

## 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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. at St. Teresa

Saturday 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph (1st, 3rd, 5th)  
or St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)

Weekdays: Please See Inside Bulletin

Holy Days: See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass.

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# November 25, 2018

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



“You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

John 18:37

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

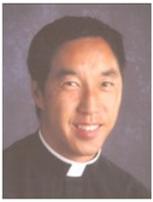
**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before each weekend Mass, 8a.m. Thursday at St. Teresa or by private appt. with Fr. Vogel

### 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.



Hello,  
I pray you had a happy Thanksgiving. Hopefully you had a great time hanging out with family and friends. As Christians we need to cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving in our families. It is easy to go through life striving; striving for a bigger house, a new car, a promotion at work. In some ways, this is a good thing. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we should always strive to be the best version of ourselves. However, sometimes we need to sit back, meditate, evaluate, and thank God for the people, things, and talents we do have. Hopefully you were able to do this this past week.

This weekend is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This also means that this coming week is the last week of Ordinary Time. Next Sunday is the beginning of the new year, at least according to the Liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical year.

Some might argue that monarchies are a dated government system. That may be in a world of fallen human beings, but in Kingdom of God, it is not. God is a benevolent King. He loves us and only does what is best for us. So when we are wrong, or even the majority is wrong, about what is best for us, God can still do what is best for us. The only thing that limits Him is our free will. He allows Himself to be limited by our free will. He is not going to force anything on us. He offers. We can accept or deny.

Speaking of the Kingdom of God. This past week you heard that the Diocese of Winona-Rochester is declaring bankruptcy. Priests of the diocese have hurt some people in ways we cannot even imagine. Those who have been harmed deserve to be compensated for their pain. As Bishop Quinn indicated in his enclosed letter, He has decided to file for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy no later than the end of this month. This legal process will allow the diocese to reorganize our finances in order to provide financial compensation to the victims and to ensure the daily operation of the diocese and the parishes. There will be more information and more details on how the bankruptcy affects our individual parishes in the weeks to come. The trustees and the some members of the pastoral council have been brought up to speed. During this tough time, please refrain from spreading rumors. I think we will have a "town meeting" style gathering in the near future where people can comment and ask questions. I know it is tempting to give up or to give in. The example I use is if your math or science teacher were to do something immoral or illegal. The fact that they did this does not effect the truth of what they taught you. We believe that the Roman Catholic Church is the church started by Jesus Christ and built on the foundation of St. Peter. This has not changed.

Please, please, pray for all of those involved, especially the victims. Please pray for Bishop Quinn as he continues to shepherd us through this tough time.

May God bless and keep you,  
Father Vogel

### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

I saw coming with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man.

When he reached the Ancient of Days

and was presented before him,

He received dominion, splendor, and kingship;  
all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his kingship, one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, November 26

Revelation 14:1-5; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 21:1-4

### Tuesday, November 27

Revelation 14:14-19; Psalm 96:10-13; Luke 21:5-11

**Rosary at St. Joseph cancelled this week.**

### Wednesday, November 28

Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98:1-3, 7-9; Luke 21:12-19

### Thursday, November 29

Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9; Psalm 100:1-5;  
Luke 21:20-28

**7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction**

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Virgil & Lucille Beaudry*

### Friday, November 30

**St. Andrew**

Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8-11; Matthew 4:18-22

**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH**

† *Lucille Kunkel*

### Saturday, December 1

Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

**7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction**

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

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph** *People of the Tri-Parish*

### Sunday, December 2

**First Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Henry & Irene Massop*

There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of Dec. 8-9 for the RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to this collection helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Thank you for your generosity.

### **TRI-PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### **Upcoming Tri-Parish Meetings & Events**

Wed., Nov. 28: ST Quilting @ 1:00 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 28: Youth Spaghetti Supper 4:30-7:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 2: Adoration at ST 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16: Youth Breakfast at ST after Mass

## Parish News

### **TRI-PARISH HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Immaculate Conception: Sat., Dec. 8 @ 8:30 am ST and @ 5 pm SM  
Christmas Eve: Monday, Dec. 24 @ 4:00 pm at St. Matthew  
Christmas Eve: Monday, Dec. 24 @ 6:00 pm at St. Joseph  
Christmas Eve: Monday, Dec. 24 @ 10:00 pm at St. Teresa  
Christmas Day: Tuesday, Dec. 25 @ 9:00 am at St. Teresa  
Mary Mother of God: Tuesday, Jan. 1 @ 7:00 pm at St. Matthew

Note these UPCOMING SPRING SACRAMENT DATES to share with your family & friends when you're together over the holidays:

1st Communion at St. Joseph: Saturday, May 4, 2019 @ 5 pm Mass  
1st Communion at St. Teresa: Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 9 am Mass  
1st Communion at St. Matthew: Sat., May 11, 2019 @ 5 pm Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held at St. Teresa's each Sunday of Advent from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is available in the gathering space. Jesus extends this special invitation to each of us to come and spend some quiet, special time with Him as we prepare our hearts and lives to receive Him.

### **ADVENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE to TRI-PARISH FAMILIES**

The *Magnificent Advent Companion* daily devotional book is available at each parish free of charge. Please pick up a copy for your family to use this Advent season.

Advent Wreaths and Candles are available for a small cost at each parish. Start or continue this wonderful Advent tradition with your family.



**NEW ADULT STUDY STARTING THIS WEEK:** Signs of Life, 20 Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots by Scott Hahn will begin on Thursday, November 29 at 9 a.m. following morning Mass at St. Teresa. All are welcome to attend. We will meet in the gathering space classroom with coffee and donuts included!

### **NEW WINTER MINISTRY SCHEDULES for DEC/JAN/FEB AVAILABLE**

The new ministry volunteer schedule for the next 3 months has been mailed out for St. Joseph, is available at the church entrances to pick up at St. Teresa, and will be mailed out next week for St. Matthew. Ministry volunteers, please be watching for your new schedule and THANK YOU for serving your parishes.

**St. Matthew Job Well Done!** Results of your turkey dinner and raffle are in. Through your combined effort and hard work, a total of \$7,229.56 was raised this year—\$3,722.55 from the dinner and \$3,507.01 from the raffle. *THANK YOU to everyone who contributed time, talent, treasure & work!*

**SAVE THE DATE: BELIZE MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER AT MAGGIE J'S will be held on JANUARY 14th!** Mark your 2019 calendars for an evening of great food and a fun. Also please remember the Little Pink Belize House Prayer & Pledge Cards. *Perhaps sponsoring a mom, dad, or child from Belize would make a meaningful Christmas gift for someone you know.*

**St. Joseph CCW:** Maureen Hollerich and Mary Caven will be collecting \$15 CCW dues on Dec. 1 after Mass or dues can be mailed to the Tri-Parish Office, PO Box 305, Mapleton, MN. Please indicate it is for CCW dues. Thank you.

**God, grant healing and peace to the sick and those having surgery from our communities who have requested our prayers:**



Barb Beaudette, Rose Elam (Sue Morrow's mom), Andy Schuch, Arlene Rigdon, Carol Parsley, Bernie Kunkel, Lucy Irvine, Dorothy Lindemann, Sylvia Fleming.

St. Teresa parishioner, Cleone Clobes, passed away on Nov. 17th. Her funeral is pending and will be announced at a later date. Eternal rest grant unto, Cleone, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon her. Our prayers go out to Cleone's family & friends.

## Youth Ministry

**YOUTH SPEGHETTI SUPPER FUNDRAISER** will be held this Wed., Nov. 28 from 4:30-7:00 pm at St. Teresa. All proceeds go toward youth camps and trips in 2019. We are in need of adult helpers, and donations of bars and milk. Sign up at church entrance to work or donate food items or call Betsy @ 524-4606.



### **CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP IN NEW ORLEANS this**

**June 8-16 is filling up fast!!!** Any youth in grades 8-12 interested in going should let Betsy know ASAP. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Forms with info are in the back of church at SM & SJ and on the youth bulletin board at ST. Sign up ends Nov. 28th.

## Community News

**BAKERS WANTED:** Cookie donations are needed for the 2nd Annual Youth Center Cookie Walk which will be held at the VFW Building on Main Street during Snowflake Dazzle on Nov. 28. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the VFW Building on Tues., Nov. 27 from noon to 7 pm or Wed., Nov. 28 from noon to 4 pm. Thank you!

**Sertoma Poinsettia Pick-Up:** The poinsettias that were ordered from the Mapleton Sertoma Club can be picked up from the Mapleton Community Center this Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 1-7 p.m. or on Wed., Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Thank you for your support! Enjoy the beautiful flowers.

**Caregiver Support Group:** This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next support group will be December 4, 3:00-4:30 p.m., at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. No charge to attend; pre-registration not required. Questions? Call Sister Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

**LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD SHELF** is once again providing holiday meal baskets for Christmas. The cost of each box is \$40. Please consider sponsoring one or more boxes this year to help those from our communities facing need. 100% of your donations go directly to food. Donations can be mailed to: Maple River Loaves and Fishes, PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065. If you have any questions or are facing a need, their phone number is 507-524-3046. Hours open are 3:00-6:00 p.m. every Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (Nov. 18)

Weekly collection	\$4,250.37
Amount collected year to date	\$56,226.51
Amount needed year to date	\$69,636.00

### St. Matthew (Nov. 10)

Weekly collection	\$2,539.00
Amount collected year to date	\$14,447.67
Amount needed year to date	\$21,307.50

### St. Joseph (Nov. 17)

Weekly collection	\$2,026.00
Amount collected year to date	\$16,686.30
Amount needed year to date	\$21,940.00

#### FINANCE COUNCIL INFORMATION:

The St. Matthew Finance Council met on Tuesday, November 20th. Minutes will be posted as soon as they become available.

THANK YOU, Travis Roelofs, for your many years of faithful service on St. Matthew's Finance Council. Travis completes his term this December. St. Matthew will be in need of a new member for their Finance Council. If interested, please let Father or Neil Majeski know.

## Ministry Roles

### Saturday, Dec. 1 St. Joseph @ 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Jenn Berkner

**Ministers of Communion:** Landon Davis,  
Mary Caven, John FitzSimmons

**Hospitality:** Juliann Schwanz, Larry Hollerich,  
John & Jan FitzSimmons

**Servers:** Nora Davis, Ella Sohre

**Money counters:** Eli Depuydt, Laureen Sohre

### Sunday, Dec. 2 St. Teresa @ 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Arlene Swanson

**Ministers of Communion:** Judy Bach,  
Tony Bach, Brenda Carey

**Greeters:** Cliff and Marcie Anderson,  
Jodi Kunkel Family

**Ushers:** Jeff and Shelly Holt

**Servers:** Grant Klein, Nick Wooldridge,  
AJ Kunkel, Jon Kunkel

**Sacristan:** Cliff and Marcie Anderson

**Money counters:** Jodi Kunkel, Tammy Schmidt

**Altar Linens:** Steph Stencil for December

**Donuts:** Jason Klein, Casey Walters, George Sonnek

## Our Catholic World



### 2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Renew Faith Extend Mercy Inspire Hope



Results so far for the 2018 Diocesan Ministry Appeal

	# of donors	Amount pledged/pd	Parish goal	% of goal pledged
St. Joseph	10	\$5,030	\$5,030	100
St. Matthew	5	\$1,520	\$4,260	36
St. Teresa	32	\$5,785	\$14,980	38

Congratulations to St. Joseph for meeting their goal!

St. Matthew and St. Teresa: Thank you to everyone who has given to the Appeal thus far. **If you have not given, please consider a gift this holiday season or year-end. Your gift will help many people across the Diocese as well as our own parishes.**

Whatever amount of the goal is not received in gifts or pledges needs to be paid out of your general parish funds at the end of the year.

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see **2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89:27-38**).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading harkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see **Isaiah 55:3-5**).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see **Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12**).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also **John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17**). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also **Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9**).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.