



**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., Thurs., 8:00 – noon.**

***Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday***

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Suspended until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Suspended until further notice.**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Bulletin**

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you, We have been receiving updates from the governor of Minnesota as far as what will be allowed for public gatherings and events in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. We will be issuing the statements from Bishop Quinn of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester as we receive them and include them in the weekly emails. At this time there is no public Mass scheduled, but it may be possible soon. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, we pray for a deeper hunger for Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and look forward to that day when we can invite him to enter our hearts and remain with us again. We pray that we may not take for granted the graces that come to us in Holy Communion and the strength that Jesus gives us through the Eucharist to fight temptation and hold fast to faith, hope, and love.

We have talked about the three Sacraments of Initiation, by which one becomes fully initiated as a disciple of Jesus and enters into full communion with him and his body, the Church. We now move to the Sacraments of healing. The first is the Sacrament of Penance, also called the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession, the Sacrament of forgiveness, and the Sacrament of conversion. All of our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Baptism, both original sin and personal sin. Most of us did not have personal sin at the time if we were baptized as an infant. However as we go through life we recognize that it is possible that we fall back into sin, and so Christ has provided another sacrament in order to forgive our sins, as we can be baptized only once. We are engaged in a daily spiritual battle, of good vs. evil and it plays out in our soul and in the choices we make. The evil one, Satan, tempts us to choose against God, by choosing to sin, and the Holy Spirit inspires us to choose the good, to be faithful to God. Sin is an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. We can think of it as a weakening or even a break in our relationship with God. Since God is the one offended by our sins, he is the one who decides how he is going to forgive us. He has revealed through Jesus that he desires to forgive us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In James 5:13-16, the Lord reveals that when someone is sick, they should summon the priests of the church, and with anointing and prayers his sins will be forgiven. "Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." This indicates the importance of confessing our sins to the one who has been given authority to

forgive them, namely the priest. See John 20:23 "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retained are retained." While venial sins or less serious sins can be forgiven by prayer and asking God directly, grave sins or mortal sins, require something further, namely the Sacrament of Confession. See 1 John 5:16: "If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly (mortal), he should pray to God and he will give him life. This is only for those whose sin is not deadly. There is such a thing as deadly sin, about which I do not say that you should pray." From the earliest times of the Church public confession of sin was necessary before celebrating the Eucharist: "Confess your offenses in church, and do not go up to your prayer with an evil conscience. This is the way of life" (Didache or Apostolic Teaching, 4,14). The fruits of the Sacrament of Confession are: 1) We are restored to friendship with God, experiencing a true spiritual resurrection, and the person usually experiences peace and serenity of conscience. In other words, we feel a lot better after going to Confession.

2) We are reconciled with the Church; there is no need to go to each person and apologize as the priest represents the whole Church and God in forgiving us. 3) We anticipate the final judgment in a certain way, as the sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance will not be brought up on judgment day. 4) We are strengthened to resist temptations in the future, especially the specific ones we confessed. 5) The fruits of our prayers and good works are restored to us. I encourage you all to make a good confession before returning to Mass and receiving the Eucharist. More times will be made available and posted in the parish email.

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 parishioners 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.

**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 17, 2020**

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday: Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**U.S. Flagpole donations:** A tremendous thank you goes out to Cathy Stevermer. Her husband Bill was a veteran and a lover of the United States flag. Cathy has generously offered to pay for the flag and the installation in memory of Bill. We appreciate this gift. **Now that we have the funding, we need volunteers to make this happen. Please call 526-5626 if you can help in any way. Thanks**

**Christ's Love Compels Us: a discernment retreat for those who want to share God's goodness.** (East:

July 31-Aug 2 at IHM Seminary, and West: Sept 11-13 at Shalom Hill Farm) Do you feel a nudge (or burning fire) to share what God has done for you with others? But perhaps you don't know how, or need encouragement? Come to this retreat! Song, holy silence, spiritual talks, discussion, adoration, and Mass to learn how to be better evangelists in our home and community. *More information and registration here:*

<https://www.dowr.org/offices/missionary-discipleship/retreats.html>

**The bulletin for SSPP & St. Mary's** will continue to be updated. There will be copies at the church entrance in Blue Earth (open 8-5) and St. Mary's (open noon-3) 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.

**Good News!:**

Hello! My name is Fr. Matthew Wagner (most people call me Fr. Matt) and I'm very blessed to be able to say I'll be serving your parishes as a parochial vicar with Fr. Beerman starting July 1. In a certain way, I'm actually *returning* to the area; I was stationed in Fairmont for about three months as a deacon in 2018, and thus I'm somewhat familiar with our St. John Vianney & Holy Family parishes. While I'll introduce myself more thoroughly come July, I've been a priest for just under one year, and I've spent the last 10 and a half months serving in Winona, Minnesota. Some interesting facts about me: I'm a big sports fan (all Minnesota teams, don't worry), I love playing basketball, and I enjoy fishing. I look forward to seeing many of you whom I already know, and to meeting everyone else! Please pray for me as I prepare to join you all in a few short weeks, and know of my prayers for you.

In Christ, -Fr. Matt

**Mass and Confession at SS Peter & Paul** 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 16<sup>th</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/UCFd580Mwt1MVvgN18NnWguA>

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

***SACRIFICIAL GIVING***

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

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$191,970.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$186,049.96

**Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary:**

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$51,525.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$51,322.71

## **Faith Formation & Youth**

### **Ministry:**

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

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

### **Butter Braid delivery!**

Butter Braids will be delivered on **Wednesday, May 20th**. Please plan to pick up your order between 3:30-5:30PM in the Social Hall. One car at a time will come to the carport, pick up their order, then the next car will pull up and pick up their order. We will be using gloves and will adhere to social distancing guidelines. Another option is for me to deliver your order to your home. If you would like delivery, please call Angie at 507-276-5114.

### **Phone Book Delivery help needed!**

I am looking for some help to deliver Northland Phone Books. Some areas of town are already done. The area from 1st St. to 14th St. and from Holland St. to Hwy. 169 still need to be done. The phone books are in plastic bags and just need to be hung on a door or laid on the front step of homes. If you and your family are willing to help, please let me know!

### **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***.

### **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**.