

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
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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March 16, 2014

The Second Sunday of Lent



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5

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

I should have asked you sooner...my apologies. What is it that you are grateful for?

Above all of life's relationships, life situations, and possessions our first response to this question should truly be—Jesus Christ. There should be a sigh of relief in our response because we know it is only by the grace of Jesus' death that we are able to be saved and attain heaven. There should be an exclamation of joy in our response because it is always the grace of Jesus that sees us through our trials and difficulties. There should be a proclamation of hope in our response because we know truly that only by trusting in Him are we able to not become overburdened or concerned with life's worries. This past week we had the first of three talks in the series on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Raymond de Souza is the guest speaker our tri parish welcomed and one of the points of emphasis in this first talk was that throughout the centuries we have seen that Jesus has made known "the ineffable marvels of His pure love and showed to what an excess He had loved men, from whom He received only ingratitude and contempt."

Over the next two talks, Raymond will speak to us about specifically how we can grow in a deeper relationship and love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have been called to respond to God for all He has done for us. This year the Diocese of Winona celebrates its 125th anniversary. Bishop Quinn has asked the entire diocese to join him in a Year of Thanksgiving. I am a little slow in getting the word out about our call to gratitude! Even still, it is a great blessing to be a part of the Diocese of Winona and so much good has come about from the bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful who have served in our parishes. It is a joyous occasion to recall the ways God has blessed southern Minnesota which we call our diocese and our home. Our parishes are members of this family and so we celebrate as well. We give thanks for all we have despite the fact that there is hardship in our church. We recognize the blessings and the ways God is at work to purify our hearts and raise us up in service to Him and one another. Bishop Quinn has invited the priests to go to their parishes with the question, "what are we at our parish grateful for?" Times have changed a lot in the last generation yet Jesus Christ and His plan has not diminished or failed. We must be a hopeful people even as we face ever changing realities and situations. Please continue to pray for our diocese and our parishes that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide us and the Heart of Jesus ever worshiped and adored in our hearts before we serve our own needs or wants.

A part of our response in gratitude is giving back to God out of what He has provided to us. Every year the Diocese of Winona does an appeal soliciting our aid to carry on the mission of Jesus Christ in the Church. The name of the annual diocesan appeal has changed to **Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal** which is a 'rebrand' of the same appeal but seeks to more closely identify the purpose of the appeal. This appeal is one of the major efforts that assist the diocese to fulfill its mission to financially support spiritual, educational and social needs of the Catholic community in southern Minnesota. It is a primary source of funding which helps sustain and expand critical ministries in the 114 parishes, 30 schools and other Catholic organizations within the 20 counties served by the Diocese of Winona. Thank you for your grateful hearts and your continued generosity toward the Church.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
Daniel 9:4-10; Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36-38
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Robert Becker

Tuesday, March 18 **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Matthew 23:1-12
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *Special Intention*

Wednesday, March 19 **Solemnity of St. Joseph**
2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *Reparation for our sins*

Thursday, March 20 **Lenten Weekday**
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 16:19-31
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Jim Clobes

Friday, March 21 **Lenten Weekday**
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 ; Psalm 105:16-21;
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Lillian Pfeffer

Saturday, March 22 **Lenten Weekday**
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Lucille Kunkel
5:00 p.m. Loves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph
† Bonnie FitzSimmons

Sunday, March 23 **Third Sunday of Lent**
Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9;
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Margaret Lubitz
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

The office is closed Mon. March 17 and Tues. March 18

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilt Group at St. Teresa

Thursday, March 20 6:30 p.m. St. Teresa Finance Council

Confession Schedule for Lent

Each Friday after Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 2 7 p.m. Communal Penance Service at St. Teresa

Tuesday, April 15 5 p.m. at St. Teresa

Wednesday, April 16 5 p.m. at St. Teresa

After Holy Thursday Mass
After both Good Friday Liturgies





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

Tiffany Sonnek, Noah Laird, Phyllis Lindeman, Jay Hiller, 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 will be in session Wednesday, March 19th.



Adult Faith Enrichment

Thursday Bible Study will not meet on March 20th.

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.

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)

St. Teresa: Breakfast to benefit faith formation:

**Sunday, March 30,
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.**



**CATHOLIC ORDER
OF FORESTERS**

Menu includes eggs, ham, hash browns, muffins and fruit. Free will donations accepted. Matching funds will be provided by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Parish News

The tri-parish has a new website. Please check it out at sjsmst.org. You can continue to go there for the bulletin, mass times and confession times plus upcoming events, ministry schedules, more links to great catholic information and a link to our Facebook page. More items will be added in the coming weeks. Visit the page and see what you think.



Faith Formation students will lead Stations of the Cross on Wed. evenings in Lent beginning March 12. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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.

The ministry schedules for April and May for St. Joseph and St. Teresa are available in each church. If you are signed up for a ministry, please pick up the schedule at your parish. Also available on the new website.

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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 Friday, March 21 will be the famous Fish Fry.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lenten Talks 7 p.m. at St. Teresa

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. Teresa: Famous Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 21 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.



St. Matthew: We are looking for a person or persons to oversee the Bingo stand at the Blue Earth County Fair this August. Having someone step forward and oversee the bingo stand will allow us to keep our spot as well as provide income for our parish. If interested or would like more info, please contact the Tri-Parish office 524-3127 or sjsmst@hickorytech.net.

Faithful practices during Lent:

Fasting and abstinence are spiritual practices that are vital to the Christian life. What are the rules for fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church?

The USCCB allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. Thus, the rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

-Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

-Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

-Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.

Community News

St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society Lenten Fish Fry will be held on **Friday, March 28th**. Serving will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist parish hall in Minnesota Lake. Menu includes All you can eat Fish, Rosemary's Salmon Loaf, Creamed Peas, Baked Potato and Cole Slaw. Take outs will be available-call 462-3306. All are welcome to attend.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (March 9)

Weekly collection...	\$1593.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$110,743.87
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$113,544.00

St. Matthew (March 9)

Weekly collection.....	\$953.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$57,313.00
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$47,484.00

St. Joseph

Weekly collection	
Amount collected year to date...	\$36,436.40
Amount budgeted year to date	\$36,466.00



Ministry Roles

March 22 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Connie Peters,
Christine Rahn

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Kelsey Sohre, Ella Sohre

Money Counters: Cassie Winters,
Sarah Caven

March 23 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony Bach

Minister of Communion: Alice Geromo,
Deb Hager

Hospitality: Lois Gau, Emily Minkel,
Dan and Sherry Kraft

Gifts: Kevin and Denise Donovan

Servers: Lukas Trio, Mikaela Trio,
Nathan Trio

Money Counters: Sandy Miller, Kay Proehl

March 23 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Minister of Communion: Char Schuch,
Neal Wallace

Hospitality: Charly Roelofs family

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Lee Corey, Kitty Cumbee

Our Catholic World



Please pray for our country!:

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

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 are available at all churches.

CRS Rice Bowl Reflections: Guatemala

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Rights and Responsibilities*, and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world, that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people.



2014 Annual
Diocesan Catholic
Ministries Appeal

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES



This weekend is the official launch of the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal [formerly called the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA).] A packet will arrive in each parishioner's home in the coming days. Please review the materials and consider a donation to the Appeal. The goals for our parishes this year are:

St. Joseph	\$4,440
St. Matthew	\$5,510
St. Teresa	\$14,460

Every dollar raised above our goal comes back to our parish to do even more good here at the parish. Please fill out the donation card and bring to Mass in the coming weeks or mail to us in the envelope provided. Visit www.catholicismn.org to donate online and for more information.



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.