



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 31st 2020 – Pentecost 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, 8:30 a.m., SS. Peter & Paul
Thursday, 8:30 a.m., SS Peter & Paul
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 (patssp@bevcomm.net) or by phone (526-5626).

May 31st Bulletin

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you, As you may know, we have begun to have public Mass again for those who wish to attend. Bishop Quinn continues to suspend the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays, so there is no requirement to attend Mass at this time, but for those who wish to attend, please call the parish office either in Fairmont or Blue Earth to let us know of your plans to attend. We will be resuming the normal weekend schedule at all four parishes, but check the bulletin for Mass times during the week, since these are not yet following the normal schedule. Please continue to pray for a swift end to the Covid-19 pandemic and for healing for all those who are ill.

With regard to the scheduling of Confirmation, we have been asked to write the bishop with a date on which this can take place, and he will delegate the pastor to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will probably have to have one date for Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Mary's and two for St. John Vianney and Holy Family. Also with regard to First Holy Communion we will be scheduling a date on which we can celebrate this sacrament. At this time we are just working on a smooth process for Sunday Mass with all the protocols being followed for your safety.

This weekend is the celebration of Pentecost, which is the birthday of the Church. On this day, the disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to boldly proclaim Jesus Christ to others, and urging them to be repent and be baptized. Three thousand people were baptized that first day. After Pentecost the ministry of Jesus now is transmitted to us through his mystical body, the Church, and by means of the seven sacraments.

We have been looking at each of the sacraments and the fruits of receiving them in our souls. We continue in the reflection on the Sacraments of healing, specifically the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation, and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. One of the questions that is often raised is "Why do we have to go to a priest for confession; can't we pray to God and have our sins forgiven?" This is an interesting question first of all because we don't ask it with regard to the other sacraments. We don't say why can't I pray and change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ on my own? Or "Why can't I baptize myself by praying to God on my own?" Or "Why can't I ordain myself to be a priest by praying on my own?" We recognize there is the action of the Church required to confer these

sacraments as Jesus established them. Jesus gave authority to the apostles to forgive sins when he said, "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23). When John the Baptist baptized people, they would confess their sins before receiving baptism (Mark 1:5). We are asked by James to confess our sins to one another in the context of summoning a priest to pray for healing and forgiveness of sins (James 5:16), and in 1 John 5:16 we see that for deadly or mortal sins, it is not enough to pray for them to be forgiven, something more is required. It has been the teaching of the Church from the beginning that the ordinary way for mortal sins to be forgiven is through confession and absolution by the priest. Venial sins can be forgiven by praying the act of Contrition, attending Mass or blessing oneself with holy water. Public confession of sins was practiced in the earliest days of the Church with absolution taking place at the beginning of Mass. There are remnants of this in the Confiteor and the penitential rite. After a time, it was determined that certain sins did not need to be confessed publicly and there arose the practice of private confession to the priest followed by absolution. It is also important for us psychologically to be able to confess our sins to another person, and to hear them say "I forgive you." When we receive absolution in the sacrament we know that the Lord has forgiven us and do not need to bear those sins on our conscience any longer.

In next Sunday's gospel, John 3:16-18 we have the famous words of the Lord saying "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life." It is in the celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, that though there is one God in whom we believe, there are three distinct persons in God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Father is the source and the Son is begotten of the Father from all eternity. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son. When you pray it is good to choose one of the persons with whom you can converse, rather than just praying "to God." At the conclusion of our prayer time it is good to have a mini conversation with each, the Father, the Son (Jesus) and 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 if you are planning on attending the weekend Mass you need to sign up, please note the following:

SS Peter & Paul – Sign up by calling the office at 526-5626 or emailing patsspp@bevcomm.net.

St. Mary's – Sign up by calling Lola Baxter at 525-4053 or 893-3765.

Thank You.

MASS SCHEDULE for 6/2-6/7

Tues.- St. Mary's 8:30 AM – Tim Allevan †
Wed.- SS Peter & Paul 8:30 AM – Dorothy Nuebauer †
Thur. – SS Peter & Paul 8:30 AM – Gene Mikolai †
Fri. – SS Peter & Paul **NO MASS**
Sat. – SS Peter & Paul 5:15 PM – Bob Kennedy †
Sun. – St. Mary's 8:00 AM – For the People
SS Peter & Paul 10:00 AM – Dick Maher †

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. If you are unable to attend, Mass can be viewed on the St. John Vianney website. 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/>

We encourage you to read the daily Mass readings.

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/ Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/ Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/ Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/
Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

The church of Our Lady of Mercy at Guckeen has been relegated to profane but not sordid use by the Diocesan Council of Presbyters. It will be purchased by Polo Sifuentes for use in storing his construction equipment.

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul:

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$200,502.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$190,607.96

Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary:

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$53,815.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$52,494.71

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. 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**.