

## 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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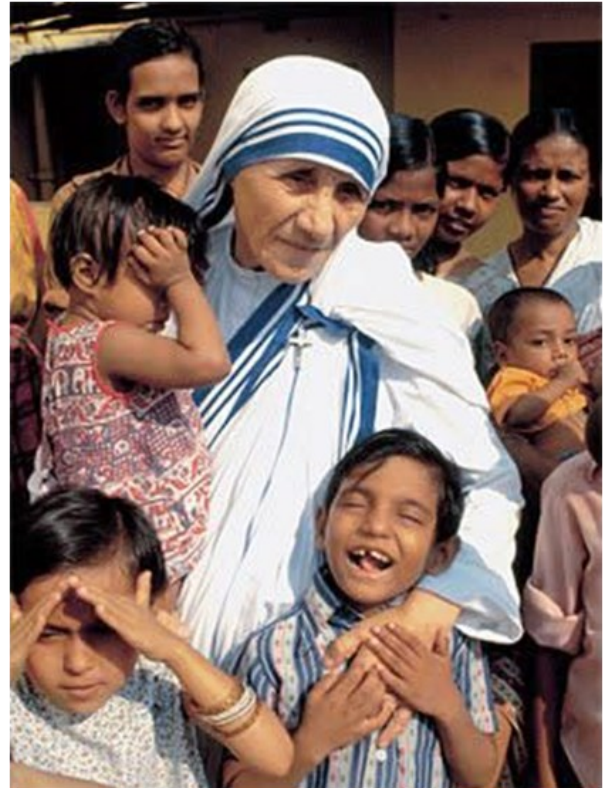
Connie Peters, St. Joseph Faith Formation

Cindy Young, St. Matthew Faith Formation

Karen Langworthy, St. Teresa Faith Formation

April 24, 2016

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



This is how all will know that you are  
my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.”

-John 13:35

### **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. Jason Kern

Thank you to each of you for the support and encouragement you have given to me over last week's announcement about lawsuits against the Diocese and St. Teresa and St. Joseph. I hope that each of you received my letter in the mail this week. If you have further questions please contact me anytime to discuss what all this means. It is my understanding that the primary reason the parishes are named in these lawsuits is an attempt to gather insurance liability coverage into the lawsuits. The parish itself had no say over which priest was appointed and would be very difficult to prove any liability against the parish. We have had communication meetings with the lawyers representing the majority of parishes in the diocese to understand the nature of these lawsuits and I will communicate further information as it pertains to our parishes should it become available. Thanks for your patience and understanding in all of this. It is of course likely that this will unfold in the coming year or more and so our continued patience and prayers will be demanded. Most especially, pray for the victims who have been hurt by this—they are the ones hurting most. An additional question that has been raised and was asked in our meetings that I would like to make you aware of is that your gift to the Diocesan annual appeal (Catholic Ministries Appeal) is not used for lawyer fees nor would it be used in any way for anything other than what is named in the appeal itself to support the mission of the church. Donor intention is always a top priority and so if a money is designated to a specific purpose it can and will only be used for that purpose. The same is certainly true in our Tri-Parish.

Enough for now about lawsuits. If you do have further questions please feel free to email or call me directly. Carol Cyr, our Tri-Parish manager (along with a Trustee from each parish), also attended the meeting and can clarify confusion or questions.

I am announcing an exciting opportunity for our parishioners this weekend! I wanted to take a special pilgrimage for the Tri-Parish for the Year of Mercy. Fr. Andrew Vogel from the Easton/MN Lake/Wells Cluster and I are planning a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help this summer which is the only approved apparition site in North America. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared on these grounds over 150 years ago to Adele Brise and instructed her to teach the children in the faith. This is where Sister Adele began her work and inspired the efforts of generations of faithful Christians. We will travel June 6-7th with a stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse and the national shrine of St. Joseph as well. These will be two great days that will be filled with grace. I hope you will plan to join us on the pilgrimage.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, April 25

**St. Mark**

1 Peter 5:5-14; Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday, April 26

Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-13, 21; John 14:27-31

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

Wednesday, April 27

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

Thursday, April 28

**St. Peter Chanel**

**St. Louis Grignon de Montfort**

Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Howard La Fleur

Friday, April 29

**St. Catherine of Siena**

Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-12; John 15:12-17

**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH**

† Eugene Langworthy

Saturday, April 30

**St. Pius V**

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1-3, 5; John 15:18-21

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Sue Klein

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Paul G Schmidt

Sunday, May 1

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † Ivalea Wendlandt

**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

Tuesday, May 3 7 p.m.

All parishes:

Pastoral Councils meeting

### **Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information**



The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Peter Martin, at 507-858-1264, or [pmartin@dow.org](mailto:pmartin@dow.org).



**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, 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:** the last class for this school year will be this Wednesday, April 27th.

**St. Matthew will once again host an end of the Faith Formation year Bingo Party**

at the St. Matthew Hall, Vernon Center  
Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Refreshments will be served, and prizes for all!  
All ages are welcome!  
Please plan on attending for lots of fun and prizes.



**Crowning Youth Group Event!** Saturday, May 7th

Meet at St. Teresa Gathering Space after the 5 p.m. Mass. We will embark on a great adventure scavenger hunt at 6:15 p.m. and return to church for more activities and games. Dinner will be provided. All tri-parish youth in grades 6-12 are invited!

## Parish News



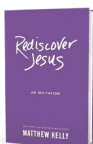
**St Joseph Mother's Day Flowers:** We will again be offering Mother's Day geraniums for sale for \$3 per plant following Mass on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. No preorder necessary this year.

**St Teresa:** All Mothers can be honored again this year with a geranium plant on Mother's Day. Orders for potted geraniums will be taken on April 24 and May 1. The cost this year is \$4 each, all proceeds go to the Options for Women in Mankato. Questions? Call Gloria Langworthy at 524-3649.

**Belize Mission Trip 2017!** Anyone interested in going on the mission trip next year or just in getting more information about it, please plan on attending the **organizational meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Church.** If you are interested in attending the trip but cannot make the meeting, call the office- 524-3127.

**Sunday, April 24 Breakfast Fundraiser for Youth trips**

After 8 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew  
Come and support the youth of the tri-parish as they raise funds for their summer trips. Free will donation



**Rediscover Jesus**

On May 1st, St. Joseph is hosting casual discussion groups following 10 a.m. Mass. We will reflect on Readings 25—32 in the Rediscover Jesus book. All are welcome! All the time!

Our tri-parish community celebrates today as 20 of our children meet the Lord in Holy Communion, and for the first time receive the Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. What a joyful occasion for all of us! Please pray for these children as they receive the second sacrament of initiation.



**CCW Plus "Ditty Bags" being collected during May** St. Joseph's CCW Plus will again be collecting "ditty bags" during the month of May from any members able to contribute a small bag (quart or gallon plastic bag) filled with **full size** personal care items (i.e. toothpaste, toilet tissue, lotion, deodorant, shampoo, wet wipes, toiletries, diapers, etc.) to be donated to the Maple River Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf in Mapleton, MN. These items are always a shortage at the Food Shelf and are much appreciated by participants. Ditty Bags can be dropped off in the greeting area of the church any Sunday during May. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**St. Teresa:** There are pots with the Eater lilies in the gathering space. Please take some home with you to plant if you would like.

There are quite a few pans, etc from recent meals at church. If you have brought food for some event please check the club room to see of any of your pans, bowls, containers have been left and pick them up. Thank you!

**Sunday, May 1 Fundraiser for the youth trips**

after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph  
Baked potato bar with salad and dessert.  
Free will offering  
Come and enjoy a good meal, and fellowship, and help send our youth to some great faith building opportunities!



We joyfully welcome into our tri-parish family, Beau Peterson Moline, son of Matthew and Devin Moline, who was baptized on Sunday, April 17 at St. Matthew Church.

We pray that Beau and his family remain close to God always and receive his abundant graces.

The next set of boxes for Treats for Troops will be packed on Saturday, **May 7th at 9 a.m.** at St. John Lutheran Church, Mapleton. Donations to buy items for the boxes can still be made. Drop off at church or the office.



**Bridal shower** for Annie Wheeler, fiancé of Ben Langworthy, on Sunday, April 24th, 2- 4 p.m. at Maggie J's restaurant in Mapleton. Ben is the son of David and Tammy (Fox) Langworthy, Detroit Lakes and grandson of Jim and Gloria Langworthy. The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, and Menards. If you cannot attend but would like to drop off a gift, please call Ann Langworthy (507-524-3274) or Karen Fox (507-674-3851).



**A Bridal shower** for Elizabeth Hafstad, fiancé of David Dickey, will be held on Sunday, April 24th at St. Teresa beginning at 12:30 p.m.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (April 16)

Weekly collection...	\$6292.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$138,094.54
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$132,890.00

### St. Matthew (April 17)

Weekly collection.....	\$995.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$53,072.85
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$55,944.00

### St. Joseph (April 17)

Weekly collection .....	
Amount collected year to date...	\$42,559.80
Amount budgeted year to date	\$46,166.00



## Ministry Roles

### April 30 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Ceal Caldwell

**Minister of Communion:** Tony Bach,  
Brenda Carey

**Hospitality:** Jeff and Vicki Kunkel,  
Loren and Diane Michael

**Gifts:** Paul and Brenda Carey

**Servers:** Dillon Schmidt, Dustyn Schmidt,  
Dalton Schmidt

**Money Counters:** Kay Proehl, Sandy Miller

### May 1 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Carol Schulz

**Minister of Communion:** Darla Graf,  
Brad Lanoue

**Hospitality:** Jon Lewis family

**Servers:** Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

**Money Counters:** Maria Sanders, Char Schuch

### May 1 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Maureen Hollerich

**Minister of Communion:** Dan Sohre, Dean Sohre

**Hospitality:** Paul and Rhonda Barnard

**Gifts:** Paul and Rhonda Barnard

**Servers:** Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

**Money Counters:** Kim Kleven, Paul FitzSimmons

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

## Our Catholic World



When you choose to support Catholic Charities you choose to be an instrument of **HOPE** that cares for the poor and marginalized throughout Southern Minnesota. Pope Francis calls you and me to join him in serving the poor, the vulnerable, and those on the margins. Alone, our efforts to make a difference may seem insurmountable, but we are reminded that "Nothing is Impossible with God." Together on **May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** we can be an instrument of hope by supporting the **Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal**.

Your generosity makes all the difference!



Please support of the 2016 Catholic Ministry Appeal. This appeal raises much needed funds to run the ministries of the Diocese, including Catholic Schools; Marriage and Family Life; Faith Formation (including Newman Centers); Vocations and Seminarians; Youth Ministry; Evangelization; Hispanic Ministry; Lay Formation; and Communications (including the Courier and the televised Sunday Mass).

Please prayerfully decide on an amount you can sacrificially give in support of the work of the Diocese that reaches out to so many. You can return the envelope included in your mailing directly to the Diocese, or return it to your parish. There are also envelopes available at each church for you to use if you wish.

Following are the goals for each parish set by the Bishop. If we do not meet our goal by the end of 2016, we need to pay the difference out of parish funds. Any amount we raise above the goal will be returned to the parish.

**St. Joseph: \$4860**  
**St. Matthew: \$4890**  
**St. Teresa: \$14,310**



**May Crowning** will be held at St. Matthew Church and St. Joseph Church next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. May Crowning will be held at St. Teresa Church on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Flowers will be available for all youth to bring to Mary. Come honor our Blessed Mother on the beginning of the month devoted to her.

**The month of May** is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1)

**During the Month of Our Lady the rosary will be prayed beginning 25 minutes before Mass at each parish.** Please plan to come early and pray this beautiful prayer together.

Make special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary a priority this May.

To help you in your devotions, statues, rosaries, pictures, and prayer books are available at St. Anthony Gift Store, in St. Teresa Hall. Free Rosaries will be available in the back of each church.