

## 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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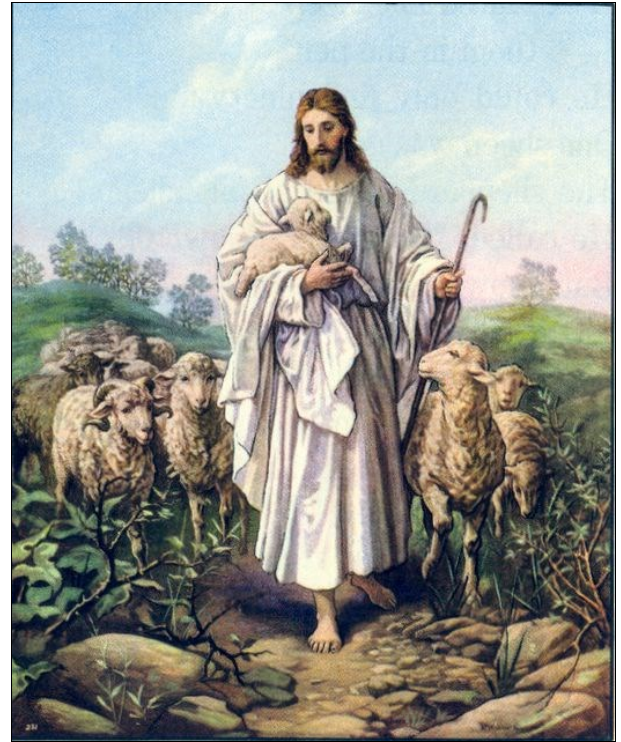
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Cindy Young, St. Matthew Faith Formation

Karen Langworthy, St. Teresa Faith Formation

March 30, 2014

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent



**The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

Psalm 23

### **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

One of my favorite images in the Scriptures is **Deus lux est** et tenebrae in eo non sunt ullae:

“**God is light** and in Him there is no darkness.” It is always an image that has resonated with me and been effective when I seek to understand the way that God is at work amidst our world where we constantly experience pain, frustration, hurt, rejection, and live in a world where ‘bad news’ is more commonplace than good. The Scriptures remind us of Jesus and the presence of God as being the light which drives out the darkness of our lives. Sin, evil, and pain are realities of our lives—whether it be mental, spiritual, or physical anguish we all experience pain in our lives and are in need of relief. If we acknowledge these things are darkness and acknowledge Jesus as the light in our darkness we can find solace and comfort even while our trials persist. Because in Him there is no darkness, we can even find that while our trials remain and go on around us and in us Jesus Christ’s Presence guides us and aids us in our recovery and dealing with our experienced difficulties.

In today’s Gospel, the man is born blind and so in the mind of the Jewish people was born in darkness (and therefore sin). Jesus removes the darkness and so the Jewish leaders struggle with what this means for this man. They are too prideful to accept the powerful reality that God has done this and turn to excuses (like mud being made on the Sabbath as a violation of law) and empty accusations (claiming Jesus to be a sinner) to escape from dealing with their own darkness. The Light of the World stood before them and they enclosed themselves in darkness. We must recognize this tendency in us as well—all too often we are more concerned with worldly advancement and notoriety (even if just among our own social circles) to truly let Jesus’ light penetrate our hearts and our minds. We are more distracted by people and social situations than allowing His light to come to us. Even at Church we find ourselves more concerned about what others are doing, wearing, look like or what we need to get done later in the day than quieting our hearts and even shutting our eyes in order to turn to God and invite His loving Presence into our heart. We should never feel awkward or strange about closing our eyes and being deliberate in prayer before, after, AND ESPECIALLY during mass. If you are like my dad, he often says he is meditating while dozing off, but let’s take an opportunity to shut down the distractions and open our hearts to God’s grace and peace. After all, His is not a Light that shines to the eyes of our head, His Light shines to eyes of our soul.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 31 **Lenten Weekday**  
Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; John 4:43-54  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Reparation for our sins*

Tuesday, April 1 **Lenten Weekday**  
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** *Special Intention*  
**3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH** † *Cecil and Bernardine Dickey*

Wednesday, April 2 **St. Francis of Paola**  
Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *James Weir family*

Thursday, April 3 **Lenten Weekday**  
Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-23; John 5:31-47  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Joe Dentinger*

Friday, April 4 **St. Isidore**  
Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 ; Psalm 34:17-21, 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Reparation for our sins*

Saturday, April 5 **St. Vincent Ferrer**  
Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9-12; John 7:40-53  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Lillian Pfeffer*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph** *Intentions of Conley Hiller family*

Sunday, April 6 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45  
**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *People of the tri-parish*  
**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Harry Roelofs*

### 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
Wednesday, April 2	7 p.m. Tri-parish Penance Service at St. Teresa
Thursday, April 3	6:30 p.m. St. Teresa Pastoral Council

**A Prayer Chain of St. Joseph parishioners** has recently been formed. If you have a need and would like to request prayers, you may contact Fr. Kern at 524-4628 and give him your request. He will then activate the prayer chain. There are 20 people waiting to bring your needs before Our Lord. Please take advantage of this gift.





**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 classes are to attend the tri-parish Communal Penance Service on Wed., April 2.**



### 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.

## Parish News

**Faith Formation students will lead Stations of the Cross on Wed. evenings in Lent. 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.

**There will not be stations on April 2 due to the Tri-parish Penance Service that evening.**



Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped me through my illness will all your thoughts, prayers, and visits. I truly appreciate everything that was done for me. God bless you - Virginia Denn

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to grow in your faith while spending time with other **CCW ladies in the Diocese of Winona**. Come for an inspirational day of fellowship and see one of the most beautiful churches in the diocese by attending our WDCCW Meeting on **Wednesday, April 9th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Easton** Adoration will begin at 7:30 AM Mass starts at 8:00 AM Breakfast, meeting and lunch to follow. \*\*\*Since our Area CCW is hosting this meeting it will also act as our Blue Earth Area CCW April Meeting.

See you all on April 9th!

**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.



## 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](mailto:sjsmst@hickorytech.net).

**St. Teresa: Last chance to pick up pans and bowls from church. Any items that have been left at church from funerals, etc. and not picked up by April 6 will be given away.**

## Community News



On Palm Sunday, April 13, a Ham Dinner will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in Vernon Center. There will be ham plus baked potatoes, carrots, salad, roll, & homemade desserts. Serving is from

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is: Adults: \$8, children 5 - 10: \$4.00, preschoolers free. Take outs will be available at 549-3162.

**Amboy Lions Club Family Style Dinner and Benefit Auction** Thursday, April 10 St. Matthew Church Hall Pork Chop Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Auction of home baked goods, hand crafted items and more follows dinner. Everyone is invited to attend for good food and a good time. Tickets are \$9 and available at Community Bank and Lion Club members or by calling 340-7748.



Vernon Center Fireman's Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6 At the fire hall, pancakes, eggs, sausage Free will donation

**The 2014 Maple River AAA Foundation Tasting on the Terrace** is on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (March 22)

Weekly collection...	\$3088.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$115,414.87
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$119,852.00

### St. Matthew (March 23)

Weekly collection.....	\$728.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$59,714.50
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$50,122.00

### St. Joseph

Weekly collection .....	\$2005.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$39,311.65
Amount budgeted year to date	\$40,762.00



## Ministry Roles

### April 5      St. Joseph      5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Kevin FitzSimmons  
**Minister of Communion:** Patty Thomas  
**Hospitality:** Charles and Arlene Rigdon  
**Gifts:** Charles and Arlene Rigdon  
**Servers:** Nell Gehrke, Taylor Hollerich  
**Money Counters:** Leah Davis, Shelli Grover

### April 6      St. Teresa      8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Peg Breiter  
**Minister of Communion:** Sandy Miller,  
 Lloyd Mitchell  
**Hospitality:** Sheryl Olson, Kay Proehl  
 Mike and Jan Samuelson  
**Gifts:** Jeff and Shelly Holt  
**Servers:** Evan Klein, Jacob Rigdon,  
 Kayla Rigdon  
**Money Counters:** Jan Sonnek, Sandy Wersal

### April 6      St. Matthew      10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Mary Lee Corey  
**Minister of Communion:** Dave Weir,  
 Mary Lee Corey  
**Hospitality:** Art and Char Schuch  
**Servers:** Julianna Majeski, Lilly Majeski  
**Money Counters:** Linda Anderson,  
 Neil Majeski

## 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: Malawi

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Malawi. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers*, and reminded that, just as He labored to create the universe, God sanctifies and calls us to work. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Malawi and all around the world, that we work with joy for God's greater glory.



### TRIDENTINE MASS

The traditional Latin Tridentine Mass is celebrated at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on the first Saturday of each month, the next Mass is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 at 9 am. A question and answer period with coffee and rolls will follow on the fourth floor. All are welcome.

**Kids Against Hunger** At the Lock In on March 15-16 the youth packaged **12,096 packages of nutritious food** to send to people in need. It costs just \$.25 for each meal. With that many meals packaged the cost for the food is \$3024.00. Thanks to your generosity in the collection at Mass, \$1447.00 was collected to pay this bill. However, we still need to raise \$1577.00. If you have not yet had the opportunity to help with this, you can still donate by writing "Kids Against Hunger" on an envelope and placing it, along with your donation, in the collection basket, or mailing it to the office. Thank you for your continued generosity.



2014 Annual  
 Diocesan Catholic  
 Ministries Appeal

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Please be generous to the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal by sharing your gifts and prayers. Your contribution to the Appeal is a way of serving others throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus. Please consider your one-time or monthly gift as a reflection of your daily offering to God. To give a gift, please fill out the pledge card sent to you and bring to Mass next week or mail in the envelope provided. Thank you for your generosity. The goals for each parish are: St. Joseph \$4,440;

St. Matthew \$5,510; St. Teresa \$14,460

If we do not meet these goals with your donations, the parish will need to make up the difference.