

## 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 (1st, 3rd, 5th)  
At St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)  
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Teresa

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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## August 28, 2016 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



...blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.

For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Luke 14:14

### 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

I would like to share with you a unique and incredible reality about some Catholic saints. There are actually numerous saints which after death their bodies remain completely incorrupt. This is on my mind as when I was in Poland I was able to pray before the tomb of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati whose body was exhumed in 1981. His body was found to be completely incorrupt and showed no signs of decay. This type of miracle is relatively common and there are many saints who for some reason bodies never decay upon death.

The following is an excerpt from the website [www.miraclesofthechurch.com](http://www.miraclesofthechurch.com)

What is perhaps one of the most unusual phenomenon regarding the bodies of Saints is that of the miraculous preservation of a great number of them after being interred for years in conditions that normally should have provoked their destruction according to the laws of nature, and even more so because in almost every case of incorruption in the lives of the Saints the bodies were not embalmed or preserved in any way. Yet in spite of not being embalmed or treated in any fashion, the bodies of *“the incorruptables”* as they are called, have remained lifelike, flexible and often sweetly scented many years after their death. Many are now displayed under altars in glass-fronted reliquaries, to the admiration and wonder of countless people.

Human remains decompose according to natural laws, and moisture in the body along with the environment of the tomb in which the remains are placed is the primary factors that influence the decomposition of the body. Regardless of these influences, the body will begin decomposition immediately after death, and will continue to decompose in the days, weeks and months afterwards, regardless of the preservation methods (or lack thereof) that are used, although those preserved will normally decompose at a slower rate. Nevertheless decomposition cannot normally be completely inhibited, regardless of the preservation methods used.

Nevertheless, the bodies of numerous Saints have survived decomposition for decades and even centuries. Even more remarkably, there are even a couple of circumstances where the holy remains were subjected not only to normal conditions of burial, but to the application of quicklime, and even one’s whose mutilated body was subjected to torturous conditions which in reality should have hastened the body’s destruction.

There are, in fact, several hundred confirmed and documented cases of incorruption in the Catholic church. Many are canonized Saints or Blesseds, however some are simply considered holy persons. Lists of many of these can be found on the internet.



## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, August 29      **The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 119:97-102;  
Mark 6:17-29

### Tuesday, August 30 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Psalm 145:8-14; Luke 4:31-37 **Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

### Wednesday, August 31 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 33:12-15, 20-21; Luke 4:38-44 **4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa**

### Thursday, September 1 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 5:1-11 **7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction** **8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Lucille Kunkel*

### Friday, September 2 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Luke 5:33-39 **10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † *Larry Langworthy*

### Saturday, September 3      **St. Gregory the Great** 1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Psalm 145:17-21; Luke 6:1-5 **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** *People of the tri-parish*

### Sunday, September 4      **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-17; Philemon 9-10, 12-17 ; Luke 14:25-33 **9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Phyllis and John Swanson*

**Meetings and Events in the tri-parish**

**Office will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day**

Tuesday, Sept. 6    7 p.m.    At St. Joseph Church  
all parishes Pastoral Council meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 7    6 p.m.    At St. Joseph Church  
**Meeting for all parents of faith formation students in the tri-parish**

The article goes on to tell the story of St. Sharbel Maklouf, a holy monk from Lebanon and how his body is preserved. As Catholics this is just one more amazing but real truth about our faith. We can almost feel eerie about it at first until we remember the sacredness of the body and that those who are pure of heart will see God. Blessed be God for these signs that He gives us in our Catholic faith.



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

Jan Samuelson, George Pluym, Jerry Wersal, Angie Gartner, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Aubrielle Catherine 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

**All parents of Faith Formation students**— please plan to attend the meeting Wed., September 7 at St. Joseph Church. You will have the opportunity to register your kids for class and also to learn about the changes being implemented this fall and in the following few years. Fr. Kern and the entire Faith Formation Committee has worked hard to make the Catholic Faith come alive for the youth of the tri-parish.

### Stuebenville North Reunion Night!

Wednesday, August 31



Meet at St. John the Baptist in Minn Lake at 6:15 p.m. for Adoration—(Holy 1/2 Hour) afterwards we will walk to the lake for food, games, fun, and a bonfire on the north shore ending around 9:30 p.m. Come and relight the fire!

### On September 2 & 3 the youth group of the tri-parish will be running the Brat Stand at Dietz's.

Please come out and support the youth as they work to raise funds for the many summer events and trips.

Help is still needed to work at the stand. Please contact Jonah or the tri-parish office if you can help.

### Confirmation students and parents:

There will be a meeting on Wed., Sept. 14 at St. Teresa Church beginning at 6 p.m. for all 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students and parents.

Confirmation for 11th grade students will be held Sunday, November 6th at St. Teresa Church at 2 p.m.

## Parish News



### St Joseph Festival in the Park

~ Sunday, September 11

Mass at St. Joseph Church at Noon,

Family Fun until 3:00

**Live Music by Culture Bend.**

**Food!** Pork Sandwich, home made goodies, and more!  
Free Will Offering

Silent Auction and Bake Sale!

Come Worship with us and then enjoy...

games, great food, relaxation and great conversation!

Invite your family and friends to join in the festivities.

All are welcome! All the time.

The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** combined with the **Black and Native American Mission Appeal** is this week.

If you were not able to donate at Mass, you can still donate next weekend, or mail to the tri-parish office.

**Please strengthen the church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.**



We joyfully welcome into the Catholic family Holden Philip Schwanz, son of Megan and Philip Schwanz. Holden was baptized at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, August 20th. Please pray for Holden and his family, that they continue to grow in the love of Christ and his Church.

Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic at St. Teresa Parish on Sunday. It was a great time— and \$2140 was raised through the live auction! The money will be used to support the youth of the tri-parish in their trips and outings.



Planning for the **Belize mission trip** is going well—we have 21 signed up to give a week of their lives to Jesus! As you know, each person pays for all his/her travel expense, lodging and food. We do need to raise funds for completion of projects we do while in Belize though. Last year through your generosity we were able to build or repair shelters for 4 families. We are hoping to help even more people this year. We will once again be offering the **Pick a Day to Pray and Pay calendar**. The funds raised and the prayers offered last time through this program was inspiring. Please be generous with your gifts again! The calendar will begin Sept. 14 and run to Feb. 10 (150 days). Watch for it at all churches.

## Community News

The Bloodmobile is coming to our area the following days:

Monday, Aug. 29 -1:30-6:30 pm  
at Presbyterian Church, Amboy.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 1—7 p.m.  
At St. Teresa Church



Blood donations are low & the need is great!

### Rural Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for friends and family members who are in a caregiver role. The time includes presentations about memory loss with opportunity for sharing. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our September session on Tuesday, September 6, 3-4:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Amboy. There is no charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

The Community Closet is getting ready for the change of seasons. We have lots of summer clothing for the whole family. From now until the end of Sept. we will be having a big sale. 2 Bags for \$4 of all clothing and shoes. There are also many household items at very reasonable prices. Come in and take a look, Saturdays from 9-12. above the Plaid Piper in Mapleton. Also, if you have any groups at your church that would like to earn some monies, call to set a date. Thanks, Gay Rice 507-524-4040

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



## Our Catholic World



### St. Teresa: (August 21)

Weekly collection...	\$10,806.47
Amount collected year to date...	\$28,087.83
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$26,080.00

### St. Matthew (August 13)

Weekly collection.....	\$1073.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$4035.80
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$7800.00

### St. Joseph (August 20)

Weekly collection .....	\$1225.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$5894.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$7819.00



## Ministry Roles

### September 3 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Patty Thomas

**Minister of Communion:** Mary Caven,  
Leah Davis

**Hospitality:** Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

**Gifts:** Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

**Servers:** Lauren Kleven, Taylor Hollerich

**Money Counters:** Sarah Caven, Eli Depuydt

### September 4 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Tony Bach

**Minister of Communion:** Deb Hager,  
Sandy Miller

**Hospitality:** Joel and Tracy Schmidt,  
John and Marla Trio

**Gifts:** KC and Debbie Reuter family

**Servers:** Ethan Sindelir, Aiden Sindelir,  
Will Stencel, Cole Stencel

**Money Counters:** Bob Bissonette,  
Tammy Schmidt

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

Results so far for the  
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
<b>St. Joseph:</b>	9	\$2025	\$4,860	42
<b>St. Matthew:</b>	8	\$1560	\$4,890	32
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	39	\$5785	\$14,310	40

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. **If you have not yet given to this campaign, please consider doing so.** If you do not still have the envelope that was mailed to you, you can get pick one up at church.

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see [Luke 22:24-27](#)).

This is the way He showed us, humbling Himself to come among us as a man (see [Philippians 2:5-8](#)), as one who serves, as the bearer of glad tidings to the poor (see [Luke 4:18](#)).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages - filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see [Luke 1:52-53](#)).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm - how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans."

We now too have gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see [Luke 6:7](#); [15:21](#)). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins, and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God, the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see [Proverbs 25:6-7](#)).

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