

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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May 3, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Hail , Full of grace

Luke 1:28

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

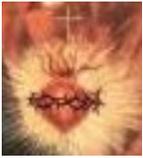
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

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

These are such days of grace. It is so easy for us to experience discouragement, frustration, or resentment in our lives yet those dispositions leave us feeling empty, burdened, even sad. We are still in the Easter season! A season of hope and renewal—of eternal consequence. I would like to address a particularly difficult topic. Without drawing light to any one person's tragedy, I have noticed three or four situations in the past two months (none in our own parishes but in our communities or those nearby) where the darkest of scenarios have presented themselves. Suicide is such a horrific reality for so many reasons—most especially knowing the darkness the individual must have been experiencing in their life and the helplessness we feel in the aftermath with questioning what we could have done to help them. We know so much more about depression and mental illness than at any point in human history yet we still are left wondering why or how it gets to this point for anyone. We are such close and caring communities and always desire to help where there is need. While these issues are always multifaceted and complicated and sometimes we are not at all in a position to do anything, as a Christian community we should seek to strive not just to be there when someone asks for help, but seek to anticipate the needs of others as much as possible. How can you and I go outside of ourselves and our comfort zones to invite more people, seek out more people, and overcome our tendency to invite only family or those who are like-minded? By doing the littlest of things to build community we are working to form a society that cares more, affirms more, and invites more than it dismisses others, tears down others, or rejects others. You can have a huge impact on the community and who knows what might be a tipping point for someone in a dark place to see the light of life that ultimately comes from turning to God. No one person receives all the blame in any situation—but it does remind us of our need to accept the challenge to be there all the more for those who are hurting.

This weekend we celebrate May Crowning in our parishes. Our 2nd graders had such a special day last weekend with First Holy Communion and what a blessing to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord for the first time in their lives. What we can so easily take for granted, we are reminded by their joy and eagerness to celebrate our Savior's love who left us His own Sacred Body and Blood as the gift of His Presence always abiding with us in communion.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, May 4

Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa Susan Adams

Tuesday, May 5

Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-13, 21; John 14:27-31

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Ignatius Martin Nowak

Wednesday, May 6

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

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

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

Thursday, May 7

Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa All poor souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 8

Acts 15:22-31 ; Psalm 57:8-12; John 15:12-17

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † John Breiter

Saturday, May 9

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1-3, 5; John 15:18-21

5:00 pm. Mass at St. Matthew † Joe Caven

Sunday, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1-4;

1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph People of the tri-parish

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Marj Heise

**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 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

This week we return to give thanks to God for the gift of His presence by honoring Mary, the mother and queen! What could be a cause for greater joy than for Jesus to see His mother honored and shown affection? We give thanks to God by having our first communicants and all our children lead us in a procession to crown Mary and to recognize our devotion to her leads us to a deeper faithfulness to her Son.



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

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.



Baccalaureate Mass for all graduating seniors will take place at each parish on the weekend of May 16—17.

Parish News

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 turn in your registration forms by Monday, May 4!**

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.



Mapleton's Town and Country Days' Silent Auction--

Any parishioner willing to donate an item for the Silent Auction could specify the proceeds go to St. Teresa's Church or to the Youth Mission Group. We would greatly appreciate any contributions!!! Contact Ceal Caldwell or the tri-parish office with donations or questions. Thanks!



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.



St. Joseph Loaves and Fishes Mass will be May 17th
We will serve breakfast after Mass and honor all those who have received first Communion or Confirmation this year and also our graduating seniors. Please come and congratulate our young people on these momentous occasions in their lives. Free will offering



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.

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!

St. Teresa: Easter lily plants will be in the gathering space for one week. If you would like to have some to plant at home, please pick them up by May 10th. Thanks

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.**

Mapleton Sertoma Club will be hosting an Open House honoring Marji Schwichtenberg and Jeanette Brandt as their 2015 Service to Mankind Award Recipients. The Open House will be held on Sunday, May 17 at the Town and Country Leisure Center from 1-4 pm, with a short program at 3:00 pm. Cake and refreshments will be served. Congratulations Marj!

Open house bridal shower for Jessica Allevan, bride-to-be of Joe Carey, Saturday, May 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Held at St. Teresa Gathering Space
The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.



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 26)

Weekly collection...	\$4628.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$147,529.66
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$136,062.00

St. Matthew (April 25)

Weekly collection.....	\$1192.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$53,663.54
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$56,208.00

St. Joseph (April 26)

Weekly collection	\$1064.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$42,959.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$48,590.00



Ministry Roles

May 9 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Wendy Bennett

Minister of Communion: Denise Peterson,
Dave Weir

Hospitality: Steve Roelofs family

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Linda Anderson,
Neil Majeski

May 10 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Minister of Communion: Dean Sohre,
Patty Thomas

Hospitality: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Gifts: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Rachel Depuydt, Kim Kleven

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

Reader: Jason Klein

Minister of Communion: Sandy Miller,
volunteer

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

Gifts: Joel and Tracy Schmidt

Servers: Adam Dickey, Lukas Trio, Nathan Trio

Money Counters: Ann Walters, Marie Gartner

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:	\$1,245		\$1,720		\$7,243

The number of parishioners who have given to date:

St. Joseph: 10 St. Matthew : 9 St. Teresa: 48

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 9-10

St. Matthew: Art Schuch

St. Joseph: Volunteer

St. Teresa: Gloria Langworthy

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.