

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 20, 2016 Christ the King Lord of the Universe



“Jesus, remember me when you come
into your kingdom.” Luke 23:42

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

Today's Feast of Christ the King has significant importance. The phrase "Kingdom of God" occurs 122 times in the New Testament. 90 of those times it is said by the mouth of Jesus Himself. When we call Jesus the King then and with all His references to the Kingdom of God what does this feast day recognize and represent?

When Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God we can say what He means is: God's presence. The Kingdom of God is both among us and Jesus says the Kingdom of God is like... in a future sense. So, Jesus is saying in His being present the Kingdom of God is among us. Jesus ushers in the Kingdom of God with His very presence. He is God and Man and has come among us. In this way the Kingdom of God is not a geographical territory but is truly present when we pray, "thy Kingdom Come" in the Our Father we are inviting God's presence to enter more fully into the world and for the fullness of His Kingdom to come at the end of time. So in this sense the Kingdom of God is present in each of us when we allow God's presence to enter our hearts and when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Finally the Kingdom of God is present in the Church who is the keeper of the presence of Jesus. Jesus is present in all times in His Church and as the head of the Church He is our King. He is ruler and mighty God leading His people to the Sovereign Kingdom of Heaven. The kingdoms of this world will pass away and the only Kingdom that will remain is that of the Church triumphant over every land and nation. The Eternal Kingdom where all will bow their knee at the Name of Jesus. Jesus, King of our Hearts and King of the Church, reign in us!

Next week we will begin the season of Advent. It amazes me that the countdown to Christmas is on. I am striving again this year to not think so much of a countdown to Christmas as I want to think of a preparation for the Lord's presence in my heart. What are the areas in my life where I do not welcome the God-Man? Where do I keep myself closed off or neutral to His presence? How could I make ready the way of the Lord in my own life?

This Advent we will again have Exposition and **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays of Advent from 10am-10pm at St. Teresa Church in Mapleton.** Will you consider cutting a slice of your Sunday out to spend some time in quiet prayer? Jesus calls us to slow down and experience His loving presence. He invites us to spend time with Him and to bring our needs to Him. Adoration is also a time where we seek to worship Him for Who He is—God. We recognize His goodness and love and desire to honor Him not just for what He gives us but for Who He is in Himself—the all powerful God.

Come let us adore Him!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, November 21 **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Revelation 14:1-5; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 22 **St. Cecilia**
Revelation 14:14-19; Psalm 96:10-13; Luke 21:5-11
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, November 23 **St. Clement I, St. Columban Saint Miguel Pro**
Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98:1-3, 7-9; Luke 21:12-19
4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, November 24 **Thanksgiving Day**
Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9; Psalm 100:1-5;
Luke 21:20-28

Friday, November 25 **St. Catherine of Alexandria**
Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Psalm 84:3-6, 8;
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, November 26
Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Dorothy and Bernard Landsteiner*
5:00 p.m. at St. Matthew † *Ron Jacobus*

Sunday, November 27 **First Sunday in Advent**
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14;
Matthew 24:37-44
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *People of the tri-parish*

As Father will be on retreat next week, there is no Thanksgiving Mass in the tri-parish. Area Masses are:

Sts. Peter and Paul, Blue Earth 9:00 a.m.

OLMC, Easton 10:00 a.m.

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Tri-parish office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilting at St. Teresa

Quilt group will not meet Nov. 23

Tuesday, Nov. 29 7 p.m. St. Matthew Finance Council

Wednesday, November 23, is the Memorial of Saint Miguel Agustín Pro, a Jesuit priest, who was martyred on November 23, 1927, in Mexico City. During the religious persecution in Mexico during the 1920's, Father Pro was falsely accused of plotting against the government. He was executed by a firing squad. With his arms outstretched imitating Our Lord on the Cross, he shouted:

Viva Cristo Rey! – "Long live Christ the King."



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

Maureen Springer, Lucille Schubbe, 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

NO Classes will be held Wednesday, November 23



Pancake Breakfast November 27

at St. Teresa Church 10 a.m.
to support the Youth Mission Trip
and Conferences

Pancakes, eggs, fruit, beverage Free will donation.
Come to enjoy good food and fellowship and support the youth of the tri-parish.



**Wednesday, November 30
Spaghetti Feed during Snowflake Dazzle**

Serving 4:30—7:30 p.m. Free will donation
Tri-parish Youth Group will be sponsor-

ing a spaghetti feed as a fundraiser for the youth group trips next summer. This will be during Mapleton's Snowflake Dazzle, so plan to attend and then enjoy the festivities around town.



Help needed! In order to run these events and keep costs low we are asking parish members to volunteer time and/or items for the breakfast and spaghetti feed. Bars are needed for the Spaghetti feed and syrup, butter, etc for the breakfast. Sign up sheets are available at St. Teresa entrances.

Thanks for your support!



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!

Attention all 6th-12th graders!

The Tri-parish Youth Group is hosting a Planning meeting at St. Teresa's on Friday, December 9th from 6-8 pm, (pizza & snacks provided!) to schedule its major monthly events for the coming year—do you want to go skating in December? Sledding in January? Indoor Rock-climbing in February? A camp-out in Vernon Center? Capture-the-flag next to St. Joseph's? All youth group events have three Features: Faith, Food, & Fun. Come to let us know what you desire most to know about your Catholic faith, and how you want to explore the life God has given you together with your friends!

"Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are."

Parish News



Contribution envelopes for 2017 are available. If you wish to receive envelopes and have not in the past please call the office. Also, if you have received envelopes in past years but do not wish to receive/use please let us know and we will not get them for you next year.. If you would like to start or change having your contributions automatically transferred, authorization forms are available. Thank you for your generosity.

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



Snow is coming! St. Teresa: Snowshoveler's sign up: It's that time of year! There are sign-up sheets at both church entrances for families to take care of the clean up after a snow fall. Your help in this task is greatly appreciated. Please be generous with your time.

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.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Wed., November 23 7:00 p.m.

Thank You, LORD! Beauford United Methodist Church

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a day to pray and pay for the Belize Mission Trip! There are still many dates open— please consider making the commitment to pray for the success of the mission and to support the work with a financial donation.
Thank you also to all those who worked at the fundraiser breakfast on October 30th and those who attended. It was very successful and almost \$2000 was raised to purchase supplies for our work in Belize!
Many people lost the little they had in the hurricane that hit a few months ago. We will help with some rebuilding as well as other projects.

Give THANKS for the gift of your spouse! Take some time to spend a weekend away from all of the chaos and enjoy each other on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb 17-19, 2017 in Windom, MN and Apr 21-23, 2017 in Hutchinson, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website

VINE CONDUCTING SURVEY ON RURAL TRANSIT
Countywide public transportation is coming to rural Blue Earth, Nicollet & Le Sueur counties. Please help us shape the new transit system to best fit our community's needs by taking a short online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tricountytransit>. Have questions or need a paper copy of the survey? Contact Mike at 507-720-5470 or mikel@vinevolunteers.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (November 13)

Weekly collection	\$2933.50
Amount collected year to date	\$69,985.95
Amount budgeted year to date	\$65,200.00

St. Matthew (November 12)

Weekly collection	\$2140.76
Amount collected year to date	\$12,356.56
Amount budgeted year to date	\$26,000.00

St. Joseph (November 5)

Weekly collection	\$518.00
Amount collected year to date	\$13,663.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$21,223.00



Ministry Roles

November 26 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Darla Graf

Minister of Communion: Maria Sanders,
Lynn Demuth

Hospitality: Tom Graf family

Servers: Joseph Bennett, Jeff Lewis

Money Counters: Wendy Bennett, Char Schuch

November 27 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: GERALYN Van Rossum

Minister of Communion: Debbie Reuter,
Anita Rigdon

Hospitality: Noah Geramo, John Hengel,
Jason and Karen Langworthy

Gifts: Shawn and Sara Wenner family

Servers: Adam Dickey, Will Stencel,
Cole Stencel, Nathan Trio

Money Counters: Ann Walters, Bob Bissonette

**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:	44	\$6630	\$14,310	46

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.

*Let us prayerfully watch for the
coming of the Lord*



Beginning on November 27, the first Sun-

day of Advent, at 10 a.m. at St. Teresa and continuing on each of the Sundays in Advent, Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin the time of Adoration. Adoration will then continue until 10 p.m.

Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there will be sign up sheets available to make sure someone will always be present from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. each Sunday. Please consider if you will be able to make that commitment and promise to Jesus to stay with Him awhile. Of course, anyone can come at any time during the day to pray without having signed up. Don't worry about how to spend this time in prayer—books and aids for prayer are available for your use.

Sunday, December 11 Gaudete Sunday
"Rejoice in the Lord always"

The third Sunday in Advent, Gaudete Sunday, provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. It is a time of rejoicing as we near the coming of the Lord.

To celebrate this day we will have a special time of prayer and music and a short

presentation by Fr. Kern during adoration, 11:00 a.m. to noon.

There is a breakfast at St. Teresa that day so you can stay



This weekend at each church there will be Advent wreaths, candles, and the Magnificat Advent Companion available to help with your advent preparations for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.

-Saint Ephraem of Syria