

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. 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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November 23, 2014 Christ the King of the Universe



May he not come suddenly
and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!" Mark 13:37

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. 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 pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America... This pledge which nowadays is apparently controversial for mentioning that we are under God is a constant reminder to our country that we are united under the banner of our flag which stands for liberty and justice for all. This weekend on the great feast of Christ the King we pledge allegiance not to a country or lofty ideals, we pledge allegiance to the Church and to the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Even this country pledges its allegiance to Jesus Christ whether it realizes it or not. We are all under the sovereign Lordship of Jesus. On the last day this will be actualized when He comes in glory and every knee bows before Him. This feast reminds us with powerful imagery that our citizenship is not most fundamentally of this earth but of Heaven. While we serve our nation with honor and respect, we do it with eyes looking beyond just the flourishing of our country or world. We keep our gaze fixed on eternity for union with our Lord Jesus Christ.

With Advent beginning next weekend, I am very excited to offer all day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in which we will have a substantial amount of time to simply adore our King as a Tri-Parish (on each Sunday of Advent). I know it is a commitment of time and energy to come to Mapleton (if you don't reside there) but an offering to Jesus that He will abundantly bless in numerous ways. Please sign up and commit yourself to time in prayer this Advent season. Be willing to make this sacrifice to Jesus to show Him you love Him and honor Him. If you are truly unable, the Lord understands this as do I but perhaps you too could take extra time to pray for others to be willing to sign up to come be before our Lord and adore Him, love Him, and resolve to serve Him more faithfully. I revere the hour I spend before the Blessed Sacrament each day and in fact, when I was given this assignment and first talked to Carol about the schedule I would have for weekday Mass, I told her I needed an hour of adoration before each weekday mass. I was given the grace to see that if I had any hope of being a faithful priest who serves this Tri-Parish in any way worthily it would be because of my foundation in prayer. Join me and join the thousands of others throughout the world who come before our Lord present in the Most Blessed Sacrament each day to pledge their allegiance to His Lordship. May the Lord inspire and abundantly bless our Tri-Parish through our commitment in prayer—I know He will.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Revelation 14:1-5; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 21:1-4

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Reparation for our sins*

Tuesday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Revelation 14:14-19; Psalm 96:10-13; Luke 21:5-11

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Jack Krough*

Wednesday, November 26

Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98:1-3, 7-9; Luke 21:12-19

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Ben Ulman*

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

Sirach 50:22-24; Psalm 138:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *In Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings*

Friday, November 28

Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Psalm 84:3-6, 8; Luke 21:29-33

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Fr. Jerry Dorn*

Saturday, November 29

Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Virginia Cyr*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Renee Merwin*

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Fr. Charlie Quinn*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilters group at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa
Thursdays 9 a.m. Study of the Joy of the Gospel at St. Teresa
Thursday, Dec. 4 6:30 p.m. St. Teresa Pastoral Council

The office will be closed Thurs., Nov. 27 - Fri. Nov. 28

Mass times change in two weeks. Mass times for December—February are as follows:

Saturday 5 p.m. St. Joseph
Sunday, 8 a.m. St. Teresa
Sunday, 10 a.m. St. Matthew

New ministry schedules for St. Joseph and St. Teresa are available at the entrances to each church. If you are scheduled for a ministry, please pick up a schedule at your parish.



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

Ken Irvine, Pat Borchert, Cathy Lentz, Becky, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, Kathleen Abrahamson, Yolande Abrahamson, Chris FitzSimmons

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 There will not be any classes held on Nov. 26th.

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)

Upcoming Service Opportunities for Youth:

Wednesday, December 3 – Spaghetti Feed fundraiser
Youth volunteers needed for shifts between 3:30-7:30
Help set up tables, serve food, clear tables, dishes

Sunday, December 7 – Collect food at Kiwanis Lights – Sibley Park

Need volunteers from 3:30-6 (including travel)
Help collect food for Loaves & Fishes from 4-5:30

The Tri-Parish Youth are sponsoring a Spaghetti Feed as part of the Snowflake Dazzle festivities on December 3, from 4:30-8 PM, at St. Teresa's Dining Hall. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



Supper is provided and a free-will donation will be collected with all profits going toward the Catholic Heart Work Camp (mission trip) and Steubenville conference happening next summer. (*Corrected dates for Steubenville: July 10-12*)

Adult volunteers (as well as youth) are needed the night of the event. We are also in need of 8 families willing to donate a pan of bars for the event.

Please contact Jason or Karen Langworthy if you can help with any shift from 3:30-9 or if you can provide a pan of bars. Thank you!

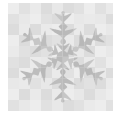
Great opportunity for youth entering 9—12 grade next fall:
Catholic Heart Work Camp (Mission Trip) July 19-25 in Detroit Lakes, MN **REMINDER: \$85 deposit is due December 5** See website for more information: <http://heartworkcamp.com/dates/detroit-lakes-mn/> or talk to Father Kern.

The next meeting of the Tri-parish Junior High Youth Group will be Friday, December 5 from 6:30—9 p.m.

Parish News



Available at each church there are Advent wreaths, candles, and the Magnificat Advent Companion to help with your advent preparations for the coming of Christ at Christmas.



St. Teresa: Snowshoveler's sign up: It's that time of year! There are sign-up sheets at both church entrances for families to take care of the clean up after a snow fall. Your help in this task is greatly appreciated. Please be generous with your time.

St. Teresa: Potluck supper will be held on Saturday, November 29 after the 5 p.m. Mass. Instead of viewing an episode of the Catholicism series, we will have an Advent kick-off event. Please plan to join us for this celebration as we begin the holy season of Advent.

Father Kern will offer a **Mass of Anointing** on Thursday, December 4 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mapleton Community Home. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven Sacraments of the Church. Any member of the Catholic faithful who is in danger of death, becomes seriously ill, is injured or is suffering from a decline due to advanced age is encouraged to receive this Sacrament. One need not be at the point of death. Any parishioner desiring this healing sacrament is encouraged to attend this Mass.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **St. Matthew Turkey Dinner** by donating, working or attending. The profit from the dinner is \$3128 and from the raffle/silent auction is \$2202. Profits will benefit faith formation.

November is National Adoption Month. Flowers on the altar by The Blessed Mother are in honor of all adopted children and their parents. Pray for families who have adopted, are in the process of adoption or thinking about adoption, and those making the difficult decision to put their child up for adoption.

Thank you to everyone who drove the extra miles to attend the benefit for my family, sent a donation, or included us in their prayers. I ask that you keep my family in your prayers as I continue this journey through cancer. Thanks again.
Luke, Brianna, and Jakob Hollerich

Community News

The Maple River Drama Club is holding a Silent Auction at the Mapleton Home and Hardware in the green room on Wed Dec 3rd, 2014. Bidding begins at 4 and will end at 7:30 p.m.. Winners will be announced by 8:00 p.m. There will be many new and gently used items to bid on. These items have been generously donated by local businesses and supporters of the Maple River Drama Program. All proceeds will go directly to the Maple River Drama program to help fund the 2016 musical and to purchase needed equipment. We hope to see you there!

The poinsettias that were ordered from the Mapleton Sertoma Club need to be picked up from the Leisure Center on Monday, November 24 during the hours of 1-7pm or Tuesday, November 25 from 9-11am or 4-7 pm. Mapleton Sertoma Club thanks you for your support!!

Open House for **Birthright of Mankato** at 330 Stadium Road, Suite 201B in Mankato from 1-4 P.M. on Sunday, December 7. (Second floor of Jake's Stadium Pizza)

Mapleton Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Wed., Nov. 26 at 7 pm. in the St. John Church Sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

The Amboy Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at First Presbyterian Church, Amboy November 26 at 7pm. Coffee and bars will be served following the service.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (November 15)

Weekly collection...	\$3464.49
Amount collected year to date...	\$50,832.27
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$63,290.00

St. Matthew (November 16)

Weekly collection.....	\$1055.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$15,839.05
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$25,441.00

St. Joseph (November 16)

Weekly collection	\$531.27
Amount collected year to date...	\$14,788.39
Amount budgeted year to date	\$22,600.00



Ministry Roles

November 29 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kevin Etherington

Minister of Communion: Jim Swanson,
Arlene Swanson

Hospitality: Jim and Gloria Langworthy,
Joel and Mary Ellen Larson

Gifts: Owen and Theresa Dickey

Servers: Ethan Sindelir, Dillon Schmidt,
Dustyn Schmidt

Money Counters: Vicki Kunkel, Jan Sonnek

November 30 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Art Schuch

Minister of Communion: Justin Davis,
Char Schuch

Hospitality: Dave Weir, Donna Kopischke

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Lee Corey

November 30 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Maureen Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Dan Sohre,
Dean Sohre

Hospitality: Tyler and Allison Rahn

Gifts: Tyler and Allison Rahn

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Taylor Hollerich

Money Counters: Laureen Sohre, Eli Depuydt

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World

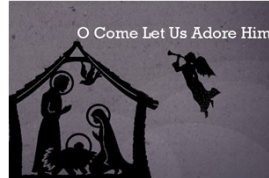


Please pray for our country!:

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."

--Saint Padre Pio **Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.**
St. Teresa Church

Diocese of Winona History Books are now available for purchase. Look for them after Mass at each church; they are also available from the tri-parish office. These books are hard cover, full color, "coffee table" quality with a wealth of information about the history of the diocese and a full page on the history of each parish. The cost for this beautiful book is only \$35.



Let us prayerfully watch for the coming of the Lord

At 9 a.m. on the first Sunday of Advent, and after the 8 a.m. Mass the next three Sundays, Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar at St. Teresa Church and begin the time of Adoration. Adoration will then continue until 6 p.m. (4 p.m. on Dec. 7) when Father will close with Benediction. There will be books and other materials to aid you in your time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there are sign up sheets available at each church to make sure someone will always be present from 9 a.m.-Benediction each Sunday. We will have half hour slots and you can sign up for one, two, or as many as you want! 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.

This is a great opportunity to take some quiet time amidst all the busyness and noise to truly focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Attend as a family!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. at St. Teresa Church. Eucharist means thanksgiving; come and give thanks to God in the Eucharistic celebration.



Contribution envelopes for 2015 will be available soon. If you wish to receive envelopes and have not in the past please call the office. Also, if you have received envelopes in past years but do not wish to receive/use them call the office as well. If you would like to start or change having your contributions automatically transferred, authorization forms are available. Thank you for your generosity.

Respect Life - The King of Life The liturgy for today's **Feast of Christ the King** tells us that his is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Indeed, all these realities fit together perfectly. Truth and life go together, because when we know the truth about God's love and care for creation, we will respect all life. When we know the truth about ourselves, that we belong only to God, then we realize we cannot destroy any other person. A respect for life, personally as well as in our laws and policies as a nation, is the first requirement of justice and an absolute condition of peace. And the holier we are, the more we allow God's grace into our every thought and desire, the more we will adhere to truth, defend life, and promote justice and peace.