

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

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January 3, 2016 The Epiphany of the Lord



“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:2

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

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.” This prayer is taken directly from the prayers for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Feast of Epiphany is truly a feast that represents to us the plan of God to reveal His mercy on the whole world. The ‘three wise men’ arrive from the east and represent the reality that God’s plan of salvation is one for the whole world. Yet, truly each of us needs to receive this plan unto us in a personal and real way.

This year as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy I would like to invite every member of our parish to learn about the devotion of Divine Mercy and to learn to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Chaplet can be prayed on the rosary beads and takes less than 10 minutes to recite. It is a beautiful prayer calling upon God to have mercy on the whole world because of what Jesus has done on the Cross. I will make available pamphlets with information about Divine Mercy and how to pray the devotion. The reality that this devotion opened up for me in my personal prayer was very essential in that I shifted from praying for personal needs and wants to seeking to love and console the Heart of Jesus for all He has done for us. In other words, I began praying in humble gratitude and responding in love to our Lord rather than just asking for what I thought I wanted or needed on a given day. This filled my own prayer with much more sustaining peace and all those things I thought I wanted unfolded in His providential care in ways that were better or different than I would have ever thought of asking. To love God means first that we keep His commandments, but then as with every personal relationship we strive to share our heart and love with God who has poured out His heart on the Cross of Jesus.

Epiphany celebrates the reality of God’s manifold grace being perfectly poured out for the whole world. Divine Mercy devotion represents the same reality in another light. Epiphany celebrates it in its infant stages (literally in Jesus’ birth). Divine Mercy celebrates it in its perfection. Epiphany recognizes that Jesus is King (Gold), Jesus is God (incense), and Jesus will suffer (myrrh). Divine Mercy sees Jesus as one who has triumphed over sin and death, that God has reconciled us to Himself through the blood of Jesus, and all this took place through His Cross.

While the official Jubilee Year of Mercy began for the whole church on December 8th when Pope Francis opened the holy doors of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, much of our focus remained on Advent and the coming Christmas mysteries. Epiphany reminds me of God’s great desire to save all those who turn to Him in faith and points me toward His plan of mercy for all who desire to do His will. In the weeks ahead I will focus some of my bulletin articles on the Year of Mercy and the many graces God wants to bestow on us in this coming year 2016!



Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, January 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12;
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5 **St. John Neumann**
1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 6 **St. Andre Bessette**
1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7 **St. Raymond of Penafort**
1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15, 17; Luke 4:14-22
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *John Breiter*

Friday, January 8
1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Thomas D Langworthy*

Saturday, January 9
1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 3:22-30
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Howard La Fleur*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, January 10 **The Baptism of the Lord**
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 ; Psalm 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Gordon Grover*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Richard Nowak*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Quilters will not meet at St Teresa from Dec. 23—February 3

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa

Thursday, Jan. 7th 7 pm at St. Joseph All parishes
Pastoral Council meeting

Saturday, Jan. 9 9 a.m.—noon
First Reconciliation Learning Centers
at St. Joseph

Happy New Year to you and I’ve been praying for a deeper courage and conviction for all of our parishioners to live the faith in their day to day lives this coming year. I look forward to seeing you next week upon my return from the Student Leadership Summit with the FOCUS organization and MSU Student Leaders. Thank you for your generous welcome of Fr. Marty Schaefer from IHM Seminary this weekend. Prayers for all of you while away!



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

Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell,
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: there will be class on Jan. 6th.

Great opportunity for youth entering 8th—12th grade next fall: **Catholic Heart Work Camp (Mission Trip)** July 3-9 in Fremont, NE. REMINDER: Permission slip along with a \$90 deposit is due by December 17th! After this date the deposit is \$100. See website for more information www.heartworkcamp.com/dates/omaha-ne or talk to Jonah Lippert or Father Kern.

St. Teresa 2nd Graders and Parents: A short meeting to discuss the upcoming sacrament preparations will occur immediately following class on Wednesday, January 6 in the classroom.

Learning Centers for First Reconciliation are scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9-12 at St. Joseph's in Good Thunder. At least one parent must attend the learning centers with their child.

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)

Parish News



Fundraiser for Youth Group Trips: Pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 10 after 10 AM Mass at St. Teresa. Serving pancakes, sausage, and fruit. Come support the youth of the tri-parish— and enjoy a great meal! Free will offering

St. Joseph CCW+ units: Don't forget to check the Loaves and Fishes Bulletin Board routinely to see when your unit is on to help. Call Gina FitzSimmons at 507-340-3846 with any questions or to sign up.

St. Teresa women: During the winter months there are several members of the funeral unit who have gone south. If any one would be willing to help out by working a funeral during these months, if needed, please contact Ann Walters: 524-3455. Thanks!



happy anniversary

We would like to extend congratulations and a heartfelt appreciation to Royce and Donna Hiller for their beautiful example of faithful married life as they celebrate 55 years of marriage on January 2, 2016. May God continue to bless them and keep them safe in his arms.

Whoever has not begun the practice of prayer, I beg for the love of the Lord not to go without so great a good. There is nothing here to fear but only something to desire.
 -Saint Teresa of Avila

Breakfast fundraiser for the family of Aubriella (Wittrock) Howley, granddaughter of Joe and Cathy Wittrock of St. Teresa, on Sunday, January 24th at St. Teresa.

Aubriella has been in the hospital since her birth in May of 2015 and has undergone several operations.

Serving pancakes, ham, and eggs from 9:30 a.m.— noon.

Free will donation

Please plan on attending and helping out this family that has suffered much in the last 6 months and incurred many physical, emotional, and financial hardships. Please continue to pray for Aubriella and her family.

St. Joseph's Loaves and Fishes Mass

January: Youth Camps and Bingo

Sunday, January 10th beginning with 8 a.m. Youth Mass

After Mass: Downstairs for BINGO and food

- Please bring a donation for the local food shelf
 - St. Joseph's Choir will lead the music liturgy
- All are welcome! All the time.*



St. Teresa: Snowshoveler's sign up: It's that time of year! The sign up sheet for families to take care of the clean up after a snow fall is in the gathering space entry. **It's been a pretty easy job so far this year— but we're bound to get snow sometime! We are poorly covered after the beginning of January.** Your help in this task is greatly appreciated. Please be generous with your time.

Tri-parish Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be Sunday, **January 10** at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Teresa gathering space. We will discuss the book Walking With Purpose, by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited for a time of relaxation and interesting conversation.



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

St. Matthew: We currently have three families willing to be on a weekly rotation for snow removal for the sidewalks at church. We would like to have a few more so that it is not too much for any one family and there is more flexibility in scheduling. If you are willing to help out with this, please contact Cindy Young 549-3358.

Contribution envelopes for 2016 are available at each church. Please pick up your envelopes for the coming year as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.



Start the new year out right – spend some quality time renewing your marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb 12-14, 2016 in Windom, MN and Apr 15-17, 2016 in Hutchinson, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact John & Mary Beth at aplications@southmnwwme.org or 507-838-8178.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (Christmas and December 27)

Weekly collection...	\$9311.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$87,542.75
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$82,266.00

St. Matthew (Christmas and December 26)

Weekly collection.....	\$3180.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$29,294.42
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$34,632.00

St. Joseph (Christmas and December 27)

Weekly collection	\$4120.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$26,012.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$29,276.00



Ministry Roles

January 9 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Brad Lanoue,
Lynn Demuth

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Maria Sanders,
Neil Majeski

January 10 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Landon Davis,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Ethan McGregor, Taylor Hollerich

Money Counters: Leah Davis, Dan Sohre

January 10 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Owen Dickey,
Kevin Donovan

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Will Stencel, Cole Stencel,
Landon Fox

Money Counters: Marie Gartner,
Vicki Kunkel

Ministry schedules are available on the web-
site: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

For many years in the English speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church."

For more information got to: <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=442>

2016 MCCL March For Life

Come to the Minnesota State Capitol on Friday, January 22 to join others across our state to pray for justice. The 2016 Minnesota Citizens Concerned For Life March is the 42nd annual commemoration of Roe v Wade and the Doe V. Bolton, the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision that overturned every pro-life law across the nation and imposed abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy. A bus will be arriving at 7:45 a.m. in the St. Peter & Paul's church parking lot, leaving promptly at 8:00 on that day. If you wish to take this bus call Tom at 507-381-2544 to reserve your seat. Suggested cost is \$20 and/or a free will offering. A beverage and treat will be included in this cost; bring a bag lunch if you wish. Approximate return time to Mankato is 3:00 p.m.



Join Bishop Quinn and people from across the diocese for a

Prayer Service for Life Sunday, January 17
3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart,
810 S Cedar Ave, Owatonna

Prior to the prayer service, a March for Life will be held beginning at 2:15. Meet at St Joseph Parish(512 S Elm Ave, Owatonna).

"Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person...even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!" -Pope Francis

Come together to pray for protection of all life at every stage and in every situation.