

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
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Teresa
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Matthew

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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The First Sunday of Lent



*The Lord, your God,
shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”*

Matthew 4:10

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

Confessions are available 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass, at 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. Kern

Just over one month ago there was a national news story that broke that featured an exorcism in Indiana after witnesses (professional therapists) reported seeing numerous evil encounters and then a boy walk up a wall backwards. The story was met with different levels of skepticism and doubt from news reporters and professionals but certainly there was wonderment and inquiry into what was being reported. The mother of the family reported demonic influence and was unable to hold onto or have held over her religious items without convulsions. A local priest was called and offered deliverance prayers and assistance to the family and eventually performed a formal exorcism over her. After a second exorcism and calling the demon by name alternated with praising God the woman fell asleep and upon waking up she had no more encounters with these evil influences. This link reports the story: <https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/parish-priest-aids-family-in-fight-against-demons/>

This story illustrates how evil seeks to penetrate into our lives and though these occasions of full possession are pretty extreme and rare we should not find ourselves like the modern skeptic disbelieving that demons are out there or like Hollywood and creating horror stories that stir up fear in us. We must have a Christian understanding of evil—Jesus Christ has come to triumph and defeat the reign of Satan in our world. Christ's reign over evil in our lives remains effective so long as we turn away from the influences of evil and sin and turn toward our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus and Satan are not equal forces battling it out. The power of evil is equivalent at best to the power of an angel. A life of grace, participating in the Mass weekly, regular confession, and striving for holiness are the surest means to rooting out evil in our lives and in the world. Most often when the devil attacks, his tactics are subtle and we do not know of his presence. Satan seeks to find where our wall of defense is weakest and attack us there. If we turn to Jesus to strengthen us, the enemies' attacks are in vain and we recognize our Lord's love and mercy triumphs over evil. This Lent might we be more prone to see that the temptations and sins in our life are the works and spawn of Satan. He is the adversary (definition of satan is accuser or adversary) to the life of every Christian. Let us turn to Jesus and allow Him to show the Way to salvation.

Additionally, next weekend already begins the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Although this appeal will feel like it is following closely on the heels of the capital campaign, (completed November 9th/10th in our parishes) we were the 2nd wave of that campaign which was a five year pledge and included last year's annual diocesan appeal that would normally be in February. This year's annual appeal, as was planned, returns to its normal arrangement although with a condensed and slightly later schedule. For whatever amount we do not attain of our goals, the parishes will be assessed so please again be generous in your contributions toward the ministries appeal of the Diocese.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 10 **Lenten Weekday**
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46
No Mass

Tuesday, March 11 **Lenten Weekday**
Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Henry and Laura Fritz*
3:30 Mass at MCH † *Cecil and Bernardine Dickey*

Wednesday, March 12 **Lenten Weekday**
Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Charlene Wallace*

Thursday, March 13 **Lenten Weekday**
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8; Matthew 7:7-12
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Deb Wallace*

Friday, March 14 **Lenten Weekday**
Ezekiel 18:21-28 ; Psalm 130:1-8; Matthew 5:20-26
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *John Breiter*

Saturday, March 15 **Lenten Weekday**
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Jennifer Bach*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, March 16 **Second Sunday of Lent**
Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Jack and Polly Higgins*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Harry Roelofs*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilt Group at St. Teresa
Monday, March 10	7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW
Thursday, March 13	7 p.m. St. Joseph Pastoral Council

Confession Schedule for Lent

Each Friday after Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 2 7 p.m. Communal Penance Service at St. Teresa

Tuesday, April 15 5 p.m. at St. Teresa
Wednesday, April 16 5 p.m. at St. Teresa
After Holy Thursday Mass
After both Good Friday Liturgies





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

Tiffany Sonnek, Noah Laird, Phyllis Lindeman, Jay Hiller, Virginia Denn, Krissy Wendlandt Bauer,

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

Faith Formation will be in session Wednesday, March 12th.



Adult Faith Enrichment

Thursday morning Bible Study This Lenten session we will be studying the Mysteries of the Rosary using the book The New Rosary in Scripture by Dr. Edward Sri.

The study begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa.

This book looks at the biblical insights for all 20 mysteries as well as how to deepen our devotion to this ancient prayer. Please consider making this a part of your Lenten journey and **come to discover the beauty and power of the Rosary**, or if you already have a devotion to this prayer, come and increase your understanding and love of this special prayer.

Wednesdays: St. Teresa Gathering Space Classroom, when Faith Formation classes meet.
6:15-7:15 p.m. **Bible Study with Deacon Chris**

This study will be a guided, weekly exploration of the Bible through interactive discussion of The Gospel of John. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary to participate.

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class *closings and Mass cancellations* will be announced on the following stations:

KTOE 1420 AM, KEEZ 99.1 FM, KJLY 104.5 FM

Also on KEYC TV (also on their website)

Middle School Lock-in:

Beginning Saturday, March 15 at noon and ending at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 16.

There will be games, reflections, skits, talks, Reconciliation, service project for Kids Against Hunger, and Mass. A \$5 registration fee needs to be returned with the permission slip. Permission slips will be given out at faith formation class, or call the tri-parish office. For more information call Butch Bach at 524-4822 or the office at 524-3127.



Parish News

Faith Formation students will lead Stations of the Cross on Wed. evenings in Lent beginning March 12. All parishioners are invited to attend.



St. Joseph: Meal at 6 p.m. Stations begin at 6:30 p.m.

St. Matthew: Meal at 5:30 p.m. Stations begin immediately after

St. Teresa: Stations at 7:15 p.m.

"Look at His adorable face. Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds. Look Jesus in the Face. There, you will see how He loves us." -St. Theresa of Lisieux

On each Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be lead by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30p.m. There will be a soup supper following these devotions, at about 6:15p.m. Replacing the soup supper on one Friday will be the famous Fish Fry.



Each year at the Middle School Lock In the attendees package meals for Kids Against Hunger. They are always excited to do the work involved in this project, but the money to buy the food that goes into each package must also be raised; therefore **next weekend at all masses there will be a second collection to raise money to pay for this food for Kids Against Hunger.** Please be generous to this cause as the kids pack a lot of food!



The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lenten Talks 7 p.m. at St. Teresa

Tues., March 11: The Historical Overview

Tues., March 18: The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart

Tues., March 25: Jesus, the Lamb and the Lion

Speaker: Raymond de Souza

As an internationally renowned speaker, Raymond has given more than 2,000 talks over twenty-five years in defense of Catholic social teaching and apologetics. He has had three highly successful series on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network).

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend—free to all

St. Teresa: Famous Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 21 from 5-7 p.m.



featuring all the Beer Batter Fried Fish you can eat, potato, salad, roll and beverage. If you are able to help with this fundraiser, please call Sara Wenner, 340-0382.

St. Matthew: We are looking for a person or persons to oversee the Bingo stand at the Blue Earth County Fair this August. Having someone step forward and oversee the bingo stand will allow us to keep our spot as well as provide income for our parish. If interested or would like more info, please contact the Tri-Parish office 524-3127 or sjsmst@hickorytech.net.

Faithful practices during Lent:

Fasting and abstinence are spiritual practices that are vital to the Christian life. What are the rules for fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church?

In the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth." The USCCB also allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. Thus, the rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

-Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

-Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

-Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (March 2)

Weekly collection...	\$2827.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$109,150.87
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$110,390.00

St. Matthew (March 2)

Weekly collection.....	\$763.30
Amount collected year to date...	\$56,360.00
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$46,165.00

St. Joseph

Weekly collection	
Amount collected year to date...	\$36,436.40
Amount budgeted year to date	\$36,466.00



Ministry Roles

March 15 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Caven

Minister of Communion: Dick FitzSimmons,
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: Jay and Cassie Winters

Gifts: Jay and Cassie Winters

Servers: Ben Trio, Clinton Gehrke

Money Counters:

March 16 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Owen Dickey,
Kevin Donovan

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Ethan Sindelir, Will Stencel,
McKenzie Reuter

Money Counters: Tammy Schmidt, Ann Walters

March 16 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Charley Roelofs,
Maria Sanders

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Kallie Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Maria Sanders

Our Catholic World



Please pray for our country!:

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."
--Saint Padre Pio

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

Please join in and pray this most powerful prayer. Although the Rosary can certainly be prayed in private, there is much joy and strength praying together as family. Our country and our lives are in desperate need of God right now. Please consider joining when you can.

CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent:



prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Operation Rice Bowl Prayer: We lift our prayers to you, God of Love, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need. As we learn about their struggles, our almsgiving comes to their aid; our fasting unites us in their hunger. You call us to be disciples for all nations. Bless us this Lenten season. Amen. Rice Bowl items are available at all churches.

CRS Rice Bowl Reflections: Kenya

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Sacredness and the Dignity of the Human Person*, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

The Magnificat Lenten Companion are available at all churches. This is a great tool for increasing prayer during Lent.

THE 13TH ANNUAL Luck of the Irish

A fundraiser for: John Ireland Catholic School
Nicollet County Fairgrounds, Johnson Hall
W Union St, St. Peter

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Pork Roast Dinner: 5-7pm | \$10

Silent Auction: 5-8pm Raffle Drawing: 8pm

Live Auction to follow Raffle Drawing

Games throughout the Evening

Tickets available at John Ireland School and at the door.

Guests must be 21+ to enter \$4,000 in Raffle Ticket Prizes

Open to the Public – All Are Welcome!



It's time to gear up for the largest grassroots fund and food drive in the state to benefit those who are hungry. The MN FoodShare March Campaign goal is a constant: To raise enough money and food to provide

more than half the food distributed annually by 300 food shelves statewide.

The March campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March. Remember, for every dollar you donate, we can buy \$10 worth of food using our network which includes Second Harvest, Dietz Foods and other organizations. Envelopes will be available at each church to use for contributions to Loaves and Fishes.