent!
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March Calendar

- 7 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space during Lent!
Circle of Grace curriculum taught to all grades.
14 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space during Lent!
Sr. Jessica here to visit all classes!
18 Joyful Noise sings for 10AM Mass
9th and 10th Grade Retreat
20 FF/YM Board Meeting, 5:30PM
21 Classes for Grades K-10
No My Space during Lent!
28 No Classes during Holy Week

Grades 6-10 Lenten Schedule:

- 5:15PM Youth attend Stations of the Cross if available
6:00 Soup Supper
6:30 Classes begin.

THERE IS NO MY SPACE DURING LENT!

Butter Braid Fundraiser

There is still time to order Butter Braids! They come in 7 delicious flavors: Cinnamon, Apple, Raspberry, Cherry, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Strawberry Cream Cheese, and Caramel Rolls. The cost is \$12 per Butter Braid and our youth profit \$5.00 for each Butter Braid sold so every order counts! They will be delivered on Wednesday, March 7th! The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to youth attending camps this summer! Call Angie to place an order!

Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers

Evaluation

Our Confirmation Candidates and either a parent or their sponsor participated in Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers several weeks back.

An evaluation form is filled out by each candidate. Here are some of their responses when asked to finish the following sentence.

I realized.....

- I am not alone.
- that there is a lot more I can learn.
- being confirmed is a really big deal!
- the Holy Spirit has many gifts.
- I need to better my relationship with God.
- it is a huge commitment.
- what a big part the Holy Spirit plays in life.
- I have to get my paperwork done.

9th & 10th Grade Retreat

Who: All 9th and 10th Graders from our parishes!

When: Sunday, March 18th

Where: We will all attend 10AM Mass together at SSPP and then travel to St. Mary's for the retreat.

Time: The retreat will begin at 11:30AM and end at 5:30PM.

Details: Lunch and snacks will be provided. Dan Bauer and his team from Owatonna will lead this day of retreat. All 9th and 10th graders are asked to attend.