

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 17, 2015

The Ascension of the Lord



...the Lord Jesus, ...was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.

Mark 16:19

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

The Heavenly Ascension of our Lord is celebrated this weekend where Jesus left this earth to dwell at the right hand of the Father and perpetually intercede for all of humanity until He returns in glory. Though He departed this earth, our Lord did not leave us to ourselves. He promised and did indeed send an Advocate—a Helper—the Holy Spirit. I love calling upon the Holy Spirit—God’s very Presence and inviting Him to abide in me, to dwell with me, to console my heart. We are much more dependent on the Holy Spirit than we could ever give credit and as the Feast of the Holy Spirit—Pentecost—draws near I am reminded of the power and impact of calling upon the Holy Spirit in our day to day lives. Come to us, Spirit of God!

With the Holy Spirit comes newness, creativity, and a dynamism impossible if left to ourselves. We have all had those moments where we wonder why something happened to us, or what direction something might be going, or a frustration that we aren’t able to resolve but then it works itself out and only looking back do we see that God was at work; and not only at work but the entire thing helped us to grow and become stronger for the future. Providence is so real when we see with the eyes of faith and it is by living in the Spirit that we are able to see God at work both in looking back at the past or in the present moment. The Holy Spirit also helps us to trust that God will provide into the future. Blessed be the Holy Spirit of God—the third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

This weekend I invoke the Holy Spirit to aid us in grace and consoling love as we envision a new direction in some aspects of our parish ministries. I have been asked by Bishop Quinn to, in addition to remaining pastor of our Tri-Parish, become the pastor/Chaplain of the St. Thomas More Newman Center on a full time basis. I am working with the Tri-Parish staff, the Pastoral Councils in our Tri-Parish, and the Newman Center staff to work toward a manageable schedule and one that will enable effective pasturing in respect to all the demands regarding these assignments. I am confident that God will direct me to make the decisions that are most needed in order to effectively lead and delegate particular responsibilities where it is needed. I have accepted this assignment knowing that it will affect this Tri-Parish but also confident in the direction we are moving in our ministries. Thank you for your prayerful support throughout this transition.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, May 18 **St. John I**
Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-7; John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19
Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11

Wednesday, May 20 **St. Bernardine of Sienna**
Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36; John 17:11-19

Thursday, May 21 **St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions**
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; John 17:20-26
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Keith Etherington

Friday, May 22 **St. Rita of Cascia**
Acts 25:13-21 ; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; John 21:15-19
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Edwin Langworthy

Saturday, May 23
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4-5, 7; John 21:20-25
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Deb Wallace
5:00 pm. Mass at St. Matthew † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, May 24 **Pentecost Sunday**
Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Ray Doyen
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa People of the tri-parish

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa
Thurs., May 21 6:30 p.m. St. Matthew Finance Council
Thurs., May 28 7:00 p.m. Cemetery Board— all three parishes at St. Teresa

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal in the late morning of April 25, toppling buildings and homes, causing widespread panic, and claiming thousands of lives. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters affected by this powerful earthquake. Please join with the Catholic community across the United States in responding to our suffering brothers and sisters through a **special collection, which will be taken up in our parishes on May 16 –17 at all masses.** CRS is the official humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the U.S. and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water and food in Nepal. For more information, go to CRS.org. Please be generous.

The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.

-Pope Benedict XVI



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

Don Shubert, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Bill Barnard, 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

Totus

June 21 - 26

Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tuus

Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Held at St. Teresa

Registration forms will be sent out at the end of May.



The students that will be attending the Steubenville Conference in July will be hosting a shoe drive! This shoe drive will not only help to bring sustainability and income to developing nations, but the funds raised by the shoe drive will go toward scholarships for future Partnership for Youth events!

All gently worn and used shoes, from high heels to flip flops will make a difference in developing countries. Even golf cleats and soccer shoes! *No single shoes, please!* Even shoes with considerable wear and tear can be broken down and the raw materials used to repair another shoe, or to create an entirely new pair.

Parish News

Mitchell Benefit to support the medical and living costs of Helen and Lloyd Mitchell while he recovers from a hemorrhagic stroke. Lloyd and Helen are long time members of St. Teresa Parish.

Sunday, May 31 10 a.m.—12 p.m. at St. Teresa

Breakfast of scrambled eggs, hash browns, ham, fruit, and muffins

Free will offering

Sponsor: Catholic Order of Foresters

They will provide a matching grant



CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

As Memorial Day approaches, please consider a gift to your parish cemetery.

The cemetery is sacred ground and the final resting place for our loved ones. Care must be taken to keep the grounds and the grave markers in good condition. Our cemetery boards do an excellent job of this. Please help them to be good stewards of this sacred ground by your generous donations this month. An envelope for donations is attached and will also be available at each church entrance.



Open House Bridal Shower for Mia Graff, fiancé of Tyler Langworthy, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday, May 23rd Mapleton Fire Department
Couple is registered at Target and Menards



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!

Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10 or 11 year old boy from Northern Ireland. Hosting dates are June 23rd to July 30th (arriving and departing at MSP airport). Host family is needed ASAP, so please contact us now. For more information, or to find out how your family can participate, please contact us at: (651) 405-1108 or cpni@cpni.org

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!

We joyfully welcome into our Catholic family Loralie Hazel Davey, daughter of Chad and Allegra (Reuter) Davey, who was baptized into the Church on Sunday, May 10 at St. Teresa Church. We pray that Loralie and her family remain close to God always and receive his abundant graces.



Beginning on June 7th and for the summer months, St. Matthew's CCW will be serving free coffee, juice and rolls (or donuts, coffee cake, whatever) following the 8:00 mass. All are welcome to attend for food and fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet at the church entrance if anyone would like to sign up for a particular Sunday to host. CCW will furnish the coffee and juice.

The soul of the one who loves God always swims with joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing.

—St. John of the Cross

Community News

The Vernon Center Cemetery Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 25th at 10:30 am. In the case of inclement weather, the services will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Vernon Center MN.



There will be a **50th Anniversary Open House** Celebration for Wayne and Deb Hohenstein on Sunday, May 31st, from 10:30 a.m. – noon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Vernon Center. Everyone is invited!

JAZZ IN THE PARK will be Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00 pm in the Mapleton Library Park. The concert features the Maple River Jazz Band with special guests Bass Brand Brass Band, which is free and open to the public. Remember to bring your lawn chair! The food is sponsored and served by the Mapleton Sertoma Club beginning at 5:30 pm. This will be a free will offering. Rootbeer floats and a plant sale is sponsored by the Maple River Youth Center (The Well). In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the MR School Commons.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (May 10)

Weekly collection...	\$1510.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$151,488.66
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$142,390.00

St. Matthew (May 9)

Weekly collection.....	\$881.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$54,840.54
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$58,886.00

St. Joseph (May 10)

Weekly collection	\$1013.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$44,525.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$50,850.00



Ministry Roles

May 23 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Darla Graf

Minister of Communion: Cindy Young,
Tony Wendlandt

Hospitality: Kevin Schulz family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Wendy Bennett,
Maria Sanders

May 24 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Minister of Communion: Mary Caven,
Leah Davis

Hospitality: Lee and Linda Hiller

Gifts: Lee and Linda Hiller

Servers: April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

Money Counters: Leah Davis, Eli Depuydt

May 24 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Brett Sindelir

Minister of Communion: Debbie Reuter,
Anita Rigdon

Hospitality: Dan and Alice Germa, Noah Germa,
John Hengel

Gifts: Jay and Stephanie Stencil family

Servers: Kayla Rigdon, Jacob Rigdon,
McKenzie Reuter

Money Counters: Sandy Miller, Kay Proehl

Ministry schedules are available on the website: 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

Catholic Charities Adoption

Are you struggling with the pain of infertility? Let Catholic Charities help you through the grief and assist you in looking at the adoption option. Visit us at www.ccwinona.org or call Catholic Charities at 387-5586 for more information.

SUMMER SPLASH with the School Sisters of Notre Dame: a weekend for girls who are completing sixth, seventh or eighth grade and their moms (or significant female adults). Mom and daughter alumnae from any previous Summer Splash are also welcome. Held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus (170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001), beginning at 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 26 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27. Cost - \$75 per mother/daughter pair. Includes a blend of activities designed to strengthen the mother-daughter connection while providing an inside look at the Sisters' lives. See www.ssndcentralpacific.org/summer-splash-2015 for more information and to register. Questions? Contact Sister Dorothy Zeller, SSND (507-514-2296 or dzeller@ssndcp.org).



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 23-24

St. Matthew: Art Schuch

St. Joseph: Leah Davis

St. Teresa: Butch and Judy Bach

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.

During this month as flowers begin to bloom in our gardens, please consider bringing some to be placed on Mary's altar at church. It is a beautiful tradition to give Mary this honor and beauty during her month.

