

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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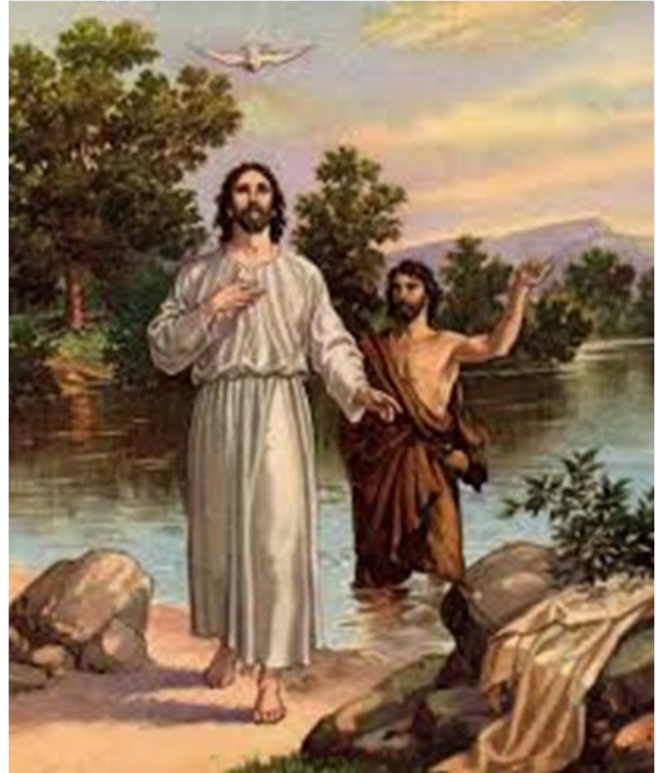
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January 10, 2016 The Baptism of the Lord



And a voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:22

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. Jason Kern

Returning this week from a wonderful (and exhausting) bus trip to Dallas, I would like to share a couple insights into how FOCUS is equipping our young people to carry out the mission of the Church to “Go and make disciples of all nations.” We brought 25 students from MSU, Mankato most of whom are the most committed leaders in the Newman Center ministry. We joined 3,500 other college students from around 110 campus’ around the nation in a 5 day Leadership Summit which formed student leaders in three ways: First, it teaches them how to pray and invites them to commit to prayer and practice techniques of prayer for living a personal relationship with Jesus. Second, it teaches them how to evangelize and tell others about Jesus by giving them steps on how to tell people the basic message of Christianity through a personal testimony, how to invite and walk with people to go deeper in a personal relationship with Jesus by yourself walking with them in Christian friendship in a servant-leadership model. Third and finally, the week formed the leaders in techniques on leading a small group bible study while simultaneously working to raise up key leaders in your group to move toward leading others in ways of discipleship and small groups. This basic model has proven so effective (it is Jesus’ model) and by encouraging and giving practical helps to the student leaders, we are forming them to be life-long Catholics who don’t just serve Jesus on campus for 4 years but are formed as a life-long Catholic who is committed to leading others to Christ. This is the New Evangelization in its most practical aspects. It was incredible to see 3,500 college students praying before the Blessed Sacrament every day, attending daily mass, going to confession, and truly excited to go back on their campus and share Jesus Christ with perhaps the most secular places our country knows.

This weekend is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus which sends us forth from the manger to the purpose for the manger. Jesus has come to bring a message of Good News. A message of salvation for those who believe in Him. The stakes are high as Jesus has come to cause us to make a choice. Either I will follow Jesus Christ and His plan for my life or I will make myself the center of my existence and not live for Jesus Christ. It is essential that we see that these are the stakes. We cannot live the in-between—either we live for God or we are living for Satan. This is the mystery we have entered by our baptism. As we celebrate the Year of Mercy, we recall that God has brought joy to the misery of this world. By choosing to send us His Son, mercy has broken in. God did not need us but chose to create us. And He did not need to save us but out of gratuitous love chose to save us. Are you ready to (re-)commit to following Jesus Christ more closely in your life?

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, January 11

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-19; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12

1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Mark 1:21-28

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

Wednesday, January 13

St. Hilary

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26; Mark 1:40-45

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Reparation for our sins*

Friday, January 15

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Joan Langworthy*

Saturday, January 16

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Darlene Baumurger*
Le Brun

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Cecil and Bernardine*
Dickey

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10;

1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Patti Caven*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *People of the tri-parish*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Quilters will not meet at St Teresa from Dec. 23—February 3

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

Monday, January 11 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW meeting

Tuesday, January 19 7 p.m. St. Teresa Finance Council

Spend the new year with the Saints!

Every morning you can get information about the saint of the day sent to your email. These are short summaries of the saint's life and are quite inspiring. Go to <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/SaintofDay/> and you will see a spot just below the introduction that allows you to click on and sign up to receive these emails. Sign up today and spend the year with the saints!



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

Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell,

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

Faith Formation Classes: there will be class on Jan. 13th.

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations: KTOE 1420 AM, and on KEYC TV (also on their website)

Great opportunity for youth entering 8th—12th grade next fall: **Catholic Heart Work Camp (Mission Trip)** July 3-9 in Fremont, NE Please return permission slip along with a \$100 deposit to the church or class. See website for more information www.heartworkcamp.com/dates/omaha-ne or talk to Jonah Lippert or Father Kern. This will be our second year doing a mission trip. It was a great success last year— plan to attend to serve Christ in his poor and to meet great new friends along the way.

Parish News

Fundraiser for Youth Group Trips: Pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 10 after 10 AM Mass at St. Teresa. Serving pancakes, sausage, and fruit. Come support the youth of the tri-parish— and enjoy a great meal! Free will offering



Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Women's Bible Study will begin a new session on Wednesday, January 27th. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the club room at St. Teresa. We will be studying God Is Love by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Love is the essence of Christianity. Come and discover more about God— who Is Love.

Men's Bible Study will also be using God Is Love. Date and time TBD

Thursday morning Bible Study will begin February 4th. We meet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa. A light breakfast is served. This session we will be using 7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn. This is a great topic in this year of mercy. Come and learn about the beauty of this sacrament of mercy!

Monday Night Bible Study begins January 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, a study by Jeff Cavins. If you have ever thought that you would like to know more about the Bible but it was just too hard, this is for you. It will help you make sense of the bible and how it relates to your everyday life. The study consists of a 30 min. video talk and then discussion. Please contact the office to register so that we can get enough materials.

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. -St. Jerome

Breakfast fundraiser for the family of Aubrielle Howley, granddaughter of Joe and Cathy Wittrock of St. Teresa, on Sunday, January 24th at St. Teresa.

Aubriella has been in the hospital since her birth in May of 2015 and has undergone several operations.

Serving pancakes, ham, and eggs from 9:30 a.m.— noon.

Free will donation

Please plan on attending and helping out this family that has suffered much in the last 6 months and incurred many physical, emotional, and financial hardships. Please continue to pray for Aubriella and her family.

St. Joseph CCW+ units: Don't forget to check the Loaves and Fishes Bulletin Board routinely to see when your unit is on to help. Call Gina FitzSimmons at 507-340-3846 with any questions or to sign up.

Contribution envelopes for 2016 are available at each church. Please pick up your envelopes for the coming year as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Teresa: Snowshoveler's sign up: It's that time of year! The sign up sheet for families to take care of the clean up after a snow fall is in the gathering space entry. **It's been a pretty easy job so far this year— but we're bound to get snow sometime! We are poorly covered after the beginning of January.** Your help in this task is greatly appreciated. Please be generous with your time.

Tri-parish Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be Sunday, **January 10** at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Teresa gathering space. We will discuss the book Walking With Purpose, by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited for a time of relaxation and interesting conversation.



St. Teresa: A reminder to everyone who pledged a quarterly payment for the church Renovation project. The next payment is due in January. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

St. Matthew: We currently have four families willing to be on a weekly rotation for snow removal for the sidewalks at church. We would like to have a few more so that it is not too much for any one family and there is more flexibility in scheduling. If you are willing to help out with this, please contact Cindy Young 549-3358.

St. Teresa women: During the winter months there are several members of the funeral unit who have gone south. If any one would be willing to help out by working a funeral during these months, if needed, please contact Ann Walters: 524-3455. Thanks!

Start the new year out right – spend some quality time renewing your marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb 12-14, 2016 in Windom, MN and Apr 15-17, 2016 in Hutchinson, MN. 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.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (January 3)

Weekly collection...	\$9421.75
Amount collected year to date...	\$96,964.50
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$85,430.00

St. Matthew (December 31 and January 2)

Weekly collection.....	\$8694.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$37,988.42
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$35,964.00

St. Joseph (January 3)

Weekly collection	\$1266.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$27,278.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$30,402.00



Ministry Roles

January 16 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kallie Majeski

Minister of Communion: Sheila Lewis,
Wendy Bennett

Hospitality: Tony Wendlandt, Lynn Demuth

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Char Schuch, Wendy Bennett

January 17 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Minister of Communion: Dick FitzSimmons,
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Gifts: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Servers: April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

Money Counters: Cassie Winters,
Kim Kleven

January 17 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Sue Morrow

Minister of Communion: Alice Germa,
Ted Landsteiner

Hospitality: Karmen Bartholomew, Kay Proehl,
Jim and Jackie Landsteiner

Gifts: Joel and Tracy Schmidt

Servers: Ethan Sindelir, Aiden Sindelir,
Julia Langworthy

Money Counters: Kay Proehl, Jan Sonnek

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



Prayer Intentions in the Month of January:

January 18-25 Christian Unity

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 22 Respect Life

Day of Penance for the sin of abortion

January 23-30 Catholic Schools

National Catholic Schools Week

The U.S. bishops annual novena **9 Days for Life** takes place Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 24. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

Project Rachel, Peace Starts Here

A pregnancy and subsequent abortion may be far behind you but the memories can be painful leaving you feeling emotionally and spiritually distressed. **Project Rachel** can help you to heal. Call the Catholic Charities hotline at 800-222-5859 or our office at 387-5586 for confidential information and help or visit us at ccwinona.org

2016 MCCL March For Life

Come to the Minnesota State Capitol on Friday, January 22 to join others across our state to pray for justice. The 2016 Minnesota Citizens Concerned For Life March is the 42nd annual commemoration of Roe v Wade and the Doe V. Bolton, the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision that overturned every pro-life law across the nation and imposed abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy. A bus will be arriving at 7:45 a.m. in the St. Peter & Paul's church parking lot, leaving promptly at 8:00 on that day. If you wish to take this bus call Tom at 507-381-2544 to reserve your seat. Suggested cost is \$20 and/or a free will offering. A beverage and treat will be included in this cost; bring a bag lunch if you wish. Approximate return time to Mankato is 3:00 p.m.



Join Bishop Quinn and people from across the diocese for a

Prayer Service for Life Sunday, January 17

3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart,
810 S Cedar Ave, Owatonna

Prior to the prayer service, a March for Life will be held beginning at 2:15. Meet at St Joseph Parish(512 S Elm Ave, Owatonna).

"Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person...even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!" -Pope Francis

Come together to pray for protection of all life at every stage and in every situation.