

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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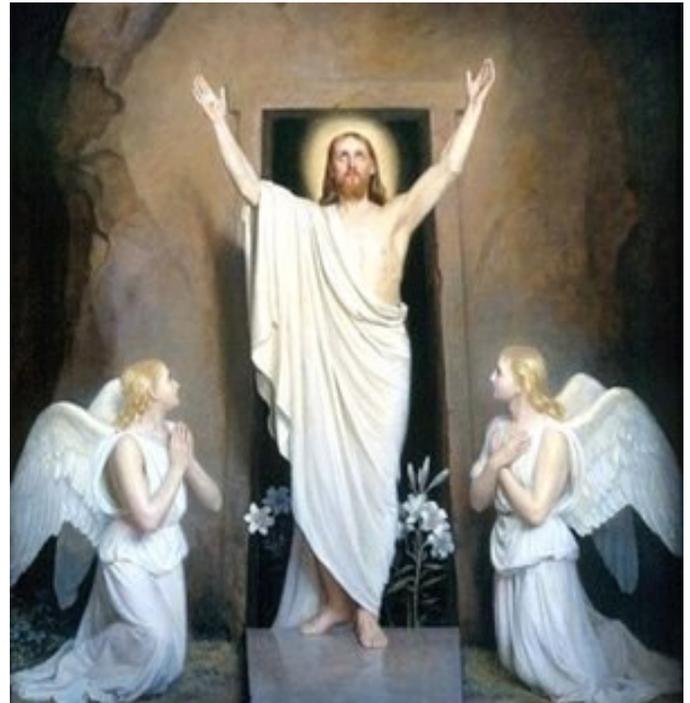
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## March 27, 2016

## 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. Jason Kern

Oh most glorious days of the entire year! I am so grateful these days are upon us. After our fast of Lent we have now reached the triumphant days of praying through Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. Thank you to everyone who helped with music and liturgy this past week and to those who decorated the churches! Below is a part of a beautiful ancient Easter homily by St. John Chrysostum. The full homily can be found at: <http://www.ancient-future.net/chrysoseaster.html>

Rejoice today,  
both you who have fasted  
and you who have disregarded the fast.

The table is fully laden;  
feast sumptuously.

The calf is fattened;  
let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy the feast of faith;  
receive all the riches of loving-kindness.

Let no one bewail his poverty,  
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one weep for his iniquities,  
for pardon has shone forth from the grave.

Let no one fear death,  
for the Savior's death has set us free:  
he that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it.

By descending into hell, he made hell captive.  
He embittered it when it tasted of his flesh.  
And Isaiah, foretelling this, cried:  
"Hell was embittered when it encountered thee in the lower regions."

It was embittered, for it was abolished.  
It was embittered, for it was mocked.  
It was embittered, for it was slain.  
It was embittered, for it was overthrown.  
It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains.  
It took a body, and met God face to face.  
It took earth, and encountered heaven.  
It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown.  
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.  
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.  
Christ is risen, and life reigns.  
Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.  
For Christ, being risen from the dead,  
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
To him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages.  
Amen.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, March 28 **Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, March 29 **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; John 20:11-18  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

Wednesday, March 30 **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, March 31 **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** † *Fr. Reuben Spinler*

Friday, April 1 **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 2 **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** † *Barbara Dentinger*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Sunday, April 3 **Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31  
**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** *People of the tri-parish*  
**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *Fr. Paul Halloran*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

#### Tri-parish office will be closed Monday, March 28

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Thursdays 9 a.m.	Bible Study at St. Teresa
Mondays 6:30 p.m.	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible at St. Teresa
Tuesday, April 5 7 p.m.	Tri-parish Finance Council at St. Matthew



**May God grant you a happy  
and holy Easter Season!**

This classic meditation on the resurrection, from John surnamed Golden-Mouth because of his excellent homiletical abilities, is read aloud in Orthodox parishes across the world on the morning of the Great and Holy Pascha (Easter).



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

Angie Gartner, Jim Swanson, Hank Massop, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Eugene Langworthy, 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:** classes will meet March 30th.



Please return permission slips and deposit money to class or to the tri-parish office soon. This is an awe-

some opportunity to grow in the faith and it is a requirement for all 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students.

**Camp Summit**, for students entering 6 –8th grade, will be held August 8—11 this year. It takes place at Eagle Bluff Environmental Camp and it fills up fast. **Please get your registrations in soon so we do not miss out on this exciting opportunity.**

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

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

## Parish News

**St Matthew: Spring cleaning volunteers** needed in the kitchen and dining hall. A list will be on the counter with areas needing attention. It is hoped this can be done during March. Thank You!



Thank you to the ladies of St. Teresa for the wonderful selection of hot dishes, salads, and dessert at the fundraising dinner last Saturday. Thanks also to all who attended and supported

our youth of the tri-parish. Through your generosity \$627 was raised to be used to help send kids to the summer programs.

### Tri-parish Bingo and Pie Social

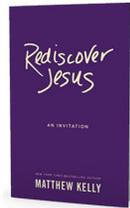
Sunday, April 3 4 to 6 p.m.  
 At St. Teresa Parish Hall  
 25 cents/card,  
 winner takes whole pot  
 Popcorn available throughout



the night, pie and ice cream at mid-point

### Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Joseph

Sunday, April 10th after Mass  
 Funds raised will be used to help with expenses for the youth trips this summer. Come and support the youth of the tri-parish and enjoy food and fellowship. Free will donation



**Rediscover Jesus-On April 3rd, St. Joseph** is hosting casual discussion groups following 10 a.m. Mass. We will reflect on Readings 1—8 in the Rediscover Jesus book. Coffee and a simple snack will be provided. All are welcome! All the time!

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** The Blue Earth and Mankato Area CCW ladies will be having a luscious salad supper at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Mankato on April 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM. **EVERY parish woman is welcome!** Bring a salad to share and plan to enjoy the evening with other amazing, inspiring CCW “sisters”. A speaker and short meeting will follow the meal. Special prizes will be awarded to all new meeting attendees. God the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit have already sent in their RSVP so you won’t want to miss this event.



**Please join us for a “trip” to Hawaii for a Luau Tri-Parish Barn Dance** sponsored by St. Joseph's Church Saturday, April 23rd 6:00-9:00 pm

Food will be served from 6:00-7:00  
 Pork and fixins Free will donation  
 Don't miss the fun with Karaoke!  
 Paul and Gina Fitzsimmon's Farm  
 54440 148th Street. *Good Thunder*  
 All are welcome!



## Community News

### Come join us in the presence of Our Lord

The Perpetual Adoration leadership team at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rochester, MN, extends an invitation to everyone to a celebration on Saturday, April 9, 2016 with Fr Mark Wheelan. In his Papal bull on the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote: “During Lent of this Holy Year, I intend to send out “Missionaries of Mercy”. On February 10, 2016 Pope Francis commissioned Fr Mark Wheelan as one of his Missionaries of Mercy. We will start with mass at 8:30am with a break and snacks. At 10:00am Fr Mark will give the first of two talks entitled, “God’s Mercy through the Eucharist. After a short break the second talk will be, “Understanding mercy in our own lives, how do we live it,” followed by confession with Fr Mark.

Bob Kennedy, funeral director in Blue Earth,, has been fighting a very difficult cancer for the last year, and is still fighting. This long drawn out disease has caused unforeseen medical costs and needed family support. We ask your presence, your financial support, and prayers for the Kennedy family who has touched so many lives in our communities.

Please attend the **pulled pork sandwich, free will donation dinner on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm** at the **Blue Earth American Legion.**



**Vernon Center Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast** at the Fire Hall Sunday, April 3 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. All you care to eat Free will donation.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (March 19)

Weekly collection...	\$2804.26
Amount collected year to date...	\$122,525.11
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$120,234.00

### St. Matthew (March 20)

Weekly collection.....	\$2272.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$48,973.35
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$50,616.00

### St. Joseph (March 20)

Weekly collection .....	\$1184.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$38,828.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$42,788.00



## Ministry Roles

### April 2 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Brett Sindelir

**Minister of Communion:** Deb Hager,  
Sandy Miller

**Hospitality:** Cliff and Marcie Anderson,  
George and Cathy Pluym

**Gifts:** Butch and Judy Bach

**Servers:** Andrew Hoppe, Faith Hoppe,  
Gracie Langworthy

**Money Counters:** Bob Bissonette, Ann Walters

### April 3 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Kallie Majeski

**Minister of Communion:** Char Schuch,  
Neal Wallace

**Hospitality:** Jay and Janet Kienholz

**Servers:** Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

**Money Counters:** Jodi Roelofs, Linda Anderson

### April 3 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Mary Caven

**Minister of Communion:** Mary Caven,  
Leah Davis

**Hospitality:** Dan and Theresa Sohre family

**Gifts:** Dan and Theresa Sohre family

**Servers:** Lauren Kleven, Parker Smith

**Money Counters:** Rachel Depuydt, Shelli Grover

**Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org)**

## Our Catholic World



## Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3

### 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://thedinivemercy.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)

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb" - seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen - from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan - to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see [Luke 24:27,44](#)).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them - that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see [Luke 20:17](#); [Matthew 21:42](#); [Acts 4:11](#)).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come - the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."