

St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

Good Thunder

Vernon Center

Mapleton

The Catholic
Diocese of
Winona

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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January 25, 2015 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:15

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

We are coming up on February already and with it what I always refer to as the winter grind. With Christmas and New Years now in the distant past we tend to get cabin fever and deal with seasonal depression more than any other time of year. Simply being aware of this is a good place to begin, but even more than that to admit our vulnerability and keep ourselves extra focused on Jesus and His presence in our lives this time of year. Recognizing the presence of Jesus will not take away an experience of frustration with the weather or seasonal depression but it can aid us with a simple avenue of uniting our plight to Him. If serious, we should seek the help we need through the aid of professionals trained to help us through the pains of our lives, but if we find ourselves in a mini-funk this winter, turn to Jesus and allow His love to console your heart. In my life I often find that the times when I am willing to turn to Him instead of getting dissatisfied with whatever circumstance, I experience a greater peace and freedom to remain joyful and happy despite the grind we can find ourselves in.

This past week I was leading the discernment group at MSU and we began discussing trust in God. One of the guys asked, how can we learn to trust God? It struck me that no matter how many times we say I trust God or just go about our day thinking we trust Him, until we are at that moment of searching, wondering, asking God what He wants from our life we can sort of take our relationship with God for granted and suddenly realize how little we trust Him. I told the group that the best way to learn to trust God is to be completely honest with Him and transparent with your thoughts, feelings, and desires. When we reveal to God where we are truly at with His plan it opens us up and makes us more vulnerable to be able to know that He will guide us and lead us through our fears, hesitations, questions, or anxieties. This should resemble how the Christian learns to pray—making oneself vulnerable with God and speaking from the level of the heart and revealing our true self to God so that He can love us even despite or in the midst of our weakness.

Finally, next weekend we will have announced the diocesan pastoral plan. I am looking forward to this plan being announced so we can move beyond fear or anxiety and continue planning with our future and the mission of the Church. Please continue your prayers for this planning process in our diocese.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, January 26 **Sts. Timothy and Titus**
2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mark 3:22-30
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Deb Wallace*

Tuesday, January 27 **St. Angela Merici**
Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11; Mark 3:31-35
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *Reparation for our sins*

Wednesday, January 28 **St. Thomas Aquinas**
Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110:1-4; Mark 4:1-20
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Bob Graf*

Thursday, January 29
Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 24:1-6; Mark 4:21-25
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Keith Etherington*
3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH † *Anna Breiter*

Friday, January 30
Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Pam Bibbs*

Saturday, January 31 **St. John Bosco**
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Jim Healy*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, February 1 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Claire Bach*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Charlene Wallace*

***Clarification of Mass Intentions: If the Mass is offered for a person who is deceased, there is a cross in front of the name. A mass can also be offered for a someone living and in good health. If the Mass is offered for a person who is living, or if the intention is for something oth-**

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

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| Wednesdays 1 p.m. | Quilters group at St. Teresa will meet on Jan. 28 |
| Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. | Rosary at St. Teresa |
| Thursday, Jan.29 6:30 p.m. | St Matthew Pastoral Council |

The tri-parish office will be closed Monday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 3. There will be limited availability the rest of the week. Please call before you come in



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

Bill Barnard, Ken Irvine, Pat Borchert, Cathy Lentz, Becky, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, Kathleen Abrahamson, Yolande Abrahamson, Chris FitzSimmons

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 will be held on Wednesday, January 28.

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations: KTOE 1420 AM, and on KEYC TV (also on their website)

Deacon Chris will be leading a Bible study during Lent on *The Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians*. This beautiful letter centers on the joy believers find in Christ even in the face of suffering and misfortune. It's a good choice to read during Lent as it calls us to reflect on how we are to live as Christians in the world. *Philippians* offers plenty of opportunity for us to take stock of our lives and to examine how well we are responding to Christ's call to follow him. The Bible study will take place on Wednesday evenings in Lent from 6:00 to 7:30. If you would like to participate, please register by calling the parish office so that we can have enough study materials available.

Thursday morning Bible Study will begin Thursday, February 19th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa. Please plan to join us if you can! No commitment— give it a try!

Parish News

St. Teresa women: During the winter months there are several members of the funeral unit who have gone south. If any one would be willing to help out by working a funeral during these months, if needed, please contact Ann Walters: 524-3455. Thanks!

Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

- The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (507)454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Peter Martin by calling (507)858-1264 or emailing pmartin@dow.org.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun
Sunday, January 25 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

St. Teresa dining hall

Tri-parish Bingo and pie social

25 cents/card, winner takes whole pot
(snacks served during Bingo, pie and ice cream at break time)



St. Joseph Faith Formation Fundraiser

Saturday February 7th Loaves and Fishes Mass at 5 p.m.
Potluck to follow free will donation
Please plan on attending to help keep our faith formation classes free of charge and to enjoy fellowship with the St. Joseph Parish family.



Tri-parish Women's Book Club note date change!

The next meeting will be Sunday, **February 8** at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Teresa gathering space. We will discuss the book John Paul the Great— His Five Loves by Jason Evert. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited for a time of relaxation and interesting conversation.

St. Matthew Parish: St. Ann's Circle will be serving breakfast after Mass on Sunday, February 1. Please plan to attend for food and fellowship. Free will donation accepted

Fr. Jason Kern will give a talk on "Evangelization in the Parish, Starting with the Person Next to You" on Sunday, Feb. 8, 3:00 pm, at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna. This is part of "The Call To Be Catholic" speaker series. All are invited. No charge, but a free will offering is suggested. Child care provided.



Beginning next weekend there will be boxes available at each church for old, blessed palms.

Remember, blessed items cannot just be thrown into the garbage, but must be disposed of properly. These old palms will be burnt and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday this year. Please bring in your old palms by Feb. 11th.

We are looking for volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels delivery. St. Teresa's does January, April, July, and October. We have to replace Ron and Mary Hartman and we have other openings as well. It is usually one week at a time and takes about 1/2 hour each day. Please contact Sue Morrow at 327-6432 or 524-4147 if you can help. Thank you!

Community News

Vernon Center 4th of July Fundraiser Saturday, January 31
Chicken noodle soup / Chili Supper and bake sale
4:30 p.m.—7 p.m. at the fire hall free will donation
To donate to the bake sale, volunteer your time or with other questions call: Carolyn Pentico-Jahnz 507-848-5911 or Susan Giefer 507-317-8359.

Give each other the best Valentine's gift possible! Register for the February 14-15 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of additional retreats or call 651.454.3238.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (January 18)

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| Weekly collection... | \$1753.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$97,144.15 |
| Amount budgeted year to date .. | \$91,766.00 |

St. Matthew (January 18)

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| Weekly collection..... | \$600.50 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$40,092.30 |
| Amount budgeted year to date... | \$37,462.00 |

St. Joseph (January 17)

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| Weekly collection | \$2115.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$29,634.50 |
| Amount budgeted year to date | \$32,770.00 |



Ministry Roles

January 31 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Minister of Communion: Dick FitzSimmons,
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Gifts: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Servers: Taylor Hollerich, Ethan McGregor

Money Counters: Paul FitzSimmons,
Maureen Hollerich

February 1 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Lois Gau

Minister of Communion: Cliff Anderson,
Marcie Anderson

Hospitality: Kay Proehl, Jan Sonnek,
Mike and Jan Samuelson

Gifts: Bernie and Dilly Langworthy

Servers: McKenzie Reuter, AJ Kunkel,
Samantha Kunkel

Money Counters: Kay Proehl, Vicki Kunkel

February 1 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Minister of Communion: Dave Weir,
Maria Sanders

Hospitality: Lee Corey family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Kitty Cumbee, Lee Corey

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

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." --Saint Pope Pius IX

Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. St. Teresa Church

Free devotional booklet available at each parish.

A new, personal prayer periodical from Liturgical Press—a trusted publisher of liturgy, Scripture, and spirituality founded by the Benedictines of Saint John's Abbey in 1926.

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Give Us This Day™ supports your desire to establish prayer as a part of your life, enhancing your existing practices and deepening your encounter with God by providing:

A practical approach to daily prayer, Prayers and readings for daily Mass, Daily prayer, Morning and Evening
A reflection on the Scriptures for each day

This is a periodical, published each month. The February 2015 issue is available for you to take and try to see if it something you feel would be of benefit to you. You can then subscribe to it on your own if you are interested. This is the only issue the parish will provide.

Respect Life

This past Thursday was the annual **March for Life** at our nation's capital. People from all over the country came to pray and show their support for the over 57 million lives lost to abortion and to pray for the pre-born children that are not safe in their mother's womb. But there is Good News for those hurting from abortion.

The **Silent No More** organization released a new project called "**Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion**" on January 8th. The aim of **Shockwaves** is to reach out to those impacted by the loss of a child through abortion: parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, abortion workers, and even the abortionists themselves. Do you need resources for healing and help? Do you know of others who may need help? See <http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/shockwaves/> for more information.

The Board of Directors of **Options for Women:** Mankato is pleased to announce the **opening of a new pregnancy resource center** in early January, 2015, at 1331 Warren St, Mankato (former location of the Newman Center near the campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato).

Options for Women: Mankato is a nonprofit organization formed to meet the need in the Mankato area for positive alternatives for women making difficult decisions related to unplanned pregnancy. We are part of the TLC federation of centers and clinics that provide women facing unplanned pregnancy confidential, practical services; most at no cost. Options for Women: Mankato is dedicated to assisting those involved in a pregnancy with life-affirming choices, by providing confidential counseling, resources, education and limited medical services in a respectful, caring and professional environment before, during and after pregnancy.