

## 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. Matthew  
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Joseph  
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Teresa

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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## January 17, 2016 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come.”  
His mother said to the servers,  
“Do whatever he tells you.” *John 2:4-5*

### 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. Jason Kern

This week I grew in deeper solidarity with the students of our Tri-Parish and the Newman Center as not only are both underway in the winter semester but I myself began the course I am signed up for this semester. The course I am taking is “Sexual Ethics of Pope John Paul II” which truth be told I don't know if there could be a class I would be more excited to take than this one. Saint Pope John Paul II is perhaps the most influential Saint in my life and his writings I have always admired and found inspiring. He is arguably the Church's most profound thinker on sexual ethics in the 20th century and his influence will be handed down for the rest of the Church's history. What is popularly called Theology of the Body come directly from his books Love and Responsibility and Man and Woman He Created Them. In reading the late Pontiff I know my own thinking and relating to how I make decisions and relate to others will be challenged and deepened.

As the Church has started afresh the season of Ordinary Time, I am in my own place of entering the normal or ordinary as the routine of the new year kicks in. I want to be more deliberate than I have been at celebrating this Year of Mercy that we are currently in. This New Year rather than a gym membership or a commitment to only our physical health, might I recommend a spiritual health where we take seriously our commitment to both Jesus and His mercy for us. I invite you to consider coming to the Thursday or Saturday morning mass and taking advantage of a time to go to confession more than just once or twice a year. Let God and His grace empower you and bring a renewed joy to your life. Might this year be a year unlike any other but be truly an “Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.”

Traditionally, a jubilee year is celebrated to mark twenty-five years or fifty years or an important anniversary, such as the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ in 2000. But Archbishop Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, makes some important distinctions: “In order to avoid any misunderstanding, it is important to reiterate that this Jubilee of Mercy is not and does not intend to be the Great Jubilee Year of 2000. Therefore, any comparisons lack validity, for every Holy Year possesses its own unique nature and aims.

“It is the Pope's desire that this Jubilee be celebrated in Rome as well as in the local Churches; this will give due focus to the life of individual Churches and their needs, in such a way that the initiatives will not place an extra burden on local Churches, but will blend into their calendars and usual activities very naturally.

“Also, for the first time in the history of the Jubilee tradition, there will be an opportunity for individual dioceses to open a Holy Door – the Door of Mercy – either in the Cathedral or in a church of special significance or a shrine of particular importance for pilgrimages.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, January 18

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;  
Mark 2:18-22

### Tuesday, January 19

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:20-22, 27-28; Mark 2:23-28  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

### Wednesday, January 20

**St. Fabian, St. Sebastian**

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10;  
Mark 3:1-6

### Thursday, January 21

**St. Agnes**

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalm 56:2-3, 9-13; Mark 3:7-12  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Don Minkel*

### Friday, January 22

**Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children**

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mark 3:13-19  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † *Karl Duncanson*

### Saturday, January 23

**St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope**

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7;  
Mark 3:20-21

**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Anna Breiter*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew** *People of the tri-parish*

### Sunday, January 24

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 ; Psalm 19:8-10, 15;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *James Larson*  
**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Marie Nelson*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Quilters will not meet at St Teresa from Dec. 23—February 3  
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa  
Tuesday, January 19 7 p.m. St. Teresa Finance Council

Similarly, it is easy to cull other characteristics from the Bull of Indiction that will make this Jubilee unique. From the very beginning, however, the call to mercy breaks with the traditional pattern. The history of Jubilees has been marked by their occurrence every 50 or 25 years. The two Extraordinary Jubilees fell on anniversaries of Christ's redemptive act (1933, 1983). This Jubilee, however, is based upon a theme (the theme is *Merciful like the Father...*). It will build upon the central content of the faith and intends to call the Church once again to its missionary priority of being a sign and witness in every aspect of its pastoral life. I also have in mind Pope Francis' appeal to Judaism and Islam as loci in which to contextualize the theme of mercy in order to foster dialogue and a way of overcoming difficulties in the public realm.





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

Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell,

*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 Classes:** there will be class on Jan. 20th.

**Reminder:** In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations: KTOE 1420 AM, and on KEYC TV (also on their website)

Great opportunity for youth entering 8th—12th grade next fall: **Catholic Heart Work Camp (Mission Trip)** July 3-9 in Fremont, NE Please return permission slip along with a \$100 deposit to the church or class. See website for more information [www.heartworkcamp.com/dates/omaha-ne](http://www.heartworkcamp.com/dates/omaha-ne) or talk to Jonah Lippert or Father Kern. This will be our second year doing a mission trip. It was a great success last year— plan to attend to serve Christ in his poor and to meet great new friends along the way.

### Ice Skating Youth Outing January 24th (Sunday)

For all tri-parish youth in 8th-12th grade  
1 PM departure from St. Teresa's  
5 PM pickup from St. Teresa's  
Location of Event: All Seasons Arena, Mankato  
To bring: \$3 total (for ice-admission and skate-rental)



**Middle School Lock-in: at St. Teresa**

**"If you are what you should be..."**

**Beginning Saturday, February 6 at noon & ending at 11:30 a.m. (after Mass) on Sunday, February 7.**

for 6-8th Grades (students may bring along a friend, if they choose)

There will be food, games, reflections, talks, Reconciliation and more. A \$5 registration fee needs to be returned with the permission slip. Permission slips will be given out at faith formation class, or call the tri-parish office. Please pre-register to give us a solid idea of how many to expect—however, pre-registration is not required and all are welcome who can attend at the last minute. For more information call the office at 524-3127 or talk to Jonah Lippert.

### Help raise funds for our youth group and enjoy a delicious meal at Buffalo Wild Wings!

On this Tuesday, January 19, if you eat at Buffalo Wild Wings between 5 and 9 p.m. and show the enclosed ticket to your server 15% of your bill will be given to the tri-parish and will be used for the youth trips this summer. There is a home boy's BB game that night, so enjoy an easy meal out before the game and help out our youth in the process! Bring friends and family for a fun night. More tickets are available at the churches.

## Parish News

**Breakfast fundraiser for the family of Aubrielle Howley, granddaughter of Joe and Cathy Wittrock of St. Teresa, on Sunday, January 24th at St. Teresa.**

Aubriella has been in the hospital since her birth in May of 2015 and has undergone several operations.

Serving pancakes, ham, and eggs from 9:30 a.m.— noon.

Free will donation

Please plan on attending and helping out this family that has suffered much in the last 6 months and incurred many physical, emotional, and financial hardships. Please continue to pray for Aubriella and her family.

### Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

**Women's Bible Study** will begin a new session on Wednesday, January 27th. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the club room at St. Teresa. We will be studying God Is Love by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Love is the essence of Christianity. Come and discover more about God— who IS Love.

**Men's Bible Study** will also be using God Is Love. Date and time TBD

**Thursday morning Bible Study** will begin February 4th. We meet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa. A light breakfast is served. This session we will be using 7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn. This is a great topic in this year of mercy. Come and learn about the beauty of this sacrament of mercy!

**Monday Night Bible Study** begins January 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, a study by Jeff Cavins. If you have ever thought that you would like to know more about the Bible but it was just too hard, this is for you. It will help you make sense of the bible and how it relates to your everyday life. The study consists of a 30 min. video talk and then discussion. Please contact the office to register so that we can get enough materials.

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. -St. Jerome



Pray for the soul of Ivalea Wendlandt who passed into eternal life on January 13th. Ivalea's funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. at St Matthew.

Our heartfelt condolences to Tony and family.

Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon her.



We welcome into the Catholic Family Rylan Kuhns, son of Zack Kuhns and Alissa Rush. Rylan was baptized at St. Teresa on Jan. 10th. May the good and gracious God continue to bless Rylan and his family.

"Look at His adorable face. Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds. Look Jesus in the Face. There, you will see how He loves us." -St. Theresa of Lisieux

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (January 10 )

Weekly collection...	\$1877.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$98,842.00
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$88,594.00

### St. Matthew (January 9 )

Weekly collection.....	\$743.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$38,731.42
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$37,296.00

### St. Joseph (January 10 )

Weekly collection .....	\$2894.45
Amount collected year to date...	\$30,172.55
Amount budgeted year to date	\$31,528.00



## Ministry Roles

### January 23 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Neil Majeski

**Minister of Communion:** Denise Peterson,  
Neal Wallace

**Hospitality:** Linda Anderson family

**Servers:** Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

**Money Counters:** Jodi Roelofs, volunteer

### January 24 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Jen Berkner

**Minister of Communion:** Connie Peters,  
Christine Rahn

**Hospitality:** Landon and Leah Davis family

**Gifts:** Landon and Leah Davis family

**Servers:** Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

**Money Counters:** Paul FitzSimmons,  
Lauren Sohre

### January 24 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Maureen Nowak

**Minister of Communion:** Deb Hager,  
Mary Ellen Larson

**Hospitality:** Joel and Tract Schmidt,  
Steve and Jo Trio

**Gifts:** Jay and Stephanie Stencel family

**Servers:** McKenzie Reuter, Brooke Reuter,  
Grant Klein

**Money Counters:** Sandy Miller, Ann Walters

**Ministry schedules are available on the website:** [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org)

## Our Catholic World



Prayer Intentions in the Month of January:

### January 18-25 Christian Unity

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

### January 22 Respect Life

Day of Penance for the sin of abortion

### January 23-30 Catholic Schools

National Catholic Schools Week

The U.S. bishops annual novena **9 Days for Life** takes place Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 24. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

### Project Rachel, Peace Starts Here

A pregnancy and subsequent abortion may be far behind you but the memories can be painful leaving you feeling emotionally and spiritually distressed. **Project Rachel** can help you to heal. Call the Catholic Charities hotline at 800-222-5859 or our office at 387-5586 for confidential information and help or visit us at [ccwinona.org](http://ccwinona.org)

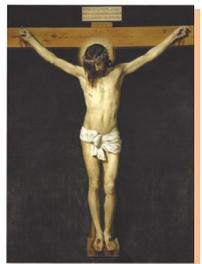
### 2016 MCCL March For Life

Come to the Minnesota State Capitol on Friday, January 22 to join others across our state to pray for justice. The 2016 Minnesota Citizens Concerned For Life March is the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual commemoration of Roe v Wade and the Doe V. Bolton, the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision that overturned every pro-life law across the nation and imposed abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy. A bus will be arriving at 7:45 a.m. in the St. Peter & Paul's church parking lot, leaving promptly at 8:00 on that day. If you wish to take this bus call Tom at 507-381-2544 to reserve your seat. Suggested cost is \$20 and/or a free will offering. A beverage and treat will be included in this cost; bring a bag lunch if you wish. Approximate return time to Mankato is 3:00 p.m.

**If you wish to go on your own, here is the general information: there is a prayer service at the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. and the March begins at noon outside at the Capital mall south of the Capital.**

### Praying Lent

**Enrich your Lenten devotion!** Come join our group as we pray daily during lent. Each participant commits to spend some time each day in prayer and then to meet Saturdays to share the past week's grace. The daily prayer meditations are based on daily scripture and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect, listen and respond to the voice of God as God speaks to your heart.



The kick-off meeting is on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:15AM Xavier Hall, the Upper Room – SSPP Parish, Mankato. The final session is on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to register or would like more information, please call Frank Cesario at 507-625-2395 or email [fcasario@hickorytech.net](mailto:fcasario@hickorytech.net)