

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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May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
-John 14:27

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. Jason Kern

I would like to say a special thank you this week to all the catechists and our faith formation coordinators for their hard work this year to assist our young people to grow in faith. The dedication shown to teaching the faith makes a huge difference in the faith being handed on in our communities. I am sincerely grateful for the willingness to support and encourage our youth to grow in their faith that I see in our parishes. While much good work is being done, I have decided to organize a faith formation committee for our Tri-Parish to evaluate, vision, and plan how we can strengthen our faith formation programs in the Tri-Parish. It has been a desire of mine to consider how to best teach the youth the faith of Jesus Christ and His Church even before I was ordained a priest. I have become convinced that our current style of an hour a week of sitting in classrooms is leading more people to being bored with the faith than it is into a personal relationship with Jesus and His Church that transforms them to live their faith in the modern world.

The goal of the faith formation committee will be to evaluate our current practices and logistics regarding curriculum, catechist training/formation, and overall vision of what a solid faith formation program will consist of. I am not setting out with any goal of combining or restructuring our program but we do need to be able to freely put everything on the table in order to plan effectively the best plan for faith formation in our Tri-Parish. It is obvious to me that I can't plan and implement further growth alone and so this committee will help me to do just that. The committee will be made up of parishioners from all three parishes and will work together to find the best way forward. It is my sole desire that the faith of Jesus Christ and His Church be taught and handed on as effectively as possible in our communities. Thanks for your prayers for this visioning process.

This week will begin a rather wild summer schedule for me. On Sunday morning, May 8th, I will be leaving early with a group of 27 students from the Newman Center on pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, & Florence, Italy. I will return sometime in the middle of the night on May 18th. I am very excited for this opportunity and will keep you in my prayers during the trip. Please email me if you have any prayer intentions you would like me to take with me on the trip in a specific way. Fr. Andy Olsem will be with us next Sunday and the following weekend.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, May 2

Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 15:26—16:4

St. Athanasius

Tuesday, May 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-5; John 14:6-14

Sts. Philip and James

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

Wednesday, May 4

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14; John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 5

Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4; John 16:16-20

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa

Friday, May 6

Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-7; John 16:20-23

10:30 a.m. Communion Service at MCH

Saturday, May 7

Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10; John 16:23-28

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Ed Becker*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, May 8

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9;

Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Fr. Doug Gits*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Patti Caven*

Ascension of Our Lord

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.

Rosary at St. Teresa

Tuesday, May 3 7 p.m.

All parishes:

Pastoral Councils meeting

Monday, May 9 7 p.m.

St. Teresa CCW

The **quilting group** that meets at St. Teresa Church is done meeting until next fall. 76 quilts were completed and will be donated to those in need. Thanks for a great year and all the hard work!



During the month of May, dedicated to our Heavenly Mother, we bring flowers to decorate her altar. If you have tulips, lilacs, or any other flowers please bring some to put by the statue of Mary in your church. The fragrance and beauty of these flowers show the love and honor we have for Mary.

A lot of confusion reigns about the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, the day on which Jesus Christ, 40 days after rising from the dead, ascended bodily into Heaven. Most of us remember celebrating Ascension Thursday; however, now in most of the dioceses of the United States, the celebration of the feast has been transferred to the following Sunday.





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



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!

Totus Tuus June 26-July 1

Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Held at St. Teresa

Registration forms will be sent out at the end of May.

Mark your calendar now to attend this fun, exciting, and faith building week!

Parish News

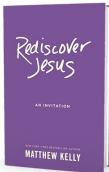


St Joseph Mother's Day Flowers: We will again be offering Mother's Day geraniums for sale for \$3 per plant following Mass on Sunday, May 8th. No preorder necessary this year.

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.



Thank you to all who came to the St. Joseph Luau. Beautiful weather, good food, fun music, and great friends! A special thank you to Maureen Spear for lending her decorations and to Mark FitzSimmons for the karaoke. We are already planning for next year! -St. Joseph Pastoral Council



Rediscover Jesus

On May 8th, St. Joseph is hosting casual discussion groups following 10 a.m. Mass. We will reflect on Readings 33-40 in the Rediscover Jesus book. Coffee and a simple snack will be provided. All are welcome! All the time!

Join Fr. Kern on a Pilgrimage in the Extraordinary Year of Mercy!

Monday, June 6— Tuesday, June 7 We will visit four holy sites, the main destination being the site of the only approved visit of our Blessed Mother, Mary to the US, and have the opportunity to pass through four holy doors. Come and experience the joy of taking some time out of the ordinary routines to give time to the Lord and refresh your soul. For details, pick up a pamphlet at church or call the office 524-3127.

Tri-Parish Server Appreciation

Mark your calendars now to join Fr. Kern at the **WOW Zone** on Wednesday, June 1 from 6pm until 9pm for unlimited bowling, laser tag and mini golf. Pizza and Pop will also be provided. Registration forms will be mailed to servers next week. Please let the office know if you don't receive one.

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 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. Thanks

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!



Join us in congratulating Fr. John Kunz on his 40th year of priesthood. A reception will follow Mass on Saturday, May 21 - 5:15pm, and Sunday, May 22 - 8am and 10am at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mankato. Fr. Kunz served in the Mapleton Tri-Parish area from 1984-1995.

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.



All You Can Eat Dad's Belgian Waffle/Car Wash fundraiser!

The Tri-Parish Catholic Youth Group of St. Casimir's, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, and St. John the Baptist is holding the event on Sunday, May 15th from 8:30AM to 12:30PM. Breakfast is \$8.00 at the door, children 5 and under eat free, and carry-outs are available! -- You can even have your car washed while you eat, for a free-will donation! The event will be held at St. Casimir Catholic Church, located at 320 2nd Ave SW Wells, MN. Call 507-553-3062 for more information.

VINE Faith in Action presents "Tips and Tools for Navigating Change and Embracing Aging." Dates and Topics: May 4- Working through Changes in our Lives, May 11 - Supporting Family Members and Friends Experiencing Memory Loss, May 18 - My Five Wishes (Health Care Directives). 6:30-7:30 pm. First Presbyterian Church, Amboy. Free and open to the public. No need to preregister. Join Sister Joyce Kolbet and Carol Kaduce Ries, VINE staff.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (April 23)

Weekly collection... \$3588.06
 Amount collected year to date... \$141,682.60
 Amount budgeted year to date .. \$136,054.00

St. Matthew (April 24)

Weekly collection..... \$440.00
 Amount collected year to date... \$53,512.85
 Amount budgeted year to date... \$57,276.00

St. Joseph (April 17 and 24)

Weekly collection \$2060.58
 Amount collected year to date... \$44,620.38
 Amount budgeted year to date \$48,418.00



Ministry Roles

May 7 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Lois Gau

Minister of Communion: Shelly Holt,
Owen Dickey

Hospitality: Emily Minkel, Sheryl Olson,
Shawn and Sara Wenner

Gifts: Owen and Theresa Dickey

Servers: Nathan Trio, Kendall Wede,
Dylan Passmore

Money Counters: Vicki Kunkel, Ann Walters

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

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Minister of Communion: Sheila Lewis,
Denise Peterson

Hospitality: Neil Majeski family

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Jodi Roelofs

May 8 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Minister of Communion: Patty Thomas,
Jim Wieseler

Hospitality: Landon and Leah Davis family

Gifts: Landon and Leah Davis family

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Taylor Hollerich

Money Counters: Rachel Depuydt,
Laureen Sohre

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



A Love that embraces all—regardless of age, faith tradition, ethnic background or *ability to pay*... A Love that leaves the office desk and gets out into the streets in order to serve the suffering, the poor, and those on the margins... A Love that believes that with God's grace, "Nothing is Impossible." Your support of Catholic Charities efforts embraces a love that sees the face of Christ in all those suffering. Next week on **May 7th and 8th** you can be an instrument of **LOVE** by supporting the Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal. Your generosity on all levels brings God's love to families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, and children in need. Embrace a love that serves the poor and encourages all those around you to believe that nothing is impossible with God!

Results so far for the
 2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	3	\$1300	\$4,860	27
St. Matthew:	2	\$120	\$4,890	2.5
St. Teresa:	17	\$1730	\$14,310	12



2016
 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. **If you have not yet given to this campaign, please consider doing so.** If you do not still have the envelope that was mailed to you, you can get pick one up at 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.

If we do not make our goal, the parish will be required to pay the difference. Please be generous to this appeal.



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.

Rosary leaders for May 7-8

St. Teresa: Butch and Judy Bach
 St. Matthew: Patti Uhrich
 St. Joseph: Connie Peters

The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness. -Pope Benedict XVI