



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

***Sunday, April 26, 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of 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 ([patsspp@bevcomm.net](mailto:patsspp@bevcomm.net)) or by phone (526-5626).

## **April 26 bulletin for SS Peter & Paul & St. Mary's**

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you,

Jesus appeared to the apostles in the upper room and said, "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven, and whose sins you retain, are retained." When Jesus was on earth he healed people, forgave their sins, raised them from the dead, and shared with them the gift of the Holy Spirit as a source of ever-flowing life. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Jesus redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God. "He accomplished this work principally by the Paschal mystery of his blessed Passion, Resurrection from the dead, and glorious Ascension. For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death on the cross that there came forth 'the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church.'" For this reason, the Church celebrates in the liturgy above all the Paschal mystery by which Christ accomplishes the work of our salvation. (CCC 1067). In other words Christ the Risen Lord is very much at work today in the world healing, forgiving sins, restoring to life and filling us with the Holy Spirit. It happens primarily through the Church, the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments. All the sacraments were established by Christ as a way to continue his giving of graces to people all over the world and in all times. It is Jesus who baptizes but through the ministry of the Church. It is Jesus who gives us his body and blood, but through the ministry of the priesthood and the liturgy of the Eucharist. It is Jesus who heals but through the ministry of anointing of the sick. It is Jesus who forgives sins but through the ministry of the priesthood in the Sacrament of Penance.

On Easter we especially focus on the Sacrament of Baptism and we make a renewal of our baptismal promises and pray for a renewal of the graces of Baptism. They are as follows:

1. Forgiveness of sins. All sins are forgiven in baptism, both original sin, which we have inherited from Adam and Eve, and personal sins. Most people are baptized as infants and so there are not any personal sins yet. Though sin is forgiven some temporal consequences of sin remain, such as suffering, illness, death, weaknesses of character, and concupiscence, which is the tendency to sin when left to our own devices without God's grace.
2. We are filled with the Holy Spirit and become temples of the Holy Spirit. God comes to dwell in our soul as in a temple.
3. We are made adopted sons and daughters of God, a "new creation."

4. We are given the virtues of faith, hope and love.

5. We are able to live under the promptings of the Holy Spirit by means of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit as well as virtues that are given to us.

6. We are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. We are given an indelible mark or seal on our soul that says we belong to Christ. This seal or sign is the sign of the cross.

7. It is the gateway to all the other sacraments as one must be baptized to receive any other sacrament.

8. It is necessary for salvation, as Jesus said, "You cannot enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5).

One can renew the graces of baptism just by blessing your self with holy water and saying the words included in baptism, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In next week's gospel, John 10:1-10 we hear Jesus describe himself as the "Good Shepherd." "A thief comes in to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The thief he is referring to is the devil who seeks to rob us of the graces and joy that God gives us, by filling us with worry and anxiety or losing the state of grace by falling into mortal sin. Jesus, on the other hand, wishes to give us life, the fullness of life which includes all the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, long-suffering, mildness, chastity, self-control, modesty and faithfulness. Let us continue to pray for one another.

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. **St. Mary's can mail their contribution to PO Box 424, Winnebago, 56098.** 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
*St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**While everyone is at home the pastoral councils** are wondering a few things about where we are in relationship to Jesus and His Church. We are here to help this relationship flourish, but first we need to know where we are! At the bottom is a link to click to take an anonymous survey to help us. Answer the questions about where we are spiritually. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April we are having a joint pastoral council meeting to look a little bit at the results and to see where and how we can help as a parish! There are only 15 questions, anyone can take it. Answer them as practiced before the pandemic. The more that take it the better the results. It is also online at [www.sjvhf.org](http://www.sjvhf.org) or <https://sspeterpaulmary.org/>  
<https://s.surveypalnet.com/T1aEwbgT>

**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.

**Here are a few more resources:**

Bishop Barron's daily Mass -

<https://www.worndonfire.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/>

**U.S. Flagpole donations:** The Finance Council has voted to install a flagpole at SS Peter & Paul near the carport entrance. The cost of this project will be approximately \$1500.00. Would anyone from the parish wish to help with this cost? The estimated installation would be in the early summer. There will also be a need for volunteers to help with the installation.

**2020 Census:** The government is looking for part time 2020 census takers for this summer. You can apply at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs).

**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](http://www.ccsomn.org), or call 507-377-3664 in Albert Lea or 507-387-5586 in Mankato.

**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:**

Make sure to stop at the Church entrance to pick up textbooks! 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*.

**Mission Trip Cancelled!**

The Mission Trip scheduled for June to Champagne, Illinois has been cancelled. Catholic Heart Workcamp made the difficult decision to cancel all mission trips scheduled for this summer due to COVID-19.

**Check out our new Facebook page!**

Make sure to like our new Facebook page to get updated information and helpful resources! The name of the Facebook page is: **Saints Peter & Paul Faith Formation & Youth Ministry.**

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$179,172.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$176,378.96

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary:**

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$48,090.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$49,550.71

### **Prayer Opportunity**

If you have been considering participating in the retreat of St. Ignatius it is not too late to join. It will last for approximately 17 weeks. The only commitment is to read the articles sent out and try to find an hour of prayer time each day. Even if you miss on a day or two, you can still continue along with the retreat. Notify Angela by phone or email to add your name to the list.

### **Finances**

Thanks to all who have continued to send in or drop off their contributions to the parishes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember to help support the ministry of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Mary's, Holy Family and St. John Vianney by financial support and by your prayers.

We are in the process of selling the church building of Our Lady of Mercy in Guckeen to a local buyer interested in using it as a place to gather and pray.

### **Confession and Mass**

There will be confessions on Saturday, April 25 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at St. John Vianney and also the same time 4:00-5:00pm at Sts. Peter and Paul in Blue Earth. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening at Sts. Peter and Paul, but not livestreamed and will be available to watch by Sunday morning. The Mass at St. John Vianney will be Sunday at 10:00am and livestreamed.

Also we will continue to celebrate daily Mass at 8:30am livestreamed.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

There is a great need for blood donations right now. St. John Vianney will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-7pm. Donations will be done by appointment only to ensure social distancing. To schedule an appointment to donate, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-Red-Cross.

### **Survey**

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only 15 questions, and anyone can take the survey. Answer them in regard to how you practiced your faith before the pandemic. The more people that take the survey, the better the results will be. The survey is anonymous and can be found here:

<https://s.surveypal.com/T1aEwbgT> It can also be found online at [www.sjvhf.org](http://www.sjvhf.org) or <https://sspeterpaulmary.org/>

### **Other Events**

Coffee with Fr. Brian on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3pm via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/489643202?pwd=NkVUQloyeEJPNFVpZmNzOG90V215QT09>

Meeting ID: 489 643 202

Password: 028133

Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/248973246?pwd=TW5ObiNpdFdGcHJlSEFGejB4NkVKdz09>

Meeting ID: 248 973 246

Password: 851842