

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

Tri-Parish Office

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm
Address: 104 West Silver Street
Mapleton, Minnesota 56065
Phone: (507) 524-3127
Email: sjsmst@hickorytech.net
Website: www.sjsmst.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SJSMST
Mass Times: (507) 387-8806

Tri-Parish Staff

Father Jason Kern, Pastor
(507) 524-4628
frjkern@hickorytech.net

Deacon Chris Walchuk
(507) 469-5563
cwalchuk@frontier.com

Carol Cyr, Tri-parish Manager
(507) 524-3127
sjsmst@hickorytech.net

Darla Graf, Bookkeeper
(507) 524-4646
darlatp@hickorytech.net

Connie Peters, St. Joseph Faith Formation

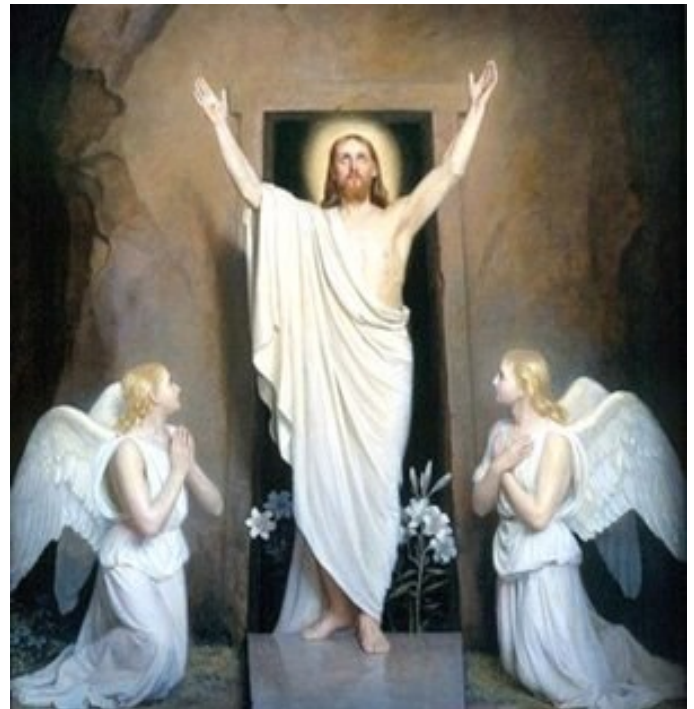
Cindy Young, St. Matthew Faith Formation

Karen Langworthy, St. Teresa Faith Formation

April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord



Alleluia!

The Lord Is Risen

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. Kern

Jesus Christ is Risen from the Dead! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Blessed be God Most High! Glorious over death and sin! I absolutely love Easter! I love Easter even without chocolate bunnies or Easter eggs. Those things are fun too but as Catholics we glory in the true reason for celebrating Easter—that our God took on human flesh and despite great suffering and betrayal triumphed over death by rising and rolling back the stone of the tomb he found himself laid in! During these great celebrations, I am always reminded how blessed I am to be the priest in this Tri-Parish and how much good God is doing in our lives. God is truly at work pouring out grace, mercy, and redemption to our hearts. Though we are unworthy and like all people dependent on God's grace alone for salvation, I am so grateful to journey with you in this life so that we might keep our hearts and minds focused on the life that is eternal with God in Heaven. Even amidst some rather busy weeks covering the Newman Center, I am so grounded in gratitude to God for how He loves us and reveals that He is the sure support and refuge of saints and sinners alike.

I pray we can all experience a greater awareness of God's presence in our lives. That we might be more deeply convinced that God is truly on our side and wants nothing other than to be in a personal relationship with us. Without this personal friendship with Jesus our lives are like a tomb of dead bones. Friendship with Jesus rolls that stone away and allows for Resurrection of life; God's light to shine in the dark tombs of our hearts; and for encounters with grace and renewed living. May you experience the fullness of God's blessing in your lives through this relationship during this Easter season. May you rejoice in the Lord who is your strength. An abundance of Easter blessings to you and your family.

I would like to say a special thank you to everyone in our choirs, in our décor or environment committees, or anyone else who helped lift our worship this week. Though a busy time of year, these days are so joyful as we now partake of the Easter glory that comes to us in a renewed way. We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! In the Resurrection to eternal life we place our hope.

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, April 6 **Monday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Matthew 28:8-15
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Barbara Dentinger*

Tuesday, April 7 **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; John 20:11-18
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *Reparation for our sins*

Wednesday, April 8 **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Luke 24:13-35
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Charlene Wallace*

Thursday, April 9 **Thursday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Luke 24:35-48
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Irma Bach*

Friday, April 10 **Friday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; John 21:1-14
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Anna Breiter*

Saturday, April 11 **Saturday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1, 14-21; Mark 16:9-15
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Chris Langworthy*
5:00 pm. Youth Mass at St. Matthew † *Weir-Kopischke families*

Sunday, April 12 **Divine Mercy Sunday**
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31
8:00 a.m. Youth Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*
10:00 a.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa † *Catherine Kack*

***Clarification of Mass Intentions: If the Mass is offered for a person who is deceased, there is a cross in front of the name. A mass can also be offered for a someone living and in good health. If the Mass is offered for a person who is living, or if the intention is for something other than a person, eg. reparation of sins, there is no cross.**

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Tri-parish office will be closed

Monday, April 6.

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters group at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 6 p.m.	Bible Study at St Teresa
Thursdays 9 a.m.	Bible Study at St. Teresa
Monday, April 13 7 p.m.	St. Teresa CCW



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

Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Bill Barnard, Cathy Lentz, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, Chris FitzSimmons

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 classes will meet Wednesday, April 8.

Mandatory meeting for all youth going to the Steubenville Conference and/or the Mission Trip. Each student and at least one parent/guardian must attend. Information about both trips will be given out at this time, and registration will be completed.

The meetings will be Wednesday, April 15
6:30 p.m. for the Mission Trip
7 p.m. for the Steubenville Conference

A reminder— all 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students must attend the Steubenville Conference unless other arrangements are made with Fr. Kern.

There will be Learning Centers for First Eucharist at St. Matthew Church on Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m.—noon.

All children making their First Holy Communion this year must attend with one parent/guardian.

Parish News

The Wednesday night Bible Study led by Deacon Chris will meet on Wednesday, April 8 to continue discussing the letter to the Philippians.



Rice Bowls can be returned yet this week.

There will be baskets at each church to collect them. Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity this Lent. Your gift will help people in great need.

Please join us for a trip back to the 50's!

Tri-Parish Barn Dance

sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Saturday, April 25th 6:00-9:00 pm
Enjoy Karaoke with music from the 50's



Food will be served from 6:00-7:30
Burgers, hot dogs, malts
Free will donation to cover the cost

Paul and Gina FitzSimmons' Farm 54440 148th Street
All are welcome!

St. Teresa: A reminder to everyone who pledged a quarterly payment for the church Renovation project. The next payment is due in April. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ... **1 Peter 1:3**

May God grant you a happy and holy Easter Season!



St. Anthony Catholic Gift Store

Gifts for all occasions located in the church hall of St. Teresa
Gifts for: **First Communion, Birthdays, Confirmation, Mother's Day, Wedding Pictures, Rosaries, Statues, Bibles, Prayer books, Crucifixes, Cards for: birthdays, sympathy, get well, First Communion, Baptism, Confirmation**
All proceeds go to the tri-parish youth. Open 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information -

The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (507)454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.

Bridal Shower for Alex Birr (fiancé of Zach Brandt) on Saturday April 11 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Mapleton T & C Leisure Center. They are registered at Kohl's and Menards.



Please join us for an **Open House 80th Birthday Celebration for Pearl Lantz**

at St. Teresa Catholic Church on Sunday, April 12th, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
Lunch will be served.

Community News

Minn Lake American Legion Post sponsoring:
An Afternoon of Bingo Sunday, April 19
St John the Baptist Church basement
Food served after the games 20 games 4 cards/
game \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door



Vernon Center Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast

at the Fire Hall
Sunday, April 12 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
. All you care to eat Free will donation.

Spring Fest at Jackson Lake Lutheran Church, Amboy
Sunday, April 12 10:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
Luncheon Buffet \$8/Adult \$4/ages 6-11
Large craft and bake sale as well

"Morning of Prayerful Remembrance" on April 11 from 8—10 a.m. at St Joseph parish in Owatonna. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko from the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy will be present. The day will include Mass, Adoration, confession and a prayer service with powerful testimonies by those affected by abortion.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (March 29)

Weekly collection...	\$3417.75
Amount collected year to date...	\$128,478.23
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$123,406.00

St. Matthew (March 28)

Weekly collection.....	\$2129.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$49,294.53
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$50,852.00

St. Joseph (March 29)

Weekly collection	\$1594.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$38,677.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$44,070.00



Ministry Roles

April 11 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Cindy Young
Darla Graf

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Linda Anderson, Volunteer

April 12 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Mary Caven,
Leah Davis

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Taylor Hollerich, Ethan McGregor

Money Counters: Shelli Grover, Leah Davis

April 12 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Owen Dickey,
Kevin Donovan

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Ethan Sindelir, AJ Kunkel,
Samantha Kunkel

Money Counters: Vicki Kunkel, Ann Walters

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

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 be generous to the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal by sharing your gifts and prayers. Your contribution to the Appeal is a way of serving others throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus. Please consider your one-time or monthly gift as a reflection of your daily

offering to God. To give a gift, please fill out the pledge card sent to you and bring to Mass next week or mail in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your generosity. The goals for each parish are:

St. Joseph \$4,560; St. Matthew \$5,800; St. Teresa \$14,140

Collected: \$595 \$1,100 \$4,578

The number of parishioners who have given to date:

St. Joseph: 8 St. Matthew : 5 St. Teresa: 32

If we do not meet the goals with your donations, the parish will need to make up the difference. **Please prayerfully consider sending in your gift today.**



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

The Humble Instrument

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated, nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland during the 1930's. She came from a very poor family that struggled on their

little farm during the years of World War I. She had only three years of very simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations or messages from Our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled in notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time." taken from <http://thedivinemercy.org/message/stfaustina/>

According to Our Lord: "On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. The souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Let no souls fear to draw near me." (Diary 699)