

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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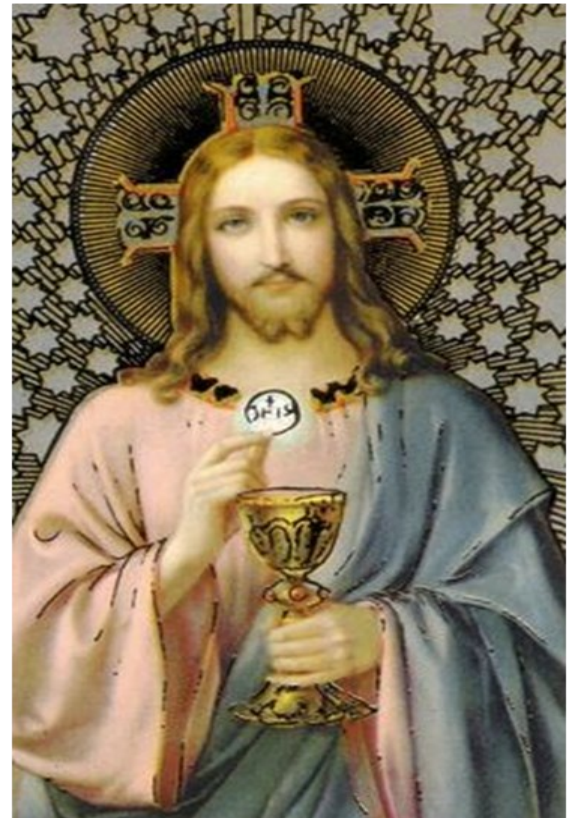
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August 2, 2015 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**“I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never
thirst.”**
John 6:35

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

Again a special thank you for all your prayers and efforts to send our youth to Steubenville, on mission trip, and this week 5 of our youth leave for Camp Summit—a junior high Catholic faith camp. God is blessing all of our activities. This was very evident to me throughout this month and remains very clear with the positive momentum stirring up a plan to move forward on how to keep our youth involved in the life of faith. May the Lord inspire us (and give us the time) to plan fruitful activities for all ages! Thanks for your continued investment and involvement in the life of our parishes—none of this is possible without you.

Starting last week through the weekend of August 23rd, we are reading from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John—so often called the ‘Bread of Life Discourse’. This chapter of John’s Gospel gives the clear teaching by Jesus on the Eucharist as His own Body and Blood. The Person of Jesus is present in the host and chalice under the appearances of bread and wine. The bread and wine at Mass truly become Jesus’ Body and Blood. It’s really Him! Might you and I never take that for granted. You receive God and unless you eat His Body and drink His Blood you do not have life within you! During this month of August, perhaps we focus on increasing our devotion and reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist. Each time we receive Jesus, we should pause and thank Him even if we are handling kids or grand-kids or singing the communion hymn. Everything we are doing in the liturgy should be at the service of our worship and thanksgiving to God! Jesus, give us a deeper awareness of Your True Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist!

Finally, this Tuesday at St. Joseph, for the first time since I’ve been pastor here all three of our parishes’ pastoral councils will meet together. While this was initiated to reduce the number of evening meetings, I am very excited for how it will benefit the effective communication and planning of our Tri-Parish ministries. As we begin this new collaboration this week we will begin with discussing the vision of our Tri-Parish and begin looking at how we can form a cohesive pastoral plan with effective strategies to reach young and old as well as church-going and those who no longer practice. I am grateful for the council member’s understanding of this change and willingness to adapt. If you are interested in serving in a leadership role in one of the parishes, please identify yourself to me so that we might have an even stronger group of people ready to carry out the mission of Jesus to make disciples of all nations.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, August 3

Numbers 11:4-15; Psalm 81:12-17; Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 4

St. John Vianney

Numbers 12:1-13; Psalm 51:3-7, 12-13;
Matthew 14:22-36

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

Wednesday, August 5

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35;
Psalm 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23; Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Mark 9:2-10

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Friday, August 7

St. Sixtus II and Companions St. Cajetan

Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Psalm 77:12-16, 21;
Matthew 16:24-28

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Anna Breiter*

Saturday, August 8

St. Dominic

Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51; Matthew 17:14-20

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Ernest Kramer*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:2-9;
Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51

8 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Joe Caven*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Howard La Fleur*

Thursday, August 6 is the **Feast of the Transfiguration**, when Jesus’ divine nature is shown to three of his Apostles. The Gospels explain that at the transfiguration on Mt Tabor “his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow....” This dazzling brightness which emanated from the Lord’s whole Body was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity.

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Tri-parish office will be closed Monday, August 3.

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

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



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.

Faith Formation

This week, August 3-6, five of our Middle School students will be traveling to Eagle Bluff near Lanesboro to attend Camp Summit.

They will have four days to encounter a high ropes course, climbing wall, archery, arts and crafts, and most importantly, Jesus Christ.

There will be time for Mass, adoration, confession, and learning (two talks by a great young priest— Fr. Jason Kern). Please pray for these young parishioners, that these days bring them closer to knowing the love God has for them. Those attending: AJ Kunkel, Julia Langworthy, McKenzie Reuter, Jacob Rigdon, and Kole Wenner.

Parish News

St. Teresa: A reminder that quarterly and yearly pledges for the Renovation of the church are due in July. A letter was sent out earlier this month explaining where you are in your pledge payments according to office records. If you did not receive this letter, or are unsure of what amount is due at this time, please contact the tri-parish office. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

St. Matthew: St. Ann's Circle will be having a cash breakfast for July. Please give a \$10 donation to Char Schuch or Evelyn Wallace in the next few weeks. Thank you



You are invited to an Open House Bridal Shower honoring Emily Nawrocki, bride-to-be of Ben Anderson, son of Becky and Lex Anderson, on Sat., August 15 - 9:30 a.m. at St. Teresa Church. The couple is registered at Kohl's, Target, Pottery Barn, and Macey's.

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



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— eg bean bag toss, water balloon volleyball, three legged race, bubble fun, relay races

There will be an auction showcasing some of the talents of our parishioners—and our pastor. A list of items will be in next week's bulletin.

"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.



Brother Ryan Anderson, son of Lex and Becky Anderson of Mapleton, is now a novitiate with the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

Family and friends traveled to Chicago last weekend for his robing ceremony. Brother Ryan will spend the next year in formation in Chicago, IL.

Please pray for him as he continues to discern God's call to the religious life.

Community News



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

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (July 25)

Weekly collection...	\$1022.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$10,270.00
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$12,658.00

St. Matthew (July 26)

Weekly collection.....	\$599.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$2814.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$5328.00

St. Joseph (July 26)

Weekly collection	\$530.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$2845.50
Amount budgeted year to date	\$4504.00



Ministry Roles

August 8 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kris Miller

Minister of Communion: Debbie Reuter,
Anita Rigdon

Hospitality: Tony and Connie Bach,
Jeff and Vicki Kunkel

Gifts: Owen and Theresa Dickey

Servers: Andrew Hoppe, Julia Langworthy,
Faith Hoppe

Money Counters: Ann Walters, Marie Gartner

August 9 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Neil Majeski

Minister of Communion: Denise Peterson,
Char Schuch

Hospitality: Lucas Bunde family

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Maria Sanders,
Wendy Bennett

August 9 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Dean Sohre,
Patty Thomas

Hospitality: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Gifts: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Parker Smith

Money Counters: Leah Davis, Sarah Caven

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: 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

The journey of discipleship is a life-long exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth in Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life.

The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading. We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith ([Deuteronomy 8:2-3](#)).

As Paul reminds us in this week's Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following him for the wrong reasons. They seek him because he filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in him ([Wisdom 16:20, 26](#)).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that he will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our every day wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We have to trust God more. If we seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, all these things will be ours as well ([Matthew 6:33](#)).