

TRI-PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Teresa
Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph (1st, 3rd, 5th)
Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)

Weekdays: Please See Inside Bulletin
Holy Days: Please See Inside Bulletin
Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass.

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Should you or a family member be experiencing a medical or home bound situation, please let us know.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Owen Dickey (ST)
Marty Bissonette (ST)
Peg Breiter (ST)
Karen Fox (ST)
Wendy Bennett (SM)
Brad Lanoue (SM)
Neil Majeski (SM)
Paul FitzSimmons (SJ)
Shelli Grover (SJ)
Kim Kleven (SJ)

FINANCE COUNCILS

John Jensen (ST)
Joel Larson (ST)
George Leary (ST)
Gina Massop (ST)
Lindsey Lanoue (SM)
Art Schuch (SM)
Larry Caven (SM)
Scott Kleven (SJ)
Dean Sohre (SJ)
Jim Wieseler (SJ)
Christine Rahn (SJ)

January 12, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord



*This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.*

Matthew 3:17

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

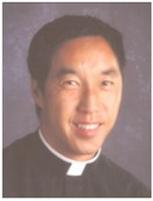
Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive this sacrament.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before each weekend Mass, 8:00 a.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,

It's been awhile. My last article was for the 4th Sunday of Advent. A lot has happened since then. First of all Merry Christmas. I pray you are having a blessed start to the new year. This Sunday, the Baptism of Jesus, marks the end of the Christmas season.

Hopefully you have kept your Christmas tree up this whole time. Now if the dog drank the water out of the tree stand and your tree became extremely dried out and a fire hazard, it would be understandable for you to have taken the tree down early.

Arizona was amazing! It is so refreshing, hopeful, exciting, mesmerizing to watch 9,000 college students jump up and down during a concert by Matt Mahr, then fall to their knees in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament moments later. This is what I experienced New Years Eve; this is how I brought in the New Year. I know I've said it before, but the Catholic Church isn't going anywhere. Despite her problems, the future of the Catholic Church is going to be amazing. These young people are an inspiration.

Again, today, we celebrate Jesus' Baptism. Monday we begin Ordinary Time. John is right; Jesus doesn't need to be Baptized for His own sake, but Jesus needs to be Baptized for our sake. Jesus shows us how to begin a life pointed towards heaven, towards eternity. We cannot begin this journey until we have been freed from our past. First of all, we need to be free of Original Sin. We need to be freed from our alienation from God due to our fallen human nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve. In Baptism, we are freed from Original Sin, marked as a child of God, and given the saving grace we need to begin becoming saints, to becoming perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48), so that we can spend eternity in heaven with God face to face.

Have a blessed week,
Father Vogel



Through our baptism, we are called to a life of discipleship.

The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus at his baptism, and marks the beginning of his public ministry. At our baptism, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are sanctified and made children of God. By the grace of this sacrament, we are awakened to the power of the Spirit in our own lives.

Isaiah shares the Lord's promise of a servant of the Lord who will come forth and *bring justice to the nations*. In the second reading, Peter tells those gathered that God shows no partiality. All who fear him and act uprightly are acceptable to him. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John, and the Spirit of God descends upon him.

From Catholic Faith Content

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, Jan. 13 - St. Hilary

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-19; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday Jan. 14 -

1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Mark 1:21-28

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

Wednesday, Jan. 15

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 16

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-15, 25-26; Mark 1:40-45

7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa

✠ Ernest Kramer

Friday, Jan. 17 - St. Anthony

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH

✠ Lucille Kunkel

Saturday, Jan. 18

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17

7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa

✠ Jim Carey

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph

✠ Mike & Rose FitzSimmons

Sunday, Jan. 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3;

John 1:29-34

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

People of the Tri-Parish

TRI-PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Marcie: Tues/Wed/Thurs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Darla: Wed/Thurs/Fri from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Betsy: Wednesday afternoon & evening only until
Faith Formation replacement is found

*If you have a sacramental emergency, please call the
sacramental emergency number listed
on front page of the bulletin.*

Upcoming Tri-Parish Meetings & Events

Jan. 11: SM Supper after Mass by St. Ann's Circle

Jan. 13: Belize Soup Supper at Maggie J's 5-7 p.m.

Jan. 13: ST CCW Meeting @ 7 p.m.

Jan. 19: YOUTH BREAKFAST @ ST following Mass

Jan. 21: ST Finance Council @ 7 p.m.

**There will be a 2nd Collection on January 25-26
to Support the Church in Latin America.**

There is a special envelope in your envelope box.

**The January Courier is available at each parish.
*Please take a copy and stay informed
on Catholic and diocesan news.***

Parish News & Events

St. Teresa CCW Meeting: Monday, January 13 at 7 p.m.
All ladies are invited to attend.

Maggie J's Soup, Salad & Bread Bar!

Monday, January 13 from 5—7 p.m.
Adults \$9.95 & Kids \$6.95 (12 & under)

20% of all tabs and tip donations
go to purchasing building materials for the
Belize Mission Trip in February.



Thank you for your generosity!



YOUTH BREAKFAST coming up next Sunday,
January 19th following Mass at St. Teresa. Free will
offering to support the youth mission trip and camps
this summer. Come and enjoy a great breakfast of
pancakes, scrambled eggs & ham!

**NEEDED: The Tri-Parish has open positions for a
Faith Formation Director, Youth Director, and
Adult Evangelization/Outreach Director. These
openings can be combined for a fulltime position
or be several different part time positions
depending on an applicant's area of interest,
qualifications and time availability. If you have
questions or just want more information about
what these positions entail, please contact the
Tri-Parish Office at 524-3127 or talk with Father
Vogel, Neil Majeski or Paul FitzSimmons. The
Tri-Parish is flexible in how to meet these
different needs.**



ST. ANTHONY FEAST DAY **Friday, January 17th**

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the
Catholic Church's most popular
saints. Saint Anthony of Padua,
patron saint of lost and stolen
articles, was a powerful Francis-
can preacher and teacher. He's
typically portrayed holding the
child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—
or all three—in his arms. Many
people give alms to St. Anthony
Bread in thanksgiving to God for
blessings received through the
prayers of St. Anthony.

St. Anthony of Padua's life is what every Christian's life is
meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs
of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the
needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to
have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and
dependence on God.

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

Lavonne Miller, Elsie Swanson, Mary Langworthy,
Sister Carmen Sonnek, Marie Kruegel, Sara Becker,
Colleen Landsteiner Hoehn.



*If you or a member of your family would like our prayers,
please call 524-3127. We would love to pray for you.*

Faith Formation/Youth

YOUTH GROUP BREAKFAST CLUB!

1st-3rd-5th Tuesdays of each month @ 6:30 a.m.

Where? MAGGIE J's in Mapleton

Who? Grades 8-12

Come & jump start your day with Jesus!

January Events

Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade: On January 22, 1973, the
Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United
States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v.
Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their
lives and millions of women and families have been wound-
ed by abortion. The General Instruction of the Roman
Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particu-
lar day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." The Church
directs that, "In all the Dioceses of the United States of
America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls
on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer
for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right
to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the
human person committed through acts of abortion." As
individuals, we are called to observe this day through the
penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving.
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources
to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual
Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and
penance.

March for Life – St. Paul: The annual Prayer Service for Life
at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul will take place at
10:30 am on Wednesday, January 22. Participants from the
Diocese of Winona-Rochester are invited to meet there
(look for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester banners). This
prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to
abortion and the many women and men wounded by abor-
tion's aftermath. Immediately following the prayer service,
we will walk to the state capitol for the MCCL March for Life
rally. Please consider carpooling or utilizing buses, as park-
ing is limited.

***"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die
so that you may live as you wish."***

St. Teresa of Calcutta

FINANCIAL UPDATE

THANK YOU for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting the financial needs of your parish and the shared needs of the Tri-Parish. At this half way point in the fiscal year, all three parishes are meeting their budget. Well done, good and faithful servants!

TRI-PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

St. Teresa

Jan. 5 Collection	\$3,289.59
Amount Collected YTD	\$90,945.92
Amount Needed YTD	\$89,343.00

St. Matthew

Dec. 14 Collection	\$7,097.00
Christmas Collection	\$1,377.00
Dec. 28 Collection	\$2,038.00
Dec. 31 Collection	\$957.00
Amount Collected YTD	\$32,302.07
Amount Needed YTD	\$30,082.00

St. Joseph

Jan. 4 Collection	\$1,442.00
Amount Collected YTD	\$29,837.25
Amount Needed YTD	\$29,592.00

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

St. Teresa Finance Council meets on January 21st.
St. Matthew Finance Council will meet in February.
St. Joseph Finance Council will meet in March.

Ministry Roles

Saturday, January 18 @ St. Joseph at 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kelsey Sohre

Communion: Landon Davis, Jim Wieseler, Dean Sohre

Hospitality: David and Jody Trio, Scott and Kim Kleven

Servers: Zach Trio, Ben Trio

Money Counters: Eli Depuydt, Kim Kleven

Sacristan: Lonnie Wieseler

Sunday, January 19 @ St. Teresa at 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Lois Gau

Communion: Gloria Langworthy, Mary Ellen Larson,
Tom Massop

Hospitality: Tony and Connie Bach,
Cliff and Marcie Anderson

Servers: Jacob Rigdon, Cole Stencil,
Hayden and Landon Fox

Sacristan: Gloria Langworthy

Donuts: YOUTH BREAKFAST no donuts

Money counters: Sandy Miller, Jim Langworthy

DIOCESE NEWS

FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Recertification Training:

In January, the diocesan Safe Environment Office will again launch Keeping Our Promise Alive 3.0, a VIRTUS® online recertification training for anyone who completed the "VIRTUS live training" in 2014 or earlier. In February, a recertification notice will be sent to those who completed the training in 2015. Employees and volunteers of DOW-R parishes or schools that are due for recertification will receive an email from VIRTUS Online with credentials to login and complete the training. This training takes 30-40 minutes. Recertification training must be completed in order for parishes and schools to be compliant with the diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon his followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the laity. If you have taken the VIRTUS live training in 2015 or before, you are due for an online recertification training, which only takes 30-40 minutes to complete. Thank you for giving your time and attention to this important matter. A bulletin insert is included so you have a reminder of what to watch for and how to complete it.

Truth and Love about Physician Assisted Suicide

Physician assisted suicide (PAS) is a hot topic across the USA, and there will be a bill proposed in the Minnesota legislature this 2020 to legalize it. We know that we are called to defend the dignity of life from conception to natural death. But we may not know that our faith is a treasure of the art of dying well. We ask you to resist the fear tactics and embrace the call to genuine compassion and friendship. Over the next seven weeks, you'll see bulletin announcements debunking PAS claims and offering Catholic Christian hope and wisdom. If you have questions, you are encouraged to speak to your priest or wise spiritual companions about the personal and societal challenge of PAS. Catholic Church statements and video witnesses are available at www.usccb.org/toliveeachday.

PAS Myth: Most people choose Physician Assisted Suicide because they are in great pain.

Truth: The state of Oregon has offered legal PAS since 1997, and has kept public health records since then. One intake question asks why the person is choosing PAS. Inadequate pain management or fear of future pain did not even make the top five reasons. The top reason for choosing PAS has consistently been loss of autonomy (the freedom to live as you wish).

Catholic Compassion: Remind people that we have the most advanced palliative care (pain management) medicine in the world, since the beginning of time. Pain can be well managed. And if there is pain, you will be there for them. As Catholics we can circle you in a ring of concrete help and prayer. If they are spiritually open, remind them they can offer the pain to God as a prayer for the world.