

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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July 2, 2017 The Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



...and whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:38

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.



Hello,

I am so excited to be the pastor of Mapleton, Vernon Center, and Good Thunder, and to be the chaplain of the Newman Center in Mankato. I have gotten a foretaste of the great things to come because I am writing this from Catholic Heart Work Camp in Fremont, NE. Most of the kids on this trip are from the Tri-parish. What great kids we have here in our parishes.

Just a quick history of my life. I was found on the doorstep of the police station when I was about 1 year old. I was adopted when I was about 2.5 by a family in Iowa. I grew up and went to college in Ames, IA. So I'm a Cyclone fan. While studying computer engineering in college, I became more involved in my Christian faith, and then later, specifically in my Catholic faith.

After college, I worked at the Mayo Clinic doing computer work for the Radiation Oncology department. After five years, I entered Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona. After two years, I did major seminary at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, MI. I was ordained a priest June 11, 2010.

I enjoy sports in general. My two favorite sports to play are golf and tennis. Call me if you would like to play. I don't really cook. I almost burnt down the rectory in Luverne once while trying to cook. So if you want a happy and healthy priest, invite me over for dinner. I know my schedule will be busy, but don't stop trying to find a night for me to come over. My exchange rate is free computer help for a free meal.

This weekend's Gospel is tough to hear. Jesus doesn't want to be second or third in our lives. He wants to be first in our lives. He wants to be more important to us than our parents, even our children. Not that we shouldn't love them, but we need to remember the one who gave us our parents, who gave us our children. We must spend time with Jesus in prayer. In our busy lives, there is no better place to be than praying in front of the tabernacle, in front of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Peace of Christ,
Father Vogel

The soul of the one who loves God always swims with joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing.
—St. John of the Cross

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, July 3

St. Thomas

Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117:1-2; John 20:24-29

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

Genesis 19:15-29; Psalm 26:2-3, 9-12; Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria

Genesis 21:5, 8-20; Psalm 34:7-8, 10-13; Matthew 8:28-34

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

Thursday, July 6

St. Maria Goretti

Genesis 22:1-19; Psalm 115:1-6, 8-9; Matthew 9:1-8

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa Susan Adams

Friday, July 7

Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Psalm 106:1-5; Matthew 9:9-13

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Florence Stenzel

Saturday, July 8

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Psalm 135:1-6; Matthew 9:14-17

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Bonnie Murphy

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. St. Matthew People of the Tri-parish

Sunday, July 9

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Keith Etherington

A word about Mass Intentions: If there is a cross by the name that person is deceased. If there is not a cross the intention is for a living person or people.

Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti.

On a hot afternoon in July (1902), Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to go to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. She is the patron of chastity, purity, teenage girls, and forgiveness.



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

Dorothy Lindemann, Helen Mitchell, Roger Tipler, Don Landsteiner, Ken Irvine, Todd Kopischke, Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Stanley Gartner, Toos Roelofs, Jan Samuelson, Jerry Wersal *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



Save the date: Totus Tuus July 23—28
Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Held at St. Teresa

Registration forms have been mailed out. Please contact the office if you do not receive one and would like to register

Parish News



TriParish: 12 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Joe Fogal, Fr Schneider, and Sr. Joyce Kolbet, in honor of St. Joseph's 150th Anniversary.
Bethlehem – Mt. Beatitudes – Mt. Olives – Jerusalem – Jericho – Nazareth

– and more!

More information and registration form available on sjsmst.org
March 12 – 23, 2018
\$3,690 per person from Minneapolis (Includes: Round-trip air, first class hotels double occupancy, 2 meals a day, daily sight-seeing, all transportation, all tips to guides and drivers, and more!)

Space is limited, sign up today!

Contact Shelli Grover at itshelli@gmail.com or 507-381-2454, or Fr. Schneider 507-469-9979.

Thank you to all the many family and friends who helped make my 80th Birthday Party a wonderful celebration. Thanks also for all the beautiful cards and gifts. What a day to remember always. Thanks and God bless, Emily Minkel



Come and enjoy an old fashioned 4th of July in Vernon Center and support St. Matthew Parish by playing BINGO! The hours Bingo will run are: 1 —5p.m. and 6—7:30 p.m. at Vernon Center Lumber.



St. Matthew will again be hosting Bingo at the 4th of July celebration in Vernon Center! Anyone from the tri-parish interested in helping can contact Neil Majeski-327-3559 or the tri-parish office. All help is greatly appreciated. More details will follow.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Silent Auction for Town and Country Days! We made \$270 for St. Teresa Parish and CCW.



Reflections on Religious Freedom

Where the principle of religious freedom is not only proclaimed in words or simply incorporated in law but also given sincere and practical application, there the Church succeeds in achieving a stable situation of right as well as of fact and the independence which is necessary for the fulfillment of her divine mission. This independence is precisely what the authorities of the Church claim in society. At the same time, the Christian faithful, in common with all other men, possess the civil right not to be hindered in leading their lives in accordance with their conscience. Therefore, a harmony exists between the freedom of the Church and the religious freedom which is to be recognized as the right of all men and communities and sanctioned by constitutional law. *Declaration on Religious Liberty, Second Vatican Council (Dignitatis Humanae), no. 13 December 7, 1965*

While insisting upon the religious freedom of the Church, the Second Vatican Council Fathers do not wish to give the impression that in some manner the Catholic Church is special when it comes to religious liberty. Thus, the Council first states above that where the principle of religious liberty is present, the Church is able to peaceably fulfill her divine mission. It is this amicable relationship between herself and civil authorities that the Church always wishes to pursue and ensure. In the light of this, the Church also champions the religious and civil rights of all so that all people can live "their lives in accordance with their conscience." In this way there is no conflict with what the Church demands for herself and what she demands for others—the freedom to follow one's conscience in matters religious. This religious freedom for all is what the Council once more believes should be acknowledged and sanctioned within the constitutional law of countries.

In the United States, religious freedom is protected in the Constitution, as the Council desires. Are those constitutional protections enough? Are they growing stronger or weaker in our society today? What else, apart from the law, can strengthen or weaken religious liberty? What should Catholics do to defend and foster religious liberty in America today? What have Catholics done in the past when religious liberty was threatened?

Please pray for our country!

Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. St. Teresa Church

Community News

Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. It is informal and generally meets on the first Tuesday of each month. However, due to the July 4th holiday, our next support group will be **July 11, 3:00-4:00 PM**, at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. No charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call S. Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (June 25)

Weekly collection	\$2835.50
Amount collected year to date	\$176,665.68
Amount budgeted year to date	\$169,520.00

St. Matthew (June 24)

Weekly collection	\$690.00
Amount collected year to date	\$45,229.38
Amount budgeted year to date	\$67,600.00

St. Joseph (June 17)

Weekly collection	\$1271.00
Amount collected year to date	\$51,295.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$56,967.00



Ministry Roles

July 8 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Minister of Communion: Tony Wendlandt,
Wendy Bennett, Justin Davis

Hospitality: Larry Caven family

Servers: Layne Davis, Joe Bennett

Money Counters: Char Schuch, Wendy Bennett

July 9 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Ann Langworthy

Minister of Communion: Cliff Anderson,
Marcie Anderson

Hospitality: Tony and Connie Bach,
Emily Minkel, Kay Proehl

Gifts: Jay and Stephanie Stencil family

Servers: Nathan Trio, Alana Volk, Will Stencil,
Cole Stencil

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek,
Jim/Arleen Swanson

Ministry schedules are available on the website:
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
2017 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	11	\$2425	\$4,770	51
St. Matthew:	10	\$2585	\$4,830	54
St. Teresa:	37	\$6240	\$13,900	45

Thank you to everyone who has given thus far for your generosity. Each year our goals must be met and any shortfall must be made up through general funds of the parish. If you have not yet given to this mission of helping our Diocesan family, it is not too late. Envelopes are available at each church..



OUR LADY OF FATIMA..... Thursday, July 13 marks the 100th Anniversary of the 3rd apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three shepherd children. The message is to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and do penance for peace in the world. This message is more urgent today than it was in 1917. On behalf of Msgr. Mahon, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist (Rochester) everyone is invited to join the Rosary procession beginning at **11:30 AM and concluding with**

Mass at 12:10 PM on Thursday, July 13 at St. John's. The Rosary procession will begin in the prayer garden, proceed around the block and conclude in the Church.

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott

The Liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles, or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see [2 Timothy 1:9](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:3](#)).

At Baptism our lives were joined forever to the cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus.

We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family—the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers and mothers, and all men and women to live as "little ones" under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets, but also little children, the poor and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ himself (see [Matthew 18:5](#); [25:31-46](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives.

We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward, and walk forever in His countenance.