

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

Sunday 8:00 am at St. Teresa

Sunday 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph (1st, 3rd, 5th)
At St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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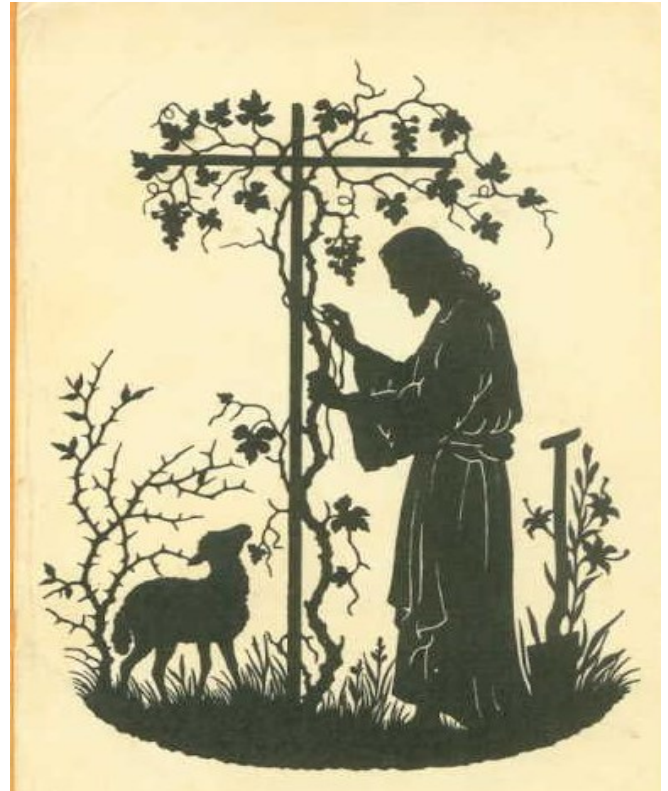
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April 29, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter



I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear
much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

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. Vogel

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.



Hello,

It finally feels like spring. I think my golf season might finally begin. We continue to pray for the farmers as they rush to get their crops in. We also pray for the poor parents of students in spring sports that now have a crazy compressed schedule. We are now in the busy part of the year. Sports, tests, graduations, plays, concerts, endings, and beginnings.

This Wednesday we have our Faith Formation Bingo End of the Year Party. I just want to first thank all of catechists who have worked so hard all year long making sure that our youth do not just know about God, but know God. Second, thank you for all the parents who took the time and effort to bring your children. Thank you for living out the promise you made at the child's baptism to raise them in the Catholic faith. We also want to thank Julie Bressler. Julia, thank you for your time and love of Christ, His Church, and the youth. We wish you well with the next chapter of your life. You will be in our prayers.

This Sunday we hear Jesus say that He is the vine and we are the branches. We cannot bear fruit on our own. We need to be connected to the vine, to Jesus. If we are to produce eternal fruit, we must do it with the help of His grace. We must also do it connected to the Community of Christ, the Catholic Church. In the first reading, Saul (who becomes St. Paul) has had his conversion, but the other Christians were afraid to have him join them. They knew that Saul had been known to persecute Christians. Maybe this was just a fancy ploy to arrest more of them. But Barnabas took charge of him and vouched for Saul that he was truly a changed man, that Christ appeared to him and changed him. We are not meant to live this Christian life alone. That is why we gather at least once a week to allow Christ and others to give us the strength we need to bear great spiritual fruit for the Kingdom of God. If we cut ourselves off from Christ and the Body of Christ, the Church, we will die, die spiritually. We need to stay connected to Christ. We need to stay connected to the Community, to the Body of Christ, to the Church. We are not created to be self-sufficient, to be independent. We are created to be dependent; dependent on God and others.

May God bless you during this busy time of year,
Father Vogel

NOTE NEW MASS TIMES START NEXT WEEK MAY 6TH! Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. Teresa's and 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's.

For those who have asked, Carol & John Cyr's new address is 1220 Swan Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55811.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, April 30

St. Pius V

Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 21;
John 14:27-31

8:30 a.m. Rosary for vocations at St. Joseph

Wednesday, May 2

St. Athanasius

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 3

Sts. Philip and James

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5;
John 14:6-14

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benedict

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Mary Breiter*

Friday, May 4

Acts 15:22-313 Psalm 57:8-9, 10, 12; John 15:12-17

10:30 p.m. Mass at MCH

† *George Pluym*

Saturday, May 5

St. Hilary of Aries

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 57:8-9, 10, 12; John 15:18-21

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benedict

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa

† *Anna Breiter*

Sunday, May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4;

1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa

People of the tri-parish

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

† *Bonnie Murphy*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

There will be limited office hours on weekdays until mid-June. Please call the office before coming in and please be patient with us responding to phone calls and email messages. Thank you.

Tuesday, May 1 @ 5:30 pm Rescheduled St. Teresa
Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 1 @ 7:00 pm Tri-Parish Finance
Council Meeting at St. Teresa



The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker
To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.



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

Ryan Grover, Lucille Beaudry, Kitty Cumbee, Mary Jo Gregor, Bernie Kunkel, Jim Kohout, Huxley FitzSimmons, Craig Etherington, Terry Hassing, *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



Tri-Parish Youth BINGO Night
Hosted at St. Matthew in Vernon Center
Wednesday, May 2 @ 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM
Join us for a fun night of BINGO, prizes, snacks, and refreshments to celebrate a great

Parish News

Tri-parish server appreciation will once again be at the WOW Zone in Mankato on Wednesday, May 23, from 6 p.m.—9 p.m.

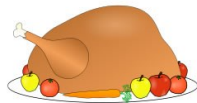


Unlimited play wristbands and pizza dinner will be provided to all servers. Family members can attend; they must pay for the wristband and/or pizza. Forms will be mailed out to all servers. Please contact the office if you do not receive



St. Teresa's: We will be selling geraniums for Mother's Day after Mass on April 29 and May 6. They will be \$4 and can be bought in memory of or to honor a loved one. If you can't make it to church, you can call the Mornings at 327-6432 or 524-4147. The flowers will be from Wendlandt Greenhouse in Vernon Center and can be picked up on Mother's Day, May 13, after church. If there's time, many will be delivered to you on Saturday, May 12.

Save the date! The Annual Turkey Dinner at St. Matthew Church will be Oct. 7th, 2018 serving from 4-7 pm.



MARY MAY CROWNING will take place on Sunday, May 6 at St. Teresa's and St. Joseph's and on Sunday, May 13 at St. Matthew's. Flowers will be available at each parish for our youth to bring to Mary.

BACCALAUREATE—Sunday, May 13 at St. Matthew's and Sunday, May 20 at St. Teresa's and St. Joseph's.

New ministry schedules for St. Joseph and St. Teresa ministers are available. These schedules will cover the new summer Mass schedule times. Schedules for St. Joseph will be mailed out. St. Teresa ministers, please pick up a schedule at one of the church entrances.

2019 Belize Mission Trip

The dates for next year's adult mission trip to Belize are currently set for February 9– 16. We will be doing similar work to what has been done in the past— fixing homes and building new ones. Anyone interested in attending next year's trip please contact Carol at 507-995-1648 or the tri-parish office. This trip is mainly for adults, but high school students may go if accompanied by a parent.

Jesus talks consistently in the Bible of caring for the poor. This is a great opportunity to carry out this mission. If you have felt called to do this, answer the call this year!

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

May is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed before each weekend Mass in May. Most of you are familiar with the Rosary and the Mysteries of the Rosary. Often, people are not aware of the fruit of praying each decade:

Luminous Mysteries:

- The Baptism of Jesus—*openness to the Holy Spirit*
- The Wedding at Cana —*to Jesus through Mary*
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom—*repentance, trust in God*
- The Transfiguration —*desire for holiness*
- Institution of the Eucharist— *Adoration*

Glorious Mysteries:

- The Resurrection —*faith*
- The Ascension — *hope*
- The Descent — *Love*
- The Assumption — *happy death*
- Crowning Mary Queen of Heaven —*trust in Mary's*

Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next support group will be May 1, 3:00-4:00 PM, at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. No charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call Sister Joyce Kol-

Choosing adoption for your unborn child is a very loving and mature decision. Even when you know it's the right choice, support and guidance is helpful. Catholic Charities provides confidential services at no cost, and we facilitate open, semi open, or closed adoptions. You can find a loving home for your baby. Call Catholic Charities at 1-800-222-5859 or go to www.ccsomn.org for more information.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available **Weekends** are Sep 14-16, 2018 in KASSON, MN and Nov 16-18, 2018 in Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (April 22)

Weekly collection	\$4,143.50
Amount collected year to date	\$145,380.57
Amount budgeted year to date	\$141,212.00

St. Matthew (March 31)

Weekly collection	\$971.00
Amount collected year to date	\$34,188.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$47,853.00

St. Joseph (April 21)

Weekly collection	\$1,481.00
Amount collected year to date	\$44,151.05
Amount budgeted year to date	\$47,171.00



Ministry Roles

May 6 St. Joseph 10 a.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Ministers of Communion: Hollie Smith,
Landon Davis

Greeter, Usher: Richard and Julie FitzSimmons

Servers: Ben Trio, Zack Trio

Money counters: Paul FitzSimmons, Eli Depuydt

May 6 St. Teresa 8 a.m.

Reader: Shelly Holt

Ministers of Communion: Don Landsteiner,
Mary Ellen Larson, Gloria Langworthy

Greeters: Doug and Tammy Schmidt,
Steve and Jo Trio

Ushers: Owen and Theresa Dickey

Servers: Nolan Braaten, Julia Langworthy,
Claire Langworthy, Jacob Rigdon

Sacristan: Cliff and Marcie Anderson

Money counters: Lynn Caldwell, Kay Proehl

**Ministry Schedules are available on the web-
site: 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



2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal Renew Faith Extend Mercy Inspire Hope

Results so far for the
2018 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount pledged/pd	Parish goal	% of goal pledged
St. Joseph	9	\$4,175	\$5,030	83
St. Matthew	4	\$1020	\$4,260	24
St. Teresa	12	\$1,650	\$14,980	11

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Appeal thus far. If you have not given, please consider a gift this week. Your gifts will help many people across the Diocese as well as our own parishes.

Whatever amount of the goal that is not received in gifts or pledges will need to be paid out of general parish funds at the end of the year.

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11:24

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see [Sirach 24:17–24](#)).

In baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, he encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see [Matthew 7:16–20](#)).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples, so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see [Hebrews 12:4–11](#)).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see [Colossians 3:16](#)), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.