

## 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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## September 13, 2015 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me. Mark 8:34

### 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

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. Kern

This week headlines about Pope Francis have been in abundance. Unfortunately, more than a few of them have been misleading. This past week Pope Francis announced two separate things that made national news. First, he gave permission for priests during the coming Jubilee Year of Mercy which runs from December 8<sup>th</sup> this winter through next November to forgive the sin of abortion. While many media outlets made this sound like breaking news, this has already long been the custom in the United States in most instances. At times the Church in its understanding reserves certain serious sins to go to the bishop of a diocese to be forgiven because of the seriousness nature of the sin committed. The Church wants to teach about the gravity or seriousness of these sins and so at times has reserved the giving of absolution to the bishop in certain cases like abortion. The seal of confession is not affected in these situations. It has been the case for a number of decades in the Diocese of Winona that priests have been given permission by the bishop to forgive the sin of abortion but that only holds true for the first time the sin is confessed. It is still the case that if it was a second instance of abortion being confessed that the bishop would need to be sought for the gift of absolution of sins when abortion has been confessed a second time. While this does seem laborious and exceedingly difficult it is attempting to show the Church's pastoral care to help the person and walk with them pastorally because of the pain that has come from or gone into this difficult situation.

The second headline Pope Francis made this week was over his decision to simplify the process for annulments in the Church. Let me clarify, this did not make the process easier, it made it simpler and shorter in duration. An annulment is not a Catholic divorce or 'undoing the knot' of marriage. A petition for nullity of marriage is analogous to a court in the church which looks at the bond of marriage. By bond of marriage we do not mean the quality of marriage or how long they were together or children they had. By bond it is meant that the diocesan tribunal office are determining at the moment of consent on the day of their wedding whether the couple was ready, free, and able to carry out the duties of marriage. If they made a full yes to one another and nothing inhibited their freedom (including fear, lack of understanding, psychological misgivings, intention to be together for whole of life, open to having children, etc) then they are married and as Jesus tells us in the Scripture, man has no authority to separate (Matthew 19). If they did have something blocking their freedom to marry then the marriage might be annulled. The difficulty is proving whether the freedom was inhibited or not. With this understanding then, Pope Francis took away an automatic second review of the cases that had been happening for around 30-50 years as the number of divorces increased. This will make the process more localized and not sent off to another diocese for additional review and thus speed up the timeframe for a decision to be announced. You might have to read this paragraph a couple times to get it but this is a decision that should ultimately benefit pastors of people as they walk with them through difficult situations and heavy burdens.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, September 14     **Exaltation of the Cross**  
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38; Philippians 2:6-11;  
John 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15     **Our Lady of Sorrows**  
1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1-3, 5-6; John 19:25-27  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

Wednesday, September 16     **Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**  
1 Timothy 3:14-16 ; Psalm 111:1-6; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17     **St. Robert Bellarmine**  
Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1-6; Luke 6:27-38  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa**     *Aubrielle Howley*

Friday, September 18  
1 Timothy 6:2-12; Psalm 49:6-10, 17-20; Luke 8:1-3  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH**     *Reparation for our sins*

Saturday, September 19     **St. Januarius**  
1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 8:4-15  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa**     † *Richard Nowak*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph**     † *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Sunday, September 20     **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, ; Psalm 54:3-8; James 3:16—4:3;  
Mark 9:30-37  
**8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa**     † *Virginia Cyr*  
**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew**     *People of the tri-parish*

*\*Clarification of Mass Intentions: If the Mass is offered for a person who is deceased, there is a cross in front of the name. A mass can also be offered for a someone living and in good health. If the Mass is offered for a person who is living, or if the intention is for something other than a person, eg. reparation of sins, there is no cross.*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.     Rosary at St. Teresa  
Monday, Sept. 14 7 pm     St Teresa CCW

The soul of the one who loves God always swims with joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing.  
—St. John of the Cross



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

Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Maureen Springer, Chris Fitz-Simmons

*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

**All Faith Formation Classes begin Wed., September 23rd**

To register your child/ren for class please call your FF Director or the office (524-3127)

St. Joseph, Connie Peters: 524-4511 or 420-3406

St. Matthew, Cindy Young: 549-3358

St. Teresa, Karen Langworthy: 524-4606

This year all classes will meet on Wednesday at the following times and locations:

**St. Joseph:** K-8 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**St. Matthew:** K-8 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**St. Teresa:** K-6 6:15p.m.-7:15 p.m.  
7-8 7:30p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Tri-parish Confirmation classes held at St. Teresa**

9th, 10th & 11th 7:30—9 p.m.

**St. Joseph** is in need of teachers for: K/1, 4th, & 6-8th grades.

**St. Teresa** is in need of elementary grade teachers

Contact the FF Director if you are interested.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to share your faith with the youth.

**There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday, September 16 for all students entering 9th or 10th grade and at least one parent. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**Please plan: All youth** Grades 6 and older will be going to Reboot! Live! at St. Peter and Paul's in Mankato on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:30 pm. We are currently planning to travel by bus with St. John the Baptist in Minnesota Lake. This is a great opportunity for our youth. More information, permission slips, and requests for help will be mailed to you this week.

## Parish News

**New ministry schedules** are available for St. Joseph and St. Teresa for September—November. If you are scheduled for any liturgical ministry, please pick up a schedule at your church. Thank you for your gift of your time.



**Women's Book Club** will begin its second year on Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the church at 6:10 p.m. We will be discussing the book Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers. We

will also plan the rest of the year. Please join us whether you are new to the group or were a part of it last year, whether you can attend every month or just a few a year. We would love to have you!

**Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic?** Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Join Father Jason Kern who will be teaching a course at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center Parish along with two campus ministers every Tuesday at 7pm. St. Thomas More is located on MSU campus at 1502 Warren Street. Sessions begin September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Fr. Kern at [frjkern@hickorytech.net](mailto:frjkern@hickorytech.net) or 507-390-5785 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

**Thursday morning Bible Study** will begin on September 24th. We begin after the 8:30 a.m. mass at St. Teresa and meet downstairs. A light breakfast is served. This fall we will be using 7 Secrets of the Eucharist by Vinny Flynn. We will go through a step by step deepening of our faith as we unlock the amazing and beautiful truth of Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. You will truly be blown away! Everyone is welcome encouraged to attend.

**St. Matthew:** If the free coffee and rolls is to continue after mass on Sundays at St. Matthews, we need more people to sign up to furnish and serve. Please, if you are willing to do so, the sign up sheet is in the dining hall on the counter.

**St. Matthew:** St. Margaret Circle will be having a Cash Breakfast for September. Please give your \$10 donation to Judy Pentico or Nita Looft in the next few weeks. Thank you for your support.



Open house bridal shower for Tiana Woitas, fiancé of Eric FitzSimmons, on Saturday, September 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church hall, Good Thunder. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's, and Menards.

## Community News

**Bridge Benefit for Mapleton Community Home**

<b>Monday, Sept 21</b>	<b>Cost \$20/person</b>	<b>Door Prizes</b>
12:30 p.m. Lunch	1:30 p.m. Bridge/500/Pinochle begins	
	4:30 p.m. prizes given out	

Please get 4 people to play at one table all afternoon.

Register by Sept. 12th by contacting Bea Ann Aschlager 524-3957 or Roberta Ward 524-3166 and pay your entry fee to Bea Ann by Sept. 12th : PO Box 47, Mapleton

We are raising funds for new loveseats for the activity room at the MCH— please help us reach our goal!

**Hospice & Palliative Volunteer Training.** Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is looking for volunteers to work in our Hospice and Palliative Care programs. Serving the seriously ill and terminally ill people in your community is a rewarding experience and volunteers play an important role in this care. Volunteer training is scheduled for Monday and Wednesday, October 12 and 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the Hospice office in the Madison East Center in Mankato. We are looking for men and women to volunteer in all of our service areas. For more information or to request an application, please call Kim Rotchadl, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 385-6364 or email her at [Rotchadl.Kim@mayo.edu](mailto:Rotchadl.Kim@mayo.edu).

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (September 6)

Weekly collection...	\$5153.33
Amount collected year to date...	\$31,239.10
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$31,642.00

### St. Matthew (September 6)

Weekly collection.....	\$ 492.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$8056.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$13,320.00

### St. Joseph (September 5)

Weekly collection .....	\$ 437.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$7303.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$11,260.00



## Ministry Roles

### September 19 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Kevin FitzSimmons

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

**Hospitality:** Tyler and Allison Rahn

**Gifts:** Tyler and Allison Rahn

**Servers:** Kelsey Sohre, Kyle Sohre

**Money Counters:** Cassie Winters, Eli Depuydt

### September 20 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Shelly Holt

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

**Hospitality:** Tony A Bach, Karmen Bartholomew,  
Alice and Dan Germa

**Gifts:** Jason and Sheila Klein

**Servers:** Ethan Sindelir, McKenzie Reuter,  
Brooke Reuter

**Money Counters:** Meg Mohwinkle, Jan Sonnek

### September 20 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Lynn Demuth

**Minister of Communion:** Charly Roelofs,  
Maria Sanders

**Hospitality:** Jay Kienholz family

**Servers:** Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

**Money Counters:** Maria Sanders,  
Linda Anderson

## Our Catholic World



In this Year for Consecrated Life, we want to invite you to come to the Shrine at Schoenstatt on the Lake and meet the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. The whole family is invited for vocation testimonies, QA, adoration, games, & quiet time on Sunday, Sept 13, 2015 from 1:30 - 5:30 pm with a buffet dinner starting at 4:30 pm. Please RSVP by Sept 8: call 507-794-7727 or [srjessica@schrsmary.org](mailto:srjessica@schrsmary.org)



	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
<b>St. Joseph:</b>	13	\$1,970	\$4,560	43
<b>St. Matthew:</b>	13	\$3,020	\$5,800	52
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	61	\$10,788	\$14,140	76

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. **If you have not yet given to this campaign, or if you feel you can give an extra amount at this time, please prayerfully consider doing so.** Envelope are available at each church.

Stewardship means respecting and sharing our resources as an expression of gratitude to God. It reminds us that we are the administrators, not the owners, of our assets. Christian stewardship can be identified by several meaningful characteristics, the most important is that it strengthens our relationship with God. It is a way of life. Stewardship calls us to share a portion of our time, talent, and treasure so that the Good News of Jesus Christ may be shared with those who do not know Him.

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah."

Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see [John 6:15](#)).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words -- as He gives himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial -- losing our lives to save them, in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see [Galatians 5:6](#)).

Notice that Jesus questions the apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us, until that day when we reach our destination, and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.