

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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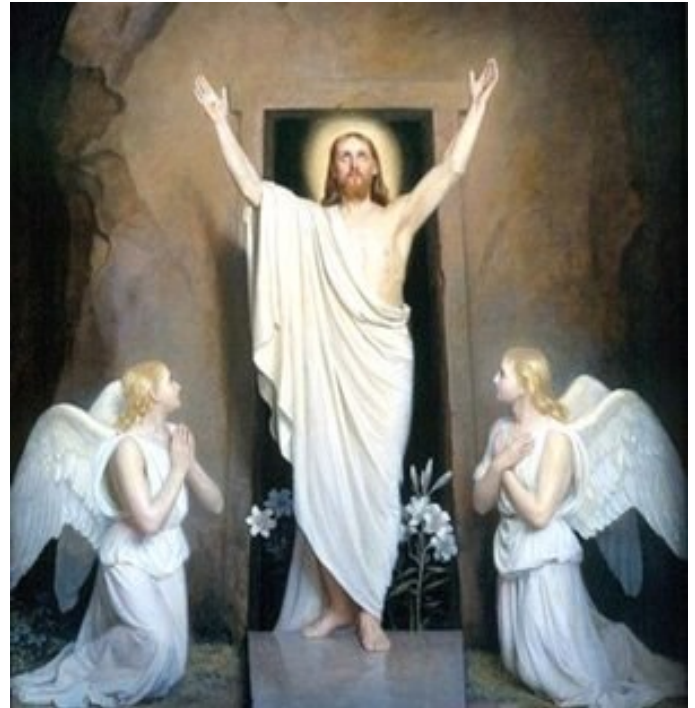
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April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord



Alleluia!

The Lord Is Risen

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.



Jesus has risen!!!...even if nothing else has. I feel like I'm in Narnia's perpetual winter.

Jesus Christ has died for our sins and risen to give us new life, eternal life in heaven. Again, we cannot know the great gift of Easter Sunday if we don't first realize what a great gift Good Friday is. Without Jesus dying on the Cross for our sins, there is no hope for us. Without Jesus dying on the Cross and making possible saving grace, we are stuck with our sins. Romans 6:23 says that the wages of sin is death. Without Jesus, we are stuck with our sins and thus with eternal spiritual death to our souls. We are stuck with Hell. Our eternal futures were looking pretty bleak. I pray that we all, just once, get a small hint of the weight and gravity of our sins. Sin is so ugly. But Jesus loves us too much to leave us there. The rest of Romans 6:23 says, "...but the gift of God is eternal salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus has not only died for our sins, but He has risen to give us eternal life, eternal life in heaven. This is not a thing to be taken lightly. This is everything. This is eternity. This is love. This is about having every desire of our hearts completely and eternally fulfilled.

Can you imagine? The person you thought was going to change the world just up and died...got killed. The person you thought had so much potential, who had so much to give to the world...died. How devastating that would be. And then to have hints that maybe he was not dead. What a cruel and mean joke. Who would even dare to play with your heart that way? But it is not a joke. It is not a playing with our hearts. It is fact. Jesus has died and risen. He has given us the supernatural grace to do the same. We too, through His grace, not on our own, can conquer sin and live for Christ. We too can accept eternal life.

I pray you have a blessed time celebrating our gift of eternal life. I pray that you are with family and friends. Also, remember that we remember Lent for 40 days, but we celebrate Easter for 50 days. The first 8 days are called the Octave of Easter. From this Sunday to next Sunday, every day is like Easter Day. So go. You have my permission. Celebrate every day this week. Eat a little extra ice cream each day this week.

I pray you have an amazing and profound Easter.

God bless,
Father Vogel

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, April 2

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 3

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
John 20:11-18

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

Wednesday, April 4

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 5

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Luke 24:35-48

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

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

Friday, April 6

Friday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; 21:1-14

10:30 p.m. Mass at MCH *† Jim Carey*

Saturday, April 7

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1, 14-21; Mark 16:9-15

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *† Mary Breiter*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, April 8

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *† Deb Wallace*

A word about Mass Intentions: If there is a cross by the name that person is deceased. If there is not a cross the intention is for a living person or people.

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Office will be closed

Monday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 3rd

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilting

Monday, April 9 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW

Tuesday, April 10 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Councils



**May God grant you a happy
and holy Easter Season!**



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

Lucille Beaudry, Kitty Cumbee, Mary Jo Gregor, Bernie Kunkel, Jim Kohout, Huxley FitzSimmons, Craig Etherington, Terry Hassing, *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 meet this week, April 4.

Parish News

We joyfully welcome Genevieve Cordes into the Catholic family. Genevieve was baptized in Christ on Sunday, March 25th at St. Teresa Church. Please pray for her and her family, that they will always be close to Christ and live in His light.



Please pray for the soul of Robert Buland, a member of St. Teresa Parish, who passed to eternal life on March 20th. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. Pray also for his wife and children during this difficult time, that they may know the peace only the Lord can give.

Belize Mission Trip dinner and presentation.

Friday, April 6, 6 p.m. At St. Teresa's

The mission trip team will host a Belizean meal along with a slide show and some information about the work done this year and some of the people we encountered. The work cannot be accomplished without the support of the tri-parish and we would like for you to be able to witness what you make possible. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Summer Mass Schedule: Beginning May 5/6 the Mass schedule in the tri-parish will be adjusted for the summer months. There will be no Saturday evening Mass. On Sunday St. Teresa will have 8 a.m. Mass and St. Joseph and St. Matthew will rotate the 10 a.m. Mass.

Sharing Time and Talent surveys: If you have not yet turned this in, please do so soon. There are copies available at church. Even if you cannot commit to a ministry, please fill it out so we can update emails and cell numbers. Thanks!

Community News

Vernon Center Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 8
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. All you care to eat pancakes, sausage, eggs at the Fire Hall
Free will donation.



Springfest at Jackson Lake Church, Amboy
Sunday, April 15 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Luncheon Buffet \$9/adult \$4 6-11 years Hot beef & turkey sandwiches, salads and Scandinavian goodies



The tri-parish currently has two job openings:

Tri-parish Manager: The Tri-parish Manager is a person of faith, a professional administrator, a steward of human, financial and physical resources of the parish. The work of the Parish Manager is intended to support the work of the Pastor and to enable other ministries to function effectively. The primary focus of the role is one of service to the total ministry of the tri-parish within the context of Christian values as expressed in the tradition of Roman Catholicism.

Tri-parish Faith Formation and Youth Minister: We are looking for someone to administer and grow the religious education programs for our tri-parish youth, and to offer programs for youth ministry and adult faith development. An ideal candidate will be someone vibrant who knows that education, evangelization, and relational ministry go hand in hand; someone able to work well with both youth and adults and be present in the church and community.

For more information or to apply for either job contact the tri-parish office or Fr. Vogel.

Divine Mercy Novena Divine Mercy Sunday April 8

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy." In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:



"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

- **During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions.**
- **Pamphlets with the Novena and instructions for the Chaplet are available at each church.**

It is not too late to start the novena— you can catch up! Even if you cannot pray the whole novena, pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy each day this week. Take advantage of this outpouring of Jesus' Mercy!

New material in the kiosk at St. Teresa! There are new booklets on death, science and religion, and the sacraments. Also a couple of new books, including Arise from Darkness, When Life Doesn't Make Sense. This Easter season spend some time deepening your understanding of life and of faith with these and other options in the kiosk. And don't forget the wonderful resource of the "library" in the St. Teresa gathering space where there are great books to borrow!



Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (March 25)	
Weekly collection	\$3250.00
Amount collected year to date	\$133,351.07
Amount budgeted year to date	\$128,076.00

St. Matthew (March 24)	
Weekly collection	\$971.00
Amount collected year to date	\$34,188.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$47,853.00

St. Joseph (March 17)	
Weekly collection	\$1912.00
Amount collected year to date	\$39,142.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$41,686.00



Ministry Roles

April 7 **St. Joseph** **5 p.m.**

Reader: Mary Caven
Ministers of Communion: Dan Sohre,
 Dean Sohre
Hospitality: Nick and Sarah Caven family
Servers: Ethan McGregor, Taylor Hollerich
Money counters: Rachel Depuydt, Dan Sohre

April 8 **St. Teresa** **9 a.m.**

Reader: Kris Miller
Ministers of Communion: Debbie Reuter,
 Anita Rigdon, Ted Landsteiner
Hospitality: Dan and Alice Geramo,
 Noah Geramo, John Hengel
Gifts: Ted Landsteiner, Samantha Passer
Servers: Evan Klein, Grant Klein, Landon Fox,
 Haydon Fox
Sacristan: Ceal Caldwell
Money counters: Judy Bach, Kay Proehl

**Ministry Schedules are available on the web-
site: 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



2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal Renew Faith Extend Mercy Inspire Hope

Results so far for the
2018 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount given	Parish goal	% of goal
St. Joseph	8	\$3675	\$5,030	73
St. Matthew	4	\$1020	\$4,260	24
St. Teresa	7	\$750	\$14,980	5

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Appeal thus far. If you have not given, please consider a gift this week. Your gifts will help many people across the Diocese as well as our own parishes.

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see [Jonah 1:17](#)). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see [Hosea 6:2](#)). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the nether world (see [Psalm 16:9-10](#)).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see [Mark 9:31](#); [10:34](#)).

What they saw and believed, they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see [Deuteronomy 21:22-23](#)), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."