

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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January 24, 2016 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

Luke 4:18

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

At the funeral at St. Matthew's on Monday, one phrase that was spoken by the deceased not long before she passed was, "I have a lot of *why* questions for God, but I also believe He has the answers (forgive me if it is misquoted slightly but this is how I retained it)." This statement really struck me and has stayed with me all week as it truly can signify the whole Christian journey of life. We have many ups and downs, many twists and turns in life and it can even leave us stunned at times. Yet, the life of the Christian is one that searches for deeper truth and meaning. We must bring ourselves to God in the midst of turmoil and bringing Him our thoughts, feelings, desires, and other inner movements all the while recognizing we are His and He loves us. We bring Him our search or we better yet, we search for Him in the midst of our quest. Ultimately, the Christian journey is a journey of faith, trust, and confidence in God who has the final answer and plan.

This week I will leave Monday-Friday on a post Christmas/Pre-Lent getaway. I will travel with three priest friends for some time of rest and renewal. While away, I will pray for you and your families, and especially that the Lord might prepare us for the holy season of Lent coming so soon (Ash Wednesday is February 10th). On Monday the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. This is a beautiful feast that falls as a reminder to us that no matter our history, our future is always before us and we are always able to come to God in sorrow for our sins and fear of punishment. Paul's conversion from killing Christians to preaching to the entire world about the truth of Jesus reminds each of us that we must have an on-going and deeper conversion to the truth, beauty, goodness, and unity of the Catholic faith. We must give ourselves fully to Jesus and see in Him the face of mercy and grace. This Lent promises to be a fruitful and powerful season of grace (like always) as in the Year of Mercy we can have confidence the Lord desires to pour out in a particular way the healing and love our souls long for. Let's prepare our hearts for the out-pouring of the Lord's power and saving grace in the weeks ahead!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, January 25 **The Conversion of St. Paul**
Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117:1-2; Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26 **Sts. Timothy and Titus**
2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mark 3:31-35
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 27 **St. Angela Merici**
2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 89:4-5, 27-30; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28 **St. Thomas Aquinas**
2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Psalm 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 29
2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17; Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30
2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Psalm 51:12-17; Mark 4:35-41
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Sunday, January 31 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 ; Psalm 71:1-6, 15-17;
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30
8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *☩ People of the tri-parish*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Monica Marske*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Quilters will not meet at St Teresa from Dec. 23—
February 3

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa

Lent begins February 10th!

The tri-parish will have many opportunities for each of you to make this truly a Lent of conversion:

Stations of the Cross every week

Rice Bowl for almsgiving

Magnificat for daily reading

Adoration every Sunday with praying of Divine Mercy
Chaplet together

Penance Service and increased opportunities for Confession

Several choices for Bible Studies

Special Family Faith Formation Events with speakers
and activities to increase our faith

Look for details in this bulletin and ones to come and
check website for more information and dates.

Commit to taking advantage of one or more of these
chances to make this Lent truly life changing!



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

Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell,

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: there will be class on Jan. 27th.

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

Great opportunity for youth entering 8th—12th grade next fall: **Catholic Heart Work Camp (Mission Trip)** July 3-9 in Fremont, NE Please return permission slip along with a \$100 deposit to the church or class. See website for more information www.heartworkcamp.com/dates/omaha-ne or talk to Jonah Lippert or Father Kern.

Ice Skating Youth Outing January 24th (Sunday)



For all tri-parish youth in 8th-12th grade
1 PM departure from St. Teresa's
5 PM pickup from St. Teresa's
Location of Event: All Seasons Arena, Mankato
To bring: \$3 total (for ice-admission and skate-rental)



Middle School Lock-in: at St. Teresa

"If you are what you should be..."

Beginning Saturday, February 6 at noon & ending at 11:30 a.m. (after Mass) on Sunday, February 7.

for 6-8th Grades (students may bring along a friend, if they choose)

There will be food, games, reflections, talks, Reconciliation and more. A \$5 registration fee needs to be returned with the permission slip. Permission slips will be given out at faith formation class, or call the tri-parish office. Please pre-register to give us a solid idea of how many to expect--however, pre-registration is not required and all are welcome who can attend at the last minute. For more information call the office at 524-3127 or talk to Jonah Lippert.

Parish News

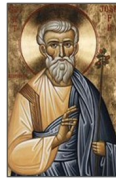


Beginning next weekend there will be boxes available at each church for old, blessed palms.

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 February 7th.

The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness. -Pope Benedict XVI



Each year **St. Joseph** has a meal to raise money for Faith Formation. Mainly because of this fundraiser, the parish is able to offer faith formation to all the youth for free. Please attend this **Faith Formation Fundraiser held this year on Sunday, February 7th after the 8 a.m. Mass.** If you cannot

attend, but would like to support this effort to keep a strong faith formation program free of charge, you can put an envelope in the collection on Sunday clearly marked for the FF fundraiser.

We do hope you can join us at the brunch for good food and fellowship! All are welcome - All the Time



Tri-Parish Mardi Gras Celebration

Where: St Matthews Church
When: February 6, 2016 – after 5PM mass
Who: Everyone! Especially all Tri-Parish Youth and Family
What: Food - sloppy jo, chips, cookies, punch (St Margaret's Circle)
Games – games & prizes through meal time and after – Bingo to close out the evening
Free Will Donation: support Tri-Parish Youth activities

** Youth may volunteer to work at event and receive credit for service project**



We welcome into the Catholic Family Zane Davis, son of Michael and Liza Davis. Zane was baptized at St. Teresa on Jan. 17th. May the good and gracious God continue to bless Zane and his family.

Breakfast fundraiser for the family of Aubrielle Howley, granddaughter of Joe and Cathy Wittrock of St. Teresa, on Sunday, January 24th at St. Teresa.
Aubriella has been in the hospital since her birth in May of 2015 and has undergone several operations.
Serving pancakes, ham, and eggs from 9:30 a.m.— noon.
Free will donation
Please plan on attending and helping out this family that has suffered much in the last 6 months and incurred many physical, emotional, and financial hardships. Please continue to pray for Aubriella and her family.
If you cannot make the breakfast, but would like to donate, you can send checks to the tri-parish office by mail or collection basket at church. Clearly mark for Aubrielle's fundraiser.

Community News

St. Mary's Catholic School BINGO Blitz
St. Mary's School Hall, Madelia Sunday, January 31
12:30—Early Bingo 1:30 –BINGO \$2000.00 payout
Tickets available at 507-642-3324
Lunch and snacks start at 11:30 a.m.

The St. John Paul II Homeschool Enrichment Program will begin it's Spring Semester on Fri., Feb. 26. We meet from 10:00am - 12:00pm on Fridays at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato. Please contact Lisa for more information at 507-345-5200 or mamaschwam@aol.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (January 17)

Weekly collection...	\$1363.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$100,205.00
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$91,758.00

St. Matthew (January 16)

Weekly collection.....	\$1191.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$39,922.42
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$38,628.00

St. Joseph (January 17)

Weekly collection	\$352.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$30,524.55
Amount budgeted year to date	\$32,654.00



Ministry Roles

January 30 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Alan Noy

Minister of Communion: Maria Sanders,
Dave Weir

Hospitality: Dave Bartsch family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Maria Sanders

January 31 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Mary Caven

Minister of Communion: Dan Sohre,
Dean Sohre

Hospitality: Richard and Julie FitzSimmons

Gifts: Richard and Julie FitzSimmons

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Parker Smith

Money Counters: Maureen Hollerich,
Shelli Grover

January 31 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Debbie Reuter

Minister of Communion: Sandy Miller,
Sue Morrow

Hospitality: Bernie and Dilly Langworthy,
Luke and Karen Fox

Gifts: Jan Sonnek, Sylvia Becker

Servers: Evan Klein, Kole Wenner,
Natalie Wenner

Money Counters: Tammy Schmidt,
Bob Bissonette

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

Our Catholic World



Prayer Intentions in the Month of January:

January 22 Respect Life

Day of Penance for the sin of abortion

January 23-30 Catholic Schools

National Catholic Schools Week

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 or our office at 387-5586 for confidential information and help or visit us at ccwinona.org

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Women's Bible Study will begin a new session on Wednesday, January 27th. We will meet at **6:15 p.m.** in the club room at St. Teresa. This is a 6 week program. We will be studying God Is Love by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Love is the essence of Christianity. Come and discover more about God— who IS Love.

Men's Bible Study - Encyclical 'God is Love' - Pope Benedict XVI

Facilitator: Neil Majeski - St Matthews

Where: Neil's shop - outside of Amboy

When: 8:30 am to 10 am - on the Saturdays noted below
2/6 2/20 2/27 3/5 3/12 3/19

What: Study the encyclical and follow with shop time

bring a project for shop time or exchange tips on talents

Call: Neil - 507-327-3559 if you are interested in attending or have questions

Thursday morning Bible Study will begin February 4th. We meet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa. A light breakfast is served.

This session we will be using 7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn.

This is a great topic in this year of mercy. Come and learn about the beauty of this sacrament of mercy!

Monday Night Bible Study begins an 8 week study January 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa. We will begin **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, a study by Jeff Cavins**. If you have ever thought that you would like to know more about the Bible but it was just too hard, this is for you. It will help you make sense of the bible and how it relates to your everyday life. The study consists of a 30 min. video talk and then discussion. Please contact the office to register so that we can get enough materials.

Praying Lent

Enrich your Lenten devotion! Come join our group as we pray daily during lent. Each participant commits to spend some time each day in prayer and then to meet Saturdays to share the past week's grace. The daily prayer meditations are based on daily scripture and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect, listen and respond to the voice of God as God speaks to your heart.

The kick-off meeting is on Saturday, February 6th, 10:15AM Xavier Hall, the Upper Room – SSPP Parish, Mankato. The final session is on Saturday, April 2nd. If you would like to register or would like more information, please call Frank Cesario at 507-625-2395 or email cesario@hickorytech.net

