

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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September 24, 2017 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?"

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."
Matthew 20:14-16

The Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

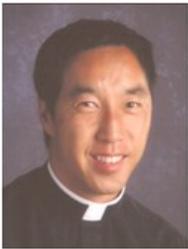
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before each weekend Mass, 8a.m. Thursday at St. Teresa or by private appt. with Fr. Vogel

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 from Michigan,

Things are going well. My team played pretty well in the tournament. We were 8 under par. The winning team was 16 under par. So not even close to winning. However, I'm happy with how we played. It was great to see my old classmates. They are amazing priests doing amazing things. I feel blessed to know them. As I write this, I have not yet traveled to Oak Park, IL where my brother lives. That will happen on Thursday. I'm looking forward to seeing my brother, his wife, and his two kids. Zachary is the first teenager amongst the nieces and nephews.

I will be gone this week from Monday to Tuesday at a workshop in Winona. Please pray the workshop goes well.

We have a couple of cool things happening this week. On Wednesday, September 27, we have our Alive in Christ Family Event. The title is Why be Catholic? If you ever had any questions about the Catholic faith, come. If you have ever wondered if there was something special to being Catholic, come find out. If you have ever wondered why Catholics do this or that, come and ask. If you have ever wondered where that Catholic teaching is in the Bible, come. If you just want to come and see if you can stump your pastor, come for that. I pray and hope to see you all there. It is at St. Teresa's at 6:30 PM.

Also, next Sunday, October 1st, we have our Turkey Dinner. Please come for food and fellowship.

This week we hear about the parable of the vineyard laborers. This parable should be a cause of hope, not of downfall. By that I mean, I know many parents who lament that their children are not coming to Mass and/or practicing their Catholic faith. We must pray for them, encourage them, but not nag them to come back to Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus provides hope that it is never too late to receive the reward of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is never too late to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Just think of the criminal crucified with Jesus. "Today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43) However, this does not mean that we slack off until the end of our life. First of all, we never know when the end of our life will be. Second, we should be constantly striving for holiness. Not just because of our salvation, but because being holy makes us more happy. Despite what the world will tell us, living a life of holiness and discipline will make us most happy. So we should never give up hope. We are never beyond the grace of God to turn our lives around and love God. However, if we want to live happy fulfilling lives, we should seek holiness now; right now.

Pax (Latin for "peace"),
Father Vogel

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, September 25

Ezra 1:1-6; Psalm 126:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26

Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Psalm 122:1-5; Luke 8:19-21

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

Wednesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul

Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6

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

Thursday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus

Haggai 1:1-8; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; Luke 9:7-9

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Joe Adams*

Friday, September 29

The Archangels

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12;

Psalm 138:1-5; John 1:47-51

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Deb Wallace*

Saturday, September 30

St. Jerome

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Jeremiah 31:10-13; Luke 9:43-45

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Bernie Kunkel*

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

Sunday, October 1

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;

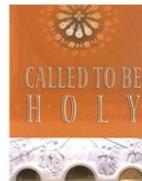
Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *George Plum*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Sept. 26, Tues. 7 p.m. St Joseph Finance Council

Oct. 3, Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Councils
at St. Teresa Church



How will you—how can you— answer God's call to holiness

The path to holiness is traveled step by step.
The way to holiness is lived grace by grace.
Your journey to God is nothing more, and nothing less, than that series of steps.

Take that step— begin or continue the journey

Beginning Thursday, October 5 we will meet after Mass at St. Teresa, about 9 a.m., to look at Called to Be Holy, by Cardinal Timothy Dolan. There will be a light breakfast, reading and discussion.

Cardinal Dolan is very insightful, humorous, and down to earth. You will learn a lot and have a good time. Please consider joining. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Contact Carol for more information 524-3127.



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

Amber and baby Huxley FitzSimmons, Emily Minkel, Craig Etherington, Don Shubert, Deanna Shanahan, Terry Hassing, Bill Barnard, Dorothy Lindemann, Don Landsteiner, Bill Fleming, *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, Sept. 27 at St. Teresa church and classrooms.

Dinner served 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Classes 6:30 –7:30 p.m.

11th grade Confirmation 7:30 –8:30 p.m.

If you have not yet registered your child, you can still do so. Extra forms are available at each church, or you can call the tri-parish office to register.

St. Matthew students: The St. Matthew CCW has generously volunteered to pay for your tuition, so you do not need to send in any payment with your registration.

Confirmation: This year Confirmation will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Casimir Church in Wells.

The Tri-parish Youth Faith Formation program is looking for more adult volunteers who are excited about passing on the teachings of the Church to the younger generations for this upcoming faith formation year! We are still in need of:

- **4th grade catechists**
- 3-4 classroom assistants
- 3-4 substitute catechists

Training and support will be provided.

If you feel called to offer your time and your talents and serve the Church in this way, please talk to either Father Vogel or the faith formation director, Julia Bressler. Julia can be reached at (320)-266-8397.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will begin on Sunday, Oct 1 4—5:15 p.m.

At St. Joseph Church

This class is for the three and four year olds of the tri-parish. Thanks to all the people who have helped make, collect, donate, and purchase items for the atrium! We are very blessed to have so many talented people who are so willing to step up and help when needed. We are excited to have this opportunity for our young people to encounter Christ and His Church.

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 We are looking for someone who would be willing to help with the monthly youth Mass at St. Matthew by being at the Mass and helping the youth complete the assigned ministries. If you are willing to help please let Julia know or contact the tri-parish office.

Open House Bernie Kunkel's turning 90!

Please join us in celebrating:

Sunday, Sep 24 2-5 pm

St Teresa's Church, no gifts please, but food shelf donations are welcome!!



Parish News

Alive in Christ Event!

Wednesday, September 27

Why Be Catholic?



Free Dinner served 5:30—6:30 p.m.

6:30 –7:30 p.m. K-6 grade students faith

formation class

6:30 –7:30 p.m. Adults and 7—11th grade students

Short presentation by Fr. Vogel explain the core of our beliefs as Catholics and then your questions about the Faith answered-

Learn why it is so awesome to be Catholic!!

You will have the opportunity to write down questions that evening that Fr. Vogel will answer. Additional question and answer time will be added after 7:30 if needed.

Are there teachings of the Church you don't understand, are you wondering what makes Catholics different, are you wondering why we believe what we believe?

Come and get answers!



The Annual Turkey Supper at St. Matthew's

Sunday, October 1st

Serving Family Style 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, and HOMEMADE Pie.

Adults \$10 Children \$6

There will also be a Raffle and silent auction. Raffle tickets are \$2 and can be obtained from CCW members.

Carry outs are available.—549-3004

The Turkey Dinner benefits the Faith Formation program .

Sponsored by Catholic United Financial

St. Teresa: You may notice that there are many new Fall decorations in church. These were given to the church in memory of George Pluym.

Bowls and pans that have been left at church after events are in the gathering space. Please check and take any that are yours.



Attention quilters—and those who can tie a knot!

The quilting group will begin meeting for the year on Wednesday, October 4th. We meet each Wed. at 1 p.m. in the basement of St. Teresa Church. We need those who can sew the tops of quilts and also those who can work on tying the quilt together. Please

Fall Turkey Supper at St. John the Baptist, Minn Lake, Sunday, Oct. 8 from 4—7 p.m.

Cost is \$10, children under 5 are free

Menu: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, salad, dessert. Take out available for \$12

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 meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next support group will be October 3, 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 (September 17)

Weekly collection	\$1361.50
Amount collected year to date	\$25,380.25
Amount budgeted year to date	\$39,408.00

St. Matthew (September 9)

Weekly collection	\$1072.00
Amount collected year to date	\$7478.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$13,497.00

St. Joseph (September 16)

Weekly collection	\$571.00
Amount collected year to date	\$8290.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$13,164.00



Ministry Roles

September 30 St. Joseph 5 p.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Ministers of Communion: Richard FitzSimmons,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Lee and Linda Hiller

Gifts: Lee and Linda Hiller

Servers: Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

Money counters: Rachel Depuydt, Laureen Sohre

October 1 St. Teresa 9 a.m.

Reader: Samantha Passer

Ministers of Communion: Brenda Carey,
Owen Dickey

Hospitality: Paul and Shellie Landsteiner,
Joel and May Ellen Larson

Gifts: Owen and Theresa Dickey

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

Sacristan: KC Reuter

Money counters: Ann Walters, Marla Trio

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

Our Catholic World



The Great Adventure Bible Study: The Bible Timeline, the story of salvation: a video series with Jeff Cavin

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek him, the greatest adventure" -St. Augustine

The Bible is at the heart of our Catholic Faith-and our relationship with God.. It is the living Word of God, where our Father meets with us and lovingly speaks to us. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is not always easy. *The Great Adventure* is designed so that anyone can make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. At the core of the study is the concept that there is a story running through the Bible that ties all of Scripture together—a story that not only makes sense of the Bible but of our lives as well.

That story is God's plan as it has unfolded throughout history and continues to unfold today. **Once you grasp the "big picture", the readings at Mass begin to make more sense, Scripture reading comes to life, and we see how we fit into God's loving plan!**

Join us to gain a newfound understanding of God's Word that will transform your life and bring you closer to Christ. There is nothing more important than that— it will last for eternity.

Available times and dates,

Wednesdays, beginning October 4, 6:15 p.m. at the Mapleton Public Library

Sundays, beginning October 8 at 10 a.m. at St. Teresa Church

Tuesdays, beginning October 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Teresa Church

When you get the workbook you will also get access to a site to watch Jeff Cavin's video talk on line, so if you need to miss a week you can easily make it up. You could also choose to attend one of the other groups for that session.

This study is a follow up to the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible that we did last year. It is the same material but a bit more time spent on each book of the bible. However, it is not necessary that you attended that study to come to this one. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Come and be a part of a special experience that invites you to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ.

Discovering Christ

5:30 p.m. begin with a free meal, followed by prayer and worship

6:30 p.m. video presentation followed by discussion

Begins Sunday, October 8 at St. Joseph Church

The first topic is "What is the Meaning of Life?" additional topics:

Oct. 22	Why Does Jesus Matter?
Nov. 5	What Does Jesus Want Us to Know?
Nov. 19	Why Do We Need a Savior?
Dec. 3	Why Is the Resurrection Important?
Jan.7	Who Is the Holy Spirit?
Jan. 14	The Holy Spirit and You
Jan. 28	New Life in the Spirit
Feb. 11	Our Need for the Church



ask.
seek.
knock.

discovering
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