

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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December 28, 2014 Feast of the Holy Family



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;

and the favor of God was upon him. Luke 2:40

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

Merry Christmas! Christ our savior has come to us. Our beautiful Advent and preparing for His birth by prayer and longing has come to fruition in the birth of Jesus. It is my hope that now that the busy days of getting ready have passed you are able to rejoice in the gift received. Jesus is Lord. He is God. He has revealed His love for you.

Thanks to each of you for your part in making these days so beautiful and meaningful. I am grateful to our choirs, our decorators, and everyone else for their work and preparation to make our liturgies and churches beautiful that we might give the glory to God that is His due! I also express gratitude to all of you who heeded the call to make this a prayerful Advent by making room in your schedule for more intentional prayer particularly before the Most Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. What a special gift to our parishes. I experienced sincere consolation from our Lord in my own prayer thanking me for making this grace available to the Tri-Parish. I do believe this pleased our Lord to be adored and honored this way and we shall plan for it again!

As you may have noticed, the January 1st schedule offers only one mass in our Tri-Parish. Please see the bulletin where I have included holy day mass times for the local area. This is because I am leaving on December 31st in the late evening to travel with MSU Newman Center and Fr. Tim Biren for a national conference called SEEK for college students (seek2015.com). Over 9,000(!) college students are expected. This conference is hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and will feature some of the best Catholic speakers in the country, like Chris Stefanick, Matt Fradd, Leah Darrow, Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. Mike Schmitz, many more and even a catholic comedian (Jim Gaffigan). Some of you know that I pitch in a small amount to help Fr. Tim at the Newman Center as I lead a discernment group of about 10 men thinking about the priesthood and fill in at an occasional mass. I am blessed to join the two buses from MSU heading to Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, one of the nation's largest hotels. Please pray for this conference that it might be a continued influence to the new evangelization of our culture! I will return January 6th.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket
1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6; Luke 2:22-35
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Margaret Lubitz

Tuesday, December 30 Octave of the Nativity
1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Henry and Laura Fritz
3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH † Henry Stenzel and family

Wednesday, December 31 St. Sylvester I
1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-18
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa for the Feast of Mary the Mother of God † John Breiter

Thursday, January 1 Mary, the Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
See back page for area mass times

Friday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1-4; John 1:19-28
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa

Saturday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 John 2:29—3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3-6; John 1:29-34
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Cecil and Bernardine Dickey

Sunday, January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Tom Langworthy
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew People of the tri-parish

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Tri-parish office will be closed January 1

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilters group at St. Teresa will **not** meet until Jan. 28
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa

Mary, the Mother of God

Father, source of light in every age, the virgin conceived and bore Your Son

Who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace.

May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be Your people's joy through all ages.

May her response, born of a humble heart, draw Your Spirit to rest on Your people.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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

Bill Barnard, 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 will not be held on Wednesday, December 31. They will resume January 7.

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)

Parish News

We are looking for volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels delivery. St. Teresa's does January, April, July, and October. We have to replace Ron and Mary Hartman and we have other openings as well. It is usually one week at a time and takes about 1/2 hour each day. Please contact Sue Morrow at 327-6432 or 524-4147 if you can help. Thank you!

Contribution envelopes for 2015 are available at each church. Please pick up your envelopes as soon as possible. If you do not see a box for you and would like one, please contact the tri-parish office, 524-3127. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Tri-parish Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be Sunday, **January 4** at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Teresa gathering space.

We will discuss the book My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir by Colleen Carroll Cambell.

Refreshments will be served; hosting the meeting are Becky Anderson and Ceal Caldwell. Everyone is invited for a time of relaxation and interesting conversation.



Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information -

The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (507)454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Peter Martin by calling (507)858-1264 or emailing pmartin@dow.org.

Thank you to Richard and Maureen Nowak for donating the new Nativity scene for St. Teresa Church, to Butch Bach for building the stable, and to Corrine Hammerschmidt for painting the background. It is a beautiful addition to our celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Savior.

End of the year contributions must be in the office or post-marked by December 31 in order to count towards tax deductions for 2014. Please consider a gift to your church this Christmas Season we rely on the end of the year donations to meet our budget each year. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

If you had your picture taken for the tri-parish directory and are only receiving the free 8x10, that picture is available at your home parish, not where you got the picture taken. The pictures will be on a table near the entrance to church.

St. Matthew: Please plan to join us for breakfast after Mass on Jan. 4, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Circle. Free will donation



Thanks to the following for donations for Christmas Flowers :

In loving memory of:

At **St. Joseph:**

Bill and JoAnn Hoehn

At **St. Teresa:**

Jim and Arlene Swanson

Doug and Sue Morrow

Terry and Jan Sonnek

Margaret Lubitz
Louis and Veronica Sonnek

St. Joseph's Loaves and Fishes Mass

January: Youth Camps and Bingo

Saturday, January 10th beginning with 5 p.m. Mass

After Mass: Downstairs for BINGO and food

- Please bring a donation for the local food shelf

- St. Joseph's Choir will lead the music liturgy

All are welcome! All the time.



Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast, sponsored by Maple River Band Boosters
Sunday, January 4;

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the High School

Cost: \$6 age 5 and older; \$7 at the door, Advance tickets are available from any band member. Please come and support the Maple River instrumental music program.

Start the new year out right – spend some quality time renewing your marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are January 9-11 in Bismarck, February 6-8 in Buffalo, February 13-15 in Windom, February 20-22 in Fargo, March 20-22 in Baxter. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact John & Mary Beth at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-838-8178.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (December 21)

Weekly collection...	\$9506.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$80,612.40
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$79,110.00

St. Matthew (December 21)

Weekly collection.....	\$1554.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$24,518.05
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$32,106.00

St. Joseph (December 20)

Weekly collection	\$632.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$20,380.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$28,250.00



Ministry Roles

January 3 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kevin FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Dean Sohre,
Dan Sohre

Hospitality: Barb Beaudette, Ora Doyen

Gifts: Barb Beaudette

Servers: Ella Sohre, Kelsey Sohre

Money Counters: Cassie Winters,
Laureen Sohre

January 4 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony A Bach

Minister of Communion: Sandy Miller,
Sue Morrow

Hospitality: Karmen Bartholomew,
Tony A Bach, Owen and Theresa Dickey

Gifts: Jim and Jackie Landsteiner

Servers: Andrew Hoppe, Kole Wenner,
Julia Langworthy

Money Counters: Eugene Langworthy,
Kay Proehl

January 4 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Neil Majeski

Minister of Communion: Devin Moline,
Charly Roelofs

Hospitality: Lucas Bunde family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Linda Anderson,
Neil Majeski

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**



Mass schedule for

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's)

December 31

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

Area Masses for the Holy Day:

January 1

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Easton 8 a.m.

St John the Baptist, Mankato 9 a.m.

Sts Peter and Paul, Mankato 10 a.m.

St John the Baptist, Minnesota Lake 4:30 p.m.

Ministry Roles for Holy Day:

December 31 at St. Teresa

5:00 p.m.

Reader: Peg Breiter

Minister of Communion: Lloyd Mitchell, Kevin Donovan

Hospitality: Butch and Judy Bach, Cliff and Marcie Anderson

Gifts: Jason and Sheila Klein

Servers: Evan Klein, Grant Klein, McKenzie Reuter

Saturday, January 3 is the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

We give honor to the Name of Jesus, not because we believe that there is any intrinsic power hidden in the letters composing it, but because the Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. The Name of Jesus invoked with confidence protects us against Satan and his wiles, for the Devil fears the Name of Jesus, who has conquered him on the Cross.

In the Name of Jesus we obtain every blessing and grace for time and eternity, for Christ has said: "If you ask the Father anything in my name he will give it you." (John 16:23) Therefore the Church concludes all her prayers by the words: "Through Our Lord Jesus Christ", etc.

So the word of St. Paul is fulfilled: "That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).
from www.newadvent.org

The Jesus Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

(For maximum benefit, repeat often)

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, January 3 at 9 am. A question and answer period with coffee and rolls will follow on the fourth floor.