



**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: Fr. Andrew Beerman ; Associate Pastor: Fr. Brian Mulligan**  
**Church Secretary: Pat Boettcher; Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: Angie Nagel & Pat Salic**  
**Maintenance: Duane Rorman (SS Peter & Paul)**  
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**Website: [www.sspeterpaulmary.org](http://www.sspeterpaulmary.org)**

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

***Sunday, April 12, 2020 – Easter 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).

Happy Easter everyone! We continue to keep all of you in our prayers and remember you and your intentions during our daily Mass. We ask for the grace to be able to maintain a daily schedule of prayer for everyone which could include the rosary, meditating on the readings of the daily Mass, or 15 to 30 minutes in quiet prayer. You are certainly welcome to come to the churches to pray in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. During the passion and death of Jesus, the disciples were overcome with fear and discouragement. They did not immediately grasp the joy of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, even after 40 days of him appearing to them. "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). On Easter Sunday they were gathered in the upper room, where they had celebrated the Last Supper with Jesus, but the doors were locked for fear of the Jews. And at least two of the disciples were returning to their homes and leaving Jerusalem, filled with discouragement and hopelessness (Luke 24:17). Regardless of how they were feeling, Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you." He even repeated it to allow it to sink in, "Peace be with you" (John 20:21). Once they realized that Jesus had risen from the dead, they were overcome with joy and "incredulity" as in "this is too good to be true!" Over time as they grew in faith they began to trust more and more in Jesus who has conquered death and lives forever. He is always with us until the end of time.

A couple of points we can draw from this:

1) The presence of God or his closeness does not depend on how we are feeling at the moment. Often we equate our feelings with our faith, but it is not the case. When we feel down or saddened, anxious or depressed, we conclude that God is far away from us, or worse that we don't deserve him to be near. But the truth is God is always close, nearer than our own hearts. When we are joyful we know it in our faith and in our feelings, but during difficult times, we hold on to the truth of faith, even when we don't feel God's presence. "In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Ephesians 6:16). Faith is holding on to what we know is true as told to us by Jesus even though all the evidence seems to point to the contrary.

2) the upper room is a symbol of our own hearts. We can close ourselves off, which is symbolized by the locking of the doors to the upper room. We can

become resentful of others, or fearful that they won't love us, so we close the door of our hearts. We can also be overwhelmed by anxiety, fear and worry, along with a helplessness to control anything. No matter, Jesus came through the locked doors and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." He is talking about peace in our soul, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit along with joy and love (and nine others). During this Easter season, we can enter into this room of our hearts and find Jesus appearing there, saying to you "Peace be with you!"

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday in which the graces of Jesus' resurrection are poured out to us. The novena for Divine Mercy began on Good Friday and continues to Divine Mercy Sunday. I think of mercy as showing love to someone who doesn't really deserve it. We are certainly undeserving of God's love due to our sins, but he wishes to pour it out upon us anyway. We shouldn't refuse his mercy out of a sense of unworthiness or undeservedness. Instead we can turn to him and say, "Jesus, I trust in you." Faith and trust are the same thing, according to St. Therese of Lisieux. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "Encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy. Oh, how I love those souls who have complete confidence in Me—I will do everything for them."

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. If you have online banking, you can use Bill Pay at no cost. Questions: call 526-5626. **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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**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

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/

Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/

Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/

Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47

/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

**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/>

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/>

Please note the last page of the bulletin for Fr. Beerman's email to the parish.

**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.

**The Holy Land collection** which normally takes place on **Good Friday**, will be moved to **Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020.**

**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: \$170,640.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$167,285.96

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

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$45,800.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$48,380.71

May the peace of the Risen Jesus be with you,

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We will be livestreaming the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday** at 7pm.

On **Good Friday**, we will livestream the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion immediately followed by the first day of the novena of Divine Mercy with the chaplet. There will be confessions available on Good Friday at SJV from 12:00-2:00pm. The **Easter Vigil** will be livestreamed at 8pm on Saturday, April 11.

On **Easter Sunday** there will be a Mass livestreamed from SSPP in Blue Earth at 8am and from SJV in Fairmont at 10am.

Monday through Saturday of **Easter Week** (April 13-18) we will livestream the Mass at 8:30am each morning immediately followed by the divine mercy novena.

On **Divine Mercy Sunday**, April 19, we will again livestream the Mass at 8am from SSPP in Blue Earth and at 10am from SJV in Fairmont.

Also on Divine Mercy Sunday we will be available for **confessions** from 12:30-2:00pm at both SJV in Fairmont and SSPP in Blue Earth. We will livestream the praying of the chaplet of divine mercy at 3pm that day.

Once again the livestreaming can be found at the website [sjvhf.org](http://sjvhf.org). Click on "Facebook Live" which will lead you to the Facebook page to view the Mass. You do not need a Facebook account to do this.

I am planning to lead a retreat for those interested in the **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Annotated Version**. The normal spiritual exercises is a 30 day silent retreat or a shortened version of five to eight days, with four hours of prayer each day. However there is also another option in which it is stretched out over several weeks with one hour of prayer each day and a particular meditation given by St. Ignatius. The basic structure of the spiritual exercises is to first meditate on God's love, second on sin and its effects, third on how God has rescued us from sin by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, fourth there are a series of meditations on the life of Christ, followed by the two standards meditation and the call of the king. Finally it concludes with the meditation to obtain divine love. If you are interested in this retreat, please notify Angela at the parish office and she will compile an email list to receive the meditations. We may also meet weekly over Zoom to share the graces of our prayer.

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#### **Thank you!**

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parishes and school. We appreciate your contributions which allow us to continue operating during the stay at home order. If you have questions about how to make your contributions during this time, please call the parish office at 526-5626.

**Presentation by Father Brian: The Last Supper through the Ascension** Fr. Brian will again be offering his presentation The Last Supper through the Ascension, done by Zoom, an online platform, on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/755731761?pwd=OXlaMGRRLRTI4SUFWM0pPaXFavm9NUT09>

#### **Coffee with Fr. Brian**

Join Fr. Brian for a cup of coffee and discussion on Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 pm by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/489643202?pwd=NkVUQloyeJPNFVpZmNzOG90V215QT09>