

Welcome!

We're here to help you begin or continue your faith journey, so you can find true peace, happiness and purpose in life. If you would like to join one of our parishes, contact any staff member and we will be honored to officially welcome you home!

March 2, 2014

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tri-Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Teresa
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Matthew

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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But seek first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given you
besides.

Matthew 6:33

The Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass, at 8a.m. Thursday at St. Teresa or by private appt. with Fr. Kern

The Sacrament of Marriage

All Catholics need to meet with the priest or deacon at least 6 months before being married. Contact the office at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.



From the Heart - by Fr. Kern

"Stop worrying so much!" Have you ever had this phrase directed toward you? Or perhaps you remind someone in your life of their persistent worrying. The last visit I had with my grandma she mentioned she believed that worrying was a natural habit for mothers. They are accustomed to thinking and worrying about the needs of others especially their children. Yet, in today's Gospel, Jesus says do not worry. What our Lord has in mind here seems to be not so much stop thinking of others needs or quit considering what is happening around you, but more that instead of fretting or being overburdened with concerns, place our trust in our Heavenly Father who provides for us always. We are often very quick to allow anxiety and stress to burden us—Jesus reminds us that God is a gracious Father who only wants to provide for our needs and to alleviate our concerns. The quickest way to that for us is not by asking God to take away what it is that is burdening us, but to trust deeply in the Father's goodness even despite what we are concerned over.

This week we already have the beginning of Lent upon us. As we prepare for it in the next couple of days, might we keep close to our minds that whatever we give up or do for Lent, our real need is to trust in God more fully. Would that all of our Lenten offerings and sacrifices bring us to this—complete trust and surrender to God and His will. Perhaps we can ask ourselves one question as the litmus test for whether we trust God enough: Is God's grace sufficient for me or do I look elsewhere for my needs and wants to be fulfilled? Today, we can make a prayer of trust in Jesus by saying, Your grace is enough oh Lord. Your grace is always enough.

I would like to thank the following people who have completed their time serving on our parish councils:

- SJ finance council: Paul Fitzsimmons & Maureen Hollerich;
- SJ pastoral council/parish life: Shelli Grover, Christine Rahn, & Paul Fitzsimmons;

- SM finance council: Larry Caven;
- ST finance council: Maureen Nowak & Gary Albrecht.

I would like to also thank the following people who have agreed to serve on our councils:

- SJ finance council: Dean Sohre & Lynn Lentz;
 - SM finance council: Dave Sanders & Patti Uhrich;
 - ST finance council: Marcie Anderson & George Leary;
- ST pastoral council: (reconstituted after focusing on the restoration of the parish church)

Becky Anderson (chairperson), Ceal Caldwell (secretary), Jay Stencil, Jackie Landsteiner, Butch Bach, Bernie Langworthy, Sheila Klein, George Pluym.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 3

St. Katherine Drexel

1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10; Mark 10:17-27

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Mothers and their babies*

Tuesday, March 4

St. Casimir

1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98:1-4; Mark 10:28-31

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Deceased relatives of Bill and Eloise Barnard*

3:30 Mass at MCH † *Joan VanRossum*

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Joel 2:12-187; Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17;

2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Anna Breiter*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Bill Wendlandt*

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Leona Lawson*

Thursday, March 6

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 9:22-25

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Reparation for our sins*

Friday, March 7

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Marcella Johnston*

Saturday, March 8

St. John of God

Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Lucille Kunkel*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Scott Hollerich*

Sunday, March 9

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Don Minkel*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilt Group at St. Teresa
Tuesday, March 4	7 p.m. St. Matthew Finance Council
Thursday, March 6	6:30 p.m. St. Teresa Pastoral Council
Monday, March 10	7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW



God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities who have requested our prayers:

Phyllis Lindeman, Jay Hiller, Virginia Denn, Krissy Wendlandt Bauer,

If you or a member of your family would like our prayers, please call 524-3127 and ask to be put on this prayer list. Each name will remain on the list for eight weeks unless the office is notified to leave the name for a longer amount of time.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation students are all asked to attend Mass on Wednesday, March 5 for Ash Wednesday.



Adult Faith Enrichment

Thursday morning Bible Study This Lenten session we will be studying the Mysteries of the Rosary using the book The New Rosary in Scripture by Dr. Edward Sri.

The study begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa.

This book looks at the biblical insights for all 20 mysteries as well as how to deepen our devotion to this ancient prayer. We will also discuss Blessed John Paul II Apostolic Letter on the Rosary. Please consider making this a part of your Lenten journey and **come to discover the beauty and power of the Rosary**, or if you already have a devotion to this prayer, come and increase your understanding and love of this special prayer.

If there is interest, another session of this study can be added at a different time. Please talk to Father or call the tri-parish office if you are interested in attending, but cannot come during the day.

Wednesdays: St. Teresa Gathering Space Classroom, when Faith Formation classes meet.
6:15-7:15 p.m. **Bible Study with Deacon Chris**

This study will be a guided, weekly exploration of the Bible through interactive discussion of The Gospel of John. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary to participate.

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations:

KTOE 1420 AM, KEEZ 99.1 FM, KJLY 104.5 FM

Also on KEYC TV (also on their website)

Middle School Lock-in:

Beginning Saturday, March 15 at noon and ending at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 16.

There will be games, reflections, skits, talks, Reconciliation, service project for Kids Against Hunger, and Mass. A \$5 registration fee needs to be returned with the permission slip. Permission slips will be given out at faith formation class, or call the tri-parish office. For more information call Butch Bach at 524-4822 or the office at 524-3127.

Faith Formation students will lead Stations of the Cross on Wed. evenings in Lent beginning March 12.

St. Joseph: Meal at 6 p.m. Stations begin at 6:30 p.m.

St. Matthew: Meal at 5:30 p.m. Stations begin immediately after

St. Teresa: Stations at 7:15 p.m.



Parish News

On each Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be lead by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30p.m. There will be a soup supper following these devotions, at about 6:15p.m. Replacing the soup supper on one Friday will be the famous Fish Fry.



Thank You to all who have prayed for our daughter, Charlene, over the past two years. She passed away on Monday, February 24th, after losing her battle with cancer and is now at peace. Thank you again. Neal and Evelyn Wallace

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her Oh Lord
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her
May she rest in Peace



The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lenten Talks 7 p.m. at St. Teresa



Tues., March 11: The Historical Overview

Tues., March 18: The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart

Tues., March 25: Jesus, the Lamb and the Lion

Speaker: Raymond de Souza

As an internationally renowned speaker, Raymond has given more than 2,000 talks over twenty-five years in defense of Catholic social teaching and apologetics. He has had three highly successful series on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network).

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend—free to all

St. Matthew: St. Margaret's Circle will serve lunch after Mass on Sunday, March 2. Everyone is encourage to attend for food and fellowship.



MARDI GRAS PARTY!

St. Matthew will once again host a Mardi Gras party immediately following 10 am Mass on Sunday, March 2nd. All are welcome to attend this free event. Lunch will be served, kids games will be played as well as BINGO! Come celebrate Fat Tuesday early by joining us next Sunday and have some food and fun before we enter into our holy season of Lent.



Reminder: St. Joseph's Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed

In an effort to support our members and expand our ministry to one another, St. Joseph's CCW Plus would like to establish a prayer chain system for members requesting prayers for personal, family and/or medical concerns. Please contact Leah Davis (507-340-9638) or Megan Schwanz (507-380-6209) if you would be willing to participate in the prayer chain when needed by making 2-3 phone calls and offering prayers for the requesting parishioner.

The power of prayer is a foundation of our faith and we really feel that this is a program that will have a profoundly positive effect on those who participate.

Please note that, of course, the chain would only be initiated by a request from a parishioner and details of the specific concern or condition would not be discussed or released.

Stewardship of Treasure

God's generosity will never be outdone by our own.



St. Teresa: (February 22)

Weekly collection...	\$3681.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$106,323.62
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$107,236.00

St. Matthew (February 23)

Weekly collection.....	\$666.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$55,897.30
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$44,846.00

St. Joseph

Weekly collection (February 16 & 23)	\$1571.01
Amount collected year to date...	\$36,436.40
Amount budgeted year to date	\$36,466.00



Ministry Roles

March 8 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Minister of Communion: John Fitzsimmons
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

Gifts: Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

Servers: Nell Gehrke, Molly Gehrke

Money Counters: Connie Peters, Dan Sohre

March 9 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Brett Sindelir

Minister of Communion: Tony Bach,
Brenda Carey

Hospitality: Noah Geramo, Alice and Dan Geramo

Gifts: Owen and Theresa Dickey

Servers: Adam Dickey, Dillon Schmidt,
Dustyn Schmidt

Money Counters: Eugene Langworthy,
Marie Gartner

March 9 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Sheila Lewis
Judy Pentico

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Joseph Bennett, Matt Roelofs

Money Counters: Jodi Roelofs, Wendy Bennett

Our Catholic World



Please pray for our country!:

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."
--Saint Padre Pio

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." -
-Saint Pope Pius IX

Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. St. Teresa Church

Please join in and pray this most powerful prayer. Although the Rosary can certainly be prayed in private, there is much joy and strength praying together as family. Our country and our lives are in desperate need of God right now. Please consider joining when you can.



CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent:

prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Operation Rice Bowl Prayer: We lift our prayers to you, God of Love, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need. As we learn about their struggles, our almsgiving comes to their aid; our fasting unites us in their hunger. You call us to be disciples for all nations. Bless us this Lenten season. Amen. Rice Bowl items will be available at all churches beginning next weekend.

The Magnificat Lenten Companion are available at all churches. This is a great tool for increasing prayer during Lent.

Alan Ames, visionary, mystic, with the gift of healing, will be at St. Joseph the Worker on Tuesday, March 18
Rosary 6:30 p.m.—Mass 7:00 p.m. talk to follow Mass



It's time to gear up for the largest grassroots fund and food drive in the state to benefit those who are hungry. The MN FoodShare March Campaign goal is a constant: To raise enough money and food to provide more than half the food distributed annually by 300 food shelves statewide.

The March campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March. Remember, for every dollar you donate, we can buy \$10 worth of food using our network which includes Second Harvest, Dietz Foods and other organizations. Envelopes will be available at each church to use for contributions to Loaves and Fishes.

Ministry Roles for Ash Wednesday, March 5

St. Teresa 7 a.m.

Reader: Marcie Anderson

Ministers of Communion:

Judy Bach, Butch Bach

Hospitality: volunteer

St. Matthew 5p.m.

Reader: Carol Schulz

Ministers of Communion: Denise

Peterson, Devine Moline

Hospitality: Dennis Peterson family

St. Joseph 7 p.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Minister of Communion: Patty Thomas
Jim Wieseler

Hospitality: Barb Beaudette,
Ora Doyen