

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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July 26, 2015 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." John 6:14

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

Thank you all for the many prayers you sustained us with this past week on our mission trip. It was a moving and incredible experience for our youth! We have one final camp for our junior high group in early August with five of our youth signed up to go. I am very happy with how things have gone this summer and it has made many months of planning and hard work pay off! I need to especially thank Carol Cyr in our office who really took on the brunt of the work to communicate with the youth organizations hosting the events as well as parents to organize and plan paper work (youth trips create government amounts of paperwork). Additionally we had much work to plan fundraising and budgeting to offset much of the cost for the trip. We will need to plan and work out how to continue this ministry into the coming school year. Thank you for all you sacrificed to make this possible.

Let you think that I only care about the youth of our parish, I encourage you to rest assured that the next plan is to continue to revitalize adult faith formation in our parishes. When I arrived two years ago, the largest gap I noticed in ministries was in the youth programs. I knew action needed to be taken to build up this ministry and we have much work to do still to keep it running consistently. I have asked much from parents and am still hoping for a more full response from many who initially sounded eager to help. With that said, coming quickly this fall we will be providing unique opportunities for adults to grow in their faith in a more deliberate way as well. Time and again I am witnessing parishes that provide discipleship groups of some variation have borne much fruit in deepening the faith of its members. With much help from Deacon Chris and also the direction of the Diocese of Winona we are moving forward to provide some opportunities for adults to join a faith group unique to their life. We will be publishing more details in the weeks ahead so please be on the lookout for opportunities to say yes to a group that will help you grow in your own journey of faith. We will have a group of leaders from our parishes trained by sometime in September to lead these groups and though they will not be perfect at it, they will be your peers who are open to growing in their faith with you. Although this will not be the only means of adult faith formation to come, as members of the Body of Christ we are always in need of journeying more intentionally with other people. We need a group of friends to encourage us and support us in the faith and to know that others are making the same, although unique, journey we are on ourselves. Please know that God is moving in our parishes and is raising up these opportunities to draw you to Himself. I am grateful for you and your generous response to these opportunities ahead.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, July 27

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106:19-23;
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28

Exodus 33:7-11;34:5-9, 28; Psalm 103:6-13;
Matthew 13:36-43

Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, July 29

St. Martha

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99:5-7, 9; John 11:19-27

Thursday, July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 11;
Matthew 13:47-53

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

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

Friday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Psalm 81:3-6, 10-11;
Matthew 13:54-58

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH *Reparation for our sins*

Saturday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Matthew 14:1-12

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Richard Nowak

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Keith Etherington

Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

8 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

This week we celebrate the feasts of 4 great saints: a close friend of Jesus, the founder of the Jesuits, and two Doctors of the Church. To find out more about these and other saints, visit americancatholic.org

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa

Wed., July 29 6:15 p.m. St Teresa Finance Council

Tues., August 4 7 p.m. All parishes Pastoral Council meeting at St. Joseph Church

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:

Eugene Langworthy, Marie Nelson, Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Don Shubert, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, 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.

Parish News

Tri-parish Adult Mission Trip to Belize

We are planning a trip to Belize City to encounter Christ in the poor who live there and make a positive impact on their lives—and ours. **The dates for the trip are February 20-27, 2016. Please note date change.** The estimated cost for airfare, 6 nights lodging and most meals is \$1150. If you would like more information please contact Carol at the tri-parish office. \$50 down payment is due July 28th.

"The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in the lives of the poor, who are at the center of the Church's pilgrim way, just as Pope Francis has indicated from the start of his pontifical ministry: I want a church that is poor and for the poor. We are called to find Christ in them, lend our voice to their cause, and also be their friends." Bishop Bernabe' Sagastume, OFM Cap



Thank you very much for the warm welcome and hospitality shown to me during my visit to your tri-parish. Your kindness is appreciated. Thanks also for your generosity to Cross

Catholic Outreach. With your help they will be able to positively effect people's lives. If you have not had a chance to give, or were not in the parish last weekend, it is not too late. You can still send a gift by using the prepaid envelopes to Cross Catholic Outreach, available at each church. - Fr. Eftnik

St. Matthew: Free coffee and rolls served after mass this summer. Please join us for food and fellowship. All are welcome.



JESUS SAID HE CAME TO GIVE US LIFE TO THE FULL

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
DO YOU WANT TO LEARN EXACTLY HOW

TO LIVE IT?
THEN DON'T MISS REBOOT! LIVE!
ONE EVENING REGIONAL EVENT WEDNESDAY, September 30th 2015, 7:00 – 9:30PM Fitzgerald Campus, Mankato. For more information and to register: Call Beverly Miller, at 507-514-2425 or purchase your tickets online at www.RealLifeCatholic.com

Every Tuesday at **3:30 p.m.** (note time correction) the Rosary is prayed by the residents of the Mapleton Community Home. One of our parishioners leads the rosary each week. We are asking for volunteers to come once a month or less to help with this beautiful ministry. Do not be afraid— you can use a "cheat sheet" if you want! Please let Fr. Kern or the office know if you would be willing to help.



Tri-parish Picnic

Sponsored by St. Teresa Church

Saturday, August 15 -Feast of the Assumption
Mass at 5 p.m., picnic following, at St. Teresa and rectory grounds.

Hog Roast/potluck

Pork, buns, condiments, will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

1919 Root beer (Father's favorite), lemonade, and coffee will be provided. Beer will be available for sale.

Activities, games, races will be provided for all ages— more information to come.

Mark your calendar now to attend this fun family event!

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Find again the treasure of your early marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are September 11-13 in Irene, SD & International Falls, MN, October 9-11 in Buffalo, MN, & November 20-22 in Prior Lake & Windom, MN, Medora, ND & Rapid City, SD. 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.

Community News



In Concert: The Dysart Family
Saturday, August 8
7 p.m. at Faith Bible Church

G-Force — God's Love in Action

Mapleton Community VBS

Sunday, July 26 –Thursday, July 30 6:15—8:15 p.m.
Held at St. Teresa and St. John Lutheran—sign in at St. Teresa gathering space

All children who have completed K-5th grade are welcome to attend. Registration forms are available at St. Teresa church or tri-parish office.

Everest VBS will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Vernon Center from **Monday, July 27th to Wed., July 29th.** At Everest, kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Everest is for children from Preschool – 6th Grade and will run from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. each day, with a free supper served each evening at 5:30. For more information or to register, call **507-549-3166** or email: stplcms@hickorytech.net

Mapleton Auxiliary will sponsor the Annual Pillow Cleaning on Friday, Aug. 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the VFW Building on Main St. New this year...open Thurs., Aug. 6th from 5:00—7:00 p.m. for dropping off pillows. Feather and polyester pillows can be cleaned with new ticking.

Birthright, a pro-life pregnancy help center in Mankato, needs more caring volunteers to help women make the decision of life for their babies. Birthright is planning a training session for new volunteers during July. For information and to volunteer, call the Birthright office at 387-7818.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (July 18)

Weekly collection...	\$3661.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$9248.00
Amount budgeted year to date ..	

St. Matthew (July 19)

Weekly collection.....	\$1055.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$2215.25
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$3996.00

St. Joseph (July 19)

Weekly collection	\$1135.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$2315.50
Amount budgeted year to date	\$3378.00



Ministry Roles

August 1 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Peter Langworthy

Minister of Communion: Debbie Reuter,
Anita Rigdon

Hospitality: Butch and Judy Bach,
Joe and Cathy Wittrock

Gifts: Paul and Brenda Carey

Servers: AJ Kunkel, Samantha Kunkel,
Gracie Langworthy

Money Counters: Tammy Schmidt,
Bob Bissonette

August 2 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Kallie Majeski

Minister of Communion: Judy Pentico,
Dave Weir

Hospitality: Tim Bennett family

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Linda Anderson

August 2 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Kevin FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Dan Sohre,
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Gifts: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Servers: April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

Money Counters: Cassie Winters, Shelly Grover

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



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.

# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
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St. Joseph:	13	\$1,970	\$4,560	43
St. Matthew:	13	\$3,020	\$5,800	52
St. Teresa:	59	\$9,848	\$14,140	70

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. We continue to draw nearer to our goals! If you have not yet given to this campaign, or if you feel you can give an extra amount at this time, please prayerfully consider doing so. Envelope are available at each church.

If we do not meet the goals with your donations, the parish will need to make up the difference.

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and king, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over. The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see [Deuteronomy 18:15-19](#)). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see [Psalm 23:1,5](#)).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm - to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see [Psalm 81:17](#)). But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper - He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see [Matthew 26:26](#)). Notice, too, that 12 baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist - in which the Church founded on the apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His body. In this Eucharist, we are made one body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.