



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Winnebago, Minnesota



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
214 S. Holland
Blue Earth, Minnesota

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Sunday, May 24th, 2020 – 7th Sunday of Easter Sunday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:15 p.m., SS. Peter & Paul
Sunday, 8:00 a.m., St. Mary
Sunday, 10:00 a.m., SS. Peter & Paul

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., St. Mary
Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., SS. Peter & Paul
Thursday, 10:00 a.m., St Luke's, Blue Earth
Friday, 8:30 a.m., SS. Peter & Paul (1st Friday Mass is followed by Holy Hour)

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).

May 24th Bulletin

May the peace of the Risen Lord Jesus be with you, Traditionally the 40th day after Easter has been celebrated as Ascension Thursday, or the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The Church has given regional bishop's conferences permission to transfer the celebration of the Solemnity to the following Sunday, which has been done in our region, including Minnesota, North and South Dakota. However the 40 day period is important in the Scriptures as a time of purification and enlightenment. Noah and his family were in the ark for forty days while the rains and flood renewed the earth. Before receiving the Law from God on Mount Sinai, Moses fasted for forty days, and then the Ten Commandments were carved into the stone tablets by the hand of the Lord. Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert after being baptized; and our season of Lent is forty days long.

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus told his disciples to return to Jerusalem and to pray to be clothed with power from on high. This is the event of Pentecost, in which the disciples of Jesus received the Holy Spirit, a strong driving wind was heard, a tongue of flame came to rest on each of their heads, and they began to speak boldly proclaiming that salvation is in Jesus Christ. There were many people gathered in Jerusalem at the time, because this was the Jewish feast of Pentecost, or the celebration of receiving the law on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Passover. Whereas the Old Law was written on stone tablets, and consisted of commandments that began mostly with "Thou shalt not..." the New Law of Jesus is the gift of the Holy Spirit. The New Law is based on love and the Holy Spirit fills us with his grace and love to enable us to keep the law of God.

All the commandments are summarized in the two greatest commandments, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." To break the commandments means that we are not loving God or our neighbor or that we put something else as more important or that we love ourselves and what we want more.

During these nine days from Ascension to Pentecost we can pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit, or just the following prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant

that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We will begin having public Masses as scheduled in the bulletin, but for now the number that can attend is limited to 10. Please call the parish office to sign up for a specific Mass. When you come, please follow the guidelines for Covid-19 safety. The Masses will continue to be live-streamed to Facebook and YouTube. The bishop continues to suspend the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday until further notice.

In next week's gospel, John 20:19-23, Jesus appears in the upper room and shows the disciples his hands and his side, and says "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you" And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The breath of God is another image of the Holy Spirit. The Church fathers describe creation this way. God the Father speaks and it happens. For example, "Let there be light." The word he speaks is God the Son who became man in Jesus Christ. The breath that accompanies the word is the Holy Spirit. There is one time in the liturgy where the bishop breathes on something and that is during the blessing of the Chrism oil at the Chrism Mass. By doing so, he is imparting the Holy Spirit to the oil. Normally the Holy Spirit being imparted is signified and effected by the laying on of hands. If we think of each sacrament there is some element to it that involves the laying on of hands and giving of the Holy Spirit. God Bless you,

Fr. Andrew Beerman

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.

MASS SCHEDULE for 5/26-5/31

Tues.- St. Mary's NO MASS this week
Wed.- SS Peter & Paul 8:30 AM – Scott Campbell ☩
Thur. – SS Peter & Paul 8:30 AM – Joe Kehr ☩
Fri. – SS Peter & Paul 8:30 AM – Special Intentions of Mark & Debbie Detke
Sat. – SS Peter & Paul 5:15 PM – Fred & Anita Virnig ☩
Sun. – St. Mary's 8:00 AM – For the People
SS Peter & Paul 10:00 AM – Francis & Phyllis Sohler☩

Until further notice, Mass at SS Peter & Paul will be in the main church. The chapel will not be used. Please use the carport entrance at SSPP. Please follow the Safety & Hygiene protocol at both churches. The churches will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each Mass. Some pews will be taped off to allow for distancing. There will be hand sanitizer at the church entrance to use when arriving and when departing the building. The Bishops dispensation for Mass attendance is still in place for those 65 years and older and others with underlying health conditions.

We encourage you to read the daily Mass readings.

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

U.S. Flagpole: 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>

Catholic Ministry Appeal: We are still trying to raise money for the 2020 CMA. The goal for SS Peter & Paul is \$18,000. To date we have raised \$5,790 which is 31.72% of our goal. St. Mary's goal is \$5,800 and they have contributed \$1,995 which is 32.67% of their goal.

Notice for May 23rd Mass tapping and Confession at SS Peter & Paul: Just a reminder that there is no public Mass this time, Saturday. 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 23 from 4-5PM. A Mass will be recorded (not Live Streamed) at SS Peter & Paul and will be available to watch by Sunday morning. Please remember we can't gather in groups of over 10 at this time. We all want to be able to go to Mass, but we must follow Bishop Quinn's mandate. With the Priest, seminarian, lector and servers and their family, **we are at 10 already for this weekend.** Here is the info for watching Mass:

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/>

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul:

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$196,236.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$188,624.96

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary:

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$52,670.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$51,467.71

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 Braids are here!

Butter Braids were delivered this past Wednesday. If you were unable to pick up your order, please call me and we can arrange another pick up time. I can also deliver the Butter Braids if that is your preference. My number is 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.**