

## 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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March 23, 2014

## The Third Sunday of Lent



“My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”  
John 4:34

### 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

Confessions are available 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass, at 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. Kern

At the final judgment Jesus will come again in glory. At that time the fullness of God's plan of salvation will be revealed both for you and me personally and for the whole world. This will be a moment of indescribable awe and wonder. The Catechism tells us that at this Last Judgment we will have revealed even to the furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during their earthly life (1039). This means that our every action and the consequences it had will be revealed to us at the end of time. Leading up to our experience of this incredible event, we all have thousands of events in our daily life that will determine whether this final judgment will be a cause of joy or a cause for sorrow. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals who He is to the woman at the well. He informs her of His life giving power and reveals the state of her life that she is currently living in sin. Jesus doesn't reveal her sin just to make her feel bad or ashamed of what she has done. That naturally feeling of embarrassment or shame at our faults is there to turn us away from them and to show us our need for God's healing and life sustaining grace. Jesus thus reveals the mercy and love of the Father towards her and having experienced this love she is motivated to not only change the lifestyle of sin she was living but also to tell others how God has been at work in her life.

What was your life's moment at the well? Have you had a time when God has convicted you to turn away from a lifestyle or pattern of sin and give your heart more completely to Jesus? Have you gone to confession and asked God for the mercy you need to move forward in life? Jesus forgives and Jesus heals. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the ordinary means to this grace. We should never shy away from reconciling our hearts to the Father through Jesus because we are never looked upon with anger or disgust; only mercy. This mercy is extended to us who trust in Jesus and His merciful Heart and seek this mercy in confession. I love Lent and the call to turn more deeply to Jesus. I find that the more I turn toward Him in prayer and ask for His guidance the more I am personally free to see how He is at work in my life and in our parishes. May Jesus be the center and focus of our hearts and might we humbly submit our wills to His Gracious Will.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 24

**Lenten Weekday**

2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Charles Miller

Tuesday, March 25

**The Solemnity of the  
Annunciation of the Lord**

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10;  
Luke 1:26-38

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † Jim Larson

**3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH** † Joan VanRossum

Wednesday, March 26

**Lenten Weekday**

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Matthew 5:17-19

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † Bill Wendlandt

Thursday, March 27

**Lenten Weekday**

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Luke 11:14-23

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Howard La Fleur

Friday, March 28

**Lenten Weekday**

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Reparation for our sins*

Saturday, March 29

**Lenten Weekday**

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14

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

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

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † Wilma Larson

Sunday, March 30

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 23:1-6;

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Deb Wallace

**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** *People of the tri-parish*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.

Quilt Group at St. Teresa

Tuesday, April 1

7 p.m. Tri-parish Finance Council at ST



Next weekend, March 29 & 30 there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services. The collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to protect families by providing basic humanitarian aid and life-skills training to those in need.



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

Tiffany Sonnek, Noah Laird, Phyllis Lindeman, Jay Hiller, Krissy Wendlandt Bauer,

*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

**Faith Formation will be in session Wednesday, March 26th.**



### Adult Faith Enrichment

**Thursday morning Bible Study** This Lenten session we will be studying the Mysteries of the Rosary using the book The New Rosary in Scripture by Dr. Edward Sri.

The study begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa.

This book looks at the biblical insights for all 20 mysteries as well as how to deepen our devotion to this ancient prayer. Please consider making this a part of your Lenten journey and **come to discover the beauty and power of the Rosary**, or if you already have a devotion to this prayer, come and increase your understanding and love of this special prayer.

**Wednesdays:** St. Teresa Gathering Space Classroom, when Faith Formation classes meet. 6:15-7:15 p.m. **Bible Study with Deacon Chris**

This study will be a guided, weekly exploration of the Bible through interactive discussion of The Gospel of John. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary to participate.

**Reminder:** In case of bad weather, faith formation class *closings and Mass cancellations* will be announced on the following stations:

KTOE 1420 AM, KEEZ 99.1 FM, KJLY 104.5 FM  
Also on KEYC TV (also on their website)

**St. Teresa: Breakfast to benefit faith formation:**

**Sunday, March 30,  
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.**



**CATHOLIC ORDER  
OF FORESTERS**

Menu includes eggs, ham, hash browns, muffins and fruit. Free will donations accepted. Matching funds will be provided by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

## Parish News

**Faith Formation students will lead Stations of the Cross on Wed. evenings in Lent beginning March 12. All parishioners are invited to attend.**

**St. Joseph:** Meal at 6 p.m. Stations begin at 6:30 p.m.

**St. Matthew:** Meal at 5:30 p.m. Stations begin immediately after

**St. Teresa:** Stations at 7:15 p.m.



**On each Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be lead by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30p.m.** There will be a soup supper following these devotions, at about 6:15p.m. Confession will also follow Benediction.



### **The Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Lenten Talks** 7 p.m. at St. Teresa

Tues., March 25: Jesus, the Lamb and the Lion



Speaker: Raymond de Souza

As an internationally renowned speaker, Raymond has given more than 2,000 talks over twenty-five years in defense of Catholic social teaching and apologetics. He has had three highly successful series on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network).

**Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend—free to all**

### **Confession Schedule for Lent**

Each Friday after Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 2 7 p.m. Communal Penance Service at St. Teresa

Tuesday, April 15 5 p.m. at St. Teresa

Wednesday, April 16 5 p.m. at St. Teresa

After Holy Thursday Mass  
After both Good Friday Liturgies



**St. Matthew:** We are looking for a person or persons to oversee the Bingo stand at the Blue Earth County Fair this August. Having someone step forward and oversee the bingo stand will allow us to keep our spot as well as provide income for our parish. If interested or would like more info, please contact the Tri-Parish office 524-3127 or [sjsmst@hickorytech.net](mailto:sjsmst@hickorytech.net).

**St. Matthew:** Spring cleaning is only needed in the kitchen and dining hall this year. All circles are asked to help with this on Saturday, March 29 beginning at 8 a.m. Many hands make light work.

## Community News

**The 2014 Maple River AAA Foundation Tasting on the Terrace** is on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Heritage Place in Mapleton - 303 Troendle Street. The event features fine food, craft beer and wine tasting. Special music will be provided by the Maple River Jazz Band. Tickets to the event are \$25 and may be purchased at the door. The Maple River AAA Foundation has been established as a designated fund of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. The goal of the Maple River AAA Foundation is to provide an educational experience not provided in the curriculum, provide every student with the opportunity to develop their full potential, develop lifelong attitudes in the area of academics, arts, and athletics and provide leadership and emotional skills that help develop well-rounded student citizens.

**St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society Lenten Fish Fry** will be held on **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Serving will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist parish hall in Minnesota Lake. Menu includes All you can eat Fish, Rosemary's Salmon Loaf, Creamed Peas, Baked Potato and Cole Slaw. Take outs will be available-call 462-3306. All are welcome to attend.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (March 15)

Weekly collection...	\$1583.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$112,326.87
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$116,698.00

### St. Matthew (March 16)

Weekly collection.....	\$1673.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$58,986.50
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$48,803.00

### St. Joseph (March 2 & 9)

Weekly collection .....	\$870.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$37,306.40
Amount budgeted year to date	\$38,614.00



## Ministry Roles

### March 29     St. Joseph     5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Julie FitzSimmons

**Minister of Communion:** Dean Sohre,  
Dan Sohre

**Hospitality:** Paul and Rhonda Barnard

**Gifts:** Paul and Rhonda Barnard

**Servers:** April Klecker, Lauren Kleven

**Money Counters:**

### March 30     St. Teresa     8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Jonah Breiter

**Minister of Communion:** Don Landsteiner,  
Mary Ellen Larson

**Hospitality:** Tim and Meg Mohwinkel family,  
Jim and Jackie Landsteiner

**Gifts:** Alice and Dan Germa

**Servers:** AJ Kunkel, Samantha Kunkel,  
Aaron Trio

**Money Counters:** Vicki Kunkel, Meg Mohwinkel

### March 30     St. Matthew     10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Cindy Young

**Minister of Communion:** Cindy Young,  
Tony Wendlandt

**Hospitality:** Dave Sanders family

**Servers:**

**Money Counters:**

## Our Catholic World



**Please pray for our country!:**

**"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."**  
--Saint Padre Pio

**Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.     St. Teresa Church**

Please join in and pray this most powerful prayer. Although the Rosary can certainly be prayed in private, there is much joy and strength praying together as family. Our country and our lives are in desperate need of God right now. Please consider joining when you can.

### CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent:



**prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

**Operation Rice Bowl Prayer:** We lift our prayers to you, God of Love, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need. As we learn about their struggles, our almsgiving comes to their aid; our fasting unites us in their hunger. You call us to be disciples for all nations. Bless us this Lenten season. Amen. Rice Bowl items are available at all churches.

CRS Rice Bowl Reflections: the Philippines

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, and reminded of Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did to me." Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.



2014 Annual  
Diocesan Catholic  
Ministries Appeal

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES



CATHOLIC  
FOUNDATION  
of Southern Minnesota

Last weekend was the official launch of the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal [formerly called the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA).] Each parishioner should have received a package in the mail. Please review the materials and consider a donation to the Appeal. The goals for our parishes this year are:

St. Joseph     \$4,440

St. Matthew     \$5,510

St. Teresa     \$14,460

Every dollar raised above our goal comes back to our parish to do even more good here at the parish. Please fill out the donation card and bring to Mass in the coming weeks or mail to us in the envelope provided. Visit [www.catholicfsmn.org](http://www.catholicfsmn.org) to donate online and for more information.



It's time to gear up for the largest grassroots fund and food drive in the state to benefit those who are hungry. The MN FoodShare March Campaign goal is a constant: To raise enough money and food to provide more than half the food distributed annually by 300 food shelves statewide.

**The March campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March.** Remember, for every dollar you donate, we can buy \$10 worth of food using our network which includes Second Harvest, Dietz Foods and other organizations. Envelopes will be available at each church to use for contributions to Loaves and Fishes.