



**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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**Summer Office hours: Mon., 8 a.m. – noon., Tues., 8 a.m. – noon., Wed., 9 a.m. – noon., Thurs., 8:00 – noon.**

***Sunday, March 29<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent***

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Suspended until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Suspended until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Please check page 3 of bulletin for any changes to the schedule**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
By Appointment

**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).

## **March 29<sup>th</sup> Bulletin for SS Peter & Paul & St. Mary's**

May the peace of Christ be with you,  
Let us continue to keep one another in prayer during this time of pandemic and the Covid-19 virus. We can see it as a time of retreat that the Lord has gifted us with during this season of Lent as we stay in our home. It can be difficult to maintain a schedule of daily prayer and work when everything is shut down or canceled; I know that it has been a challenge for me. Let us also pray for one another. We have put together a group of volunteers to contact everyone in the parish by phone to check in and see how you are doing, find out if you need anything, and offer support, especially by praying together. Also you can check with your neighbors and coworkers to see if they need help or support.

We will be offering confession times at St. John Vianney church and Sts. Peter and Paul in Blue Earth. Please use the handicapped entrance to the church so you can push the button with your elbow or glove, and then all the doors will be propped open to get to the chapel for confession. You can stand behind the screen so as not to touch anything, and if you pick up an examination of conscience, take it home with you, rather than leaving it for someone else. Wait in the main body of the church until the person before you comes out. Wash your hands before and after. The confessions times this week are as follows: Tuesday 7:30-9:00pm at SJV. Wednesday 2:30-4:00pm at SS. Peter and Paul. Thursday, 12:00noon to 1:00pm at SJV. Friday 7-8pm at SJV, Friday 7-8pm at SS. Peter and Paul, and Saturday 3:30-5:00 at SJV.

Please remember to send in your weekly contributions to continue to support our parishes and ministries. Also please continue to bring in your receipts from Hy-Vee and Fareway Foods, because we can get \$1000 from them for every \$150,000 spent at the store. You can put them in the bin in church (SJV or HF) or the lower mailbox outside the parish office door at SJV.

Here is the prayer of Pope Francis to the Blessed Virgin Mary during this time of pandemic:

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.*

*Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

Next Sunday's gospel is the Passion from the gospel of Matthew as well as the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem from the gospel of Matthew. It always strikes me how we begin the Palm Sunday Mass with triumph and exaltation, acclaiming Jesus as a triumphant king entering the city, and during the readings it turns in mood to the same crowd calling for his death, and using the title of King of the Jews in a mocking way on the inscription of the cross. St. Paul writes that not only did Jesus take our sins upon himself and suffered for us, he actually "became sin" so that we might become the righteousness of God. Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you did to me." That means that the sins of gossip, hurting others' reputation, etc. are all done to Jesus. It must be this way in order for them to be forgiven. In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus saw all the sins of the world, including yours and mine and took them on himself willingly so that we could be forgiven. It caused him great anguish, so much so that he sweat drops of blood. Let us give thanks to the Lord for this grace that changed all of history and which we receive the outpouring of his love and mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday.

God Bless you,  
Fr. Andrew Beerman

There will be no public Mass in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester at this time. Even though we may not be able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we can make an act of spiritual Communion.

**My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You  
into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never  
permit me to be separated  
from You. Amen.**

**SS Peter & Paul and St. Mary's:** As you know, we continue to have expenses at SS. Peter & Paul and St. Mary parishes. We would greatly appreciate it if you sent in your contributions these weeks, even if not attending Mass. You may also consider making electronic payments. Call the office or your bank for details. Thank you very, very much. Fr. Beerman

**Mass Schedule – BE=SS Peter & Paul, W=St. Mary's**  
**NO MASSES AT THIS TIME UNTIL MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**We encourage you to read the daily Mass readings and add this to your prayer life during this time without Mass.**

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**CDA** All monthly meetings are cancelled until further notice.

**Prayers needed:** The church in Blue Earth will be open throughout this time. The front doors will be open at 8am and locked by 5pm. At St. Mary's, the doors will be open from noon until 3pm. There are Stations of the Cross booklets on a table at the entrance if you wish to use them. Come and pray, but be safe.

**The bulletin for SSPP & St. Mary's** will continue to be updated. There will be copies at the church entrance in Blue Earth and St. Mary's and, as always, on line at [www.sspeterpaulmary.org](http://www.sspeterpaulmary.org) under news & events. At the bottom of the home page is a link to Bishop Robert Barron's daily Mass. **For the time being, the printed bulletin will be in a smaller format.**

**Here are a few more resources:**

Bishop Barron's Daily Mass -

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

From Bishop Barron's private chapel

Best Lent Ever – It's not too late to sign up!

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>

Morning Offering – Includes Saint of the Day, Daily readings, Liturgy of the Hours

<https://www.morningoffering.com/>

From Catholic Company – daily emails

Magnificat -free online- <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Word Among Us – free online - <https://wau.org/>

SJV website <http://sjvhf.org/> – Masses , bulletins, etc.

SJV Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFd580MWt1MVvgNl8NnWguA>

SJV – Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-Vianney-Catholic-Church-151694318210693/>

**Attention Gr. K-10 Faith Formation Families:**

Even though Faith Formation classes are no longer in session, that doesn't mean learning about and practicing your faith has to stop. **Gr. K-10 textbooks are available in the entrance of the church.** We are asking all children in Gr. K-6 to pick up their textbooks and to complete the Unit Tests (there are 4 of them). We are asking all youth in Gr. 7-10 to pick up their textbooks and to complete the assignment sheet enclosed in their book. Once your child has finished the test / assignment, please return it to the entrance of the church in the box labeled ***Gr. K-10 Tests / Assignments.***

**St. Mary's wants to thank** all of you that were part of the St. Patrick's Day Plate Supper takeouts! We had some wonderful comments about the food! The total amount of money donated was 835.00! God Bless all of you for your continued support for our Cemetery Statue Fund.

### ***SACRIFICIAL GIVING***

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul: week of 3/22/2020**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$4,266.00

Adult/Plate given: \$3,035.00

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$162,108.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$160,362.96

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary: week of 3/22//2020**

Adult/Plate giving needed weekly: \$1,145.00

Adult/Plate given:

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$43,510.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$46,576.

