

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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April 26, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday



“I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the
sheep.” John 10:11

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 am deeply convinced of the goodness of God. Over and over again in my life I am reminded of how good God truly is. We have a large field stone at the office/rectory that is engraved on one side with the words “God is good” and on the other “All the time”. I think these parishes remember how frequently Fr. Tim Biren used that phrase and still continues to do so (by the way-he and I spoke and he is doing fine on his time away on sabbatical). However, while this phrase is a good reminder to us, its meaning is not something that should be glossed over. The goodness of God is most fully expressed in Jesus’ saving actions. The goodness of God is revealed most perfectly from the Cross where even in agony Jesus cries out “Father, forgive them”. God is good in that He is loving and merciful. This is why it is essential to seek the mercy of God in the confessional. We should never take for granted the goodness of God that is offered to us through the mercy of God in the sacramental life of the Church. Confession always reminds me of just how good God is as He gives me a fresh start and new beginning. I also experience God’s goodness in my daily prayer life. I know that I do not always open myself up, become vulnerable with, or expose my heart to God, yet He remains patient and consistent as He invites me to a deeper trust and awareness of His love and plan for my life. We can never overstate the goodness of God and the many ways He seeks to reveal Himself to us even if we take our relationship with God for granted or miss His presence in our day to day life.

Good Shepherd Sunday that is celebrated this weekend is a perfect time to remember that God leads us to life-giving pastures and seeks to reveal His plan for our human flourishing not simply limit or restrict us to a fenced in area. The Good Shepherd truly knows what the needs of His sheep are and will always give them what they authentically need. Today let God reveal His goodness and love for you by opening your heart to Him even a little more. Let the Good Shepherd of our souls rescue you from the dangers and toils of this life to show you the pastures of eternal life and eternal prosperity that lie ahead. Come to know that voice that soothes us in times of temptation or trial—a voice that speaks of peace to His people.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, remember to thank our Shepherd, Fr. Kern, and say a prayer for him that he always has the strength and courage to be a holy priest of God.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, April 27

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3,; 43:3-4; John 10:1-10

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Lucille Kunkel

Tuesday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel

St. Louis de Montfort

Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1-7; John 10:22-30

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

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

Wednesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 12:24—13:5; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; John 12:44-50

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Norbert Skluzacek

Thursday, April 30

St. Pius V

Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; John 13:16-20

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Keith Etherington

Friday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 13:26-33 ; Psalm 2:6-11; Matthew 13:54-58

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Lillian Pfeffer

Saturday, May 2

St. Athanasius

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1-4; John 14:7-14

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

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

5:00 pm. Mass at St. Matthew † Charlene Wallace

Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32;

1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Cecil and

Bernardine Dickey

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *People of the tri-parish*

**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

Tri-parish office closed Tuesday, April 28

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters group at St. Teresa
	April 29 is the last day
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
Thursday, April 30 6:15 p.m.	rescheduled St. Teresa Pastoral Council meeting



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, 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 29. This is the last day of Faith Formation for the year.

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 is leading a Bible Study on Wednesdays from 6:15—7:15 p.m. at the St. Teresa gathering space. 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. Plan to attend to support the youth of our parishes.



St. Matthew will once again have an end of the Faith Formation year Bingo Party

at the St. Matthew Hall, Vernon Center
Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Refreshments will be served, and prizes for all!
All ages are welcome!

Parish News



May Crowning will be held at each parish next weekend, May 2—3. Flowers will be available for all youth to bring to Mary. Come honor our Blessed Mother on the beginning of the month devoted to her.



Mother's Day is May 10

St. Josephs CCW Plus will honor all mothers at mass on May 10th with a complimentary geranium. If you'd like to purchase additional geraniums in honor of a mother or in memory of deceased mothers please see Leah Davis or Julie FitzSimmons following mass on April 26th or May 3rd. Cost is \$5.

St Teresa: All Mothers can be honored again this year with a geranium plant on Mother's Day. Orders for potted geraniums will be taken on April 26 and May 3. The cost this year is \$4 each, all proceeds go to the Options for Women in Mankato. Questions? Call Gloria Langworthy at 524-3649.



The tri-parish Women's Book Club will meet Sunday, May 3 at 6:10 p.m. for prayer and 6:30 p.m. for discussion of the book: Mother Theresa Come Be My Light.

St. Anthony Catholic Gift Store

Come in to see the gifts available for First Holy Communion and Confirmation!
Open each day.



We joyfully welcome into our tri-parish family Briella Celeste Appel, daughter of Daniel Appel and Laura Fries, who was baptized into the Church on Sunday, April 19 at St. Teresa Church. We pray that Briella and her family remain close to God always and receive his abundant graces.



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.

St. Matthew: St. Ann's Circle will be hosting a supper after Mass on May 2nd. We will be honoring the students who received First Communion this year at St. Matthew as well as graduates and those that received Confirmation. Please plan to attend for good food and fellowship and to show support for these young people.

Tri-Parish Server Appreciation

Mark your calendars now to join Fr. Kern at the **WOW Zone** on Wednesday, May 6th from 6pm until 9pm for unlimited bowling, laser tag and mini golf. Pizza and Pop will also be provided. Registration forms will be mailed to servers. Please let the office know if you don't receive one.

CCW Plus "Ditty Bags" being collected during May St.

Joseph's CCW Plus will again be collecting "ditty bags" during the month of May from any members able to contribute a small bag (quart or gallon plastic bag) filled with full size personal care items (i.e. toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, shampoo, wet wipes, toiletries, diapers, etc.) to be donated to the CADA house in Mankato. These items are given to women and children staying at the house during difficult times. Ditty Bags can be dropped off in the greeting area of the church any Sunday during May. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

There will be a meeting scheduled for all current servers and those in fourth grade and older who are interested in learning how to serve at the altar. A meeting will be held at each parish. Days and times will be announced soon; please watch for this in future bulletins.



Open house Bridal Shower for Devin FitzSimmons and Adam Thorson on Saturday, May 9 at St. Joseph Church. A brunch will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The couple is registered at Kohl's and Target.

Open house bridal shower for Nikki Haglund, bride-to-be of Adam Gartner, son of Stan and Kathy Gartner. Saturday, May 9 at 1 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church, St. Clair

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Vernon Center is hosting a Fundraiser for the 4th of July Celebration on Sunday, May 3rd from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the church. Meal will include BBQ's, potato salad, beans, and desserts. Free Will Offering. All donations will go toward the 4th of July Celebration!

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (April 19)

Weekly collection...	\$1100.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$142,901.66
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$132,898.00

St. Matthew (April 18)

Weekly collection.....	\$565.01
Amount collected year to date...	\$52,471.54
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$54,869.00

St. Joseph (April 19)

Weekly collection	\$441.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$41,895.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$47,460.00



Ministry Roles

May 2 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Cindy Young

Minister of Communion: Judy Pentico,
Char Schuch

Hospitality: Charly Roelofs family

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Maria Sanders, Lee Corey

May 3 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Christine Rahn,
Dan Sohre

Hospitality: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Gifts: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Servers: Kelsey Sohre, Ella Sohre

Money Counters: Paul FitzSimmons,
Lauren Sohre

May 3 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Kevin Etherington

Minister of Communion: Mary Ellen Larson,
Don Landsteiner

Hospitality: Jim and Gloria Langworthy,
Tim and Meg Mohwinkel family

Gifts: Doug and Tammy Schmidt family

Servers: Dillon Schmidt, Dustyn Schmidt,
Nolan Braaten

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek,
Eugene Langworthy

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



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:	\$645		\$1,720		\$6,593

The number of parishioners who have given to date:

St. Joseph: 9 St. Matthew : 9 St. Teresa: 45

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.**



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1)

During the Month of Our Lady the rosary will be prayed beginning 25 minutes before Mass at each parish. Please plan to come early and pray this beautiful prayer together.

Rosary Leaders for May 2-3

St. Matthew: Art Schuch

St. Joseph: Connie Peters

St. Teresa: Florence Stenzel

Make special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary a priority this May.

To help you in your devotions, statues, rosaries, pictures, and prayer books are available at St. Anthony Gift Store, in St. Teresa Hall. Free Rosaries are available in the back of each church.