

## 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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Fourth Sunday of Easter



Whoever enters through me will be saved,  
and will come in and go out and  
find pasture. John 10:9

### 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

I have been renewed in hope this Easter season as I continue to meditate on the truth of my humanity being redeemed in Jesus Christ. What does it mean to say we live redemption? How is it that humanity is raised up in hope through Jesus Christ. There is a new movie on Netflix called “Liberating a Continent” which is the story of how Saint Pope John Paul II brought the hope of Jesus Christ alive into a culture (Poland and really all eastern Europe) that had been beaten down by both the soviet and communist regimes. It is remarkable how in the midst of such depravity and stripping away of man’s reasons for hope and optimism, such incredible grace can be borne and flourish as a people rally around truth, beauty, and the oneness of life in Christ. As a Tri-Parish we can lose heart in the midst of trials or transitions but even from the freshness of spring and the farmers getting to work in the fields to the truth that time and history marches forward, I am confident in God’s plan of redemption and the work of grace that is taking place here and now to bring about a New Dawn of Jesus Christ in the hearts of believers. Do not lose hope, be not afraid to continue to open wide the doors of your hearts, of our parishes, of our workplaces, our schools, and our homes to Jesus Christ. When we give ourselves to Jesus, we lose nothing, no nothing, but we gain everything. We gain life. We gain hope. May Jesus be the cause of our optimism even where there is nothing earthly to give us joy.

Over the next couple weekends we will have May Crowning and Baccalaureate Mass. As things conclude at the Newman Center this week I am making a few final goodbyes and departing for a final mission trip with 15 students this Sunday. I will return next Saturday evening. We will celebrate our Mother Mary by crowning her statue and showing veneration for her role in the salvation of all. May our loving Mother in Heaven intercede for us! Additionally Baccalaureate Masses will take place to pray for our graduating seniors who are transitioning to a next stage of life. May God be with them on the journey.

This weekend I will begin a conversation at Mass about the need to keep supporting the sacred sites where we lay our deceased in repose. The cemeteries in each of our communities are in lovely shape and have been consistently cared for over the years by faithful members of our parishes. Even more, Catholic cemeteries are consecrated/blessed ground. It is considered a sacred space. I would ask that you remember them as each year the cost of mowing and maintenance is there and while a few donations trickle in, it is a spiritual and corporal work of mercy to be sure we pray for the deceased and also bury the dead—part of that means that we care for the property. Thank you for considering a gift toward our cemeteries.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, May 8

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4;  
John 10:11-18

### Tuesday, May 9

Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1-7; John 10:22-30

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

### Wednesday, May 10

**St. Damien de Veuster**

Acts 12:24—13:5; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; John 12:44-50

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

### Thursday, May 11

Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
John 13:16-20

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

### Friday, May 12

**Sts. Nereus and Achilleus**  
**St. Pancras**

Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-11; John 14:1-6

**10:30 a.m. Communion Service at MCH**

### Saturday, May 13

**Our Lady of Fatima**

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1-4; John 14:7-14

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

*People of the tri-parish*

### Sunday, May 14

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Rita Carey*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Thursdays 9 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday, May 8, 7 p.m.	St. Teresa CCW
Tuesday, May 23 7 p.m.	All parish Pastoral Council meeting

### May 13—14 Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal



In the letter of St.

Paul to the Thessalo-

nians, he encourages us to sustain one another in hope and to show concern for those in need. **Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal theme, “Lifting Up Those Reaching Out”** inspires all to sustain one another with help and hope! **Next Weekend** our tri-parish family has the blessed opportunity to bring God’s love to families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, and children in need. Your compassionate generosity and support of the mission of Catholic Charities’ efforts embrace a love that sees the face of God in all those who suffer. Your generosity on all levels makes a life-changing difference!



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

Helen Mitchell, Roger Tipler, Don Landsteiner, Ken Irvine, Angie Gartner, Shelly Holt, Todd Kopischke, Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Lucille Schubbe, Stanley Gartner, 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**



**Save the date: Totus Tuus July 23—28**  
Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Held at St. Teresa

More information to come

**Parish News**

**The Baccalaureate Mass** for our graduates will be held on the following dates. Please pray for these young people as they begin the next phase of their life, that they remain close to God wherever they go.



**St. Matthew: May 13**

Thomas Cooling, son of Robert and Heidi Cooling  
Jeff Lewis, son of Jon and Sheila Lewis  
Matthew Roelofs, son of Steve and Jodi Roelofs

**St. Teresa: May 21**

Colter Carey-Fritz, son of Gary Fritz and Suz Carey  
Adam Dickey, son of Owen and Theresa Dickey  
Eric Langworthy, son of Chris and Michelle Langworthy  
Dustyn Schmidt, son of Doug and Tammy Schmidt  
Olivia Hoppe, daughter of Joel and Darlette Hoppe

**St. Joseph: honoring her June 8**

Kelsey Sohre, daughter of Dan and Teresa Sohre

**Come to worship Our Eucharistic Lord this Holy Easter Season!**

Eucharistic Adoration will be available each Thursday during the Easter Season, April 20—June 1, from 9 a.m.—10 p.m. at St. Teresa Church.



This is a great opportunity to bring the Risen Lord more deeply into your life. Give the Lord an hour each week for those seven weeks—

stop for 5 minutes when you can- it can truly change your life! Come and spend time with the Lord this Easter Season.

Do not be afraid—He loves you and is waiting for you.

We joyfully welcome Harrison Matthew Holt, son of Matthew and Laura Holt, into the Catholic family! Harrison was Baptized in Christ on April 30th at St. Teresa Church. Please pray that Harrison and his family may always remain as close to Our Lord as they are now.



St. Margaret's circle will be serving supper at St. Matthew's after 5:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday May 13. We will be honoring our 2017 Graduates and wishing all Mothers a Happy Mothers Day.



**Tri-Parish Server Appreciation**

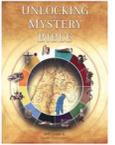
Mark your calendars now to join Fr. Kern at the **WOW Zone** on Wednesday, May 24 from 6pm until 9pm for unlimited bowling, laser tag and mini golf plus \$5 card for games. Pizza and Pop will also be provided. Registration forms were mailed to servers. Please let the office know if you didn't receive one.

**Discover who God is....**

**Discover who you are....**

Learn how to read the Bible..

**Wednesdays 6:30 –7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph**



**Tri-parish Barn Dance**, sponsored by St. Joseph Parish will be held on Thursday, June 8th. It will have a Mexican Fiesta Theme— with a taco bar. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Karaoke to follow— plan now to come for food and fun!

**St. Joseph:** As Memorial Day approaches and we remember our deceased loved ones, St. Joseph Cemetery Association has prepared a brief summary concerning the financial condition of the Cemetery. Copies of the report are available at St. Joseph's church. Jay Winters will be available after Mass on Sat., June 3 to answer any questions concerning St. Joseph Cemetery.



St. Teresa: We will once again be sponsoring the Bingo stand at Mapleton Town and Country Days, June 9—10. Please contact the tri-parish office if you are able to help with this event!



St. Teresa: Orders will be taken after mass on May 7th for **Mother's Day Geraniums**. These are "seed geraniums" at \$4.00 each (pay when ordered). They can also be ordered by calling 507-524-4147 and leaving a message (pay at pick up). Mother's name can be included for Mother's Day memorial at Mass. Proceeds will go to Options for Women of Mankato. Plants will be available for pick up in the gathering space May 13-14th.

The Reverend Andrew Olsem, who was administrator from 1972-76 at St. Joseph Parish and from 1973-76 at St. Matthew Parish, invites you to participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the 50th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood to be offered on Sunday, June 4, at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Mankato.

A luncheon will follow Mass, please RSVP by May 15th to: mmstalo@hotmail.com or call 507-388-6283.

**Jazz in the Park**--is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Library Park. The MR Jazz Band will perform at 6:00 and the Bass Brand Brass Band will perform at 6:30. Mapleton Sertoma will provide a light supper (free will offering) and the MR Youth Center will provide root beer floats. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the great music! (In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at the school.)

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (April 30)

Weekly collection	\$2143.00
Amount collected year to date	\$153,457.56
Amount budgeted year to date	\$143,440.00

### St. Matthew (April 22)

Weekly collection	\$1126.00
Amount collected year to date	\$38,623.38
Amount budgeted year to date	\$55,900.00

### St. Joseph (April 29)

Weekly collection	\$1420.00
Amount collected year to date	\$45,843.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$49,148.00



## Ministry Roles

### May 13 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Darla Graf

**Minister of Communion:** Sheila Lewis,  
Char Schuch, Maria Sanders

**Hospitality:** Steve Young family

**Servers:** Joseph Bennett, Chloe Cumbee

**Money Counters:** Wendy Bennett, Char Schuch

### May 14 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Brett Sindelir

**Minister of Communion:** Owen Dickey,  
Kevin Donovan

**Hospitality:** Karmen Bartholomew, Lois Gau,  
Lynn and Ceal Caldwell

**Gifts:** Emily Minkel, Kay Proehl

**Servers:** Landon Fox, Julia Langworthy,  
Ethan Sindelir, Aiden Sindelir

**Money Counters:**

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



	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
<b>St. Joseph:</b>	8	\$2175	\$4,770	46
<b>St. Matthew:</b>	9	\$2555	\$4,830	53
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	31	\$5170	\$13,900	37

Results so far for the  
2017 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has given thus far for your generosity. Each year our goals must be met and any shortfall must be made up through general funds of the parish. If you have not yet given to this mission of helping our Diocesan family, it is not too late. Envelopes are available at each church..

### 5th annual Tri-parish Pilgrimage June 5—6

Join Father Kern and Fr. Vogel on a Holy Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill in Hubertus, WI



Jesus ascended the mountain with His disciples and was transfigured before them. Moses went up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments and communicate face to face with God. Ascending the mount of Zion is the holy hill in Israel where God has made His will known for centuries and even this day is a holy site of pilgrimage. The Carmelites inhabit and claim their orders founding there by the Prophet Ezekiel. We must ascend to be away with God and we go up the mountain to find His presence there waiting for us and ready to reveal Himself to us. We go intentionally to the highest heights to commune with the Divine Presence. Come ascend the Holy Hill and go up to the presence of God!

See insert or pick up a pamphlet for more details



### We honor Mary in the month of May by Crowning her as our Queen.

This year May Crowning will take place on May 6 at St. Joseph, May 13 at St. Matthew, and May 14 at St. Teresa. Flowers will be available for all youth to bring to Mary. Come honor our Blessed Mother during the month devoted to her.

**During this month as flowers begin to bloom in our gardens, please consider bringing some to be placed on Mary's altar at church. It is a beautiful tradition to give Mary this honor and beauty during her month.**



**The month of May** is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1)

**During the Month of Our Lady the rosary will be prayed beginning 25 minutes before Mass at each parish.** Please plan to come early and pray this beautiful prayer together. Make special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary a priority this May.