

## 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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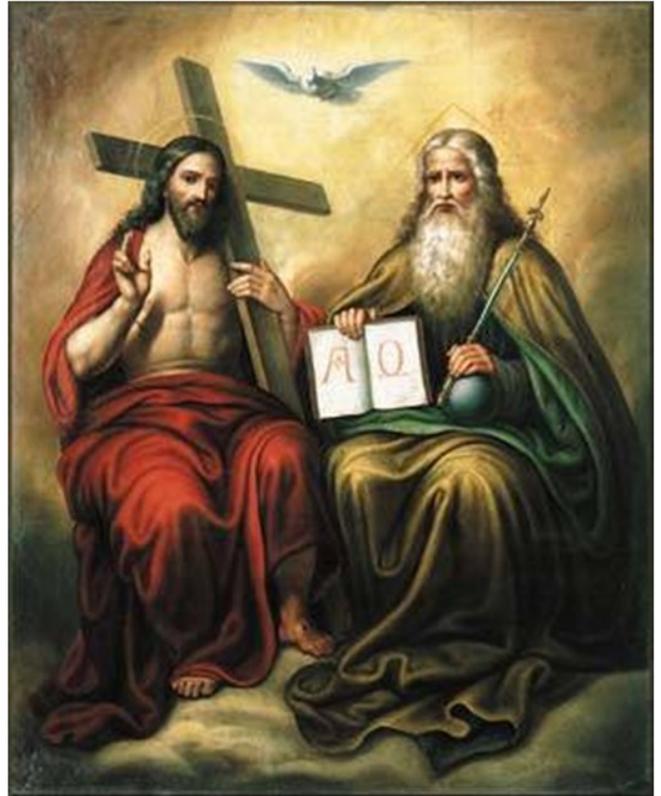
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## May 22, 2016 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...

Matthew 28:19

### 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.



This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in paragraph 234:

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith".<sup>56</sup> The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin".

This description of the Most Holy Trinity speaks of how God has revealed Himself as a Trinity of Persons throughout salvation history. God has always sought to make Himself known to us, and through Jesus has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God — Three Divine Persons. One Substance — Three Distinct Persons. The mystery of the Trinity was unknown before God sent His Son into the world to save it from sin and then sending His Holy Spirit into the world to sanctify it. The mystery of the Trinity reveals God's plan of salvation for all time and we are living in those times of fulfillment. We need to encounter anew the mystery of God and enter into a communion with the Divine Communion itself. Here is a quote from a famous writing by St. Augustine (died the year 430) from his work De Trinitate (On the Trinity):

The unity and equality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are proved from scripture. "The purpose of all the Catholic commentators I have been able to read on the divine books of both testaments, who have written before me on the trinity which God is, has been to teach that according to the scriptures Father and Son and Holy Spirit in the inseparable equality of one substance present a divine unity; and therefore there are not three gods but one God; and although indeed the Father has begotten the Son, and therefore he who is the Father is not the Son; and the Son is begotten by the Father, and therefore he who is the Son is not the Father; and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son, but only the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, himself coequal to the Father and the Son, and belonging to the threefold unity." (Augustine, De Trinitate; page 69.. The Trinity, New City Press, Brooklyn, New York 1991).

This is indeed a mystery that has been consistently reflected on in the history of the Church and is one that reveals the Christian truths in our time.



Monday, May 23

1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 24

1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98:1-4; Mark 10:28-31

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

Wednesday, May 25

**St. Bede the Venerable,**

**St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi**

1 Peter 1:18-25; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 26

**St. Philip Neri**

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Psalm 100:2-5; Mark 10:46-52

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

**8:30 a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa**

Friday, May 27

**St. Augustine of Canterbury**

1 Peter 4:7-13; Psalm 96:10-13; Mark 11:11-26

**10:30 a.m. Communion Service at MCH**

Saturday, May 28

Jude 17,20-25; Psalm 63:2-6; Mark 11:27-33

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Robert O'Connor*

Sunday, May 29

**Feast of Corpus Christi**

Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** *People of the tri-parish*

**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *Gordon Grover*

**Meetings and Events in the tri-parish**

**Tri-parish office will be closed Monday, May 30th**

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

Tuesday, May 31 7p.m. St. Matthew Finance Council

**Mass times change in two weeks.**

**Mass times for June—July:**

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. St. Teresa

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. St. Matthew

Congratulations to our high school seniors who are graduating this year! Every transition invites an opportunity to trust in God's plan and purpose for our lives. We can all take the summer to ask, Where is God leading you? Talk to Him about it and ask God what He plans for your life in the weeks, days, months ahead.



**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



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 next week. If you do not receive one, contact the tri-parish office.

**Reminder: If you are going to the Steubenville Conference** and you have not registered on line, you need to do so now! If you are not sure, or have questions please contact the office 524-3127 or Jonah Lippert 327-2767.

## Parish News

### 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. **If you plan to attend this pilgrimage, please sign up by May 23 to confirm hotel rooms.**



**As Memorial Day approaches, please consider a gift to your parish cemetery.** The cemetery is sacred ground and the final resting place for our loved ones. Care must be taken to keep the grounds and the grave markers in good condition. Our cemetery boards do an excellent job of this.

Please help them to be good stewards of this sacred ground by your generous donations this month. An envelope for donations is attached and will also be available at each church.

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

**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 to be donated to the Maple River



**St. Teresa:** We will once again be running the bingo stand at Town and Country Days. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for workers. Please sign up or talk to Butch or Judy Bach if you are interested in helping out with this fun event. It would be a great kindness to sign up for a slot as soon as possible so that Butch and Judy do

not have to make calls to fill the schedule. Thank you—your generosity of your time is much appreciated.

## 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 were mailed to servers. Please let the office know if you didn't receive one.

**Please return registration and permission slip to the office by May 25th.**

## Mapleton's Town and Country Days' Silent Auction--

Thank you for the many donations made to last year's silent auction. Approximately \$360 was raised! Any parishioner willing to donate an item for the Silent Auction this year can specify the proceeds go to St. Teresa Church, CCW, or to the Youth Group. Please give a estimated value of each item you donate. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated!! Donations can be dropped off at Ceal Caldwell's house or the tri-parish office by Tuesday, June 7th or to Sara Isebrand's house by Wed., June 8th. Thanks!

**A Million Works of Mercy:** In answer to our Holy Father's call to concentrate on the Works of Mercy, Catholic women all over the country are counting every work of mercy performed. As we feed the hungry, pray for our friends and family, clothe the naked, counsel those in crisis, visit the sick, serve funeral meals and comfort the sorrowing, we will be counting until we reach our goal of a MILLION before the end of the Jubilee Year on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. This is who we are, and what we do; it is our call and our mission every day. If you pray for living and deceased friends and family daily, there are 30 works of mercy right there! Counting is completed in one of two easy ways. Go to [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) to locate the form and record your numbers, then email them to [mecynccw@gmail.com](mailto:mecynccw@gmail.com). Contact your Parish CCW Board for paper copies of the form received in their Area CCW April meeting packets, and mail them to Jane Carter, PO Box 4756, Oak Ridge, TN, 37831 at the end of every month. Ladies, we can meet this goal! Start documenting today! God bless you for all you do in Jesus' name.

## Community News

The Vernon Center Cemetery Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. In the case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church in Vernon Center.

American Red Cross will be in Amboy on Monday, May 23rd, at the Presbyterian Church, 240 North St. E. Times are 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



They are currently looking for quilts to display for the Quilt Show during Town and Country Days June 9-12th. Please contact Rita Caron at 524-4234 if you have quilts you would be willing to show.



St. John will be changing things up a bit for the summer **Community Breakfasts!** We will be moving the breakfast upstairs, into the Chapel Lounge. Still on the 2nd Saturday of the month, still from 8:30am to 10:30am, and still FREE!

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (May 14)

Weekly collection...	\$1434.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$148,466.35
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$145,546.00

### St. Matthew (May 15)

Weekly collection.....	\$738.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$55,280.85
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$61,272.00

### St. Joseph (May 15)

Weekly collection .....	\$459.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$46,599.70
Amount budgeted year to date	\$51,796.00



## Ministry Roles

### May 28 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Peter Langworthy

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

**Hospitality:** Joel and Tracy Schmidt  
Jim and Gloria Langworthy

**Gifts:** Jeff and Shelly Holt

**Servers:** Evan Klein, Grant Klein, Cole Stencil

**Money Counters:** Judy Bach, Jan Sonnek

### May 29 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Lynn Demuth

**Minister of Communion:** Dave Weir,  
Cindy Young

**Hospitality:** Charly Roelofs family

**Servers:** Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

**Money Counters:** Neil Majeski, Char Schuch

### May 29 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Julie FitzSimmons

**Minister of Communion:** John FitzSimmons  
Paul FitzSimmons

**Hospitality:** Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

**Gifts:** Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

**Servers:** April Klecker, Landon Fox

**Money Counters:** Dan Sohre, Leah Davis

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

## Our Catholic World



Results so far for the  
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
<b>St. Joseph:</b>	4	\$1500	\$4,860	31
<b>St. Matthew:</b>	4	\$635	\$4,890	13
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	24	\$3665	\$14,310	26

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.

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

### Let's Face the Facts and Tell the Truth about Abortion (Part I)

"Don't look for applause, but look to obey the truth. Speaking just to find applause or to tell people what they want to hear .... is like prostitution". - Pope Benedict XVI

The truth about abortion is repugnant and abhorrent. It is therefore not easy and requires courage to speak out about abortion. However, as Catholics, we must boldly speak the truth and contradict the untruths and misleading rhetoric which surrounds the issue.

Some of the myths are discussed below:

\* "The government should not interfere with someone's personal choice." This is neither practical" desirable or correct. If there is only one legitimate function of government, it is the protection of innocent human life and to prevent one individual victimizing another. The word "choice" might sound good, but the reality is that some "choices" are crimes and all crimes are "choices".

\* Abortion advocates try to use smokescreen language to conceal the truth about abortion. A good example is the term "women's reproductive rights". The biological reality is that when a woman is pregnant, reproduction has already occurred. If that were not true, there would be nothing for the abortionist to abort.

\* Another deliberately misleading term is "woman's access to healthcare". Healthcare relates to the treatment of diseases, injuries or illnesses. Since pregnancy is none of these, abortion is definitely not "healthcare".

\* We are told that we should not tell a woman when to have a child. Abortion is not about children who might come into the world, but it is about children who are already in the world, living and growing~ in the mother's womb. When a woman is pregnant she already has the child. The only thing to be decided is whether she will have a live or a dead baby.

\* We are also told that we should not interfere with a woman's "relationship" with her doctor. The fact is that in the vast majority of abortions, the expectant mother meets the abortionist for the first time about five minutes before the abortion. There is no relationship!

**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 28-29

St. Teresa: Marci Anderson

St. Matthew: Neil Majeski

St. Joseph: Barb Beaudette