

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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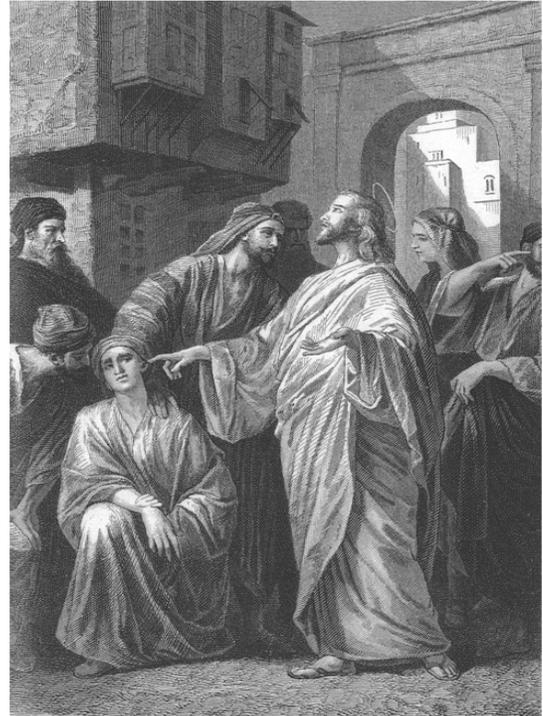
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September 6, 2015 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



“He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” Mark 7:37

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

As we pull into Labor Day and all that entails such as the unofficial end of summer, start of the school year for students, fall sports fully underway, and last chance vacations, I would like to thank you for your support, kindness, prayers, and patience in the transition of my schedule with the addition of the Newman Center in Mankato as a part of my pastoral ministry. If I might provide an update on how I am doing...I am very pleased with how things have transitioned and while I have had to give up a few things along the way and am present less in the Tri-Parish office and three communities than I would idealize, the schedule that I have established seems like it can function even as I iron out some of the wrinkles. The Newman Center is a presence-heavy ministry and there is essentially constant activity or students in the new building there on campus. This is certainly a blessing but also me recognizing how to spread the pace of life to make sense for my role as the pastor of four communities. The balance will come in time and perhaps the biggest question I am figuring out is how to raise the funds for the ministry at the Newman Center as it is vastly different than the generous parishioners we have here (as the primary means of income are not the people who directly benefit from the ministry)! God has given me incredible grace in the transition and my heart is full of peace over what the Lord has asked me to take on.

Thank you for your gracious welcome of Bishop Harrington last weekend. It was a privilege for our parishes to have him here to celebrate the weekend masses. I am grateful to him for his continuous generosity and joy as a priest and bishop of our churches.

Finally, as regular school begins, I am very happy to begin another year of Faith Formation in our Tri-Parish. Classes will begin Wednesday the 23rd of September. We are blessed with catechists who willingly give of their time and energy to teach and hand on the faith of our Church. I am more and more convinced that our need is for a deeper faith and love of the Person of Jesus to be handed on to our youth even more than just the passing on of knowledge. Yet, we need to understand our faith as well as it is impossible to love someone we do not know. The Church always tries to hold these two things in balance and so it is imperative that families work to instill these gifts and virtues in their own lives as well! I look forward to the year ahead.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, September 7

Colossians 1:24—2:3; Psalm 62:6-7, 9; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 13:6; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 9

St. Peter Claver

Colossians 3:1-11 ; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-13; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10

Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1-6; Luke 6:27-38

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Marie Nelson

Friday, September 11

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11;
Luke 6:39-42

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Anna Breiter

Saturday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Psalm 113:1-7; Luke 6:43-49

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Sr. Dorothy Olinger
No Vigil Mass today

Sunday, September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9;

James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Keith Etherington

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Bill Wendlandt

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph People of the tri-parish

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Office closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day

Office will also be closed Wednesday, Sept. 8

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.

Rosary at St. Teresa

Monday, Sept. 14 7 pm

St Teresa CCW

Tuesday, Sept. 15 7 pm

St. Joseph Finance Council

Please note: There is no Saturday 5 p.m. mass next weekend, September 12th. The mass at St. Joseph has been moved to noon on Sunday, September 13 as a way to begin their Festival in the Park.

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



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

Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Maureen Springer, Chris Fitz-Simmons

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

All Faith Formation Classes begin Wed., September 23rd

To register your child/ren for class please call your FF Director or the office (524-3127)

St. Joseph, Connie Peters: 524-4511 or 420-3406

St. Matthew, Cindy Young: 549-3358

St. Teresa, Karen Langworthy: 524-4606

St. Joseph is in need of teachers for: K/1, 4th, and 6-8th grades.

St. Teresa is in need of elementary grade teachers
Contact the FF Director if you are interested.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to share your faith with the youth.

There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday, September 16 for all students entering 9th or 10th grade and at least one parent. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Parish News

Thursday morning Bible Study will begin on September 24th. We begin after the 8:30 a.m. mass at St. Teresa and meet downstairs. A light breakfast is served. This fall we will be using 7 Secrets of the Eucharist by Vinny Flynn. We will go through a step by step deepening of our faith as we unlock the amazing and beautiful truth of Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. You will truly be blown away! Everyone is welcome encouraged to attend.

St. Joseph: Volunteers are needed to help out on our parish's days to work the Maple River Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. We 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.

Women's Book Club will begin its second year on Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. 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 a year. We would love to have you!

New ministry schedules are available for St. Joseph and St. Teresa for September—November. If you are scheduled for any liturgical ministry, please pick up a schedule at your church. Thank you for your gift of your time.



St Joseph Festival in the Park ~ Sunday, September 13

Mass at Noon, Family Fun until 3:00

Live Music! *Beyond Blue* offer a popular variety of easy listening, country, folk rock, jazz, and pop.

Food! Pork Patties, Beer, Maggie's potato salad. home made goodies, and more!

Free Will Offering

Shopping! Silent auction,
Bake sale and fresh produce!



Come Worship with us and then enjoy...

Inflatables, kids games, great food, relaxation and great conversation!

Invite your family and friends to join in the festivities.
All are welcome! All the time.

Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Join Father Jason Kern who will be teaching a course at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center Parish along with two campus ministers every Tuesday at 7pm. St. Thomas More is located on MSU campus at 1502 Warren Street. Sessions begin September 15th. Please contact Fr. Kern at frikern@hickorytech.net or 507-390-5785 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

St. Matthew: If the free coffee and rolls is to continue after mass on Sundays at St. Matthews, we need more people to sign up to furnish and serve. Please, if you are willing to do so, the sign up sheet is in the dining hall on the counter.

St. Matthew: St. Margaret Circle will be having a Cash Breakfast for September. Please give your \$10 donation to Judy Pentico or Nita Looft in the next few weeks. Thank you for your support.



Open house bridal shower for Tiana Waitas, fiancé of Eric FitzSimmons, on Saturday, September 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church hall, Good Thunder. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's, and Menards.

Community News



Mapleton Blood Drive at St. Teresa Gathering Space

Tuesday, September 8 1—7 p.m. For appointments: call Peg (420-1286) or sign up online at redcrossblood.org,

Bridge Benefit for Mapleton Community Home

Monday, Sept 21	Cost \$20/person	Door Prizes
12:30 p.m. Lunch	1:30 p.m. Bridge/500/Pinochle begins	
	4:30 p.m. prizes given out	

Please get 4 people to play at one table all afternoon.

Register by Sept. 12th by contacting Bea Ann Aschlager 524-3957 or Roberta Ward 524-3166 and pay your entry fee to Bea Ann by Sept. 12th : PO Box 47, Mapleton

We are raising funds for new loveseats for the activity room at the MCH— please help us reach our goal!

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (August 29)

Weekly collection...	\$1556.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$26,085.77
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$28,478.00

St. Matthew (August 30)

Weekly collection.....	\$1322.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$7564.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$11,988.00

St. Joseph (August 30)

Weekly collection	\$417.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$6866.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$10,134.00



Ministry Roles

September 13 St. Joseph NOON

Reader: Julie FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Connie Peters,
Christine Rahn

Hospitality: Rob and Sarah McGregor family

Gifts: Rob and Sarah McGregor family

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Parker Smith

Money Counters: Shelli Grover, Leah Davis

September 13 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: GERALYN Van Rossum

Minister of Communion: Alice Germo,
Deb Hager

Hospitality: Noah Germo, John Hengel,
Mike and Jan Samuelson

Gifts: Joel and Darlette Hoppe family

Servers: Adam Dickey, Will Stencel,
Cole Stencel

Money Counters: Marie Gartner, Vicki Kunkel

September 13 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Wendy Bennett

Minister of Communion: Sheila Lewis,
Denise Peterson

Hospitality: Tom Graf family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Kitty Cumbee

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



In this Year for Consecrated Life, we want to invite you to come to the Shrine at Schoenstatt on the Lake and meet the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. The whole family is invited for vocation testimonies, QA, adoration, games, & quiet time on Sunday, Sept 13, 2015 from 1:30 - 5:30 pm with a buffet dinner starting at 4:30 pm. Please RSVP by Sept 8: call 507-794-7727 or srjessica@schrsmmary.org



	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	13	\$1,970	\$4,560	43
St. Matthew:	13	\$3,020	\$5,800	52
St. Teresa:	61	\$10,788	\$14,140	76

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. **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.** Envelopes are available at each church.

Stewardship means respecting and sharing our resources as an expression of gratitude to God. It reminds us that we are the administrators, not the owners, of our assets. Christian stewardship can be identified by several meaningful characteristics, the most important is that it strengthens our relationship with God. It is a way of life. Stewardship calls us to share a portion of our time, talent, and treasure so that the Good News of Jesus Christ may be shared with those who do not know Him.

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (see [Genesis 1:31](#)).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see [Revelation 21:1-5](#)). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, Here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.