



**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**

**Church Secretary: Pat Boettcher; Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: Angie Nagel**

**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., 8 – noon, Thurs., 8:00 – noon.

***Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

**Mass is followed by Holy Hour)**

**Please check page 2 of bulletin for any changes to the schedule**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

SSPP – Saturday at 4:00 PM

St. Mary's : Sunday at 7:30 AM

**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).

May the peace of Christ be with you,  
I regret to inform you that our pilgrimage to Italy that was supposed to take place in October has been canceled. It may be rescheduled for next year some time or even in the earlier part of 2022 to coincide with the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.

Please pray for one another during this time of Covid pandemic that we may recognize the truth of the spiritual battle going on around us. Much more important than our physical health and life is our spiritual health and life. It would be a shame to sacrifice our spiritual life for the sake of physical health. In Ephesians 6:10-17 St. Paul tells us that we are all engaged in a spiritual battle which is taking place for our eternal souls. He says, "Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." While we may be good at resisting the spread of the Covid virus by taking precautions, how are we at resisting the spread of spiritual illness, or sickness of the soul as described by the desert fathers? Evagrius Ponticus first described what has come to be known as the seven deadly sins: pride, avarice, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth. The spirits that seem to be prevalent during this time of pandemic are: death, despair, confusion, division, anxiety, fear, anger, hatred, lust, sloth, and pride. We have spiritual weapons to aid us in this time as spelled out by St. Paul in Ephesians. "So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." He describes a soldier getting outfitted for battle with both offense and defense. Faith is the knowledge of the truth that has been revealed to us by God, but may be clouded over by what seems to be real at the moment. The truth is who God is, all-powerful and directing all of his power to loving us. It is also the truth about who we are in God's eyes; his beloved sons and daughters. The Lord desires for us a life to the full, with joy that is complete. We experience it by remaining in him.

Please go to confession if you haven't been recently as it is an excellent source of grace and a flooding of peace on our souls, knowing that our sins have been absolved and taken away by Christ so we no longer need to carry the burden. Also it is important to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis, as Jesus says, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me and I in him." We can't live for very long spiritually if we do not have Christ with us.

In next Sunday's gospel, Matthew 14:13-21, we have the story of Jesus feeding the multitudes by means of five loaves and two fish that someone had. This means that the little we have, if we offer it to Christ can be used for great things. This might mean our talents or abilities or even financial contributions, to make an offering to the Lord of what we have. Sometimes this gospel is interpreted as a "miracle of sharing" in the sense that Jesus got everyone to share their lunch when the boy was willing to share, but that is not what this gospel is about. That interpretation denies the power of Jesus to perform actual miracles, which he did in multiplying the loaves and the fish. Jesus is God and therefore has the power to create, or produce something out of nothing. It points forward to the Eucharist, in which Jesus feeds us with heavenly bread, which is to say, himself, body, blood, soul and divinity, so that we might have eternal life. "All ate and were satisfied." We have a hunger for God and his love, and when we receive the Lord in Holy Communion we satisfy that hunger.

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.**

### **MASS SCHEDULE for 7/26-8-2**

**Tues., 7/28 - St. Mary's - NO MASS**

**Wed., 7/29 - SS PP - 8:30 AM - Julius Frana †**

**Thur., 7/30 - SSPP - NO MASS**

**Fri., 7/31 - SSPP 8:30 AM - Marian Faundeen †**

**Sat., 8/1 - SSPP - 5:15 PM - Dick Dummer †**

**Sun., 8/2 - St. Mary's - 8:00 AM - Jarrett Meckes †**

**Sun., 8/2 - SSPP - 10:00 AM - For the People**

***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 Bishop's 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/>

**SS Peter & Paul** if you are planning on attending the daily or weekend Mass please note the following:

According to the safety protocols of the diocese and the state of MN, there will be a sign-in sheet at the entrance of the social hall so we know who was attending. There are instructions on near that table to help explain the procedures. On the next table the hand sanitizer will be available to use when you enter and leave church. **Please remember to social distance. Families can sit together in a pew, but there needs to be 6 feet between occupants in all other pews.** The carport door will be the only open door at this time. It will be open from 8-5 each day. If you are coming in during the week to pray, please wipe down the pew you used with sanitizer. Thanks

**St. Mary's - Sign up for all Masses by calling Lola Baxter at 525-4053 or 893-3765.** Thank you

**SS Peter & Paul Ushers:** We are in need of volunteers to usher on Sunday for the month of July and beyond. We have had a number of ushers retire from ushering. Some of our ushers have health concerns and have not returned to Mass yet. Please call the office at 526-5626 if you could help. We can schedule you for a month at a time or whatever works for your schedule. Thanks

### **Readings for the week of July 26, 2020**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

### **Do you have one hour a week to spare for prayer?**

The Seven Sisters group in Winnebago and Blue Earth are looking for additional pray-ers for our parish priests. You pick the day, you pick the time. Now more than ever, our Diocesan priests are in need of our prayers.

Janette Howe, the foundress of the Seven Sisters Apostolate started seven groups of seven women in St. Paul, after experiencing a nudge from the Holy Spirit in 2010. Seven Sisters groups are now active in 48 states, six continents and 18 countries. Seven women, Seven days a week, one holy hour per day is dedicated to cover our priests, retired priests, Parochial Vicars, missionaries, priests in religious orders, and Bishops in prayer. For more information on how you can become involved, please contact Lola Baxter. 507-535-4053

### ***SACRIFICIAL GIVING***

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

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$12,606.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$13,661.00

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

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$3,435.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$2,180.00

**Faith Formation & Youth Ministry:**

Contact info: Angie Nagel – 526-5626(office), 507-276-5114(cell #), or [angieyouthministry@bevcomm.net](mailto:angieyouthministry@bevcomm.net)

**Fall Rummage Sale**

Our annual Youth Rummage Sale is scheduled to be September 11-13 with drop off dates being September 9 & 10. As of right now, we are still planning on having the Rummage Sale with guidelines in place. For example, only a certain number of shoppers would be allowed at one time and hand sanitizing would be required when entering and leaving. With things changing almost on a daily basis, we may end up having to cancel the sale as the date gets closer. With that being said, we will not be able to accept any early donations. I have started a pile in my home in anticipation that the sale will happen. I encourage you to do the same:) Please feel free to email or call me anytime with questions or suggestions!

**Phone Book Delivery help needed!**

I am looking for some help to deliver Northland Phone Books. Some areas of town are already done. The phone books are in plastic bags and just need to be hung on a door or put on the front step of homes. If you and your family are willing to help, please let me know! *Even if you can commit to just delivering to one or two streets, that would be very helpful!*

**Catechists needed for the 2020/2021 Faith Formation year!**

Our parish Faith Formation program is in need of catechists for the coming year. *There are currently openings in Grades K-5 (2:30-4:00pm) and Grades 6-10 (Wednesday evenings).* Please prayerfully consider sharing your faith and your time with our parish children and youth. Lesson plans are provided for catechists of all grades as well as supplemental materials like videos, books, hands on activities, and information on Saints and liturgical seasons. Classes begin on October 7th and end on April 28th. Pray about it and see if God is calling you to be a part of this important ministry. If you hear God calling you, make sure to call me too!