



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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Blue Earth, Minnesota

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Sunday, April 19, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Suspended until May 15th, 2020

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Suspended until May 15th, 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 (patsspp@bevcomm.net) or by phone (526-5626).

April 19 bulletin for SS Peter & Paul & St. Mary's

May the peace of Christ be with you,
Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! During this Easter season we celebrate the fact that Jesus has conquered death. On Divine Mercy Sunday we experience the mercy of Christ which is his love and forgiveness freely poured out upon us. We have been praying the novena to Divine Mercy which includes nine days of prayer leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday and praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy each day. The people for whom we pray in the novena include 1) all mankind, especially sinners 2) priests and religious 3) devout and faithful souls 4) those who do not believe in God or do not know Jesus 5) those who have separated themselves from the Church 6) meek and humble souls and souls of little children 7) those who venerate and glorify the Lord's mercy 8) the souls in Purgatory and 9) those who have become lukewarm.

I first learned about the devotion to Divine Mercy when I was in Wichita KS and we prayed it together while in prison. I was arrested for blocking the doors of an abortion clinic while the sidewalk counselors spoke to the women coming in for abortions. This was in the summer of 1991. I had the opportunity to travel to Poland in 1994 and visit the convent where St. Faustina lived. Fr. Thomas Cook and I traveled there together. We arrived at the convent right at 3pm and the sisters were in the chapel praying the chaplet of divine mercy together. I chose the image of Divine Mercy as the holy card for my ordination. The Mercy of the Lord has been a great source of consolation and comfort for me over the years. There are many rewards promised to those who spread devotion to Divine Mercy and so I hope to receive God's mercy myself.

There are three main themes to Divine Mercy and they can be thought of as the ABCs of mercy. A stands for Ask for Mercy. We should not be afraid to ask for God's mercy and forgiveness as it is his very nature to be kind and merciful. The Lord revealed his name to Moses this way, "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity, continuing his kindness for a thousand generations, and forgiving wickedness and crime and sin; yet not declaring the guilty guiltless, but punishing children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation for their fathers' wickedness." The nature of mercy is not to disregard sin or its terrible nature, but to suffer it and forgive it. It gives great joy to the heart of Christ to forgive our sins. B stands for Be Merciful. Jesus says in the gospel of Luke, "Be merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful," and "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." We are not able to receive

God's mercy in our hearts unless we are willing to forgive others and let go of resentment and anger. C stands for Complete Trust. The inscription on the bottom of the image of Divine Mercy says, "Jesus, I trust in you." It pains the heart of Christ for us to doubt his mercy or to question whether he is taking care of us or whether he really loves us.

The words of Jesus to St. Faustina, "My heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from my heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of mercy."

One can gain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment by going to confession on Divine Mercy Sunday and observing the devotion in some way such as praying the chaplet of Divine mercy.

In next week's gospel we have the story of Jesus meeting the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after rising from the dead. This story illustrates the four steps of prayer in ARRR. The disciples acknowledge what is happening in their hearts as they are filled with hopelessness and doubt. They then relate it to Jesus by sharing what they have been discussing. They receive the words of Jesus as he rebukes them for their lack of faith. Finally they respond by noticing that their hearts were burning within them as he spoke to them on the way. They recognized him in the breaking of the bread, which is a term for the celebration of the Eucharist in the early Church. Jesus is always with us in the Blessed Sacrament though we can not see him with our eyes. 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 15TH**

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 19th, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

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. 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 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/UCFd580MWt1MVvgNI8NnWguA>

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.

Are you struggling more than usual with anxiety, worry, loneliness, or depression at this time. Catholic Charities' Counselors are here to help. To maintain social distancing, our therapists are using Telehealth. Please give our office a call to set up an appointment for one-on-one counseling or visit our website. *Insert Local Catholic Charities phone number or www.ccsomn.org, or call 507-377-3664 in Albert Lea or 507-387-5586 in Mankato.*

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

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: \$175,972.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$174,453.96

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary:

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$46,945.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$48,720.71