



**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)**  
**Office: 214 S. Holland, Blue Earth; 507-526-5626 – Priest’s phone: 507-235-5535**  
**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, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – 4<sup>th</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 ([patssp@bevcomm.net](mailto:patssp@bevcomm.net)) or by phone (526-5626).

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you, Please continue to keep everyone in prayer especially to ward off a spirit of despair, confusion, division/disunity, anxiety, fear, anger and hatred. We also ask the Lord to deliver us from the spirits of lust, sloth and pride. Here is a prayer of blessing for your home and your family:

*O Father, come and visit our home (shop, office, etc) and protect us from the lures of the enemy; may your holy angels come to guard our peace and may your blessing remain with us forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, "In whatever home you enter, greet it, saying 'Peace be in this home.'" Let this same peace, we pray, abide in this place. We beseech you to sanctify it by the merits of our trusting prayer. Pour your blessing on it, and make it a place of peace. May salvation enter our abode as it entered the house of Zacchaeus, when you graced it with your presence. Entrust your angels to guard it and banish from it every evil power. Grant that all who live in it may please you with their good works, and so receive from you, when their time comes, the reward of your heavenly home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

As we mentioned last week, the saving action of Jesus passes into the Sacraments of his Body, the Church after his Resurrection and Ascension. We move on now to the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. Jesus is present in the Eucharist in two ways; 1) in the celebration of the Eucharist; Jesus is present as the one offering, and as the one being offered in the sacrifice of his Body and Blood on the cross for our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. The power of the Mass does not require people to be present for it to be effective as it is the prayer of the entire Church including the angels and saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory as well as those on earth. 2) Jesus is present in the Eucharist truly and substantially such that the bread is changed to become the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. One can receive many graces in attending Mass even without receiving holy communion at that Mass. This happens by the participation in our hearts of the prayers and uniting our offerings to that of Jesus. We can offer to him the joys and blessings of this past week, the praise of thanksgiving, and our sorrows and sufferings, as well as our expressions of love and adoration. Even more we receive the grace of Jesus himself coming to dwell in us in Holy Communion.

The fruits of the Sacrament of Holy Communion are as follows: **1)** Holy Communion increases our union with Christ. Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (John 6:56). Christ comes to dwell in our souls when we receive him in Holy Communion. Thus it is important to prepare ourselves to be a worthy dwelling by having our grave sins absolved first. **2)** Holy Communion separates us from sin. Jesus cleanses us from past sins and preserves us from future sins. It wipes away venial sins (mortal sins ordinarily require the sacrament of confession to be absolved) and it strengthens us to resist temptations to sin in the future. **3)** The Eucharist makes us unified as the body of Christ, the Church. To receive Holy Communion means that we are in union with everyone else who receives it in the Catholic Church both in the expression of belief and the practice of the faith. St. Justin Martyr writes in the second century: "No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ." **4)** The Eucharist commits us to the poor. St. Teresa of Calcutta said that we can only recognize Jesus in the poor if we first see him in the Eucharist and we can only know Christ in Holy Communion if we also recognize him in the poor, the least of his brethren. **5)** The Eucharist is a foretaste of heavenly glory as we receive the risen body of Jesus and look forward to our own resurrection and eternal life. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

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 May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

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

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

**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.

**Real Presence Radio** is holding their annual Spring Feed My Sheep fundraising event on **May 12 - 15.** Tune in to hear amazing stories of renewal of faith, returning to and growing your faith. We will also be sharing wonderful stories about some of the incredible priests and parishes in our dioceses, hear from some of our supporters about how Real Presence Radio has made a difference in their lives and.....daily contests! You can support the Real Presence Radio fundraising event in two ways: Call 877-795-0122 – 7AM – 7PM CST - May 12-15 or donate online at [www.realpresenceradio.com](http://www.realpresenceradio.com). Your donation supports one of the greatest resources we have to find answers about the Catholic faith and grow in your companionship with Jesus.

**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.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/>

**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: \$183,438.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$178,781.96

### **Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary:**

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$49,235.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$50,327.71

## **Fr. Beerman's email**

### Theology of the Body Virtual Conference

Hosted by Theology of the Body Institute, the TOB Virtual Conference May 8-10 will feature 50+ of the most prominent speakers and artists like Christopher West, Jeff Cavins, Fr. Don Calloway and Leah Darrow who will share their "ache" and joy with you — showing how St. John Paul II Theology of the Body applies to everyday life, how it will transform your prayer life, how it can bring healing of the deepest wounds in yourself and with others, and how it will bring your Catholic faith alive in new and brilliant ways.

Register for the Free Virtual Conference here -

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

### Mass and Confession

Just a reminder there is no public Mass at this time, but Mass is available online Monday through Saturday at 8:30am and Sunday at 10am. There will be Confessions at SS Peter & Paul on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-5PM. The Mass will be recorded (not Live Streamed) at 5:30 at SS Peter & Paul and will be available to watch by Sunday morning. Here is the info for watching Mass:

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/>