



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Blue Earth, Minnesota

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Sunday, Dec. 9th, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

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).

PASTOR'S PARISHABLES

At the beginning of Advent this year we recalled the teaching of St. Bernard (1090-1153) on The Three Comings. If you want his very words to ponder, here they are: *"We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men... In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, & they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, & they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh & in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit & in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory & majesty. Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest & consolation."*

With the 1st Sunday of Advent & the beginning of a new liturgical year, Luke takes over for Mark as our Sunday evangelist. We have a 3-year Sunday Mass lectionary cycle. Spreading out Scripture readings over 3 years, allowing for "a more varied & richer reading of Sacred Scripture," means that the same texts are not read every year. Each year of the Order of Readings for Sundays is designated "Year A," "Year B," or "Year C." (These years don't correspond exactly to the calendar year because the liturgical year begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent, which comes in the preceding year of the civil calendar.) The 3rd year of the cycle is the year for reading mainly the Gospel of Luke & is so named; the 1st & 2nd years feature Matthew & Mark. (Matthew, Mark, & Luke—not John—are called "synoptics," from the Greek "to see together," because the outline of their gospels is very similar & they agree substantially in their content.)

At a daily Mass a couple of weeks ago we heard an indirect reference to the 4 evangelists. John's visions included "4 living creatures" (Rev. 4:1-11) surrounding the throne of the glorified Christ: The 1st looked like a lion; the 2nd like a ox; the 3rd had a man's face; & the 4th looked like an eagle in flight. "*Day & night they never stopped singing: Holy, holy, holy.*" These dramatic figures have reappeared in Christian art through the centuries. They actually originate in a prophecy of Ezekiel (1:5-21; 10:20). A common understanding is that they represent "universal creation"—respectively, noblest, strongest, wisest, & swiftest in creation.

Ancient artists, however, interpreted the creatures differently: Since the 2nd century, they've been seen as symbols of the evangelists:

● Matthew is called the divine man, since he teaches about the human nature of Christ & his version of the Gospel begins with Jesus' paternal genealogy.

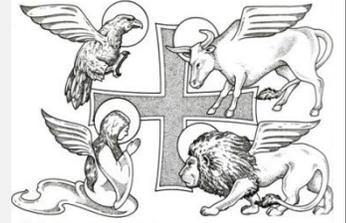
● Mark is traditionally called the winged lion, since he informs us of the royal dignity of Christ & his version of the Gospel begins, "*The voice of one crying in the wilderness,*" suggesting the roar of the lion.

● Luke is represented by the winged ox, since he deals with the sacrificial aspects of Christ's life & his version of the Gospel begins with a temple scene.

● John is called the rising eagle, since his gaze pierces so far into the mysteries of heaven & his version of the Gospel begins with a lofty prologue that is a poem of the Word become flesh.

Others saw the 4 figures as symbols of the 4 great mysteries of Jesus' life: the man representing his incarnation, the ox representing his redemption, the lion representing his resurrection, & the eagle

representing his ascension. (The symbolism of the lion & the eagle needs explanation: Folklore held that the lion slept with its eyes open—symbolizing Jesus' resurrection, when his divinity stayed awake while his humanity slept in death. So, too, folklore held that the eagle could fly beyond the highest cloud—symbolizing Jesus' ascension into heaven.)



At George Bush's funeral on Wednesday, "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (the so-called Navy Hymn) was among the songs used. Also included were the traditional "For All the Saints," "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven," & "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"—all 4 from the Anglican (Episcopal, Episcopalian) tradition, not surprisingly. Three weeks ago we gave some attention to "Eternal Father" because we had used it on November 11th (because Veterans Day fell on that Sunday). I thought you might be interested in the following, but I'd run out of space, so I include it now.

The song was mentioned in a program I watched a while back that included the build up to our country's involvement in World War II. In August of 1941, Churchill & Roosevelt met secretly aboard ship in Newfoundland, their 1st of 11 wartime meetings. The days of their Atlantic conference included a Sunday. Churchill had arranged for a prayer service; he intentionally planned it in the high Anglican tradition with which Roosevelt was familiar. And it mentioned songs: "Onward Christian Soldiers" (not surprisingly), "O God our Help in Ages Past," & "Eternal Father Strong to Save."

"Eternal Father" was the favorite hymn of President Franklin Roosevelt & was sung at his funeral in Hyde Park, New York, in April 1945. It was also played by the Navy Band in 1963 as President Kennedy's body was carried up the steps of the U.S. Capitol to lie in state. (Roosevelt had served as Secretary of the Navy & Kennedy was a PT boat commander in World War II.)

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

Mon. No Mass
 Tue. /W 8:30 AM – Living & deceased members
 of the Rosary Society
 /BE 10:00 AM – CDA
 Wed./BE 7:30 AM – Fritz Wolff †
 Thur. BE – St. Luke's 10:00AM – Marian Warmka †
 Fri./BE 8:30AM – Peter Fletcher †
 Sat./BE 5:15PM – Bill Stevermer †
 Sun./W 8:00AM – Kenneth & Lucille Findley †
 Sun./BE 10:00AM – Francis Sohler †

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sat., Dec. 15: Servers: Nick Frundt
SSPP Joe Frundt
Ministers of Communion: Don Bleess/Bev Dummer
 Steve Geerdes/Angie Frundt/Mary Warner
Gift Bearers: Dennis & Mary Warner
Ushers: Bob Spencer Group

Sun., Dec. 16: Servers: Noah Dahl
 St. Mary's Brody Haugh
Ministers of Communion: Chuck Murry
 Kathy Sommers/Peter Sommers
Gift Bearers: Sue & Jerome Behnke
Ushers: Dick Kortuem & Dick Maday

Sun., Dec. 16: Servers: Anna Nagel
SSPP Timmy Nagel
Ministers of Communion: Mary Eckhardt/Margaret Haag
 Shirl Maher/Joe Tempel/Roger Schoenfelder
Gift Bearers: Scott & Amy Kramer Family
Ushers: Shawn Hassing Group

KC Corner:

Dec. 11th-KC Officers meeting 6:30pm with Regular meeting to follow
 Dec 30th-KC Family Rosary @ St Mary's before 8am Mass

CDA Mass at 10:00 AM Tuesday Dec. 10 with meeting following. Dutch treat Luncheon at Double Play. Please bring items for Options Pregnancy center.

The Guitar Group will provide Christmas music at SSPP from 9:30-10PM on Christmas Eve.

WANTED: HELP bringing up from the basement and bring down from the choir loft Christmas decorations after mass on Sunday, December 23. We also need help that same day at 1:30 p.m.(after our youth are done practicing for the Christmas Program) to actually decorate the church. Thanks in advance for helping at this very busy time of year. We appreciate it so much.

Advent Options Pregnancy Baby Shower for Jesus: SS Peter & Paul will be collecting items for the Fairmont Options Pregnancy Center during Advent. Some of the items needed at this time are: **Sleepers** – size 0-3 months and 3-6 months for boys and girls, **hooded bath towels, receiving blankets** for boys and girls, **Advent bottles, sleep sacks, and small packs of unscented wipes.** Please put your items in the cradle at the church entrance.

Adult Education: Our life can end without any notice and nothing is more certain than death. Aare you prepared. I don't mean having the funeral arrangement made and a plot in the cemetery of your choice. Are you ready to meet our Lord? Did you know the Catholic Church teaches there are two judgments, the particular judgment and the final judgment? We will be doing a 5 week study on the book and DVD titled "The Four Last Things: Death Judgment, Heaven or Hell" written by Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM. Every week we will watch a portion of the DVD (about 30 min.) and there will be time afterwards for discussion and questions. The book is not essential when attending this class, but it does give you all the information on the subject that will be covered weekly in the DVD. We will meet on Thursdays – Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 14, 21 & 28 from 1-2pm. If you are interested in attending, please call Lola Schultz at 526-4492. If you want a book ordered, please call Pat at the rectory – 526-5626.

Christmas Open House at the Blue Earth Senior Center on Thursday, December 13th starting at 12:30. There will be live music and a lunch will be served from 3:15 to 3:30.

Faribault Co. Special Olympics Fundraiser Dec. 9th from 2:00-4:00 PM at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Come to meet and greet the athletes. Bake sale and Scentsy Products Fundraiser. Our athletes have been practicing for our state bowling tournament, let's show them some support. Thank you

Pictorial Directories for SSPP and St. Mary's are available for those people that had their pictures taken for the directory. At SS Peter & Paul the books are in alphabetical order in the social hall. At St. Mary's they are on a table at the church entrance. Each book has a name and address on it. We do have extra books available for a cost of \$5 to cover the costs involved with the directory. Call the rectory to purchase one 526-5626.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone that has helped with St. Mary's Cemetery fundraising efforts-since June we have raised 1813.90, which includes the Knights of Columbus breakfast, contributions, and the Equal Exchange Fundraising in November. Adding this to previous contributions that were given for cemetery projects we have a total of \$2313.90. We will continue working on this project over the course of the next several months. Watch the bulletin for more information on an evening event scheduled for Friday, February 9th.

St. Mary's Choir is beginning rehearsals for Christmas Eve Mass - new members are welcome! You do not need to make a long-term commitment to choir but can just sing for Christmas if you wish. For more information, contact Judy Ness 507-525-2009. Rehearsals are scheduled for:
 December 11th 7 pm
 December 16th after Mass
 December 20th 7 pm

Dear friends of Options Pregnancy, Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Center! Because you have given, women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy will receive the help they need.

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: 12/1 & 2/18/2018:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,292.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$3,365.40
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$98,716.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$83,599.09

On behalf of the staff, our clients, and their little ones, thank you to all who gave from St. Mary's Parish.

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: 12/2/2018:

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,057.00
Adult/Plate giving last week: \$No Mass
Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$24,311.00
Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$26,156.97

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 9 **Joyful Noise Choir** sings!
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Gr. 5 & 6
- 12 **Classes for Grades K-10**
My Space -- 5-6:15PM
- 19 **Classes for Grades K-5**
Grades 6-10 -- 5:30-7:30PM
No My Space!
- 23 **Christmas Program Practice,**
Lunch and a Movie! -- 11AM-2PM
- 24 **Christmas Program** -- 4:00PM
Joyful Noise Choir sings!

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 2 **Classes for Grades K-10**
My Space -- 5-6:15PM
- 5-6 **Retreat Team at Camp Omega!**
- 9 **Classes for Grades K-10**
1st Reconciliation Faith Sharing Centers
My Space -- 5-6:15PM
- 12 **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** -- 10AM
- 13 **Coffee & Donuts** hosted by Grade 7
- 16 **Classes for Grades K-10**
My Space -- 5-6:15PM
- 23 **Classes for Grades K-9**
My Space -- 5-6:15PM
Gr. 10 -- Conf. Faith Sharing Centers
- 30 **Classes for Grades K-10**
My Space -- 5-6:15PM

Retreat Team looking for members!

All Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors AND Graduates are invited to be a part of our parish Retreat Team. We will travel to Camp Omega in Waterville on January 5-6 to lead a retreat for youth in Grades 9 and 10 from Owatonna. If you would like to be a part of the team, please call or text Angie! New members are always welcome!!

Joyful Noise Choir Schedule!

Joyful Noise Choir will be providing music for the following Masses. All are invited to join us!
- Sunday, December 9th, 10AM Mass -- Practice at 9:00AM.

- Monday, December 24th, 4:00PM Mass -- Practice at 3:00PM.

Coffee and Donuts!

Grades 5 & 6 will be hosting Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, December 9th after 10AM Mass. Please come and join us!

Gr. 6-10 Schedule for Dec. 19th!

Date: Wednesday, December 19th
Time: 5:30 - 6:15PM -- Appetizers and a meal in the Social Hall
6:15 - 7:30 -- Presentation on the Dragonfly Project and complete a service project

The Dragonfly Project sends condolence cards, a key chain and a message of hope to those who are grieving. We will hear from Jules, a mother who experienced the ultimate loss, the death of a child. She is very involved in the Dragonfly Project and will be giving our young people an opportunity to help this worthy organization by writing out cards and assembling key chains. Parents are invited to be a part of the evening!

Appetizers, snacks, and desserts are needed! Please let me know if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Practice, Dinner and A Movie!

Get this on your December calendar!!

Who: All children & youth involved in the Christmas Program

When: Sunday, December 23rd

Time: 11AM (right after Mass) - 1:30PM

Schedule:

11AM -- Practice for the Christmas Program

Noon -- Lunch in the Social Hall

12:30 - 2PM -- Movie on the Big TV!

Parents -- Enjoy a few hours without the kids to get that last minute Christmas planning done!

Youth -- We could really use your help with this event! If you are interested in helping, please let me know!