

## 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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## June 18, 2017

# Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



...and the bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world."

John 6:51

### 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

It is with deep gratitude to God and to all of you that I embark on my final two weekends in our Tri-Parish. This weekend I will celebrate my final weekend Mass at St. Joseph Church in Good Thunder and the following weekend the same with St. Matthew and St. Teresa. While I am confident in the future not only for myself, but for the faith of the people in these communities, good-byes are always difficult. Rather than dwelling on the difficulty that comes with transition, I hope you can join me in giving thanks to God and placing our hope and confidence in His grace to come. Please know of my prayers for all of you and for your continued growth in relationship to God and the Holy Catholic Church. Please always feel free to send me correspondence or at least Christmas cards! I don't send them in return, but I do appreciate keeping in touch!

My new address will be:  
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750 Terrace Heights  
Winona, MN 55987

This weekend the Church celebrates Corpus Christi or The Body and Blood of Christ as a feast day to give glory to Jesus who has left us the Memorial of His Death and His Real Presence in the gift of the Holy Eucharist. How blessed are we as Catholics? How glorious it is to partake of the mystery of the Eucharist! Feed on Him, Receive Him into your souls, be nourished by God! This is such a supreme gift—might I never take it for granted or approach Him casually. Might I never miss an opportunity to receive Him faithfully. Perhaps we can ask the question of ourselves, do I approach the Eucharist with love and reverence? Do I really have faith in the True Presence to bring spiritual nourishment, healing, and grace? Do I have a heart of gratitude upon receiving the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar? Do I make a point to visit the Blessed Sacrament in the Church and spend some time of quiet prayer before His Presence?

A prayer said during Eucharistic Adoration goes as follows: “May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.” This prayer recognizes the Eucharist as the Heart of Jesus—His Sacred Heart offered for us and given to us.

This Friday the Universal Church celebrates the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A great devotion to bring to our homes. On Friday of this week two men will be ordained transitional deacons at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona. These two men, Brian Mulligan and Thé Hoang will be ordained priests next summer. Brian is originally from Rochester and Thé is from Owatonna (my home parish—St. Joseph). Please pray for them and all seminarians.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

**Monday, June 19** **St. Romuald**  
2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 98:1-4; Matthew 5:38-42

**Tuesday, June 20**  
2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalm 146:2, 5-9; Matthew 5:43-48  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

**Wednesday, June 21** **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**  
2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Psalm 112:1-4, 9;  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
**4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa**

**Thursday, June 22** **Sts. John Fisher and Thomas Moore**  
2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Psalm 111:1-4, 7-8;  
Matthew 6:7-15

**Friday, June 23** **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10;  
1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 5:27-32  
**10:30 a.m. Communion Service at MCH**

**Saturday, June 24** **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26;  
Luke 1:57-66, 80  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *George Pluym*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. St. Matthew** † *People of the Tri-parish*

**Sunday, June 25** **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;  
Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33  
**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Jim Carey*



Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

### Prayer for Corpus Christi:

O Lord Jesus Christ, You who have given us Your precious Body and Blood to be our meat and drink, grant that through frequent reception of You in the Holy Eucharist, I may be strengthened in mind and body to do Your holy will. Amen.

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, have mercy on us.



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

Dorothy Lindemann, Helen Mitchell, Roger Tipler, Don Landsteiner, Ken Irvine, Todd Kopischke, Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Stanley Gartner, Toos Roelofs, Jan Samuelson, Jerry Wersal *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



**Save the date: Totus Tuus July 23—28**  
Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Held at St. Teresa

Registration forms will be mailed out next week. Please contact the office if you do not receive one and would like to register

A box is in the gathering space at St. Teresa for donations of snacks for the youth going to CHWC. Thank you for fueling our service!

Next Sunday, June 25, 11 of the youth of the tri-parish will travel to Fremont, NE to serve Christ in his poor. Please pray for them as they give of their time and talent to perform works of mercy and grow in their love for Jesus and neighbor.

## Parish News

### Opportunities to see Fr. Kern off....

#### Farewell gathering for Fr. Kern at St. Teresa:

Pie and Ice Cream Social  
– with (of course) 1919 Root Beer!  
Sunday, June 25 1—3 p.m.  
Short presentation at 2 p.m.



Come and say good-bye to our pastor and wish him luck and send him off with prayers and well wishes as he goes to his new assignment! Everyone welcome!!

**St. Matthew will be hosting a farewell meal for Fr. Kern** on Saturday, June 24 after Mass. Food will be provided at no cost— just come to say farewell to our pastor. Everyone is welcome to come.



St. Matthew will again be hosting Bingo at the 4th of July celebration in Vernon Center! Anyone from the tri-parish interested in helping can contact Neil Majeski-327-3559 or the tri-parish office. All help is greatly appreciated. More details will follow.

#### Mass Times for Travel

Summer is upon us and that usually means more travel. As you are away from home on the weekends this summer, don't leave your faith back home. There is a convenient way to find Catholic Churches and Mass times wherever you travel: go to [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) and type in a city to find current churches and Mass times, or click to download their app to itunes.

### We are in Ordinary Time...

Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression.

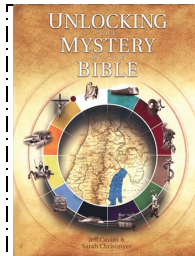
Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting. WHY IS ORDINARY TIME CALLED ORDINARY?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

...for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

By Scott P Richert at <https://www.thoughtco.com/ordinary-time-in-the-catholic-church-542442>

Women's Book Club will meet Thursday, June 22 at 6 p.m. at St. Teresa Church. We will have a potluck dinner, discuss the book All the Light We Cannot See, enjoy fellowship, and discuss plans for next year. All women of the tri-parish are welcome!



During the winter/spring months over 50 parishioners attended an 8 week study on Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. The response was overwhelmingly positive. We would like to offer the opportunity to attend these sessions this summer for anyone who could not fit it in their schedule earlier. If you are interested in unlocking the mystery of the Bible, please contact the tri-parish office. Dates, time and location will be determined by those who are interested in attending.

The longer, more detailed version of Jeff Cavins' Bible Study will be offered next year. Details will be available at a later date.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Bingo at Town and Country Days either with set up, working a shift, or coming to play! It was a successful event with \$ 453 raised and a lot of fun had! We will plan to sponsor it again next year so plan now to help out.



Thank You!

An Open House Baby Girl Shower for Marcie and Paul Larson will be hosted on June 25, 1-3 p.m., at the Lembke Building, Minnesota Lake. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (June 11)

Weekly collection	\$1795.00
Amount collected year to date	\$172,371.18
Amount budgeted year to date	\$163,000.00

### St. Matthew (June 10)

Weekly collection	\$3611.00
Amount collected year to date	\$44,539.38
Amount budgeted year to date	\$65,000.00

### St. Joseph (June 11)

Weekly collection	\$818.50
Amount collected year to date	\$50,024.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$55,850.00



## Ministry Roles

### June 24 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Neil Majeski

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

**Hospitality:** Jeff Butson family

**Servers:** Chloe Cumbee, Curtis Cumbee

**Money Counters:** Char Schuch, Maria Sanders

### June 25 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Lois Gau

**Minister of Communion:** Jim Swanson,  
Arleen Swanson

**Hospitality:** Karmen Bartholomew, Sheryl Olson,  
Tim and Meg Mohwinkel

**Gifts:** Joel and Tracy Schmidt

**Servers:** Landon Fox, Julia Langworthy,  
Ethan Sindelir, Aiden Sindelir

**Money Counters:** Kay Proehl, Bob Bissonette

**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



Results so far for the  
2017 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
<b>St. Joseph:</b>	9	\$2275	\$4,770	48
<b>St. Matthew:</b>	10	\$2585	\$4,830	54
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	37	\$6240	\$13,900	45

Thank you to everyone who has given thus far for your generosity. Each year our goals must be met and any shortfall must be made up through general funds of the parish. If you have not yet given to this mission of helping our Diocesan family, it is not too late. Envelopes are available at each church..

**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend restores communication in marriages. The next available Weekends are Nov 17-19, 2017 in Windom, MN and Jul 14-16, 2017 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel.

He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—trogein—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see [John 6:54,56,57,58](#)).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming his Word to the world.

In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see [John 6:66](#)). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see [John 6:63,67](#)).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see [1 Peter 2:4](#)).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.