

## 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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May 4, 2014

## Third Sunday of Easter



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:32

### 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

May is here and with this month we also celebrate a month of devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary.

Why do we honor Mary as our Mother and our Queen? As Catholics we venerate Mary with affection as sons and daughters and as devoted followers to the woman who was chosen by God to be without sin in her life and to bring forth the New Creation (Jesus) who has opened salvation to all believers. Mary said 'Yes' to God and doing His will and is therefore first and foremost among us who believe in Her Son. She is a model for us to follow in that her holiness and love of God showed in everything she did. She is an aid to us in going to Jesus as our every prayer to her leads us to her Son and our every word to her is spoken by her to her Son. She is our mother because Jesus gave her to us at the foot of the cross when he said, "Behold your Mother" to Saint John. She is the mother of all Christians as she watches over us and bestows grace to us from Heaven as well as being close to us in any situation of need. Mary is our Queen in whom we trust our allegiance because she is so special not of her own accord but because God has chosen her to be the bearer of our Salvation as God's Mother. In the days when more commonly kings and queens truly ruled, though the king may have had many wives, the title 'Queen' was reserved for the King's own mother. Mary thus fulfills this role perfectly as Jesus is the King of kings! Honoring Mary as our queen does not diminish the reality of who Jesus is, but rather magnifies it or points to it. She is our queen because God has crowned her with this royal dignity and honor thus making our devotion to her truly as a channel for devotion to her Son.

Next weekend (Mother's day weekend) we will crown Mary as our queen in each of our parishes by doing a 'May Crowning' ceremony. This simple ceremony is a traditional Catholic practice that promotes devotion to Mary as a means to grow in love of God by having one of our young people crown Mary as our Mother and Queen. It was often the custom that those who had received first communion would return and carry on a simple procession in honor to Mary by bringing flowers to place at her feet and then crowning her as our Queen. I hope this devotion will remind you of how blessed we are to have Mary praying for us and caring for all of us, her faithful children.

This weekend I again thank you for your generosity to the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal. I know how much you are asked to give and how much our parishes are dependent on your support. It fills my heart with gratitude to God to see how generous you are in supporting the many missions of our Church and the community as a whole. Your generosity to the Diocese of Winona shows your understanding that we are in this with the Bishop as our Head Shepherd of the local diocesan Church and we serve with him as a true successor of the apostles themselves here in southern Minnesota 2,000 years later.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

### Monday, May 5

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29

**No 8:30 a.m. Mass**

### Tuesday, May 6

Acts 7:51—8:1; Psalm 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; John 6:30-35

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *John Hollerich*

**3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH** † *Henry Stenzel and family*

### Wednesday, May 7

Acts 8:1-8; Psalm 66:1-7; John 6:35-40

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Charlene Wallace*

### Thursday, May 8

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Sr. Lois*

### Friday, May 9

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1-2; John 6:52-59

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

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

### Saturday, May 10

**St. Damien de Veuster**

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116:12-17; John 6:60-69

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

**No 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph** *People of the tri-parish*

### Sunday, May 11

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6;

1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Frank Bach*

**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Harry Roelofs*

Whoever has not begun the practice of prayer, I beg for the love of the Lord not to go without so great a good. There is nothing here to fear but only something to desire.

Saint Teresa of Avila

**Catholic Charities is a comprehensive social service agency providing a full range of services to children, families, adults, seniors and communities.**

For more than 60 years, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona has been providing help and creating hope in Southern Minnesota.

Next weekend, May 10 & 11 we have the opportunity to give to this important work. There will be a second collection taken up at all Masses.. Please be generous.

Parish goals for the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

St. Joseph: \$4,440.00

St. Matthew: \$5,510.00

St. Teresa: \$14,460.00



**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



**Thursday morning Bible Study** This Lenten session we will be studying the Mysteries of the Rosary. The study begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa.

## Totus Tuus

**Mark your calendars ; July 13 - 18 Catholic Youth summer program**

Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
It will be held at St. Teresa. Registration forms will be mailed out at a later date. For more information, call the office 524-3127.

## Parish News



Fr. Milo Ernster, former pastor of St. Matthew Church, Vernon Center, died on Tuesday, April 29th. His funeral Mass will be Monday, May 5th in Wabasha. Eternal rest grant unto him Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**St. Teresa:** We are looking for someone who would be willing to help organize the Bingo stand at Town and Country Days in June. Please contact Ann Langworthy or the tri-parish office if you are willing to help, or if you have any questions.

St. Joseph CCW Plus will be collecting personal care "Ditty" bags for dislocated women and children at the CADA house during the month of May. If you'd like to donate to this great cause please bring your unused personal hygiene or care items in a self contained bag. Popular requests include full size packages of diapers, bodywash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions and hair care products. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

**The Baccalaureate Mass** for all graduating seniors will be held the weekend of May 17 and 18 at each parish. Please pray for these young people as they begin the next phase of their life, that they remain close to God wherever they go.



Thank you to all those who have helped with the quilting mission this year. Approximately 123 quilts have been completed and will be donated to various charities.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun  
**Sunday, May 4 6 p.m.—8 p.m.**

St. Teresa Gathering Space

**Tri-parish Bingo and pie social**

25 cents/card, winner takes whole pot

(snacks served during Bingo, pie and ice cream after)



## Tri-Parish Server Appreciation

Mark your calendars now to join Deacon Chris and Fr. Kern at the WOW Zone on Wednesday, May 14<sup>h</sup> from 6pm until 9pm for unlimited bowling, laser tag and mini golf. Pizza and Pop will also be provided.

**New altar server trainings:** for any youth in 4th grade or higher who has not yet been trained to serve. For members of any parish, either of these training dates may be attended.

Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa  
Saturday, May 10 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph.



We welcome into the Catholic family Emery Grace Staunton, daughter of Nick and Ashley Staunton. Emery was baptized on April 27 at St. Teresa Church. May God continue to send abundant blessings on Emery and her family



There will be an open house Bridal Shower for Megan Peters, fiancé of Derik Zenk, on Saturday, May 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's, and Lowes.

**St. Matthew:** Words cannot express the love we felt when we received flowers at Ben's funeral from our family at St. Matthew. Our hearts were touched deeply by your thoughtfulness.  
-The family of Ben Ulman

**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 [sjmsmst@hickorytech.net](mailto:sjmsmst@hickorytech.net).



Everyone is invited to a Gift Card Bridal Shower for Emily Kofoed at St. Teresa Gathering Space on Saturday, May 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The couple is registered at Target and Macy.

## Community News

Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels of Mapleton invites you to enjoy delicious meals served daily M-F at the Town and Country Leisure Center. Suggested donation: \$4  
Meals on Wheels also available Call Darlene 524-4868 for more information

## Pancake Breakfast

to raise funds for Relay for Life

Sunday, May 11th 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

at St. Teresa Church free will donation

Sponsored by Saving Second Base, a sophomore class team



Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10- or 11-year old child from Northern Ireland. Hosting dates are June 27 to July 31 (arriving/departing MSP airport).

Host families needed ASAP, so please contact us now.

For more information, or to find out how your family can participate, please contact us at:

**Children's Program of Northern Ireland (CPNI)**

651-405-1108 or [cpni@cpni.org](mailto:cpni@cpni.org)

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (April 27)

Weekly collection...	\$1062.28
Amount collected year to date...	\$130,294.10
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$135,622.00

### St. Matthew (April 27)

Weekly collection.....	\$594.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$65,376.05
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$56,717.00

### St. Joseph

Weekly collection .....	
Amount collected year to date...	\$44,313.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$45,058.00



## Ministry Roles

### May 10 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Kevin FitzSimmons

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

**Hospitality:** Rob and Sarah McGregor family

**Gifts:** Rob and Sarah McGregor family

**Servers:** Molly Gehrke, Clinton Gehrke

**Money Counters:** Laureen Sohre,  
Rachel Depuydt

### May 11 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Kris Miller

**Minister of Communion:** Anita Rigdon,  
Brenda Carey

**Hospitality:** Jeff and Shelly Holt  
Jeff and Vicki Kunkel family

**Gifts:** Bert Langworthy, Noah Germa

**Servers:** Jonah Breiter, Evan Klein,  
Julia Langworthy

**Money Counters:** Vicki Kunkel,  
Eugene Langworthy

### May 11 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Tony Wendlandt

**Minister of Communion:** Char Schuch,  
Neal Wallace

**Hospitality:** Charly Roelofs family

**Servers:** Jeff Lewis, Kallie Majeski

**Money Counters:** Wendy Bennett, Lee Corey

## 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**



**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.

### Rosary Leaders for May 10-11

**St. Teresa:** Gloria and Jim Langworthy

**St. Matthew:** Art Schuch

**St. Joseph:** Barb Beaudette and Ora Doyen

Make special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary a priority this May.

To help you in your devotions, statues, rosaries, pictures, and prayer books are available at St. Anthony Gift Store, in St. Teresa Hall. Free Rosaries are available in the back of each church.



### May Crowning May 10 and May 11

Mary is our Mother and our Queen. To celebrate her Queenship we will crown her at each parish next weekend at the end of each Mass.

May Crowning is a beautiful and ancient Catholic tradition to give special honor to the Mother of God during the month dedicated to her.



Please be generous to the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal by sharing your gifts and prayers. **Your contribution to the Appeal is a way of serving others throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.** Please consider your one-time or monthly gift as a reflection of your daily offering to God.

Thank you for your generosity.

### Attention Young Men: Retreat for young Catholic men



Sign up for this summer's **Quo Vadis Days** which is open to those entering 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades this fall. **Quo Vadis Days** gives a chance for young men to spend time hearing the vocation stories of priests of the diocese, praying, and enjoying fun with their peers!

**This year's session is June 17-20.**

Visit, <http://www.dow.org/Departments/Vocations.aspx> to sign up. There are also materials available at each church and the tri-parish office. Please register by June 1.