

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

Tri-Parish Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m. at St. Teresa

Saturday 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph (1st, 3rd, 5th)
or St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)

Weekdays: Please See Inside Bulletin

Holy Days: See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass.

Tri-Parish Office

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Formed— a free site with Catholic books, audios, and movies for adults and kids. Go to sjstmst.formed.org to register

January 13th, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,

“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22

The Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

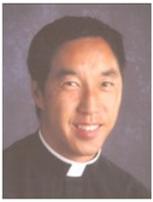
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

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,

I was walking around the faith formation classes. One of the students said they actually missed me last weekend. I did miss being with you all, but it was so amazing to be with over 17,000 college students who were on fire for Jesus and the Catholic Church. The SEEK conference in Indianapolis was amazing. Again, I don't know what the future of our individual communities are, but I know the future of the Catholic Church is in great hands. The young people just want the truth. They don't want things watered down. They love reverence. They love the Eucharist, Mass, Adoration. They want to be challenged to live a life of holiness; not just told they are okay doing the things they are doing. Again, as they did two years ago in Austin, TX, the students broke the fire code for the building. There were so many students in line for Confession, they had to ask some of them to sit down because of the fire code. Statistically we are losing the young people. Less and less of them are coming to Mass and being active in a parish. But let me tell you the ones who are involved, the ones who get it, are going to set the world on fire for Christ and the Catholic Church. It is our job as catechists, as priests, but especially as parents, to raise up the children in our care to be part of the remnant that sets the world on fire for Christ, to have that personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to be a disciple, and to disciple others into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus Christ. It is the last day of the Christmas season. Monday starts the beginning of Ordinary Time in the Catholic Church calendar. Today we hear Luke's account of the Baptism of Jesus. There are not a whole lot of details. John the Baptist tells the people that he is baptizing with water, but that Jesus will come to baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire. Also in John 3:5, Jesus answers Nicodemus, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." This is why we don't just do "spiritual baptisms," but we use physical water when we baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," just as Jesus told the Apostles to do so in Mathew 28:19.

In Jesus baptism, the water doesn't wash away His sins (because He has none). Instead of the water blessing Him, He blesses water so that it can be used in our Baptism. In His Baptism, Jesus makes water a blessing to us. Jesus' Baptism makes our Sacramental Baptism possible. When Jesus comes out of the water, the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove. A voice from heaven says, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." God the Father says this to all of us because of our baptism. As the parable of the Prodigal Son proves to us, no matter what we have done, we are still the son or daughter of God the Father.

May God continue to bless and keep you,

Father Vogel

***Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one
with whom I am pleased. Upon him I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations.***

Isaiah 42:1

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, January 14

Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 15

Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Mark 1:21-28

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

Wednesday, January 16

Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-4; 6-9; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 17

Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-11; Mark 1:40-45

7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Charlie Trio

St. Anthony

Friday, January 18

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3-4, 6-8; Mark 2:1-12

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Darrell Bormann

Saturday, January 19

Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Mark 2:13-17

7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa People of the Tri-Parish

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Margaret Hiller

Sunday, January 20

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Don Minkel

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

TRI-PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A Diocesan Second Collection will be held the weekend of January 27, 2019 to support the Church in Latin America (50%) and Catholic Communications (50%). There is a marked envelope in your offering box for this collection.

Upcoming Tri-Parish Meetings & Events

Sat. Jan. 12: SM Supper after Mass by St. Ann's Circle

Sun., Jan. 13: Youth Breakfast at ST @ 10:00 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 14: Belize Mission Trip fundraiser @ Maggie J's from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 14: ST CCW meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 19: SJ BBQ after Mass by Unit 3

Tues., Jan. 29: ST Finance Council Meeting @ 6:45 p.m.

Parish News



YUMMY, YUMMY WARM SOUPS, SALADS & BREAD!

BELIZE MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER on Monday, January 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maggie J's. Come and warm up this winter with hot soup for your body and helping others for your soul . . . Double warmth and goodness!

(Also please remember to turn in your pledge if you took a pray and pledge card from the Pink Belize House. Thanks!)

Unit 3 will be serving BBQ following Mass at St. Joseph's on Saturday, January 19th. Please stay and enjoy some good food and fellowship.



The Tri-Parish has a new email address. We will no longer be using hickorytech. **Please begin using sjsmst@gmail.com** effective immediately. Thank you.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Life sometimes brings unplanned circumstances our way that prevent Mass attendance and cause one to be home-bound for a period of time. Perhaps you or a family member have suffered an injury, accident, received a medical diagnosis or are undergoing surgery and recovery. Or perhaps winter driving and age are slowing you down. Whatever the circumstance or need, the Tri-Parish Pastoral Council wants parishioners to know that you are not alone. You have a parish family that cares and is here for you. Communion along with a friendly visit can be brought to you at home weekly by a lay communion minister. Father Vogel can schedule a time to visit you if you would like him to. And of course, we would love to pray for you.

To make it easier and more comfortable for parishioners to communicate such situations with the Tri-Parish and Father, a Parish Contact Person for each of our three parishes has been appointed. The following parishioners have graciously agreed to serve in this role:

St. Joseph's—Connie Peters @ 507-420-3406

St. Matthew's—Mary Lewis @ 507-674-3798

St. Teresa's—Deanna Shanahan @ 507-524-4963

(Or you can call the Tri-Parish Office @ 524-3127)

Should you or a direct family member be experiencing such a circumstance and like home visits and/or prayer, please let your parish contact person know so arrangements can be made for any part of this outreach that would be appreciated by them. Your information will be kept confidential.

"I give you a new commandment, love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

God, grant healing and peace to the sick and those having surgery from our communities who have requested our prayers:

Ken Irvine, Arlene Rigdon, Carol Parsley, Bernie Kunkel, Dorothy Lindemann, Sylvia Fleming.



WINTER ADULT FAITH GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

"SIGNS OF LIFE" book reading and discussion—meets on Thursday at 9 a.m. following Mass at St. Teresa. Coffee and rolls included! Anyone can still join in.

"WISDOM, God's Vision for Life" by Jeff Cavins—An 8-week winter session will be starting soon at St. Teresa. If you are interested, please let Marcie know if you prefer Sunday morning after Mass or Wednesday evening.

TRAINING SESSION FOR HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTERS

If you would like to join this important group of volunteers, please call the Tri-Parish Office @ 524-3127 and let Marcie know. Sister Joyce Kolbet, whom many of you know, will be coming to give a training session—date to be confirmed & announced soon. If you're from St. Joseph or St. Matthew parish and feel God tugging on your heart, please consider coming and learning more about this volunteer ministry opportunity. Time is very flexible. All that's necessary is a willing, caring heart. Current volunteers are also welcome to attend. Just tell Marcie and she'll add your name to the list. THANK YOU!

"The Work of Christmas"

composed by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

(A good reminder as we return to "Ordinary Time" this week.)





Stewardship of Treasure

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

St. Teresa (Jan. 6)

Weekly collection	\$1,711.00
Amount collected year to date	\$94,890.76
Amount needed year to date	\$92,848.00

St. Matthew (Jan. 1 Holy Day)

Weekly collection	\$186.00
Amount collected year to date	\$26,371.55
Amount needed year to date	\$29,593.75

St. Joseph (Jan. 5)

Weekly collection	\$615.00
Amount collected year to date	\$27,406.75
Amount needed year to date	\$29,619.00

Ministry Roles

Saturday, January 19 St. Joseph @ 5:00 p.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Ministers of Communion: Paul FitzSimmons,
Mary Beth Olson, Dan Sohre

Hospitality: Dan Sohre, Tyler & Allison Rahn

Servers: Macy Sohre, Lexi Thomas

Money counters: Dan Sohre, Eli Depuydt

Sunday, January 20 St. Teresa @ 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Jason Klein

Ministers of Communion: Tony Bach,
Brenda Carey, Don Landsteiner

Greeters: Tom and GERALYN VanRossum,
Jim and Jackie Landsteiner

Ushers: Steve and Jo Trio

Servers: Grant Klein, AJ Kunkel,
Jon Kunkel, Nick Wooldridge

Sacristan: Cliff and Marcie Anderson

Money counters: Vicki Kunkel, Kay Proehl

Altar Linens: Judy Bach for January

Donuts: KC Reuter, Gary Albrecht, Paul Landsteiner

Parish Council Members:

St. Teresa Pastoral Council—Butch Bach, Owen Dickey

St. Teresa Finance Council—John Jensen, Joel Larson,
George Leary, Gina Massop

St. Matthew Pastoral Council—Wendy Bennett,
Brad Lanoue, Neil Majeski

St. Matthew Finance Council—Lindsey Lanoue, Art Schuch

St. Joseph Pastoral Council—Paul FitzSimmons,
Shelli Grover, Kim Kleven

St. Joseph Finance Council—Scott Kleven, Dean Sohre,
Jim Wieseler

Our Catholic World

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 to get connected to a counselor or visit us at www.ccsomn.org

"9 DAYS FOR LIFE" PRO-LIFE NOVENA starts Monday, January 14—22, 2019.

Go to www.usccb.org for details or to sign up for daily texts, emails, or to download an app.

BAPTISM

(A few excerpts on baptism from the book, "Signs of Life".)

When we are born anew in baptism, we are born not of human parentage, but heavenly. "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1) Since ancient times our salvation has been described as a "marvelous exchange." The Son of God became the Son of Man so that the children of men might become children of God. We become by grace what God is by nature. That is why God became a man, and that is why he gave us baptism.

Sunday Bible Reflections by Scott Hahn

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus", opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesied in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10 & 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25). That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary. Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33). In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.