

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. Teresa
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Matthew
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Joseph

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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September 28, 2014
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus... **Philippians 2:5**

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. 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. Kern

For the first part of this week I was at our annual priest gathering with the bishop and all the priests of the Diocese of Winona. It was a wonderful few days with men I gladly call my brothers. We are very blessed to have such a generous group of men who gladly serve Christ and His Church in southern Minnesota. Though a few have failed in their sins against the Church, I was gathered with over 80 priests (many elderly or from other countries even) who inspire me and convict me to want to live a life more dependent on Jesus and more generously give of myself in service to you, His Church. Thanks for your support of the Church and encouragement through some difficult times. There will continue to be some shadowy days ahead with more negative news as cases continue to come to light over the period of time that the statute of limitations was removed in reporting child sexual abuse in Minnesota. These are not new cases but many from decades ago where little was understood about sexual abuse and situations were not handled properly once repeated abuse took place. Not only this, but difficult decisions will be made in what is best for the vitality of the diocese in regards to pastoral planning. No one likes discouraging news but I continue to be fully confident (and not blindly naive) in Jesus' plan for our Church. Having encountered the living God, I have confidence in whatever comes about in the Church will offer us a greater opportunity for renewal and rededication to His Most Sacred Heart. I hope you will continue to trust in that same grace offered to each of us no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. Please know that I am always available to you should you want to dialogue through some of these issues or if you want to share your experience.

This Sunday we celebrate what has become an annual occasion hosted by St. Matthew's as our tri-parish harvest mass. Rural life in America has changed dramatically in recent years but the foundations of what makes life here so great remain. There is much reason to celebrate and give thanks for right here in our own backyard. Agriculture continues to be the backbone of America and offers a way of life that is dependent on hard work and commitment. From this it is often found a valuing of family life and caring communities. That is certainly what we have here in southern Blue Earth County as well as generous individuals who contribute to the good of society both through farming but also through continuing to build and form a community that is committed to solid values and caring for those in need. As we prepare for another harvest (even one that perhaps is not overly abundant in our area) we look to God from whom all good comes and return our hearts to Him as He has richly provided for us even more than in physical means but primarily in our spiritual needs. God is with us in our day, might we find ourselves with Him each day.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, September 29 **Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138:1-5; John 1:47-51

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Mass of healing of body, mind, and soul*

Tuesday, September 30 **St. Jerome**

Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Psalm 88:2-8; Luke 9:51-56

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

8:30 a.m. Mass Service at St. Joseph *Intentions of the Conley Hiller family*

Wednesday, October 1 **St. Theresa of Lisieux**

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88:10-15; Luke 9:57-62

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Charlene Wallace*

Thursday, October 2 **The Holy Guardian Angels**

Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Ruth Daly*

3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH † *Joan Van Rossum*

Friday, October 3

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14;

Luke 10:13-16

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Jason Speckeen*

Saturday, October 4 **St. Francis of Assisi**

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;

Luke 10:17-24

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Howard LaFleur*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Deb Wallace*

Sunday, October 5

**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20;

Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Bill Wendlandt*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Quilter Group will begin for the year on Wed., October 1 at 1 p.m. The group meets at St. Teresa. All are welcome to come and help. You do not need to sew, just tie knots!

Thursday, October 2 6:15 p.m. St. Teresa Pastoral Council



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

Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, Kathleen Abrahamson, Yolande Abrahamson, Charles McColl, Chris Fitz-Simmons

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

Faith Formation Classes

Classes will meet on Wednesday, October 1 at regular times.

Confirmation practice will be Wed., October 1 at 7 p.m. at St Teresa Church.

Tri-parish High School Youth Group-

first meeting of the year Sunday, October 5 at 7 p.m. At St. Teresa All youth in 9—12 grade are invited and encouraged to attend. Come find out what we're all about!

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



Thursday morning Bible Study We will meet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa. We have a light breakfast and usually end around 10:30 a.m. This fall we will be using Pope Francis and the Joy of the Gospel: Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple by Dr. Edward Sri.

Church History with Deacon Chris Wednesday 6:15 — 7:15 p.m. at the St. Teresa gathering space classroom. This will be a guided exploration of Church history.

Please consider joining us at either or both of these times for an enjoyable time and a chance to learn and grow in Faith.

Parish News

Baby Bottle Campaign gives alternatives to abortion.



Assist Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with children through their Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home and filling it with your spare change.

Please pick up a baby bottle from the back of church. Contact person for St. Joseph is Leah Davis, for St. Matthew is Mary Lewis, and for St. Teresa, Dilly Langworthy.



Treats for Troops

St. Teresa is once again collecting items to use for baskets to send to the troops. Please be generous in your support. The boxes for the troops will be packed on Saturday, October 11, from 9—11

a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Mapleton. Anyone available to help that day is encouraged to come. There will be a second collection at all Masses the weekend of October 4-5. All funds collected will be used to buy items for the boxes and to mail them. For more information contact Dilly Langworthy.

**Classes begin Tuesday, October 7
7p.m.—8:15 p.m. at St. Teresa**

Join Fr. Kern as he teaches a course on the Catholic Faith that will enhance your understanding of Christ and His Church. This course will be for all those interested in the RCIA process as well as any one interested in growing closer to Jesus. Questions?-please contact the tri-parish office or Fr. Kern.

Area CCW meeting will be held Monday, October 20 at St. Matthew in Vernon Center. All women of the tri-parish are invited. This is a great opportunity to connect with women in the area since this meeting is being held in one of our parishes! Plan to attend now. More information will follow.



St Matthew Annual Turkey Dinner Sunday, October 5th

Serving Family Style 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,

Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, and HOMEMADE Pie.

There will also be a Raffle and silent auction. Raffle tickets are \$2 and can be obtained from CCW members.

Carry outs are available. -549-3004

The Turkey Dinner benefits the Faith Formation program and is given a matching grant by Catholic United Financial.

Our churches will be producing a new pictorial directory with Lifetouch. Our photo dates are:

St Joseph, Wednesday, Oct 29 2:00-9:00

St Teresa, Tuesday- Friday, Nov 4-7 2:00-9:00

Saturday, Nov 8 9:00-4:00

St Matthew, Tuesday, Nov 11 2:00-9:00

You will receive a complimentary portrait session, 8x10 portrait, and directory for participating. If you would like to bring in a personal item to photograph with such as sporting equipment, an instrument, a medal, jewelry, a Bible or pet that is encouraged and will be incorporated into your portrait session. Should you know anyone that has or would like to attend our church, every family is welcome to invite others at this special time and they too would receive the benefits of the portrait session.

Sign up for a session beginning October 4-5 at each church.

Community News

Harvest Dinner, Sunday Oct 12, 10:00 – 1:30, T & C Leisure Center. Serving turkey, ham, potatoes & gravy, salad, dessert, beverage. Take outs available. Proceeds benefit The Well Youth Center.

Fall Turkey Dinner at St. John the Baptist in Minn Lake on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 4—7 p.m. Adults -\$9. children under 10 -\$5 Turkey, dressing, potatoes salad and dessert Also, enjoy shopping the COUNTRY STORE

The Maple River Post Prom Committee will be sponsoring a **HOMECOMING SUPPER** on Friday, October 3 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. Menu includes hot beef sandwiches, baked beans, salad, chips, cookie and beverage. Price is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5 and under. All proceeds go toward providing a safe, fun post prom this spring.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (September 20)

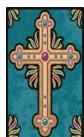
Weekly collection...	\$4072.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$33,864.11
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$37,968.00

St. Matthew (September 21)

Weekly collection.....	\$528.80
Amount collected year to date...	\$9864.30
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$16,068.00

St. Joseph (September 21)

Weekly collection	\$1156.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$8585.80
Amount budgeted year to date	\$13,560.00



Ministry Roles

October 4 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Peter Langworthy

Minister of Communion: Brenda Carey,
Owen Dickey

Hospitality: Mike and Jan Samuelson,
Doug and Tammy Schmidt family

Gifts: Shawn and Sara Wenner family

Servers: Jacob Rigdon, Kayla Rigdon,
Adam Dickey

Money Counters: Eugene Langworthy,
Tammy Schmidt

October 5 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Minister of Communion: Charly Roelofs,
Darla Graf

Hospitality: Art and Char Schuch

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski,
Maria Sanders

October 5 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Dick FitzSimmons,
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Gifts: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Taylor Hollerich

Money Counters: Sarah Caven,
Paul FitzSimmons

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: sjmst.org

Our Catholic World



Please pray for our country!



"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."

--Saint Padre Pio **Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.**

St. Teresa Church

"The Mass Explained" which will be presented by Fr. J. Michael Joncas, at 3:00 pm, Sunday, Oct. 12, at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Owatonna. This is part of "The Call To Be Catholic" Speaker Series, now in its 11th year. Fr. Joncas, a widely-acclaimed composer and liturgist, is University Artist-in-Resident Fellow, Center for Catholic Studies, at the Univ. of St. Thomas. **Child care provided.** No charge, but a free will offering is suggested."

St. Anthony Catholic Gift Store Located in the hall at St. Teresa **Stop in for Confirmation gifts!**

All proceeds from sales go to support the many initiatives for the youth of our parish that Father is promoting.

Monday, September 29, is the **Feast of the Holy Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**. This feast is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Catholic belief in angels. In the late 1800's, Pope Leo XIII had a dream in which he was inspired to write the **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** and have all the faithful pray it after Mass. It is a powerful prayer for our times:

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..*



At St. Teresa a new picture of St. Michael graces the Gathering Space. On his feast day, Monday, Father will bless this picture after Mass.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will be praying the rosary before each Mass during the month. Please come to Mass 20 minutes early to pray this beautiful prayer to Our Lady while we meditate on the mysteries of Our Lord's life. If you would be able to help by leading the rosary one day, please contact the tri-parish office.

All parish women are invited to a Mini Convention hosted by the Winona Diocese Council of Catholic Women (WCCW) "Rediscovering Your Council of Catholic Women". Guest Speakers:

Theresa Martin-Endow Coordinator and Columnist in Courier
Father Tom McQuaid-"Animating Your Parish in Global Solidarity"

Date: Saturday, October 11

Registration: 8:00/Mass: 8:30

Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church 810 S. Cedar Ave
Owatonna, MN **Cost:** \$25.00