

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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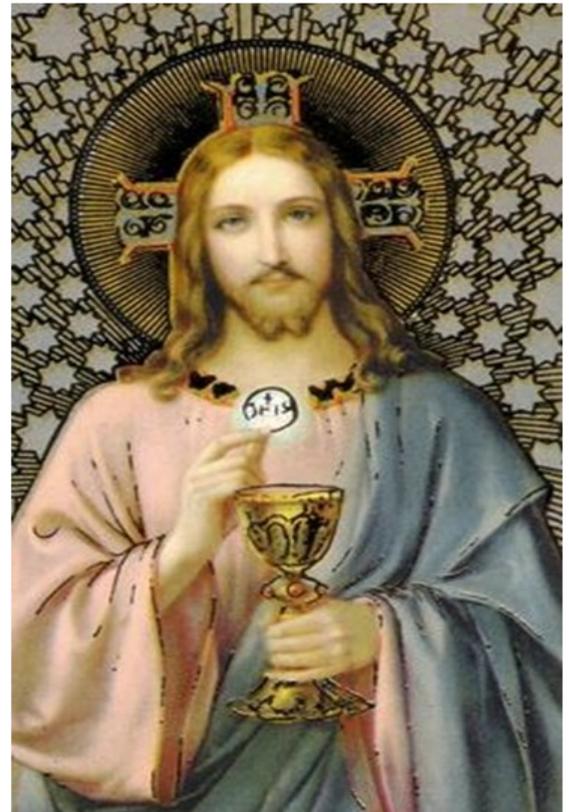
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August 9, 2015 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life,
which the Son of Man will give you.

John 6:27

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

This week we began a time of planning and collaboration on a tri-parish level that has not happened in some time. I look forward to seeing where it takes us and what comes from it. Bishop Quinn as the head shepherd of this diocese has invited every parish in the Diocese of Winona to further the pastoral planning process by working together to form a pastoral plan for each cluster. By working together and speaking regularly with one another I feel confident we will be able to collaborate more readily and encourage one another in shared ministries.

At this past week's pastoral council meeting, I shared with the council members present from each parish about our need to share a common mission and vision. I presented the mission and vision statements found below and invited input on them. Some of the items of discussion that followed were the possibility of more deeply evaluating a youth minister type position and even the idea of it being shared by neighboring clusters. I wonder if this person could serve as an overall evangelization and faith formation director and serve in a role that helps lead us in both adult and youth ministries working closely with me and being able to plan more than what my current workload might allow. These are all just hypothetical ideas at this time but the conversation is started about how we can further our ministries and provide opportunities for each parishioner to grow in their faith—young and old—as well as begin a more deliberate attempt to invite those who might no longer be practicing to return to their Catholic faith.

The following were the Mission and Vision Statements I shared with our parish leaders. We will be utilizing these in order to evaluate our own strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and then to further our ministry plans by setting goals and objectives that are measurable and realistic to our current parish ministries. I beg your prayers around this entire process that the Holy Spirit may inspire us with leaders equipped for the mission at hand. I share them with you for your own consideration and invitation:

Mission Statement:

To Know Christ Jesus, To Abide in Him, and to Fulfill His Great Commission

Vision Statement:

To be a Church that abides in and invites others to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship, and friendship in which they lead others to do the same.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, August 10 **St. Lawrence**
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112:1-2, 5-9; John 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11 **St. Clare**
Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Deuteronomy 32:3-4, 7-9, 12;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, August 12 **St. Jane Frances de Chantal**
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17;
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13 **Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus**
Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Psalm 114:1-6; Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday, August 14 **St. Maximilian Kolbe**
Joshua 24:1-13; Psalm 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Matthew 19:3-12
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Karl Duncanson*

Saturday, August 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Psalm 45:10-12, 16;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Marj Heise*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Mavis Rollefson*

Sunday, August 16 **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:2-7;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
8 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Bill Wendlandt*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

**Tri-parish office will be closed Monday, August 10
and Tuesday, August 11**

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa
Monday, August 10 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."
~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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

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

Mission Trip to Belize: We currently have 10 people signed up and ready to go, with another 4-5 that are interested! The trip will be in February of 2016. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office. More information about other ways to support this mission will be coming soon. Please pray for the success of this venture.



Save the date! St. Joseph Festival in the Park
Sunday, September 13

Mass at noon

Food and activities from 1—3 p.m.

Mark your calendars now—you don't want to miss this fun family event.
All are invited to attend!

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.



Open House Bridal Shower honoring Whitney Rahn, bride to be of Drew Ellis, on Saturday, August 15th at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's and Menards.



Women's Book Club will begin its second year on Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. We will again meet in the gathering space at St. Teresa. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the church at 6:10 p.m. We will be discussing the book Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers. We will also plan the rest of the year. Please join us whether you are new to the group or were a part of it last year, whether you can attend every month or just a few times a year. We would love to have you!



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, Frisbee tic-tac-toe, pool noodle javelin game

There will be a live auction showcasing some of the talents of our parishioners—and our pastor. Some of the items for auction:

1. Fr. Kern will grill you a dinner for up to 10 people— your place or his.
2. A quilt made by Kim Bartholomew
3. Fudge by Butch Bach
4. Cookies made by Peg Starkey
5. Music at your party provided by Steve and Peg Breiter
6. Lawn mowing by Swanson's
7. Custom designed sign by Jay Stencel

More to come...

Fr. Kern will be our auctioneer and all proceeds will benefit the youth group.

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



St. Joseph: Volunteers are needed to help out on our parish's days to work the Maple River Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. Help is needed on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2:30—6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 5, 8:30 a.m.—noon. We also need 2 volunteers to help at the Community Closet in Mapleton on Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m.—noon. Please contact Gina FitzSimmons with questions, or to volunteer. Please be generous with your time to those in need in our own communities.

Community News

Southern Minnesota Autism Motorcycle and Classic Car Ride
Saturday, September 12 registration begins at 11 a.m.

Events begin at noon

Noon—7 p.m.—bake sale and silent auction

Location: Thunder Bar and Grill

Items are needed for the bake sale—baked or canned goods are welcome. If you can help out, please bring your donated items to St. Teresa on Friday, September 11, by 7 p.m. This is a great fundraiser for area children with autism—Thank you for your help.

Contact Karen Springer with questions or more information—507-340-8167.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (August 1)

Weekly collection...	\$2277.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$12,547.00
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$15,822.00

St. Matthew (August 2)

Weekly collection.....	\$601.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$3415.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$6660.00

St. Joseph (August 2)

Weekly collection	\$1128.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$3973.50
Amount budgeted year to date	\$5630.00



Ministry Roles

August 15 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Sue Morrow

Minister of Communion: Cliff Anderson,
Marcie Anderson

Hospitality: Mike and Whitney Sheely,
Doug and Tammy Schmidt

Gifts: Kevin and Denise Donovan

Servers: Evan Klein, Grant Klein,
Jackson Walters

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek, Vicki Kunkel

August 16 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Art Schuch

Minister of Communion: Neal Wallace,
Cindy Young

Hospitality: Jeff Butson family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Kitty Cumbee, Neil Majeski

August 16 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Julie FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Jim Wieseler,
Hollie Smith

Hospitality: Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

Gifts: Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

Servers: Kelsey Sohre, Ella Sohre

Money Counters: Eli Depuydt, Dan Sohre

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



Panel discussion on Pope's New Encyclical

The Minnesota Catholic Conference and Catholic Rural Life are hosting a panel discussion on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* on Wednesday, September 9 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Join us as we look into some of the encyclical's themes and consider ways in which we as Catholics can put them into practice within our families, parishes, and communities.

RSVP at <https://mcc-laudato-si.eventbrite.com>

Recently, the Center for Medical Progress, (CMP) released a video showing the senior medical director at Planned Parenthood discussing PP'S ongoing involvement in today's sale of baby body parts. Excellent articles can be found on this topic at www.stopp.org. Please, please help us take action to bring this horrific practice to a stop.

1. Sign the petition against Planned Parenthood. American Life League is helping the Center for Medical Progress to amass 500,000 signatures on a petition calling on Congress to take action now. You can sign the petition at ppbabyparts.instapage.com/.
2. Tell your family, friends, and groups about the petition. Use your e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, and any other means to send the link above to everyone you know.
3. Contact your members of Congress and tell them you want action taken to cut all taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood. Ask them to 1) immediately suspend all Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood, and 2) to conduct an investigation of Planned Parenthood to shut off all taxpayer money to the organization. You can find who your representative is by going to house.gov/representatives/find/. You can find your U.S. senator by going to tosenate.gov/senators/contact/.

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures, that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to "murmur" against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see [Exodus 16:2,7,8](#); [1 Corinthians 10:10](#)).

The Gospel today uses the same word, "murmur," to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert. Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the "son" of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see [Exodus 3:1-2](#)), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His flesh given for the life of the world (see [Matthew 26:26](#)).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see [Hebrews 6:4-5](#)) comes to us with a renewed command -- to get up and continue on the journey we began in baptism, to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven.

He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need -- as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert. So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see [Isaiah 63:10](#)).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, "Take my life." Not in the sense of wanting to die. But in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering -- loving Him as He has loved us, on the cross and in the Eucharist.