

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!

February 23, 2014

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tri-Parish Mass Schedule

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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**BE HOLY, FOR I, THE LORD,
YOUR GOD, AM HOLY. LV 19:2**

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

This week and next in our parishes we have the opportunity to look at our ministries and how we are currently serving the Church. When we think about the amount of time we give to our families and all the activities we do, sometimes the Church is seen as extra time or leftover. I would challenge us to move beyond this way of thinking. We have a particular duty to give God our first fruits. We don't go to mass if we have time; we go to mass and then find time for other life events. Likewise, in prioritizing how we use our time and abilities and share our treasure with God, the one hour at mass is a minimalist approach. We should daily be praying and uniting our mind and heart to God. We should stop in at churches we daily drive by to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and order our days around God and His grace for us. In Christian households, it is not uncommon to give 10% of our income in a tithe back to God. Perhaps we are unable to make that kind of sacrifice at this time, but what percent are we giving? I personally strive to give 10% of my personal income back to the parishes and have then allowed God to lead me in where He is calling me to give even more than that to other charities or Church organizations. Giving back to God is a human need that we all share—we have been richly provided for by God—and so need to prioritize our efforts. I am extremely grateful to each of you for what you already do and sacrifice on behalf of the Church. In small parishes many of us work very hard to keep things going smoothly and that is appreciated. However, more of us are being called to serve Christ and His Church in particular ways. We do not please God by simply doing things for Him, but when we give our heart to Him we desire to find ways to serve Him more completely and deliberately. Not everybody has to 'do something' at mass to be doing their part, but we all do need to be giving our heart to the Lord in living worship and allowing Him to call us into a deeper love and service of Him and one another to be doing our part. Likewise, the offerings I make financially to the Lord are not attempting to please God by buying my way into heaven, but the sacrifices we make go a long way in promoting the mission of the Church. Along with the hired staff and our finance councils, I do my best to ensure that we are prudent with our resources and seeking to advance the message of Christ and the Church in our communities. I hope you see this bearing fruit in your own life. May God inspire us to love Him more, to commit to Him more, and to sacrifice our comfort for Him more. God love you and protect you.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, February 24

James 3:13-18; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Mark 9:14-29

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Paul and Esther Carey and their family*

Tuesday, February 25

James 4:1-10; Psalm 55:7-11, 23; Mark 9:30-37

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Mike and Rose FitzSimmons*
3:30 Mass at MCH † *Joe Dentinger*

Wednesday, February 26

James 4:13-17; Psalm 49:2-3, 6-11; Mark 9:38-40

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

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

Thursday, February 27

James 5:1-6; Psalm 49:14-20; Mark 9:41-50

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Howard LaFleur*

Friday, February 28

James 5:9-12; Psalm 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mark 10:1-12

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Sr. Lois*

Saturday, March 1

James 5:13-20; Psalm 141:1-3, 8; Mark 10:13-16

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Jessie Gerringer*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Pat Rigdon*

Sunday, March 2 **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 49:14-15; Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9;

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *People of the tri-parish*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Martin and Virginia Graf*

Mass Times Change the weekend of March 1 & 2

Saturday, 5 p.m. St. Joseph

Sunday, 8 a.m. St. Teresa

Sunday, 10 a.m. St. Matthew

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.

Quilt Group at St. Teresa



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

Jay Hiller, Virginia Denn, Lonnie O'Brien, Krissy Wendlandt Bauer, Charlene Wallace

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 classes will be held this coming Wednesday, February 26.



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.



There are boxes available at each church for old, blessed palms. Remember, blessed items cannot just be thrown into the garbage, but must be disposed of properly. These old palms will be burnt and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday this year. Please bring in your old palms by Feb. 27th.



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.

Happy 85th Birthday Eunice Bunde! February 28th

Please join in a Card Shower: Birthday Greetings may be sent to:
1511 Coco Palm Dr. Harlingen, TX 78552-2061



Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (February 15)

Weekly collection...	\$2366.66
Amount collected year to date...	\$102,652.37
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$104,082.00

St. Matthew (February 16)

Weekly collection.....	\$557.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$55,231.30
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$43,527.00

St. Joseph

Weekly collection	
Amount collected year to date...	\$34,845.39
Amount budgeted year to date	\$34,318.00



Ministry Roles

March 1 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Mary Caven,
Leah Davis

Hospitality: Dan and Theresa Sohre family

Gifts: Dan and Theresa Sohre family

Servers: Payton Berkner, Lauren Kleven

Money Counters:

March 2 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: George Leary

Minister of Communion: Cliff Anderson
Marcie Anderson

Hospitality: Marla and John Trio
Joe and Cathy Wittrock

Gifts: Paul and Brenda Carey

Servers: Kayla Rigdon, Nolan Braaten,
Aaron Trio

Money Counters: Bob Bissonette, Jan Sonnek

March 2 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Darla Graf

Minister of Communion: Mary Lee Corey,
Darla Graf

Hospitality: Matt Moline family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Kitty Cumbee, Linda Anderson

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.

Stewardship Sign-up

Stewardship - a way of life

Next weekend will be another opportunity to sign up for ministries in each parish. Please consider carefully where you think you can best share your time and talent. Everyone will be asked to fill out a sheet as we are also updating our addresses, emails and phone numbers.

New ministry schedules are out for St. Joseph and St. Teresa Parishes. Only the month of March is scheduled for now. April and May will be scheduled after the stewardship sign up weekends.



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 will also be available next weekend at all churches.

Masses for Ash Wednesday, March 5

7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph



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.