

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 (1st, 3rd, 5th)
At St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)
Sunday 9:00 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 8, 2017 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

Epiphany Sunday is one of the biggest feasts of the Church year! We often forget about the greatness of this feast day as we put so much energy into Christmas and Easter. Christmas and Easter are most fundamental indeed, but Epiphany is the Feast that reminds us that God came to save every person of every land and nation. We live in a time of national boundaries and clearly established states. We defend with military strikes when these boundaries are even threatened. God doesn't look at us as Americans; nor as Italians, Germans, Scottish, Irish, Norwegian or any other nationality that we might have in our background. God views us as His beloved sons and daughters. He views us as His own beautiful creation whom He crowned to be in His image and likeness. And Jesus reveals that this love He has for us is so incredible that He sent His Son to become one with us in the flesh. Thus united to us, God then reveals that every person in every place is special. No longer is God revealing Himself to just Israel, His chosen nation. He is revealing Himself to the world for all people in every place to worship Him. God reveals a transnational and transcontinental mission that Jesus at the first moments of His life reveals by the lowly shepherds coming but even more the magi in search of God who is King yet will suffer and offer Himself for us. The mystery of this feast is the mystery of how God has chosen to save us—the ones who come from every land and end up in America 2,000 years later. Truly, let every knee bow at the Name of Jesus!

Thank you for welcoming Fr. Bill Sokolowski of Food for the Poor this weekend. We are blessed to have him come to celebrate the Mass with us. The United States Church has designated this weekend as Immigration Sunday as the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph fled to Egypt to avoid the persecution of Herod. So many are without the luxuries and comforts we experience in our daily living. As a family member of mine was inquiring about an end of the year check to a Catholic missionary organization, I was eating chips and cheese dip this holiday season. It struck me the contrast of how we can send money to the missions and yet still live plump and happy without any real love for them. Having Food for the Poor come tells the real story of the need on every level local, national, and international. God has come to us as a poor child in a manger to save us and identifies most with those who are poor. Might we unite our hearts to the poorest among us and find in them Jesus Himself.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, January 9

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10; Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday, January 10

Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Mark 1:21-28

Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 11

Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Mark 1:29-39

4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, January 12

Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-11; Mark 1:40-45

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Henry Stenzel and family*

Friday, January 13

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3-4, 6-8; Mark 2:1-12

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Karl Duncanson*

St. Hilary

Saturday, January 14

Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Mark 2:13-17

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *George Pluym*

5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew

People of the tri-parish

Sunday, January 15

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10;

1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

9:00 a.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa † *Darlene Morgan*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Quilters will not meet at St Teresa from Dec. 21—Feb. 1

Monday, Jan. 9 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW

Tuesday, Jan. 10 7 p.m. Pastoral Council tri-parish
at St. Teresa

Monday, Jan. 9, is the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.
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God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities who have requested our prayers:

Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Lucille Schubbe, Stanley Gartner, John Pluym, Toos Roelofs, Jan Samuelson, Jerry Wersal, Jim Carey, *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

Classes will be held Wednesday, January 11

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)

Meeting for Parents of Students in 6th-12th grades at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, January 11th in the St. Teresa gathering-space during your child's regular faith-formation class. At that time you will receive information on requirements for your child to participate in great activities throughout the rest of the year, learn a little bit about what events are being offered, and understand how you can help your kids to take advantage of the opportunities! Questions can be e-mailed to Jonah Lippert at triparish.youthminister@gmail.com. or asked by phone at (507) 327-2767. Hope to see you there!

Pancake Breakfast January 15

at St. Teresa Church 10 a.m.
to support the Youth Mission Trip
and Conferences



Pancakes, eggs, ham, fruit, beverage
Free will donation.

Come to enjoy good food and fellowship and support the youth of the tri-parish.

Workers are still needed to help with this event—and some food donations are also needed. There is a sign up sheet at St. Teresa. Please help if you can!

Catholic HEART Work Camp is a Summer opportunity (**June 25th-July 1st, 2017**) for young people in grades 8-12 to travel to a new location (**Fremont, Nebraska**), meet new people both young and old from around the country, go on retreat to deepen their walk with Christ, and live out His love in service to their brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. Over one week, youth and chaperones are assigned varieties of missions at thoroughly vetted and approved (by a local social agency) work-opportunity-sites, usually involving members of the local community who are low-income, elderly, marginalized, in difficult circumstances or otherwise neglected or compromised.

Become an ambassador of hope, have a blast, and know Christ's love working for you, in you, and through you--join us at Catholic HEART Work Camp this Summer!

CHWC forms for youth (campers) and adults (chaperones) are available at the Church entrance, and should be submitted as early as possible to the Tri-Parish Office in Mapleton, along with deposit, to reserve your spots. Spots are limited so don't delay.

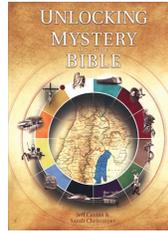
Parish News



Women's Book Club meets this Sunday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Gathering Space. Prayer in church begins at 6:15 p.m.

Anyone who works or volunteers in the parishes and has contact with children must complete training in the Diocesan Safe Environment program, VIRTUS. There will be a training available on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa. If you volunteer with the youth in any way, or are planning to volunteer in faith formation or youth events please contact the office to sign up for this training.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated funds for the Mission trip to Belize. Your love for God's poor will touch the lives of many. The list of projects is coming together and information on some of the people we will encounter and work for will be introduced to you soon. There are still dates open on the calendar if you would like to add your name. Please pray for the mission trip.



Discover who God is.....

Discover who you are....

Discover someone who knows everything about you— and loves you and has an amazing plan for your life. Learn how to read the Bible.. See bulletin insert for more details. Sign up after Mass

Community News

The Community Closet in Mapleton will be closing after Jan 24th. We hope to find a new location in the future. For now, it will be open for a huge clearance sale on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9am to 3pm.

The Maple River Band Boosters will be hosting their annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Sunday, January 8 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Commons of the High School. All-you-can-eat waffles, sausage, toppings and beverages. Tickets are \$7 from a band member or by contacting the Music Department at 524-3930 ext 234. Tickets are \$8 at the door. Proceeds support the 5-12 band program of the Maple River School District.

Foot Care with Linda Foot care still has a few slots available on January 19th at the Mapleton Community Center (formerly Town and Country Leisure Center) The time is from 8 a.m. until noon. You must schedule an appointment. Please call city hall 524-3492. If we have enough people interested we have a regular schedule.

There is an account set up at Community Bank in Vernon Center for donations for Todd Kopischke, who is seriously ill

Catholic Charities Counseling Services

Catholic Charities provides a full range of counseling services to help individuals, couples, and families deal with a variety of concerns. We accept most insurances or offer a sliding fee for non-insured. Call Catholic Charities at 507-387-5586.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (January 1)

Weekly collection	\$7557.50
Amount collected year to date	\$108,233.22
Amount budgeted year to date	\$88,020.00

St. Matthew (December 24)

Weekly collection	\$2452.00
Amount collected year to date	\$22,505.56
Amount budgeted year to date	\$33,800.00

St. Joseph (December 31)

Weekly collection	\$5919.00
Amount collected year to date	\$29,989.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$30,159.00



Ministry Roles

January 14 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Lynn Demuth,
Charly Roelofs

Hospitality: Neil Majeski family and Youth

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Wendy Bennett

January 15 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Mary Ellen Larson,
Sandy Miller

Hospitality: Karmen Bartholomew, Noah Germa,
and Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Nathan Trio, Kendall Wede, Kole
Wenner, Natalie Wenner

Money Counters: Judy Bach, Jan Sonnek

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

Let us understand that God is a physician, and that suffering
is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for damnation.

---St. Augustine of Hippo

Our Catholic World



**2016
Catholic Ministries Appeal**

	Results for the 2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal			
	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	10	\$2125	\$4,860	44
St. Matthew:	11	\$1885	\$4,890	39
St. Teresa:	50	\$7300	\$14,310	51

Alive in Christ Family Event Sunday, January 15

Would you like some powerful help to get to Heaven?

Do you wish you had someone by you to show you the way?

Reclaiming Catholic Culture

An opportunity to encounter the holy aides we have often never learned or have perhaps forgotten or at least have not taken advantage of enough. Come and learn about The Communion of Saints and our ever present Guardian Angels. They are real, they love us, and they are here to help!

**2:30-4 p.m. Family Presentation
including talks and question and
answer period (child care provided)**

4-5 p.m. Dinner and fellowship

At St. Teresa Church



More than 600,000 innocent unborn babies have been killed by abortion in our state since it was legalized. More than 43 percent of all abortions in Minnesota are paid for by taxpayers.

Come and be one of the thousands of people who attend MCCL's March for Life at the State Capitol on Jan. 22.

The MCCL March for Life begins at 2 p.m., outside on the Capitol steps south of the Capitol building (in case of severe weather, check the MCCL website for updates). Before and during the March, MCCL hands out signs at a table below the lower Mall steps. **Marchers follow a circular route around the Mall grounds, marching from 2 - 2:30 p.m.**

Then at 2:30, marchers gather for the pro-life program held on the Capitol steps. It includes an opening prayer, greetings from MCCL President Leo LaLonde, a brief keynote address, and introduction of lawmakers in attendance. The program concludes by 3 p.m.

Please pray for the protection of all human life, at every moment from conception to natural death. All life is a precious gift from God.

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