

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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July 3, 2016 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

Luke 10:2

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



From the Heart by Fr. Jason Kern

Happy Independence Day Weekend. First, I want to say a special thank you to the Totus Tuus Team for their great work with our youth this week.

From teaching in the classroom to the Friday Water Fight to instructing our high schoolers on how to pray we had a great week. God blessed us with many graces and a lot of fun. A particular thanks is in order for Vicki Kunkel for being there day and evening with the team to facilitate the week as well as Becky Anderson and Cliff and Marci Anderson for hosting the teams this year during the week. Also thank you to everyone who cooked a meal or brought snacks for the week! It takes many hands to make light work. Thanks for a special week. This Sunday-Friday 17 of our youth and parish volunteers head to Catholic Heart Work Camp in Champaign, IL. We will leave Sunday morning and be ready to work hard, pray, meet new people, and have a fun week growing in our faith life. I am very excited to attend our second youth mission trip in a row this year. Thanks to Jonah Lippert our youth minister and Carol Cyr for sorting through many details to get this trip organized. Nothing is more complicated than a youth trip!

As we celebrate Independence Day again this year, I want to remind you about the need to pray and advocate for Religious Liberty. We don't see the day to day impact of how religious liberty is being threatened in our country but as I have spoken about before, the more and more that the culture goes against Christian teachings the more the public square becomes less concerned about our beliefs. This past week alone the Supreme Court of the United States refused to hear an appeal from a state of Washington Pharmacy where because of religious beliefs the pharmacy has refused to sell abortion inducing drugs and morning after pills and instead refer people to a different pharmacy. They will now be forced to either sell the drugs or face unemployment. This came just a day after striking down a pro-life law in the state of Texas that would have closed abortion clinics and saved thousands of children in the womb. If we think these are issues far removed from us we should be sure that this is not the case. The Catholic Church is under attack because it defends life, advocates the sanctity of marriage, and welcomes the immigrant. I pray for the courage of the early Church where so many willingly opposed the culture that sought to destroy the Church. The Church will persevere until Jesus' return and has for 2000 years been persecuted for its faithfulness to the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Apostles. Please add to your long list of prayers the prayer for religious liberty.

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, July 4

Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Psalm 145:2-9; Matthew 9:18-26

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 5

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Psalm 115:3-8; Matthew 9:32-38
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

**St. Anthony Zaccaria
St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

Wednesday, July 6

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Psalm 105:2-7; Matthew 10:1-7

St. Maria Goretti

Thursday, July 7

Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, July 8

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Matthew 10:16-23

10:30 a.m. Communion Service at MCH

Saturday, July 9

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; Matthew 10:24-33

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Deb Wallace

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

**St. Augustine Zhao
and Companions**

Sunday, July 10

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Esther Carey

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Anna Rose Nowak

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.

Rosary at St. Teresa

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

“I am the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

“If the Son frees you, you will truly be free.” (John 8:3)



Happy 4th of July

God Bless America!

of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Jerry Wersal, Angie Gartner, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, 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

Please pray for the 13 youth and 2 chaperones from our tri-parish who will be leaving today (Sunday) to go on mission to Champaign, IL. They will be helping out those in need as well as growing in their own faith through daily Mass and other prayer. We wish them a safe journey and a tremendous experience living out the Gospel!

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| Evan Klein | April Klecker |
| Samantha Kunkel | Sydney Trio |
| Anthony Kunkel | Bridgette Kollos |
| Katelyn Langworthy | Quinton Kollos |
| Kayla Rigdon | Alexander Passmore |
| Will Stencil | Anna Remes |
| Lilly Majeski | Karen Langworthy |
| Jonah Lippert | |



Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. TOTUS TUUS is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. This past week has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students and community. As a team, we've received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for which we eternally grateful. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of our lives! Thank you so much for this wonderful week; we hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth. ~ Totus Tuus Team

Parish News



The 2017 Tri-parish Adult Belize Mission Trip has been set for February 11—18, 2017. Put the corporal works of mercy into action by being a part of this trip. We will again be meeting Jesus in the poor of Belize and bringing His love to them by improving their living conditions. If you are interested in going to Belize, please contact the tri-parish office.

St. Teresa: Many, many thanks to all the ladies who donated items for the silent auction! We made \$301.50 which will be divided between the CCW and St. Teresa's. ~ Ceal Caldwell, CCW President

The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness. -Pope Benedict XVI

Come and enjoy an old fashioned 4th of July in Vernon Center and support St. Matthew Parish by playing BINGO! The hours Bingo will run are: 1—5p.m. and 6—7:30 p.m. at Vernon Center



Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel—Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church.

Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see [Isaiah 27:12-13](#); [Joel 4:13](#)), the 70 are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the 70, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom, offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth—"every town and place He intended to visit."

Our Lord's tone is solemn today. For in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom. But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle.

The Church is a new family of faith (see [Galatians 6:10](#)) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see [Isaiah 66:22](#)), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation."

And as the exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see [Deuteronomy 8:15](#)), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the Enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord, sing praise to the glory of His name.

Caregiver Support Group

This group is for friends and family members who are in a caregiver role. There will be opportunity for sharing and education about memory loss. Join us for our July session on Tuesday, July 5, 3-4:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Amboy. There is no charge to attend. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet (386-5583) at VINE Faith in Action.

For all those suffering from the loss of a loved one, there will be a **Grief and Loss support group** beginning June 15th and running through August. It will meet at 1:30—3 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at VINE in Mankato.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (June 26)

Weekly collection...	\$5205.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$166,351.21
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$164,530.00

St. Matthew (June 26)

Weekly collection.....	\$424.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$60,002.35
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$69,264.00

St. Joseph (June 25)

Weekly collection	\$1112.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$51,008.35
Amount budgeted year to date	\$58,552.00



Ministry Roles

July 9 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Caven

Minister of Communion: Mary Caven,
Leah Davis

Hospitality: David and Jody Trio family

Gifts: David and Jody Trio family

Servers: Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

Money Counters: Leah Davis, Sarah Caven

July 10 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Geralyn Van Rossum

Minister of Communion: Jim Swanson,
Arleen Swanson

Hospitality: Doug and Tammy Schmidt,
Mike and Whitney Sheely

Gifts: Bernie and Dilly Langworthy

Servers: Ethan Sindelir, Aiden Sindelir,
Julia Langworthy, Jackson Walters

Money Counters: Judy Bach, Kay Proehl

July 10 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Carol Schulz

Minister of Communion: Char Schuch,
Tony Wendlandt

Hospitality: Kim Van Sickle family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Maria Sanders,
Char Schuch

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

Our Catholic World



Results so far for the
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	5	\$1600	\$4,860	33
St. Matthew:	8	\$1560	\$4,890	32
St. Teresa:	32	\$4955	\$14,310	35

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. **If you have not yet given to this campaign, please consider doing so.** If you do not still have the envelope that was mailed to you, you can get pick one up at church.

If we do not make our goal, the parish will be required to pay the difference. Please be generous to this appeal.

Reflections on Religious Freedom

Where the principle of religious freedom is not only proclaimed in words or simply incorporated in law but also given sincere and practical application, there the Church succeeds in achieving a stable situation of right as well as of fact and the independence which is necessary for the fulfillment of her divine mission. This independence is precisely what the authorities of the Church claim in society. At the same time, the Christian faithful, in common with all other men, possess the civil right not to be hindered in leading their lives in accordance with their conscience. Therefore, a harmony exists between the freedom of the Church and the religious freedom which is to be recognized as the right of all men and communities and sanctioned by constitutional law. *Declaration on Religious Liberty, Second Vatican Council (Dignitatis Humanae)*, no. 13 December 7, 1965

While insisting upon the religious freedom of the Church, the Second Vatican Council Fathers do not wish to give the impression that in some manner the Catholic Church is special when it comes to religious liberty. Thus, the Council first states above that where the principle of religious liberty is present, the Church is able to peaceably fulfill her divine mission. It is this amicable relationship between herself and civil authorities that the Church always wishes to pursue and ensure. In the light of this, the Church also champions the religious and civil rights of all so that all people can live "their lives in accordance with their conscience." In this way there is no conflict with what the Church demands for herself and what she demands for others—the freedom to follow one's conscience in matters religious. This religious freedom for all is what the Council once more believes should be acknowledged and sanctioned within the constitutional law of countries.

In the United States, religious freedom is protected in the Constitution, as the Council desires. Are those constitutional protections enough? Are they growing stronger or weaker in our society today? What else, apart from the law, can strengthen or weaken religious liberty? What should Catholics do to defend and foster religious liberty in America today? What have Catholics done in the past when religious liberty was threatened?