

## 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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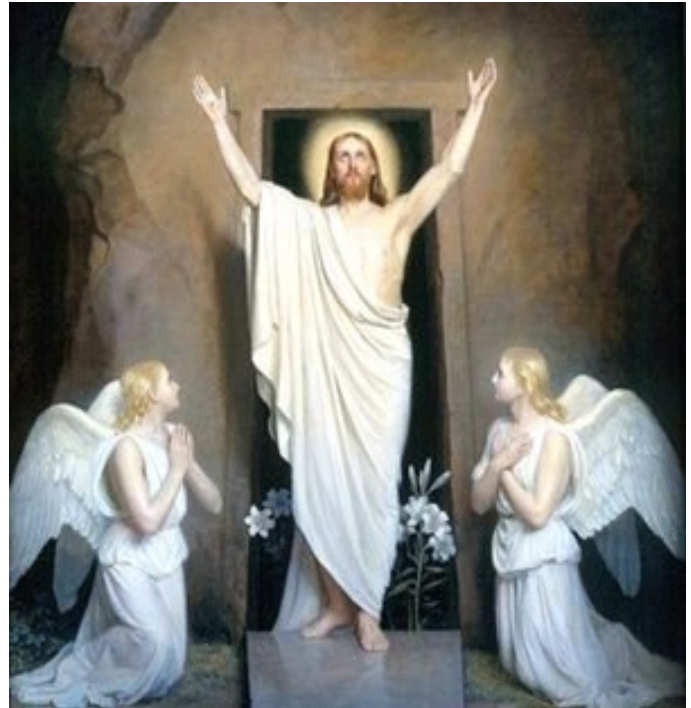
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April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

**The Resurrection of the Lord**



*Alleluia!*

*The Lord Is Risen*

### **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

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!  
Praised be Jesus Christ, Now and Forever!

I am most grateful for this Easter and to spend these days with all of you. It is a most splendid time of year with spring breaking in and even more, the truth of Jesus Christ and His saving grace breaking anew into our hearts. Might these days bring newness and freshness to our lives. Might the Lord restore our hope with great confidence in His saving power and His closeness.

As the Easter mystery comes upon us, I have been praying with two central realities:  
Humanity is redeemed by Jesus  
This Redemption makes possible a life of holiness and joy that fulfills all of man's desires

I will allow two quotes to better articulate this:  
Pope John Paul II in his very first encyclical titled, *The Redeemer of Man*, quotes the 2nd Vatican Council:  
"Christ, the Redeemer of the world, is the one who penetrated in a unique unrepeatable way into the mystery of man and entered his "heart". Rightly therefore does the Second Vatican Council teach: "The truth is that only in the mystery of the Incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. For Adam, the first man, was a type of him who was to come (Rom 5:14), Christ the Lord. Christ the new Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his most high calling". And the Council continues: "He who is the 'image of the invisible God' (Col 1:15), is himself the perfect man who has restored in the children of Adam that likeness to God which had been disfigured ever since the first sin. Human nature, by the very fact that it was assumed, not absorbed, in him, has been raised in us also to a dignity beyond compare. For, by his Incarnation, he, the son of God, in a certain way united himself with each man. He worked with human hands, he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, he has truly been made one of us, like to us in all things except sin"<sup>47</sup>, he, the Redeemer of man."

And secondly what this union to Christ and through His death makes possible from *The Splendor of Truth*:

"Only in the mystery of Christ's Redemption do we discover the "concrete" possibilities of man. "It would be a very serious error to conclude... that the Church's teaching is essentially only an "ideal" which must then be adapted, proportioned, graduated to the so-called concrete possibilities of man, according to a "balancing of the goods in question". But what are the "concrete possibilities of man" ? And of which man are we speaking? Of man dominated by lust or of man redeemed by Christ? This is what is at stake: the reality of Christ's redemption. Christ has redeemed us!

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, April 17 **Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 18 **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; John 20:11-18  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

Wednesday, April 19 **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Luke 24:13-35  
**4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa**

Thursday, April 20 **Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Luke 24:35-48  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Rita Carey

Friday, April 21 **Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; John 21:1-14  
**10 :30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † Karl Duncanson

Saturday, April 22 **Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1, 14-21; Mark 16:9-15  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Catherine Kack  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. St. Matthew** *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, April 23 **Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31  
**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Lucille Kunkel

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish Office will be closed Monday, April 17

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Quilters at St. Teresa  
Thursdays 9 a.m. Bible Study  
Tuesday, April 25 6pm St. Teresa Finance Council  
at St. Joseph Church  
Tuesday, April 25 7:15 pm Joint Finance Council  
of all three parishes at St. Joseph Church

This means that he has given us the possibility of realizing the entire truth of our being; he has set our freedom free from the domination of concupiscence. And if redeemed man still sins, this is not due to an imperfection of Christ's redemptive act, but to man's will not to avail himself of the grace which flows from that act. God's command is of course proportioned to man's capabilities; but to the capabilities of the man to whom the Holy Spirit has been given; of the man who, though he has fallen into sin, can always obtain pardon and enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit".



**God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities who have requested our prayers:**  
 Helen Mitchell, Roger Tipler, Don Landsteiner, Ken Irvine, Angie Gartner, Shelly Holt, Todd Kopischke, Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Lucille Schubbe, Stanley Gartner, Toos Roelofs, Jan Samuelson, Jerry Wersal, Jim Carey, *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

**Classes** will be held Wednesday, April 19

Our tri-parish community celebrates as these children meet the Lord in Holy Communion, and for the first time receive the Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. What a joyful occasion for all of us! Please pray for these children as they receive the second sacrament of initiation.



**St. Joseph:**

Claire Caven, daughter of Nick and Sarah Caven  
 Isabel Hollerich, daughter of Adam and Jessica Hollerich  
 Julia Larson, daughter of Leroy and Jolene Larson  
 Ashlyn Schwanz, daughter of Philip and Megan Schwanz  
 Nolan Walker, son of Blake and Sarah Walker

**St. Matthew:**

Chase Birr, son of Alex Brandt  
 Cole Davis, son of Justin and Lisa Davis  
 Tyler Heins, son of Shawn and Angie Heins  
 Cameron Sanders, son of Nicole Sanders

**St. Teresa:**

Chelsia Eneboe, daughter of Jenny Michael and Jon Eneboe  
 Avery Olson, daughter of Reid and Sheryl Olson  
 Reagan Reuter, daughter of KC and Debbie Reuter  
 Anthony Torres, son of Josephine Torres

## Parish News

### Come to worship Our Eucharistic Lord this Holy Easter Season!

Eucharistic Adoration will be available each Thursday during the Eater Season, April 20—June 1, from 9 a.m.—10 p.m. at St. Teresa Church.



This is a great opportunity to bring the Risen Lord more deeply into your life. Give the Lord an hour each week for those seven weeks—it can truly change your life!

There is currently at least one person signed up for each hour of adoration so you can either commit to a given hour each week or come whenever it fits into your schedule—for as short or as long a time as you desire.

Come and spend time with the Lord this Easter Season. Do not be afraid—He loves you and is waiting for you.

St. Ann's Circle will be serving supper at St. Matthew's after 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 22. We will be honoring the First Communicants. All are invited to stay for supper.

The last day of quilting at St. Teresa for this year will be Wednesday, April 26th. Thanks for all the hard work in making so many quilts to share the love of Christ with others!

### Join a book discussion on The Lamb's Supper,

Tuesdays 9:15 a.m. at St. Teresa

Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. At Mapleton Library

The book will be broken into sections for discussion:

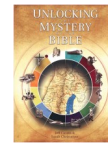
Session 4: Part II

pages 90-112

Session 5: Part III Revelation for the Masses pg 115 – end

### Catholic book lending library now available.

To find a good book, go to the St. Teresa gathering space and sign out a book from the new book shelf (near the couches). Take it with you or sit and



**Discover who God is.....**

**Discover who you are....**

Learn how to read the Bible..

**Wednesdays 5:30 –6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph**

We joyfully welcome into our Catholic family Bryson, Lawrence Rahn son of Tyler and Allison Rahn, who was Baptized into the Mystical Body of Christ on April 9 at St. Joseph Church. Please pray for Bryson and his family as they continue to grow in Christ's mercy and love.



*You're invited to the 100th Anniversary of Fatima Celebration on Saturday, May 13* beginning at 12:45 PM at the farm of Andy and Natalie Price, Kasson. Guest Speakers include Rev. Thien Nguyen, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Cook, and Mother Assumpta, Prioress General of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Bernard Harrington at 5:00

PM. There will be Adoration, Rosary Procession, Benediction and Confessions will be available throughout the day. The farm is located at 23274 670<sup>th</sup> Street, Kasson, just 15 miles west of Rochester on Highway 14. More information: [www.giftoffatima2017.com](http://www.giftoffatima2017.com) or Andy Price 507-259-7675 or [stjosephdrivingschool@kmtel.com](mailto:stjosephdrivingschool@kmtel.com)

The Mapleton Sertoma Club will honor Cindy Wishart with their Service to Mankind award on Sunday, April 23 at Maggie J's from 2:00-4:00 with a short program at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and congratulate Cindy!!!

The Maple River Youth Center is having a Burger Bar fundraiser at Maggie J's on Monday, April 24 from 5:00-8:00 pm. With each meal purchased, be entered in drawings for door prizes. Also, raffle tickets will be sold separately for a \$350 shopping spree at Dietz Foods!!!

Join us for **A Life in the Spirit Day**, Saturday, April 29, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at St. Casimir Church, Wells. Learn about the Holy Spirit, His gifts and how He desires to impact our lives. For questions or to register call Marti at 507-380-5746 or the parish office 507-553-5391 by April 15. Suggested donation: \$20, includes lunch, snacks, and handouts.



## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (April 9)

Weekly collection	\$2589.78
Amount collected year to date	\$146,343.06
Amount budgeted year to date	\$133,660.00

### St. Matthew (April 8)

Weekly collection	\$1150.62
Amount collected year to date	\$36,185.37
Amount budgeted year to date	\$52,000.00

### St. Joseph (April 2)

Weekly collection	\$1294.00
Amount collected year to date	\$41,521.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$44,680.00



## Ministry Roles

### April 22    **St. Matthew**    **5:00 p.m.**

**Reader:** Cindy Young

**Minister of Communion:** Charly Roelofs,  
Wendy Bennett, Dave Weir

**Hospitality:** Donna Kopischke, Dave Weir

**Servers:** Curtis Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

**Money Counters:** Maria Sanders, Neil Majeski

### April 23    **St. Teresa**    **9:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** GERALYN VAN ROSSUM

**Minister of Communion:** Shelly Holt,  
Ted Landsteiner

**Hospitality:** Shawn and Sarah Wenner family,  
Steve and Jo Trio

**Gifts:** Peter and Ann Langworthy family

**Servers:** Ellie Braaten, Nolan Braaten,  
Gracie Langworthy, Jackson Walters

**Money Counters:** Bob Bissonette, Sandy Miller

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

Let us understand that God is a physician, and that suffering is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for damnation.                      ---St. Augustine of Hippo

## Our Catholic World



### The Divine Mercy Novena

#### Divine Mercy Sunday April 23

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering

than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy." In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

- **During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions.**
- **Pamphlets with the Novena and instructions for the Chaplet are available at each church.**

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see [Luke 24:27,44](#)).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," which today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see [Luke 20:17](#); [Matthew 21:42](#); [Acts 4:11](#)).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory." [www.stpaulcenter.com](http://www.stpaulcenter.com)