

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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January 1, 2017 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God



And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

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.



From the Heart by Fr. Jason Kern

While the world celebrates a Happy New Year, every year on January 1st the Church celebrates a holy day. The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God is celebrated this weekend as January 1st falls on a Sunday. So, Happy New Year indeed but all the more worthy of celebration is this holy day. Rather than just turning a calendar or popping the champagne, let's rejoice in the mercy of God who has chosen Mary to be His Mother. This might not seem like the most momentous feast when you just hear the title: Mary, the Mother of God. It might seem normal enough to our Catholic ears but there is a whole lot tied into this feast day.

First of all, the words mother of God are the title we give to Mary in English but the real words for this feast is the Greek word: Theotokos (Theo means God and tokos means to bring forth or to bear). This translates as literally the God-bearer or the one who brings forth God. This title was given to Mary in the very early days of the Church and while some wanted to call her the Christokos (Christ bearer), the early Church defended that from Mary comes forth the humanity of Jesus to which the Divinity of Jesus united at the very moment of conception. Jesus is fully God but in the womb of Mary His divine nature is united to a human nature that is from the DNA and flesh of Mary. So while we say that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and thus the Mother of God she is not the Mother of the Trinity specifically speaking. She is mother to Jesus in His human nature but in no way brought forth His divinity which has always existed and there was never a time when His divine nature did not exist. This is a beautiful mystery that Mary brings forth in her 'Yes' to God. This Feast on January 1st also brought together the traditional feasts of the final day of the Octave of Christmas, the circumcision of Jesus and holy name of Jesus as on the 8th day in the Jewish custom the male child was circumcised (brought under the law) and was given a name. These important days in the Jewish life are all now celebrated under Mary as the Mother presenting her child in the temple on this holy feast. Finally as the newborn king of peace is celebrated and lauded, we celebrate a world day of peace during this time as well. Much to ponder:

We should never underestimate how God can work through our Yes to Him and have confidence that we can be God-bearers as well when we let God's grace, love, and presence live in us and work through us. Perhaps our New Year can begin with saying Yes to Jesus and Mary and Yes to their grace being alive in us in a new way. Jesus, we trust in you! Mary, intercede for us that we will be holy as you are holy.

On Monday night I will leave with 90 college students to head for San Antonio, TX for the SEEK Conference. The SEEK Conference is held every other year and is a national Catholic conference with some the best of speakers and Catholic presenters in the nation.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, January 2

St. Basil
St. Gregory Nazianzen

1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1-4; John 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name
of Jesus

1 John 2:29—3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3-6; John 1:29-34

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

Wednesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-9; John 1:35-42

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

Thursday, January 5

St. John Neumann

1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1-5; John 1:43-51

Friday, January 6

St. Andre Bessette

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Mark 1:7-11

Saturday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penafort

1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 2:1-11

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

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa ✠ *Ira and Irene Bushlack*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Tri-parish office will be closed January 2

Quilters will not meet at St Teresa from Dec. 21—Feb. 1

Monday, Jan. 9 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW

Tuesday, Jan. 10 7 p.m. Pastoral Council tri-parish
at St. Teresa

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven.
-- St. Camillus de Lellis (Feast Day July 18)

It is held January 3-7th this year and we will be traveling by bus to and from. Please keep us in your prayers.

Food for the Poor, a missionary organization who have been with us in the past will make an appeal next weekend. It will be Epiphany and Immigration Sunday and so it is fitting for us to be particularly mindful of the poor. Please know of my prayers for you as well. May the peace of Jesus in this Christmas Season fill your heart with joy.



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

Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Lucille Schubbe, Stanley Gartner, John Pluym, Toos Roelofs, 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, January 4

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations: KTOE 1420 AM, and on KEYC TV (also on their website)

Dear 6th-12th Graders: Grab your sleds and join us for our SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th EPIPHANY PARTY

- 10:15 AM leave St Teresa parking-lot (car-pooling!)
- 10:45 AM take short tour of Women's OPTIONS Care Center in Mankato
- 11:15 AM -12:15 Service opportunity at Women's OPTIONS Center
- 12:15-1:00 PM Epiphany Banquet with Pizza, King-Cake & Cranberry Wassail
- 1:00-3:00 PM Sledding Party (at Sibley Park, Mankato)
- 3:25 PM Arrive Back at St Teresa parking lot

Additional option for 8th-12th Graders: come to the Twin Cities and make a NET night of it!
Carpool arriving at 6:00 PM at NET Center, West Saint Paul, MN

6:00-9:30 PM "Living Life Radically" NET conference:
with Holy Mass, an inner-city Franciscan Friar speaking a dynamic message about living in the Holy Spirit, 100 NET ministers, a Catholic P & W band (SONAR), and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
11:30 PM arrive back

Those interested in either or both opportunities can contact Jonah Lippert at triparish.youthminister@gmail.com
507-327-2767

Meeting for Parents of Students in 6th-12th grades at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, January 11th in the St. Teresa gathering-space during your child's regular faith-formation class. At that time you will receive information on requirements for your child to participate in great activities throughout the rest of the year, learn a little bit about what events are being offered, and understand how you can help your kids to take advantage of the opportunities! Questions can be e-mailed to Jonah Lippert at triparish.youthminister@gmail.com or asked by phone at (507) 327-2767. Hope to see you there!

Pancake Breakfast January 15

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.



Parish News



Additional Christmas flower donations received:
St. Matthew: Dave and Mary Lewis
St. Teresa: Clarice Germa in memory of John Germa

Thank you to everyone who helped make our churches so beautiful for the Christmas season!

Women's Book Club meets next Sunday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Gathering Space. Prayer in church begins at 6:15 p.m. We will be discussing The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. Please join us!



Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated funds for the Mission trip to Belize. Your love for God's poor will touch the lives of many. The list of projects is coming together and information on some of the people we will encounter and work for will be introduced to you soon. There are still dates open on the calendar if you would like to add your name. Please pray for the mission trip.

Community News

The Maple River Band Boosters will be hosting their annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Sunday, January 8 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Commons of the High School. All-you-can-eat waffles, sausage, toppings and beverages. Tickets are \$7 from a band member or by contacting the Music Department at 524-3930 ext 234. Tickets are \$8 at the door. Proceeds support the 5-12 band program of the Maple River School District.

Foot Care with Linda Foot care still has a few slots available on January 19th at the Mapleton Community Center (formerly Town and Country Leisure Center) The time is from 8 a.m. until noon.

You must schedule an appointment.

Please call city hall 524-3492. If we have enough people interested we have a regular schedule of foot care at the center

Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with Dementia or other progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our next session on January 3, 3:00 PM, St. Teresa Catholic Church, Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. Topic: Improving Communication in Caregiving – a DVD and discussion. No charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call S. Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

Catholic Charities Counseling Services

Catholic Charities provides a full range of counseling services to help individuals, couples, and families deal with a variety of concerns. We accept most insurances or offer a sliding fee for non-insured. Call Catholic Charities at 507-387-5586.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (December 25)

Weekly collection	\$8,293.00
Amount collected year to date	\$100,675.72
Amount budgeted year to date	\$84,760.00

St. Matthew (December 24)

Weekly collection	\$2452.00
Amount collected year to date	\$22,505.56
Amount budgeted year to date	\$33,800.00

St. Joseph (December 24)

Weekly collection	\$2016.00
Amount collected year to date	\$24,070.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$29,042.00



Ministry Roles

January 7 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kevin FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Dan Sohre,
Dean Sohre

Hospitality: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Gifts: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Shelli Grover, Dan Sohre

January 8 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Brett Sindelir

Minister of Communion: Don Landsteiner,
Gloria Langworthy

Hospitality: Butch and Judy Bach

Gifts: Butch and Judy Bach

Servers: Adam Dickey, Andrew Hoppe,
Faith Hoppe, Gracie Langworthy

Money Counters: Tammy Schmidt,
Marie Gartner

**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

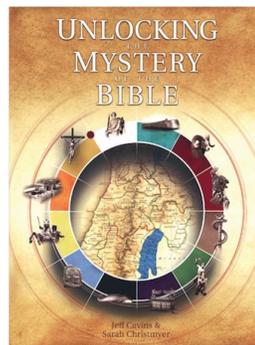
Our Catholic World



St. Joseph:
St. Matthew:
St. Teresa:

Results so far for the 2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal				
# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal	
10	\$2125	\$4,860	44	
11	\$1885	\$4,890	39	
47	\$6950	\$14,310	49	

Please prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to support the annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal. If we do not make our goal by the end of the 2016 calendar year, the Bishop requires that the remaining amount be paid in full from parish funds. Envelopes for the Catholic Ministries Appeal are available at the entrances of each Church; please return your gift by December 31, 2016. You can mail your contribution directly to the diocese, or put your envelope in the collection basket during any weekend Mass. Thank you for your generosity in helping with the needs of the our Diocesan Church.



Discover who God is....

Discover who you are....

Discover someone who knows everything about you— and loves you and has an amazing plan for your life.

Learn how to read the Bible..

Coming in January and March— watch for more details.

Sundays 10:30—11:30 a.m. at St. Teresa begins Jan. 22

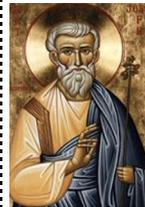
Wednesdays 6:30 –7:30 p.m. at the Mapleton library
begins Jan. 25

Wednesdays 6:30 –7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph
begins March 15

Additional times may be added

Alive in Christ Event

Sunday, January 15



Would you like some powerful help to get to Heaven?

Do you wish you had someone by you to show you the way?

Reclaiming Catholic Culture

An opportunity to encounter the holy aides we have often never learned or have perhaps forgotten or at least have not taken advantage of enough. God has provided many powerful aides to us— and the Catholic Church can teach you what they are. Mark the date, January 15, to learn more.



2-3 p.m. Presentation for middle school
and high school students

3-4 p.m. Presentation for adults (child care provided)

4-5 p.m. Dinner and fellowship

At St. Teresa Gathering Space

