

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. Joseph (1st, 3rd, 5th)
At St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Teresa

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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November 6, 2016 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



“It is my choice to die at the hands of men
with the hope God gives of being raised up by him;
but for you, there will be no resurrection to life.”
2 Maccabees 7:14

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

This last week we celebrated All Saints Day which sings the praise of God on behalf of all those who dwell in Heaven. They have finished the race and competed well. They have undergone their final purification both in the trials of this life and in purgatory where they are purified for the punishment that is owed to them because of their sins. They now live in union with God in the peace of fullness of life with their Creator. The next day we celebrated All Souls Day in which the entire Church pray for those who are in purgatory undergoing that final purification. Purgatory is a doctrine of the Church where we understand that while Jesus died to save us from eternal death and to free us from the guilt of our sins, we are still in need of purifying our souls from their disordered attachments to this life and to undergo the punishments our sins deserve. While Jesus died to take away our guilt, we must participate fully in that remission of sin and punishment through purification of our souls. This is why purgatory is the gateway to Heaven—those who enter purgatory are on the way to Heaven. They are undergoing the final purification to be perfect to dwell with God who is perfect. The month of November is often called the month of the holy souls or poor souls. This month we pray for those souls in purgatory who are suffering purification so that they might enter into eternal life. The Church has always prayed for the deceased and even the Jews in their own tradition would pray for the dead. Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Please celebrate with me and keep in your prayers this Sunday the 17 juniors from our Tri-Parish along with 15 from the Tri-Parish of Wells, Easton, & MN Lake who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today (Sunday). Bishop Quinn will be the celebrant for the Mass. As they prepared, I reminded the juniors of the way sacramental grace works. While God's gifts of grace are free flowing and enter our souls by His generosity and goodness, we can be more (or less) disposed or available to the flowing of His grace in our life. If we pay no attention to God or think of Him very little we are not as open to His Presence. If we sin by offending God or neighbor we put blocks to His grace which seeks to keep us in full communion (relationship) with Him. If we sin mortally, meaning we offend God by sinning with serious (grave) sin, with knowledge that it is wrong, and still consent to doing to it willfully we completely block ourselves from the love of God and His grace works by pricking our conscience through the gift of reason to turn us away from sin and back to God. Sacramental grace then while the Sacraments always work, they always confer grace (i.e. those who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will really be sealed with the Holy Spirit) the grace cannot flow in the life of the person receiving the Sacrament—it cannot be fully unleashed in them until they are disposed and open to grace. They will have been Confirmed but they will not be utilizing the grace because of the blockage of sin. The same is true of every Sacrament, so I always encourage couples to go to Confession before getting married and why each of us should seek Confession before receiving the Eucharist unworthily. The Sacraments are amazing gifts that Jesus Himself established and the Church has safeguarded. Might we never take them for granted.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, November 7

Titus 1:1-9; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 8

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Luke 17:7-10

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

Wednesday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, November 10

St. Leo the Great

Philemon 7-20; Psalm 146:7-10; Luke 17:20-25

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Don Minkel*

Friday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours

2 John 4-9; Psalm 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 12

St. Josaphat

3 Johns 5-8; Psalm 112:1-6; Luke 18:1-8

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *All Deceased*

Veterans

5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, November 13

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98:5-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

9:00 a.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa † *Paul G Schmidt*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilting at St. Teresa
Thursdays 9 a.m.	Bible Study at St. Teresa
Tuesday, Nov. 15 7 p.m.	Pastoral Councils at St. Matthew Church

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:

Lucille Schubbe, Annette Nygaard, Stanley Gartner, John Pluym, Toos Roelofs, Dennis Anderson, Alyssa Clark, Jan Samuelson, Jerry Wersal, Jim Carey, *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

Classes will be held Wednesday, November 9

Opportunity to help others-and get rid of old bags

The high school students are collecting plastic bags (grocery and department store type) for a service project connected to DCYC on November 12th. There are boxes available at each church for you to drop off bags. They will be used to crochet sleeping mats for homeless individuals.



Eat Wings—Raise Funds

for the Tri-parish Youth Group
Tuesday, November 29 5:00—9:00 p.m.
Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 15% of your bill to support the youth trips next summer!

You will need to bring along a ticket to get the credit. Tickets will be available from the youth and at all parishes. Please come out and support the youth!

Parish News

Beginning this week, at each church, a “Book of Remembrance” will be available



to write the names of your loved ones who have departed from this world. We will remember those who are

written in the book in a special way this month and pray that eternal rest is granted to them.

St. Teresa CCW meeting Monday, November 7 7 p.m.

Due to the bloodmobile at St. Teresa that day, the meeting will be held in the basement hall. Please enter through the main (east) church door and go down the back stairs.

St. Margaret’s Circle will serve supper after the 5 o'clock Mass on November 12 at St. Matthews. Free will offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome.

Treats for Troops: The next set of boxes will be packed on Saturday, Nov. 19th at 9 a.m. at St John Lutheran Church in Mapleton. You can drop off items or monetary donations at church or the office.



Veterans Day Dinner Nov. 11 6 p.m.

Ron Schwerman, this year’s Veteran’s Supper speaker, wrote a book, Broken but Not Abandoned, about his time spent as a soldier in Vietnam. Ron, a triple amputee, will also be selling his book. Tickets are on sale until Nov. 7th for \$11 at the Plaid Piper or from Arleen Hansen, Diane Smith, or Arleen Swanson. Held at St. Teresa Church hall.

Loaves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph Saturday, November 19

We Honor our Veterans and Military!
All Parishes: Veterans, those in the military, and families of those who are deployed are welcome to join us and be recognized.
-Please bring donations for local food shelves.
-Stay to enjoy food and fellowship after Mass.



2016 MCCL Voter’s Guide- MCCL has compiled answers to its 2016 Candidate Questionnaire. To learn where candidates for state and federal offices stand on issues such as abortion and assisted suicide, please pick up a paper in the back of church today.

St. Teresa: There are bowls and pans left at church from various events. Items will be in the gathering space. Please check to see if any are yours or someone you know and take them with you. Items not picked up will be given away.



Please return Baby Bottles by Nov. 12
Thanks for your support of Life!

St. Joseph and St. Teresa: **New Minister schedules for Nov.—Jan.** are available. Copies of both schedules will be available at all three churches. Please pick a schedule up if you are signed up for a ministry.

Open house bridal showers coming:

Kellie Carey, bride-to-be of Matt Grunzke, at St. Teresa Church on Sat., Nov. 12 from 10 am—noon. The couple is registered at Target and Kohl’s.



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Teresa Church on Monday, November 7 from 1—7 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling Peg at 420-1286 or on line

www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code: MAPLETONMN

Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is moving from Amboy to Mapleton. Thank you to St. Teresa Catholic Church for providing space for us. The group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our next session on November 1, 3 -4:30 pm. Please use the north entrance of St. Teresa’s near the parking lot. Topic: Managing caregiver stress over the holidays. There is no charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call Sister Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

Free Community Breakfast for all people in the community 8:30-10:30am at St. John Church on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A great mission to be a part of and a great way to get to know people in the community! Please call Debbie Jaeger at 524-3784 or the St. John church office at 524-3615 if you would like to volunteer or help serve.

Election Day Turkey Dinner Tuesday, November 8
Serving 4 p.m.—8 p.m. Adults \$10 5—10 years \$5
Grace United Methodist Church, Vernon Center
Take outs available: 549-3162

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (October 30)

Weekly collection	\$3758.00
Amount collected year to date	\$64134.90
Amount budgeted year to date	\$58,680.00

St. Matthew (October 22)

Weekly collection	\$1733.00
Amount collected year to date	\$10,215.80
Amount budgeted year to date	\$22,100.00

St. Joseph (October 29)

Weekly collection	\$2386.00
Amount collected year to date	\$13,145.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$20,106.00



Ministry Roles

November 12 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Charly Roelofs,
Sheila Lewis

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Maria Sanders, Neil Majeski

November 13 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Mary Ellen Larson,
Sandy Miller

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Gracie Langworthy, Jacob Rigdon,
Kayla Rigdon, Jackson Walters

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek, Tammy Schmidt

**Ministry schedules are available on the web-
site: sjsmst.org**

Let us understand that God is a physician, and that suffering
is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for damnation.

---St. Augustine of Hippo

Our Catholic World



Results so far for the
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
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St. Joseph:	9	\$2025	\$4,860	42
St. Matthew:	9	\$1810	\$4,890	37
St. Teresa:	42	\$6495	\$14,310	45

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.

We are one day nearer Home today than we ever were before. I guarantee you that after you die you will not say "I spent too much time praying; I wish I had watched TV more instead." -Peter Kreeft taken from Prayer for Beginners

ALIVE! In Christ Gatherings

It is not too late to join any group!

Discover or Rediscover the Beautiful Prayer of the Rosary. It will feed your soul with the heart of Jesus through his beloved mother, Mary
The New Rosary in Scripture by Edward Sri
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. at the Mapleton Library 6 –8 weeks

Learn more about your faith through the eyes of Catholic converts.
Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Peg Breiter's home, 309 Smith Court, Mapleton.

A beautiful focus on prayer through reading "Before Amen" by Max Lucado, music, videos and more
Next gathering is Wed., October 26 and then the first and third Wednesdays of Nov. at St. Joseph Church, 6:30 –7:30 p.m.

Come discover the God we call Father we will take an in depth look at the words of the Our Father and uncover the beauty of the prayer we often take for granted. Thursdays 8—9 p.m. Carol Cyr's house

Men's Group Anyone interested in joining please contact Father or George Leary



On November 9th the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

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