

## 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. Matthew  
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Joseph  
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Teresa

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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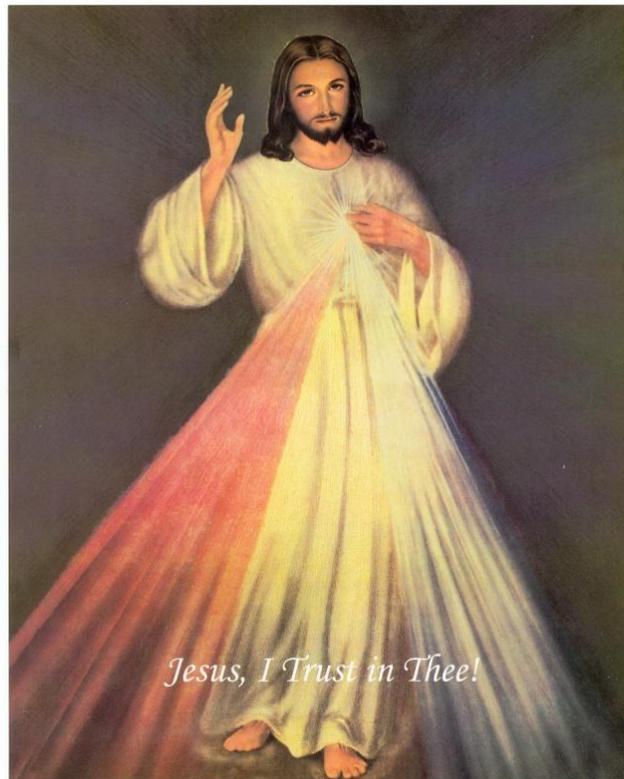
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## April 12, 2015 Divine Mercy Sunday



*“On that day the very depths of my  
tender Mercy are open.”*

*From the diary of Sr. Faustina*

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

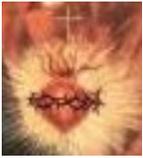
**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

### **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

Read this quote from St. Faustina's Diary where she writes about her encounters with Jesus who revealed the Divine Mercy devotion to her; this quote is Jesus speaking to St. Faustina about the Feast of Divine Mercy:

*On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)*

Incredible! We should never tire of the message of mercy and the depths of which the Father wants to reveal that mercy to human hearts. We should seek to experience this forgiveness in our lives and that is why Confession is such a powerful means of encounter with God. It is the ordinary encounter with the merciful and loving God who blots away our sins from the face of the earth. This Sunday celebrates the purpose Jesus came, to triumph over sin and death and to show His victory in the forgiveness of sins. How grateful I am as a sinner to know of this incredible ocean of mercy that is offered to me if only I avail myself to God in this manner! Thank you Jesus!

I would like to make one comment that is sort of an aside: This past week I had someone come and talk to me who was hurt by a decision that I made that affected them. The situation was really such that if we had conversed before the timeframe of the decision it could have easily been compromised or at least removed some of the tension surrounding the situation. I would just like to perhaps re-emphasize how open I am to this type of dialogue and would never intend to make someone feel like they either didn't have a voice or that I was attempting to manipulate a situation for my own gain. Please always feel invited to discuss situations with me and while I can't promise to compromise in every scenario (nor should I perhaps) I would invite the conversation so that communication and clarity can be established at the very least. I love being the pastor of these parishes and would never intend to isolate someone based on personal preference or situational decisions. Bless you all during these joyful Easter days!

## Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

**Monday, April 13 St. Martin I**  
Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-9; John 3:1-8  
No Mass

**Tuesday, April 14**  
Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7-15  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † Myles and Rose  
FitzSimmons

**Wednesday, April 15**  
Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-9; John 3:16-21  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † Bob Graf

**Thursday, April 16**  
Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** Lloyd Mitchell

**Friday, April 17**  
Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † Henry Stenzel and family

**Saturday, April 18**  
Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Anna (Karolewski) Nowak  
**5:00 pm. Mass at St. Matthew** Reparation for our sins

**Sunday, April 19 Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9;  
1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48  
**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** People of  
the tri-parish  
**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Louis Sonnek

*\*Clarification of Mass Intentions: If the Mass is offered for a person who is deceased, there is a cross in front of the name. A mass can also be offered for a someone living and in good health. If the Mass is offered for a person who is living, or if the intention is for something other than a person, eg. reparation of sins, there is no cross.*

### 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
Wednesdays 6:15 p.m.	Bible Study at St Teresa
Thursdays 9 a.m.	Bible Study at St. Teresa
Monday, April 13 7 p.m.	St. Teresa CCW
Thursday, April 16 7 p.m.	St. Joseph Finance Council
Tuesday, April 21 7 p.m.	Tri-parish Finance Council
Thursday, April 23 6:15 p.m.	St. Teresa Pastoral Council



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

Joe Kozubik, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Bill Barnard, Cathy Lentz, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, 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 meet Wednesday, April 15.**

**Mandatory meeting for all youth going to the Steubenville Conference and/or the Mission Trip.** Each student and at least one parent/guardian must attend. Information about both trips will be given out at this time, and registration will be completed.

The meetings will be Wednesday, April 15  
6:30 p.m. for the Mission Trip  
7 p.m. for the Steubenville Conference

A reminder— all 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students must attend the Steubenville Conference unless other arrangements are made with Fr. Kern.

### Tri Parish Youth Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, April 26 at 3:30 p.m.  
At St. Teresa's Church  
All tri parish youth grades 6-12  
Are invited and encouraged to attend.  
Come join the fun!



**Deacon Chris will begin a new Bible Study Wednesday, April 15.**

St. Teresa gathering space, 6:15—7:15 p.m.  
This study will cover books of the Old Testament: Tobit, Judith, and Esther.

**Fundraiser Breakfast May 3** at St. Joseph to benefit the Youth Activities and trips in the tri-parish. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend to support the youth of our parishes.

## Parish News



Relay for Life Fundraiser  
Megan Langworthy Team  
Pancake Breakfast at St. Teresa  
on Sunday, April 19 after the 10 a.m. Mass  
All proceeds benefit the Relay for Life—2015



Please join us for a trip back to the 50's!  
**Tri-Parish Barn Dance**

sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Saturday, April 25th 6:00-9:00 pm  
Enjoy Karaoke with music from the 50's

Food will be served from 6:00-7:30  
Burgers, hot dogs, malts  
Free will donation to cover the cost  
Paul and Gina FitzSimmons' Farm 54440 148th Street



### St. Anthony Catholic Gift Store

Gifts for all occasions located in the church hall of St. Teresa. Gifts for: **First Communion**, Birthdays, Confirmation, **Mother's Day**, **Wedding**  
Pictures Rosaries Statues Bibles Prayer books Crucifixes Cards for: birthdays, sympathy, get well, First Communion, Baptism, Confirmation  
All proceeds go to the tri-parish youth. Open 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

**LADIES:** You are invited to God's banquet. The Area CCW has a seat for you at their Spring Salad Supper. This great social event will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Parish in St. Clair (101 Church St.). Please bring a salad to share. Meal begins at 6:00 PM with speakers and meeting to follow. No perfume please-scent sensitive attendees. Hope to see you there!



Please join us for an **Open House 80th Birthday Celebration for Pearl Lantz**

at St. Teresa Catholic Church on  
Sunday, April 12th, 1:00—4:00 p.m.  
Lunch will be served.



Thank you note from recipients of Treats for Troops:

"We received mail yesterday (after about a month) and we received 6 of your packages! I can't tell you how excited my Sailors were to receive them. I can't thank you enough for your generosity and thoughtfulness during these holiday times." You truly are appreciated!

The next set of boxes will be packed on Saturday, May 16th at 9 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Mapleton. There is a box in the St. Teresa gathering space for donations. A second collection will be taken on April 19th at all parishes to be used to buy extra items and to mail the boxes. Please be generous.

## Community News

Annual Presbyterian Women's Salad Luncheon on Saturday, April 25 at the First Presbyterian Church in Amboy, beginning at 12:00 noon. Tickets (\$7.00) Guest speaker will be Carolyn Becker, Master Gardener.

Minn Lake American Legion Post sponsoring:  
An Afternoon of Bingo Sunday, April 19  
St John the Baptist Church basement  
Food served after the games 20 games 4 cards/  
game \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door



**Vernon Center Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast** at the Fire Hall

Sunday, April 12 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.  
All you care to eat. Free will donation.

Spring Fest at Jackson Lake Lutheran Church, Amboy  
Sunday, April 12 10:30 a.m.—1 p.m.  
Luncheon Buffet \$8/Adult \$4/ages 6-11  
Large craft and bake sale as well

Maple River Dollars for Scholars Supper will be held on Monday, April 20th at the St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Mapleton from 5-7 p.m. Free will donations will go toward scholarships for 2015 Maple River graduates. We appreciate your support!

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (April 5)

Weekly collection...	\$4445.55
Amount collected year to date...	\$132,923.78
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$126,570.00

### St. Matthew (April 4)

Weekly collection.....	\$927.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$50,221.53
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$52,191.00

### St. Joseph (April 5)

Weekly collection .....	\$1887.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$40,564.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$45,200.00



## Ministry Roles

### April 18 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Art Schuch

**Minister of Communion:** Justin Davis,  
Sheila Lewis

**Hospitality:** Matt Moline family

**Servers:** Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

**Money Counters:** Jodi Roelofs, Neil Majeski

### April 19 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Mary Caven

**Minister of Communion:** Paul FitzSimmons,  
Dick FitzSimmons

**Hospitality:** Paul and Rhonda Barnard

**Gifts:** Paul and Rhonda Barnard

**Servers:** April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

**Money Counters:** Sarah Caven, Eli Depuydt

### April 19 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** GERALYN VAN ROSSUM

**Minister of Communion:** Alice Germo,  
Deb Hager

**Hospitality:** Jeff and Vicki Kunkel family,  
Mike and Whiney Sheely

**Gifts:** Steve and Jo Trio

**Servers:** Evan Klein, Grant Klein,  
McKenzie Reuter

**Money Counters:** Sandy Miller, Tammy Schmidt

**Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: [sjsmst.org](http://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**



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	\$4,560;	St. Matthew	\$5,800;	St. Teresa	\$14,140
Collected:	\$595		\$1,720		\$6,243

The number of parishioners who have given to date:

St. Joseph: 8    St. Matthew : 9    St. Teresa: 43

If we do not meet the goals with your donations, the parish will need to make up the difference. **Please prayerfully consider sending in your gift today.**

**Hospice & Palliative Volunteer Training.** Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is looking for volunteers to work in our Hospice and Palliative Care programs. Serving the seriously ill and terminally ill people in your community is a rewarding experience and volunteers play an important role in this care. Volunteer training is scheduled for May 11 and 12 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and May 13 from 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the Hospice office in the Madison East Center in Mankato. We are looking for men and women to volunteer in all of our service areas. For more information or to request an application, please call Kim Rotchadl, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 385-6364 or email her [Rotchadl.Kim@mayo.edu](mailto:Rotchadl.Kim@mayo.edu)

You can replace heartache with hope for children in need, families in crisis, vulnerable adults, refugees, immigrants, unmarried mothers and their unborn, and the poor and suffering throughout southern Minnesota. Your support makes a difference! You are the instrument of God's healing and transformation. Please be generous and support the **Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** on Mother's Day weekend **May 9th and 10th**.

### Catholic Charities Pregnancy Information Line

Catholic Charities provides a 24/7 pregnancy information line. Facing an unplanned pregnancy can be made easier with help. Whether thinking about adoption or parenting. Help is only a phone call away, any-time of the day or night, any day of the week. Call Catholic Charities at 1-800-222-5859.

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."

~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta