

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!

Tri-Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph (1st, 3rd, 5th)
At St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Teresa

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent



“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have
eternal life.” John 3:14

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

One half hour before each weekend Mass, 8a.m. Thursday at St. Teresa or by private appt. with Fr. Vogel

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.



Hello,

It looks like the Belize mission trip had an amazing time. The last I talked to them, they were doing well if not still a little tired. It sounds like they made a great impact not just on the living conditions of some of the people, but also in the friendships they have made.

The junior high lock-in last weekend went well. There were about 14 kids, including some for the parishes to the south. Jonah Lippert even came back and hung out with the kids devising crazy fun games. We also had some time for prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

I usually give very similar homilies to you and the students at the Newman Center each weekend. A while back, I was discussing some of the things they were learning in their business ethics class. I gave them a little taste of Catholics ethics. They were blown away by some of the ideas and principles. So this got me thinking that I should do a series of homilies on Catholic moral principles. Often, and usually from outside sources, we hear what the Catholic Church believes on one issue or another. But how often have we stopped and asked, "why?" What ideas or principles are behind that position? These are some of the things I hope to look at in the following weeks. I realize it is Lent and we only have a couple of more weeks. However, I figure what better time to talk about ethics and morals than Lent. If Lent is about striving to become more holy, then it would be good to learn more about ethics and morals. If I don't finish before Palm Sunday, we'll just continue after Easter.

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Jesus invites us to believe in Him. Today we hear probably the most famous verse of Scripture: "For 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." St. John goes on to say that Jesus is the light that has come into the world. Usually we think of the darkness as being frightening, but as St. John says, sometimes we can find the light to be frightening. Those who have something to hide want to keep it hidden in the darkness, in the unknown parts of their lives. But Jesus invites us to expose our lives, good and bad to His light so that He can forgive us our sins and no longer live in fear of our sins. If there are dark secrets in the crevices of your soul, I invite you to expose them to the Light of Christ, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

May God bless and keep you,
Father Vogel

Beginning the week of March 11 the study will begin reading the New Testament. This would be a great time to join the study! There will be 6 lessons in the New Testament. Please feel free to join any of the times listed
The Great Adventure Bible Study: The Bible Timeline, the story of salvation: a video series with Jeff Cavin
Current sessions: Sunday 10 a.m. at St. Teresa
Tuesday 9 a.m. at St. Teresa
Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Mapleton Library

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, March 12 **Lenten Weekday**
Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 13 **Lenten Weekday**
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16
8:30 a.m. Rosary for vocations at St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 14 **Lenten Weekday**
Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18;
John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 15 **Lenten Weekday**
Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-23; John 5:31-47
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benedict
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Ed Becker

Friday, March 16 **Lenten Weekday**
Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-21, 23;
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Florence Stenzel

Saturday, March 17 **St. Patrick**
Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9-12; John 7:40-53
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benedict
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Bernard and
Dorothy Landsteiner
5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, March 18 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15;
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Living and Deceased members of St. Teresa CCW*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilting
NO CCW meeting at St. Teresa this month
Tues., March 20 7 p.m. St. Joseph Finance Council



The Tri-parish Lenten Penance Service will take place on Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa Church.

Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy. -St. Isidore of Seville

Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. -Pope John Paul 2



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

Kitty Cumbee, Mary Jo Gregor, Bernie Kunkel, Jim Kohout, Huxley FitzSimmons, Craig Etherington, Terry Hassing, *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

Classes will meet this week, March 14

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on KTOE 1420 AM and will be posted on our tri-parish website: sjsmst.org

Parish News

Each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Lenten supper following these devotions. Come and take part in this traditional devotion.

St Matthew: Lenten Supper and Stations
Wednesdays during Lent:

There will be a supper served at 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Meal will be provided by:

March 14 St. Ann Circle

Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 pm.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Lenten devotion.



Resources for your Lenten Journey:

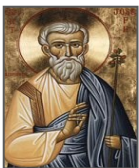
The **Magnificat Lenten Companion:** There are daily Lenten reflections and ideas for penance. This is a great tool for increasing prayer during Lent.

Lent– Keep It Simple Pamphlets Information and suggestions for making a meaningful journey this Lent.

CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The idea is to deprive yourself of something— a favorite snack, a meal out, meat for a few days— and put the money you saved into the Rice Bowl. Pray for those less fortunate who never have the ability to have those things. At the end of Lent you take all the money you have sacrificed for and give it to the starving poor.

Rice Bowl items are available at all churches.



St. Joseph Parish invites everyone to a St. Patrick's Day Meal after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 17. After dinner there will be a prayer vigil to pray for all those who are on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Tomorrow members of our tri-parish will embark on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Please pray for these pilgrims that God truly blesses them and inspires them on their journey. Several of them are traveling in honor of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph Parish.

St. Teresa: Famous Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 23 from 5-7 p.m.

featuring all the Beer Batter Fried Fish you can eat, potato, salad, roll and beverage. If you are able to help with this fundraiser, please call Sara Wenner, 340-0382.



Tri-Parish Donations for Easter Flowers: If you would like to help to make our churches more beautiful this Easter season you may make a donation for Easter flowers by using the specially marked envelope enclosed with your regular monthly support envelope; if you don't have that envelope please use another envelope and mark it "Easter Flowers". You may also enclose names of persons you want remembered.

Need something to inspire you this Lent? Go to one of these sites and sign up for a daily email message. A few minutes a day can renew your soul!

www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever;

www.lentseries.com <http://www.lentreflections.com/>

Father Andrew Vogel, Pastor for the parishes of St Joseph/ Good Thunder, St Matthew/Vernon Center, and St Teresa/ Mapleton, as well as the St Thomas More Newman Center at MSU-Mankato, will speak on **"Are Catholics Required to Give Full Assent to Everything the Church Teaches?"** at 3:00 pm, Sunday, March 11, at St Joseph Parish Hall in Owatonna. This is part of "The Call To Be Catholic" speaker series, now in its 14th successful year. Open to the public; no charge (free-will offering suggested). Child care provided.

Community News

Maple River Dollars for Scholars will be holding a Scholarship Supper on Monday, March 19 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Mapleton. Serving will be from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of hot dishes, salads and desserts furnished by the senior class. The event is a free-will donation fundraiser with all proceeds going toward scholarships for the Class of 2018. Please come and enjoy a great meal and support our graduating seniors.

The MN FoodShare March Campaign is the annual food and fund drive involving the 300 food shelves around the state. The dates are Feb. 26th – April 8th.

The March campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March.

Food Donations – Food shelves need all types of food, personal hygiene and cleaning products.

Cash Donations – Cash also gives us more flexibility to acquire perishable items.

Maple River Loaves and Fishes, P.O. Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065

Odd Fellows Pancake Breakfast "Pancakes with a Purpose" will be held on Sunday, March 11th from 10:00-12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Mapleton. All proceeds will go to help sponsor our local youth's attendance at Camp FaHoCha, (Faith, Hope, & Charity).

St. John Lutheran of Good Thunder is having their Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper on Sunday, March 11th, serving from 4:00 7:00 pm. A Free Will Offering will be accepted.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (March 4)

Weekly collection	\$2635.14
Amount collected year to date	\$127,283.07
Amount budgeted year to date	\$118,224.00

St. Matthew (Feb. 24)

Weekly collection	\$1453.00
Amount collected year to date	\$30,738.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$42,945.00

St. Joseph (March 3)

Weekly collection	\$304.00
Amount collected year to date	\$37,230.32
Amount budgeted year to date	\$39,492.00



Ministry Roles

March 17 **St. Joseph** **5 p.m.**

Reader: Youth

Ministers of Communion: Richard FitzSimmons, Connie Peters

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Owen Barr, Kyle Sohre

Money counters: Eli Depuydt, Leah Davis

March 18 **St. Teresa** **9 a.m.**

Reader: Ceal Caldwell

Ministers of Communion: Cliff Anderson, Marcie Anderson, Owen Dickey

Hospitality: Karmen Bartholomew, Sheryl Olson, John and Sandy Treanor

Gifts: John and Sandy Treanor

Servers: Gracie Langworthy, Dawson Schmidt, Dalton Schmidt, Alana Volk

Sacristan: Ceal Caldwell

Money counters: Sandy Miller, open

Donut team: Marty Bissonette, Mike Braaten, Patrick Carey

Ministry Schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

Let us understand that God is a physician, and that suffering is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for damnation. ---St. Augustine of Hippo

Our Catholic World



We Adore You O Christ and We Praise You

"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Special prayer time during Lent will be available: beginning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Teresa on each of the six Sundays in Lent, Fr Vogel will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin a time of Adoration which will continue until 10:00 p.m.

Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there will be sign up sheets available to make sure someone will always be present the entire time that Jesus is exposed on the altar each Sunday. Please consider if you will be able to make that commitment and promise to Jesus to stay with Him awhile. Of course, anyone can come at any time during the day to pray without being signed up.



"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.



2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Renew Faith Extend Mercy Inspire Hope

Results so far for the
2018 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of	Amount	Parish	% of goal
St. Joseph	4	\$1175	\$5,030	23
St. Matthew	3	\$520	\$4,260	12
St. Teresa	3	\$500	\$14,980	3



Matt Wagner - Sacred Heart Major Seminary

The Vocations Office gave me the resources and tools to ask the questions: "What does God want for my life, and how do I go about achieving that?" It was through the Vocations Office that I was able to answer those questions and go through the necessary steps to enter seminary and to follow where God is ultimately calling me to go. I can't emphasize enough how important the benefactors and the people who pray for us are in our discernment. Being in the seminary for five years now, the amount of support I've gotten from benefactors and prayer partners is part of what

keeps me going. God is working through those people to continue to call me to the priesthood. We couldn't do this without the people of God. **Please give generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal**