

# 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 18, 2015  
Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



Behold the Lamb of God

John 1:36

### 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

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> our nation will mark the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the court decision *Roe vs Wade* that allowed for the legalization of killing a child in the womb. Abortion has now claimed over 56 million lives in our country which comes out to about 1/2 of a generation lost to the scourge of abortion. Rather than calling this generation the millennials or some other name, perhaps the lost generation or the aborted generation would be more fitting. We complain about decreasing enrollments in our area and while these two realities are not directly correlative data the reality is stark. There were approximately 6 million Jews that died in the holocaust and here we are ignoring the severe holocaust of infants dying in the womb in the name of women's rights or convenience. The pain that abortion causes goes well beyond the child's death alone; certainly the mother feels the weight of this and the father the sadness of not protecting his child but allowing him or her to die at the hands of a doctor as if it is a medical procedure. I hope this sadness affects all of us and that you will join the bishops of the United States in praying for the end to abortion in our nation. **Each year January 22<sup>nd</sup> is marked as a day of penance and prayer for the end to abortion.** I will lead a pro-life rosary after weekday mass on Thursday at St. Teresa to pray for the end to abortion. Please consider joining in our prayers and if you are unable to come to still offer some sacrifice or prayer for the end to abortion. Healing is possible if you have been affected by this painful reality and I would encourage you to look into Rachel's Vineyard ([www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)) or the Sisters of Life ([www.sistersoflife.org](http://www.sistersoflife.org)) at 1-866-575-0075 or [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). These resources can help those who are hurting post-abortion to recognize that God can and will forgive them and offer them new life and direction.

**Update:** Thanks for your continued support and energy in supporting youth ministries in our Tri-Parish. At times I have felt like I am pushing youth activities constantly and certainly the planning of activities has been no small task and resource on my time and energy. In many parishes a full or part time youth minister would carry these duties so I am very grateful for the support and encouragement around this and ask for your continued support and patience in my promotion and encouragement to our youth. It is much too easy to overlook the pressures put on our youth and if we do not encourage their growth in faith now, they will almost certainly not look for it in college amidst so many pressures and realities pulling on them.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

### Monday, January 19

Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110:1-4, 6-7, 9; Mark 2:18-22  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Maria Sanders*

### Tuesday, January 20

#### St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10; Mark 2:23-28  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *Henry and Laura Fritz*

### Wednesday, January 21

#### St. Agnes

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110:1-4; Mark 3:1-6  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Charlene Wallace*

### Thursday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Psalm 40:7-10, 17; Mark 3:7-12  
**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** † *Winifred Madson*

### Friday, January 23

#### St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 85:8, 10-14; Mark 3:13-19  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Howard La Fleur*

### Saturday, January 24

#### St. Francis de Sales

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9; Mark 3:20-21  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *John Breiter*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *Fr. Charlie Quinn*

### Sunday, January 25

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-9;  
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20  
**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *People of the tri-parish*  
**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** *Reparation for our sins*

**\*Clarification of Mass Intentions: If the Mass is offered for a person who is deceased, there is a cross in front of the name. If the Mass is offered for a person who is living, or if the intention is for something other than a person, eg reparation of sins, there is no cross.**

In the weeks ahead I will be sending out information regarding the Steubenville north conference to families with children in high school and having a parents meeting after mass on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. The total cost per student will be in the neighborhood of \$200.00 including hotel and transportation. Because of this cost, you have seen letters and events to attempt to raise funds to support our youth. My hope is to limit the burden of cost on families for these trips as much as possible. Thanks for so much generosity that you have shown in so many aspects in building up the ministries of our Tri-Parish.



**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 21.**

**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 6:15 to 7:15. 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

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters group at St. Teresa will <b>not</b> meet until Jan. 28
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Thursday, Jan.29 6:30 p.m.	St Matthew Pastoral Council

**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!

**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!

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

The next meeting will be Sunday, **February 1** 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.

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Sorin on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ, The Food for the Poor Family

It is not too late to contribute to this cause. Envelopes are available at each church.



**Pies wanted:** There are sign up sheets at each entrance to St. Teresa Church for anyone willing to contribute a pie or two for the Bingo and Pie Social. If you are able to help with this,

please sign up by January 21. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks and happy baking!

**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. Fr. Kern, an Owatonna native, ordained to the priesthood in 2012, is serving as pastor of three parishes in the diocese. All are invited. No charge, but a free will offering is suggested. Child care provided.

## 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](http://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 11)

Weekly collection...	\$1565.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$95,391.15
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$88,602.00

### St. Matthew (January 11)

Weekly collection.....	\$844.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$39,491.80
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$36,123.00

### St. Joseph (January 10)

Weekly collection .....	\$404.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$27,519.50
Amount budgeted year to date	\$31,640.00



## Ministry Roles

### January 24 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Maureen Hollerich

**Minister of Communion:** John FitzSimmons,  
Paul FitzSimmons

**Hospitality:** Landon and Leah Davis family

**Gifts:** Landon and Leah Davis family

**Servers:** Lauren Kleven, Parker Smith

**Money Counters:** Rachel Depuydt, Leah Davis

### January 25 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Ceal Caldwell

**Minister of Communion:** Tony Bach,  
Anita Rigdon

**Hospitality:** Emily Minkel, Sheryl Olson,  
George and Cathy Pluym

**Gifts:** Noah Geramo, Bert Langworthy

**Servers:** Ethan Sindelir, Jacob Rigdon,  
Kayla Rigdon

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

### January 25 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Art Schuch

**Minister of Communion:** Neal Wallace,  
Justin Davis

**Hospitality:** Larry Caven family

**Servers:** Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

**Money Counters:** Jodi Roelofs, Linda Anderson

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

Rachael mourns her children; she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more..." (Jeremiah 31:15). If you or a loved one has had an abortion, you may be feeling overwhelmed and burdened. Whatever the pain, you are not alone and there is hope. PROJECT RACHAEL can help. You will be provided with sensitive, confidential counseling to share your grief and receive support and healing. Visit us at [ccwinona.org](http://ccwinona.org) or call Catholic Charities at 387-5586.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has announced that a novena for life will take place from January 17 to 25, around the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

"Pope Francis reminds us constantly of the loving concern Christians have for all people at any stage of life who've been cast aside or forgotten by society," said Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities. "The 9 Days for Life novena offers a chance to join in prayer and solidarity with the unborn, victims of violence, those suffering from addiction, and those whose hearts ache to be part of a family."

Please see the insert for the rest of this novena.

Next week, we will take up a second collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is invaluable to the future of the faith in this region. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please give with a joyful and generous heart. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week's collection.

The family around the world today faces tremendous challenges. In Latin America, where Christian values remain important, many families are wounded by hostility from the surrounding environment and by broken relationships within the family. Yet throughout the hemisphere, the Church continues to point the way to Christ as the source of hope and healing, both within the family and in society. Many family and catechetical ministry projects funded by the Collection for the Church in Latin America offer families and communities a way to strengthen, affirm, and celebrate their life together in faith,

**MCCL March for Life Thursday, January 22 noon at the Capitol**  
Prayer Service for Life: 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul

If you would like to get transportation there, please contact Tom Hoehn 388-7741 for details and to reserve a seat for the bus trip to the St. Paul Capitol. This will be the 41st commemoration of *Roe v. Wade*, 1973 Supreme Court decision to overturn every pro-life law across the nation and impose abortion on demand. More than 9,900 unborn babies are killed by abortion in Minnesota every year. Lawmakers will address the crowd with hopeful messages of restoring the right to life.