

## 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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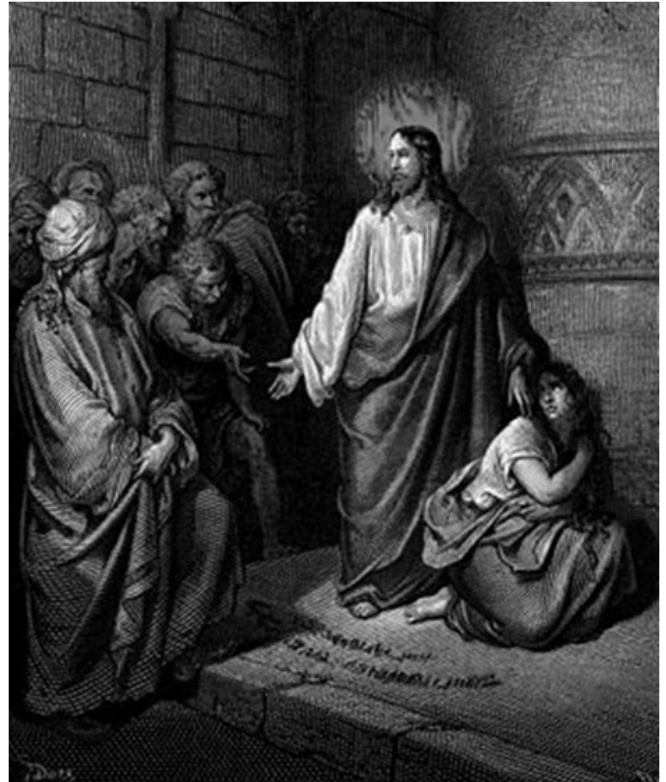
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## March 13, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Lent



“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” John 8:7

### 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

Jesus Christ always knows the way forward even when it seems like an impossible situation. In this weekend's Gospel, the religious authorities bring forward a woman caught in the act of adultery. They certainly have their idea about how this scenario should go and it isn't hard for us to imagine the mob mentality surrounding this scenario and how quickly this could have turned violent. Jesus is patient in the situation and his quiet patience invites reflection and calms the angst. His response is calculated and not reactive. He models for us how to handle conflict. Jesus responds gently and keeps the bigger picture in mind throughout this situation. Jesus is focused on the shaping of the whole culture and not on the quickest solution of bringing this woman down because of her choice. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." This story of Jesus not only shows us the depths of His mercy and desire to restore us to right relationship with God and others but it also demonstrates how much we can trust Jesus in difficult times. When our lives feel out of sorts or we don't know where to turn for answers, bringing our lives to Jesus is always the right decision. However, we have to be willing to accept His plan, to accept His purpose, and to move forward with what He is asking of us. Jesus' plan will be bigger than any one of us but we can trust that it will ultimately be for our good even if it doesn't make full sense to us right away. The Jews in today's gospel had to feel this way, yet they accepted Jesus' teaching and to their credit came to a deeper understanding of God's mercy.

Last week was not easy and was an emotional week leading up to and since the announcement of the changing Mass times for our Tri-Parish. I don't expect it to feel good for any of us, but I am confident in this plan as the best for the faith of the most people in our parishes. Though we might find ourselves frustrated with me and the decision, I invite you to talk to Jesus about it and tell Him how you feel. Ask Him to show you His plan in it and how He might lead us forward in these days ahead. Ask Jesus to bring about a deeper unity in our Tri-Parish rather than discord over where Mass is on a given weekend or day. Though it may take time for some of us to come around, I am confident that if we work together this can be an opportunity to rely on one another more and rather than doing our own thing as a member of a Tri-Parish we can work together for the common good of bringing the faith more alive into our communities. Thank you for those who have told me they agree with the decision and offered their support. Parishioners from all three churches have spoken to me in a positive way about the new schedule—that even though it is difficult and they are not even happy with the change, they recognize it as the best decision. I also thank those who have respectfully shared their concerns or emotions about the decision—I knew this wouldn't be easy. I'm asking Jesus to give us strength to undergo change and to see how He wants us to trust Him in these days perhaps more than we ever have before.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

**Monday, March 14** **Lenten Weekday**  
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23:1-6;  
John 8:12-20

**Tuesday, March 15** **Lenten Weekday**  
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21; John 8:21-30  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

**Wednesday, March 16** **Lenten Weekday**  
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52-56; John 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 17** **St. Patrick**  
Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-9; John 8:51-59  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Marie Nelson

**Friday, March 18** **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**  
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-7; John 10:31-42  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † Marion Sonnek

**Saturday, March 19** **St. Joseph**  
2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Henry Stenzel and family  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Sue Kline

**Sunday, March 20** **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**  
Luke 19:28-40 ; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56  
**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † Martin and Virginia Graf  
**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** People of the tri-parish

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Thursdays 9 a.m.	Bible Study at St. Teresa
Mondays 6:30 p.m.	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible at St. Teresa
Monday, March 14 7 p.m.	St. Teresa CCW
Tues., March 15 7 p.m.	St. Joseph Finance Council

### Especially in this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called all of us to make a good Confession this Lent.

If you have not had the opportunity to do so yet, Father has set up additional times for Confession:

**Tuesday, March 15th 5 p.m.—6 p.m. at St. Teresa**

**Wednesday, March 23th 5p.m.—6p.m. at St. Teresa**

Those, on the other hand, who recognize that they are weak and sinful entrust themselves to God and obtain from him grace and forgiveness. It is precisely this message that must be transmitted: what counts most is to make people understand that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whatever the sin committed, if it is humbly recognized and the person involved turns with trust to the priest-confessor, he or she never fails to experience the soothing joy of God's forgiveness. - Pope Benedict XVI - On the Sacrament of Confession



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

Angie Gartner, Jim Swanson, Hank Massop, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Eugene Langworthy, 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:** classes will meet March 16th

**Faith Formation stations for Lent:**

**St Matthew: Lenten Supper and Stations**

On Wednesday, March 16 there will be a supper served by a CCW circle at 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross for all parishioners will begin at 6:30 pm. All adults are encouraged to attend this Lenten devotion.



Faith Formation Class will be held at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph: Stations of the Cross will be led by Faith Formation students on Wednesday, March 16** beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to attend and pray with the youth of the parish.

**St. Teresa: Stations of the Cross** will be led by 9th grade students on March 16. Stations begin at 7:15 p.m.



Please return permission slips and deposit money to class or to the tri-parish office soon.

This is an awesome opportunity to grow in

the faith and it is a requirement for all 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students.

**Camp Summit**, for students entering 6 –8th grade, will be held August 8—11 this year. It takes place at Eagle Bluff Environmental Camp and it fills up fast. Please get your registrations in soon so we do not miss out on this exciting opportunity.

## Parish News

**St Matthew: Spring cleaning volunteers** needed in the kitchen and dining hall. A list will be on the counter with areas needing attention. It is hoped this can be done during March. Thank You!



On each Friday during Lent, we have prayed the Stations of the Cross, led by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris, at St. Teresa Church beginning at 5:30p.m. and enjoyed a meatless meal afterwards. There is one more Friday of Lent to take advantage of this opportunity. We have had great involvement this Lent for these stations and suppers. Please join us March 18th for the last time for this Lenten Season.



**Next weekend after each Mass there will be a short presentation on the Belize Mission Trip.** We will have a slide show and some of the trip participants will be present to tell you about the journey and answer questions. Because of your generosity in prayers and money, much was accomplished. If you are interested in going on the mission next year, this will be a great opportunity to find out more about it.



**Tri-Parish Donations for Easter Flowers:** If you would like to help to make our churches more beautiful this Easter season you may make a donation for Easter flowers by using the specially marked envelope enclosed with your regular monthly support envelope; if you don't have that envelope please use another envelope and mark it "Easter Flowers". You may also enclose names of persons you want remembered.

**St. Matthew:** The C & E Choir will be practicing on Thursday, March 17th at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. Come to lend your voice to help create a joyful noise for the Lord at the 8 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass! Everyone is invited to join!



**Saturday, March 19 Fundraiser Supper for the Youth** of the tri-parish, including those attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp, Steubenville, and Camp Summit. It will begin after the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa. We'll be serving hot dishes, salads, and desserts. Free will donation



Women's Book Club meets Sunday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. The book this month is The Name of God Is Mercy by Pope Francis. We will meet in the downstairs hall at St. Teresa as Eucharistic Adoration will be taking place in the church.

**Genesis Classical Academy** is a classical school that provides a rigorous academic education coupled with character development rooted in Christian values. A Fall Roundup and Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at 211 6th St NW, Winnebago. Grade levels offered for 2016 will be preschool age 3 through grade 5, with consideration of grade 6. Tuition assistance is available. For more information call 507-893-3600 or visit [www.genesisclassical.com](http://www.genesisclassical.com)

It's time to gear up for the largest statewide food and fund drive to help restock MN food shelves. **The MN FoodShare March Campaign** is the annual food and fund drive involving the 300 food shelves around the state. The "**Pack the Pews**" event will be the weekend of **March 19-20**. You are encouraged to bring a grocery bag of non-perishables to your worship service to be donated to Loaves and Fishes.

The March campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March. **Remember, for every dollar you donate, we can buy \$10 worth of food** using our network which includes Second Harvest, Dietz Foods and other organizations.

**SERTOMA SERVICE TO MANKIND NOMINEES** are people who make significant volunteer contributions to those in need in our community. Send your letters of nomination to: Louise Webb, PO Box 93, Mapleton, MN 56065 or call 507-524-4066 by March 15, 2016.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (March 5 )

Weekly collection...	\$2390.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$118,083.35
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$113,906.00

### St. Matthew (March 6)

Weekly collection.....	\$1002.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$44,599.72
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$47,952.00

### St. Joseph (March 6)

Weekly collection .....	\$894.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$36,891.95
Amount budgeted year to date	\$40,536.00



## Ministry Roles

### March 19 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Geralyn Van Rossum

**Minister of Communion:** Kevin Donovan,  
Alice Germa

**Hospitality:** Lynn and Ceal Caldwell,  
Doug and Tammy Schmidt

**Gifts:** John and Marla Trio family

**Servers:** Julia Langworthy, Ethan Sindelir,  
Aiden Sindelir

**Money Counters:** Kay Proehl, Jan Sonnek

### March 20 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Darla Graf

**Minister of Communion:** Darla Graf, Sheila Lewis

**Hospitality:** Justin Davis family

**Servers:** Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

**Money Counters:** Wendy Bennett, Jodi Roelofs

### March 20 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Jen Berkner

**Minister of Communion:** Patty Thomas,  
Jim Wieseler

**Hospitality:** Rob and Sarah McGregor family

**Gifts:** Rob and Sarah McGregor family

**Servers:** April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

**Money Counters:** Eli Depuydt, Kim Kleven

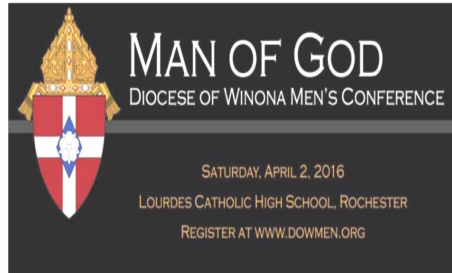
**Ministry schedules are available on the web-site:** [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org)

## Our Catholic World



### Mass schedule in the Tri-parish for The Triduum and Easter morning:

Holy Thursday	March 24	7 p.m. St. Teresa
Good Friday	March 25	noon St. Joseph 7 p.m. St. Matthew
Easter Vigil	March 26	8:30 p.m. St. Teresa
Easter morning	March 27	8 a.m. St. Matthew 10 a.m. St. Joseph



The Catholic Men's Conference seeks to develop and foster a community of men centered on the true man, Jesus Christ, and to inspire men to follow Him in the path of holiness.

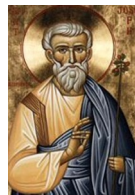
There will be two speakers, adoration, a chance for confession, and holy Mass with the Bishop. Call the office or watch the bulletin for more details to come.

*We Adore You O Christ  
and We Praise You*



**Next Sunday, March 20, will be the last opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration during Lent. Come and prepare for Holy Week by spending some time with Our Lord in the Eucharist. Adoration begins at noon and ends at 10 p.m.**

You can come for as long or short a time as you wish. Stop by to spend time with Jesus— He is waiting for you.



### Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Joseph

According to St. Bernadine of Siena, "St. Joseph exceeds in grace and blessing of all the patriarchs, prophets, St. John the Baptist, Saints Peter and Paul, the Apostles, holy martyrs, and doctors of the Church. Following Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is the greatest saint in heaven." Pope

John Paul II wrote an encyclical letter about St. Joseph, calling him The Guardian of the Redeemer, "into whose custody God entrusted his most precious treasure." St. Joseph is the patron saint of many things, including: the Universal Church, husbands, fathers, families, workers, seminarians, virgins, and a happy death. I encourage everyone to "Go to Joseph" (Genesis 41:55) and to pray to God through his powerful intercession.

We are blessed to have one of the parishes in our tri-parish dedicated to St. Joseph, this powerful intercessor. Please pray for special blessings for all the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish.



### CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Rice Bowls are traditionally brought to the church on Holy Thursday. If you cannot return your rice bowl at that Mass, please drop it off in the basket at your church sometime during Holy Week.