



**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, April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday***

**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).

## **April 5<sup>th</sup> Bulletin for SS Peter & Paul & St. Mary's**

May the peace of Christ be with you,  
I hope everyone is doing okay with the shelter at home statement issued by the governor. Please do not hesitate to call the parish office if you need anything or if you desire to have someone to talk to. We have volunteers that are willing to call parishioners. Please make sure you are checking in on your neighbors and friends to offer support and prayers. Fr. Mulligan and I have been remembering you all in prayer especially at our daily celebration of the Mass which is always offered for the living and deceased. Our diocesan director of liturgy sent out an email to remind us that the Mass has great power to bring blessings on the world, and it does not depend on people being present for the effectiveness of the Mass. It is joining in with the prayers of Jesus and the offering of himself to the Father on the cross at Calvary. We are about to enter into the holiest time of the Church year, Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, Holy Week. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Quinn privately but in union with all the priests and faithful of the diocese. At this Mass he will be blessing the oils that will be used in all the parishes of our diocese. Also the priests will renew their priestly promises that they made at ordination. You can check the diocesan website [dowr.org](http://dowr.org) to see if the Chrism Mass or any Holy Week Mass can be viewed online.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as "Spy Wednesday" because the gospel reading for the Mass of that day describes Judas leaving the Last Supper in order to arrange the betrayal of Jesus. Even though Jesus knew that Judas would betray him, he still chose him as one of the twelve apostles, extending to him the offer of salvation. In order for him to be able to dip his morsel of food in the same dish as Jesus he had to be reclining next to him at the Last Supper. Judas fell into despair, or a lack of hope, thinking that his sin was too great to be forgiven. Had he gone to Jesus he would have received forgiveness. There is no sin so great that cannot be forgiven, such is the unfathomable mercy of Christ. On this day we can pray for all those who struggle with depression and despair, who are tempted to doubt God's mercy or who have taken their own lives.

Holy Thursday is the day on which the Last Supper was celebrated and the foundation of the priesthood and the sacrament of the Eucharist. St. Pope John Paul used to write a letter to the priests of the world every year on Holy Thursday, with beautiful reflections on the priesthood and the Eucharist. On this day we can pray for all priests, and that everyone will have a greater hunger for the Eucharist and desire to attend Mass as the source and summit of our

life as Christians. We can also keep Jesus company in the Garden of Gethsemane at night. A good reflection during this time is reading the gospel of John chapters 13-17.

On Good Friday there is no Mass celebrated but only a Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord. This is the day on which Jesus gave his life for us, the fulfillment of his words on Holy Thursday, "This is my body, given up for you." All sacraments flow from the death of Jesus on the cross, and this is the singular event in history that changed the course of the world. Every time we celebrate Mass we are making present the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and flowing from that the graces of mercy and forgiveness of sins. On this day we can pray for all those who are suffering, whether in body, emotions, mind or spirit. We also can pray for those for whom we have been holding on to resentments or anger. If you have access to the movie "The Passion of the Christ" today would be a good day to watch it. Also you can pray the Stations of the Cross today with your family. The Divine Mercy Novena begins today. Easter Sunday begins with the Vigil celebration on Holy Saturday in the evening. During this Mass we hear readings from the Old and New Testament that speak of God's saving plan for his people that culminate in the Resurrection of Jesus and the salvation of the world. They are: Genesis 1:1-2:2, Genesis 22:1-18, Exodus 14:15-15:1, Isaiah 54:5-14, Isaiah 55:1-11, Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4. Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28. Romans 6:3-11, Matthew 28:1-10. On this day we can pray for all the deceased that they be given the gift of the Resurrection and eternal life, as well as those who are not yet baptized or who do not yet know Jesus Christ.

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. **Thanks** to all of you who are mailing in your contributions. 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.**

**Readings for the week of April 5, 2020**

**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

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday: *Chrism Mass:*** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

***Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday: *Vigil:*** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

**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. Blessed Palms are available at the church entrance of SSPP & St. Mary's**

**Here are a few more resources:**

Bishop Barron's Daily Mass - <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/> From Bishop Barron's private chapel

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/UCFd580MWt1MVvgNI8NnWguA>

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

**Real Presence Radio** is streaming Daily Mass live Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM CT on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels with many of our local priests. If you can't join us during that time, please check out our [website](#) for a listing of other times that you can virtually partake in the Mass. Sunday Mass will be broadcast at 7:00 AM and 10:30 AM CT on Real Presence Radio. Please check out our [News page](#) for a listing of cancellations and other opportunities to celebrate the Mass.

**Faith Formation & Youth Ministry:**

\* **All Faith Formation Classes** are cancelled for the remainder of the year:

\* **Butter Braid delivery** is postponed to Wednesday, May 20th. Time to be determined.

\* **Confirmation and First Communion** are postponed. Dates to be determined.

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

Grades K-10 textbooks are available in the entrance of the church. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. 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 **Grades K-10 Tests / Assignments**.

### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul:**

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$166,374.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$164,760.96

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

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$44,655.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$46,801.71