

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 23, 2014

The Third Sunday of Lent

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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“My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”
John 4:34

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

At the final judgment Jesus will come again in glory. At that time the fullness of God's plan of salvation will be revealed both for you and me personally and for the whole world. This will be a moment of indescribable awe and wonder. The Catechism tells us that at this Last Judgment we will have revealed even to the furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during their earthly life (1039). This means that our every action and the consequences it had will be revealed to us at the end of time. Leading up to our experience of this incredible event, we all have thousands of events in our daily life that will determine whether this final judgment will be a cause of joy or a cause for sorrow. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals who He is to the woman at the well. He informs her of His life giving power and reveals the state of her life that she is currently living in sin. Jesus doesn't reveal her sin just to make her feel bad or ashamed of what she has done. That naturally feeling of embarrassment or shame at our faults is there to turn us away from them and to show us our need for God's healing and life sustaining grace. Jesus thus reveals the mercy and love of the Father towards her and having experienced this love she is motivated to not only change the lifestyle of sin she was living but also to tell others how God has been at work in her life.

What was your life's moment at the well? Have you had a time when God has convicted you to turn away from a lifestyle or pattern of sin and give your heart more completely to Jesus? Have you gone to confession and asked God for the mercy you need to move forward in life? Jesus forgives and Jesus heals. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the ordinary means to this grace. We should never shy away from reconciling our hearts to the Father through Jesus because we are never looked upon with anger or disgust; only mercy. This mercy is extended to us who trust in Jesus and His merciful Heart and seek this mercy in confession. I love Lent and the call to turn more deeply to Jesus. I find that the more I turn toward Him in prayer and ask for His guidance the more I am personally free to see how He is at work in my life and in our parishes. May Jesus be the center and focus of our hearts and might we humbly submit our wills to His Gracious Will.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 24

Lenten Weekday

2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Charles Miller

Tuesday, March 25

**The Solemnity of the
Annunciation of the Lord**

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10;
Luke 1:26-38

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Jim Larson

3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH † Joan VanRossum

Wednesday, March 26

Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Matthew 5:17-19

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Bill Wendlandt

Thursday, March 27

Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Luke 11:14-23

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Howard La Fleur

Friday, March 28

Lenten Weekday

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34

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

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

Saturday, March 29

Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Henry Stenzel and family

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Wilma Larson

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 23:1-6;

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Deb Wallace

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, April 1

7 p.m. Tri-parish Finance Council at ST



Next weekend, March 29 & 30 there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services. The collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to protect families by providing basic humanitarian aid and life-skills training to those in need.



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 26th.



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. 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.

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

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.



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. Confession will also follow Benediction.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lenten Talks 7 p.m. at St. Teresa

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

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



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.

St. Matthew: Spring cleaning is only needed in the kitchen and dining hall this year. All circles are asked to help with this on Saturday, March 29 beginning at 8 a.m. Many hands make light work.

Community News

The 2014 Maple River AAA Foundation Tasting on the Terrace is on Saturday, April 5th 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Heritage Place in Mapleton - 303 Troendle Street. The event features fine food, craft beer and wine tasting. Special music will be provided by the Maple River Jazz Band. Tickets to the event are \$25 and may be purchased at the door. The Maple River AAA Foundation has been established as a designated fund of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. The goal of the Maple River AAA Foundation is to provide an educational experience not provided in the curriculum, provide every student with the opportunity to develop their full potential, develop lifelong attitudes in the area of academics, arts, and athletics and provide leadership and emotional skills that help develop well-rounded student citizens.

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 15)

Weekly collection...	\$1583.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$112,326.87
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$116,698.00

St. Matthew (March 16)

Weekly collection.....	\$1673.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$58,986.50
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$48,803.00

St. Joseph (March 2 & 9)

Weekly collection	\$870.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$37,306.40
Amount budgeted year to date	\$38,614.00



Ministry Roles

March 29 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Julie FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Dean Sohre,
Dan Sohre

Hospitality: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Gifts: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Servers: April Klecker, Lauren Kleven

Money Counters:

March 30 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Jonah Breiter

Minister of Communion: Don Landsteiner,
Mary Ellen Larson

Hospitality: Tim and Meg Mohwinkel family,
Jim and Jackie Landsteiner

Gifts: Alice and Dan Germa

Servers: AJ Kunkel, Samantha Kunkel,
Aaron Trio

Money Counters: Vicki Kunkel, Meg Mohwinkel

March 30 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Cindy Young

Minister of Communion: Cindy Young,
Tony Wendlandt

Hospitality: Dave Sanders family

Servers:

Money Counters:

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: the Philippines

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, and reminded of Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did to me." Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.



2014 Annual
Diocesan Catholic
Ministries Appeal

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES



CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION
of Southern Minnesota

Last weekend was the official launch of the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal [formerly called the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA).] Each parishioner should have received a package in the mail. 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.catholicfsmn.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.