

# 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 (1st, 3rd, 5th)  
At St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)  
Sunday 9:00 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 29, 2017 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Blessed are you when they insult you  
and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely  
because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven."  
Matthew 5:11

### 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

This weekend the Beatitudes are put before us for our reflection. I think sometimes we view the Beatitudes as sort of pie in the sky thinking. They might often be perceived as something transcendent or distant or a lofty idea that we should strive after but sometimes we forget the immediate context of how Jesus meant them. The Beatitudes are spoken by Jesus on the Mount. From this same mount, Jesus will send the apostles to the ends of the world to proclaim God's Kingdom. This is all significant as Jesus is leading the people in a new exodus but not like Moses needed to lead the people out of slavery to a worldly reign in the Egyptians, but Jesus has come to lead the people out from under the reign of sin. So, the Beatitudes are meant to serve as a new law for the people living now under the reign of God. These are the laws of the Kingdom of God. They are meant for us to live in fulfillment and freedom as God's children. Not only then do the Beatitudes fulfill the law given to the people from Moses they also fulfill the promise of God's blessings given to Abraham. By living this new law we are in union with God as inheriting the fullness of His blessings upon us.

God doesn't come to reward the mighty and powerful of the earth. He doesn't come to give honors and accolades to those who have won the military honors. He doesn't come to give celebrity status or fame or glory. He comes to reward the weak and lowly. Those who are foolish and despised in the eyes of the world are who God wants to raise up with His blessedness. The poor in spirit are the key indicator for the whole set of Beatitudes—those who look only to God's mercy and love for their strength and do not think they can merit it on their own accomplishments. The poor in spirit are those who seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of the eternal Kingdom.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward.

The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory, but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, January 30

Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalm 31:20-24; Mark 5:1-20

### Tuesday, January 31

Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32; Mark 5:21-43

**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

### Wednesday, February 1

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18; Mark 6:1-6

**4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa**

### Thursday, February 2

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

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

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

*Pam Bibbs*

### Friday, February 3

Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9; Mark 6:14-29

**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH**

**St. Blaise, St. Ansgar**

✠ *Ron Sippel*

### Saturday, February 4

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Psalm 23:1-6; Mark 6:30-34

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** ✠ *Cecil and Bernardine Dickey*

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph**

*People of the tri-parish*

### Sunday, February 5

Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112:4-9;

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa**

**Fifth Sunday**

**in Ordinary Time**

✠ *Claire Bach*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Quilters at St. Teresa

Tuesday, January 31 7 p.m. Pastoral Council at St. Teresa



Thursday, Feb. 2, is the Presentation of the Lord. This feast celebrates the day Jesus first appeared in the temple as Mary and Joseph took him, as prescribed by

Mosaic Law, to be presented and for the Purification of Mary, 40 days after Christ's birth. In the early Church this was a major Feast Day. You can celebrate this feast by attending Mass, offered at 8:30 a.m. at St. Teresa Church.

*In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the (traditional) blessing and procession of candles on this day.*

*from Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*



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

Todd Kopischke, Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Lucille Schubbe, Stanley Gartner, John Pluym, Toos Roelofs, Jan Samuelson, Jerry Wersal, Jim Carey, *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

**Classes** will be held Wednesday, February 1

**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 ( on their website)

**Catholic HEART Work Camp** is a Summer opportunity (June 25<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017) for young people in grades 8-12 to travel to a new location (**Fremont, Nebraska**), meet new people both young and old from around the country, go on retreat to deepen their walk with Christ, and live out His love in service to their brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. Over one week, youth and chaperones are assigned varieties of missions at thoroughly vetted and approved (by a local social agency) work-opportunity-sites, usually involving members of the local community who are low-income, elderly, marginalized, in difficult circumstances or otherwise neglected or compromised.

Become an ambassador of hope, have a blast, and know Christ's love working for you, in you, and through you--join us at Catholic HEART Work Camp this Summer!

CHWC forms for youth (campers) and adults (chaperones) are available at the Church entrance, and should be submitted as early as possible to the Tri-Parish Office in Mapleton, along with deposit, to reserve your spots. Spots are limited so don't delay.

**Save the Date:** July 14-16 Rochester, MN

**ELEVATE** 2017 Steubenville North Conference Attendance is a requirement for Confirmation students and is open to all those entering 9-12 grade next year. More information and permission slips will be available soon.

## Parish News



**CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS**

**St. Teresa:** Breakfast to benefit Catholic education opportunities in our parish

**Sunday, February 12, after 9a.m. Mass**  
**Free will donation**

Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns and ham . Free will donations accepted. Matching funds will be provided by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

"He became what we are that he might make us what he is."  
-St.Athanasius

**St. Anne's Circle** will be serving supper after the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew's on Saturday, January 28th. Please join us for food and fellowship!

**New Ministry schedules** for Feb.—April for St. Teresa are available at the entrances to church. The schedule for St. Joseph Ministries has been mailed out.

**The quilting group begins meeting once again this Wednesday, February 1 at 1 p.m.** The quilters meet in the basement of St. Teresa Church. You do not need to know how to sew to join—help is needed with tying the quilt also. Quilts are distributed to those in need. Please come and join us in this ministry.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Hiller who passed into her eternal rest on January 25th. Margaret's funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.*

*And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Conley and the rest of the family. Our prayers are with you as well.

## Community News

Please stop in for coffee at the Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a Sertoma member here to greet you. We have puzzles and games or a great New 70 inch TV (donated by the Town and Country Leisure Board) Or just have a cup of coffee and a visit with one the members of Sertoma!

**Journey through Grief** is an eight-week grief group for adults who have lost a loved one. In **Journey through Grief**, participants connect with others, share their stories, explore the process of grief and healing, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone.

This winter session will be held Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon, February 9 to March 30, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street in Mankato.

**There is no cost to participate in this grief group, but pre-registration is required. Group members will be limited to 10, so pre-register ASAP.** For more information or to register, please call 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

### Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with Dementia or other progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our next session on February 7, 3:00 PM, St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. Topic: Improving Communication in Caregiving – a DVD and discussion. No charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call S. Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).



## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (January 22)

Weekly collection	\$3196.00
Amount collected year to date	\$115,701.77
Amount budgeted year to date	\$97,800.00

### St. Matthew (January 14)

Weekly collection	\$5336.07
Amount collected year to date	\$27,841.63
Amount budgeted year to date	\$37,400.00

### St. Joseph (January 21)

Weekly collection	\$1429.00
Amount collected year to date	\$34,413.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$33,510.00



## Ministry Roles

### February 4 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** John Hollerich

**Minister of Communion:** Landon Davis,  
Jim Wieseler

**Hospitality:** Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

**Gifts:** Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

**Servers:** Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

**Money Counters:** Sarah Caven,  
Paul FitzSimmons

### February 5 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Ceal Caldwell

**Minister of Communion:** Jim Swanson,  
Arleen Swanson

**Hospitality:** Jeff and Shelly Holt,  
Dan and Alice Germa

**Gifts:** Owen and Theresa Dickey

**Servers:** Ellie Braaten, Nolan Braaten,  
Gracie Langworthy, Jackson Walters

**Money Counters:** Jan Sonnek, Marie Gartner

**Ministry schedules are available on the web-  
site: [sjsmst.org](http://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



### Pathways TEC Retreat February 18-20, 2017 Mankato

Teens (age 16 and up) and adults are invited to attend Pathways Together Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend at Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato. Sponsored by the Diocese of Winona and affiliated with National TEC, Pathways TEC is a dynamic, 3 day retreat focused on the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Encounter Jesus in community, in prayer, in the sacraments. Cost is \$50 for the entire weekend. Applications are available on the Diocese website [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) (Youth and Young Adult Ministry page). Call or email TEC Coordinator Ann Full at 507-828-3675 or [afull@dow.org](mailto:afull@dow.org) for more information.

### Prayer Service for Life

Sunday, January 29 3:00 p.m.



Sts Peter and Paul  
Church, Mankato

Sponsored by the  
Diocese of Winona  
and presided by  
Bishop John Quinn

"Unfortunately, what is  
thrown away is not only  
food and dispensable ob-  
jects, but often human be-  
ings themselves, who are  
discarded as 'unnecessary.'  
For example, it is frightful  
even to think there are chil-  
dren, victims of abortion,  
who will never see the light  
of day; ..." - Pope Francis

Discover who God is....  
Discover who you are....

Discover someone who knows everything about  
you— and loves you and has an amazing plan for  
your life. Learn how to read the Bible.. Sign up  
after Mass or contact the tri-parish office.

### Dates and times:

Sundays 10:30 –11:30 a.m. at ST

Tuesdays 9:15– 10:15 a.m. At ST (This is an added time)

Wednesdays 6:30 –7:30 a.m. **(Men's Group)** at Maggie J's  
Begins Jan. 25

Wednesday, 6:15 –7:15 p.m. At Mapleton library

Wednesdays 6:30 –7:30 p.m. At SJ begins March 15

Contact Gina Massop, Marcie Anderson, George Leary, Shelli Grover,  
or Carol Cyr for more information.

When you get the workbook you will also get access to a site to watch  
Jeff Cavin's video talk on line, so if you need to miss a week you can  
easily make it up. You could also choose to attend one of the other  
groups for that session.

If you don't sign up you can still attend– you are always welcome!

*Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.* -St. Jerome

