

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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March 1, 2015
Second Sunday
of Lent



And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white Mark 9:2

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

Jesus' transfiguration is such a powerful moment in His earthly life. It is a time where His full glory as being truly God is revealed and His humanity takes the back seat for a moment. It is the full revelation of who Jesus is as fully God and fully human. He is present in an earthly way but His true glory shines through for Peter, James, and John to witness first hand. What a moment of majesty and wonder. What would it be like to be up on the mountain with them? I imagine it as after the initial feelings of fear and incredulity and realization of what just took place, it had to be a turning point for them. A sort of moment where there was no turning back, no other option but to know that God is doing truly incredible things and His plan of salvation for the world is remarkably unfolding before their very eyes. It didn't mean they perfectly understood what was ahead, or that they wouldn't have moments of fear, doubt, despair, and even reject Jesus at His moment of trial, but it would always be there as the constant touch-point of grace and reminder of how much God truly desires to reveal Himself to the world in love.

Lent provides so many opportunities for grace—renewal and deeper transformation. I find it truly remarkable how much God can call us to a deeper trust and focus on Him and to strip ourselves from the many things, distractions, and other stuff we consider important at different times. I am reminded of the 10th Station where Jesus is stripped of His clothing and how I too need to allow myself to have some of the possessions or selfish or prideful images of self stripped away and to see myself as a repentant son of God. God is so gracious and always calling me back to Himself and reminding me of my need to be centered in Him—to abide in Him—and to live out of this grace and truth. I hope you can find time to take advantage of the many opportunities this Lent for renewal and to be reminded of God's personal love for you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday of Lent from after 10AM Mass until 5PM at St. Teresa

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5:30PM with a soup supper following at St. Teresa

Stations of the Cross on Wednesday's in each parish led by Faith Formation students and parish members

Communal Penance Service on Wednesday March 11th at 7PM at St. Teresa

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 2

Lenten Weekday

Daniel 9:4-10; Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36-38

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Lillian Pfeffer*

Tuesday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Cecil and Bernardine Dickey*

Wednesday, March 4

St. Casimir

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16; Matthew 20:17-28

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Charlene Wallace*

Thursday, March 5

Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 16:19-31

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Leonard Stein*

Friday, March 6

Lenten Weekday

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Psalm 105:16-21;

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH

Reparation for our sins

Saturday, March 7

Sts Perpetua and Felicity

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12;

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Richard Nowak*

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

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8-11;

1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Mike and Rose FitzSimmons*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Martha Pluym*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Sundays during Lent 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adoration at St. Teresa

Wednesdays 1 p.m.

Quilters group at St. Teresa

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.

Rosary at St. Teresa

Thursdays 9 a.m.

Bible Study at St. Teresa

Tues. March 10 6:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Pastoral Council



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

Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Bill Barnard, Cathy Lentz, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, 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 Wednesday, March 4.

Permission slips for the Steubenville Conference, with mandatory attendance for all 9th and 10th graders, were sent home on Wednesday. **Please have them returned to the faith formation office or tri-parish office, along with a \$25 down payment, by March 1.**

Stations of the Cross will be led by Faith Formation students on the Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 25th.

At St. Joseph beginning at 6:30 p.m.
At St. Teresa beginning at 7:15 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to attend and pray with the youth.



St Matthew: Lenten Supper and Stations will be held three Wednesdays of Lent this year. On March 4, March 18, and March 25 there will be a supper served by a CCW circle at 5:30 – 6:30 pm. St. Anne Circle will be serving on March 4. Stations of the Cross for all parishioners will begin at 6:30 pm. All adults are encouraged to attend this Lenten devotion.

Faith Formation Class will be held at 6:30 – 7:00 pm on these Wednesdays.

Middle School Lock-in:

Beginning Saturday, March 14 at noon and ending at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 15.

There will be games, reflections, skits, talks, Reconciliation, service project, and Mass. 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. For more information call Butch Bach at 524-4822 or the office at 524-3127.



Any adult that helps with any youth event or interacts with any youth at a parish event, including driving, must be VIRTUS trained. A **VIRTUS training** will be held at St. Teresa on Thursday, March 5 from 6 —8:30 p.m. **Please contact the tri-parish office for information on how to register for this training.**

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.

Parish News



Tri-parish Communal Lenten Penance Service
Wednesday, March 11 beginning at 7 p.m.
at St. Teresa Church



St. Teresa: Famous Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 6 from 5-7 p.m.

featuring all the Beer Batter Fried Fish you can eat, potato, salad, roll and beverage. If you are able to help with this fundraiser, please call Sara Wenner, 340-0382.

St. Matthew: St. Margaret's Circle will serve supper after the 5 o'clock mass on Saturday, March 7. A free will offering will be collected. Please stay after mass for fellowship and food.

Tri-parish Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be Sunday, **March 1** at the St. Teresa gathering space. Anyone who would like, is encouraged to meet in the church at 6:10 for a time of prayer, including praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet; the meeting will then begin at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss the book Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited for a time of relaxation and interesting conversation.



New Ministry schedules for St. Joseph and St. Teresa Parishes are now available at each of these churches. If you are part of one of the Liturgical Ministries, please pick up a schedule. They are for March—May.

On each Friday during Lent, beginning February 20, Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be lead by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30p.m. Except on March 6, there will be a soup supper following these devotions, at about 6:15p.m.



Thank you! Thank you to everyone who donated muffins and eggs, who volunteered to work, and who supported the breakfast at St. Teresa this past weekend by attending. The breakfast was sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters and will receive matching funds. The money raised will be used for Faith Formation and the Youth Group. It was a successful event!



We joyfully welcome into the Catholic family Finley Walker, son of Blake and Sarah Walker. Finley was baptized at St. Joseph on Saturday, February 14th. May the good and almighty God continually bless Finley and his family and hold them in the palm of His hand.

Fish Supper with Bingo Night Join us Friday, March 6 from 5-8 p.m. in St. Casimir's Church Hall for a great night of fellowship! We will be serving fish sandwiches, pickles & chips, coleslaw, cookies, lemonade & coffee from 5-7 p.m. (or until gone) and playing bingo for cash prizes from 6-8 p.m. Bring the family and come for the fun!

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (February 22)

Weekly collection...	\$2873.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$108,060.45
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$107,586.00

St. Matthew (February 22)

Weekly collection.....	\$441.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$43,786.53
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$44,157.00

St. Joseph (February 21)

Weekly collection	\$1785.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$34,222.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$38,420.00



Ministry Roles

March 7 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Lynn Demuth

Minister of Communion: Sheila Lewis,
Devine Moline

Hospitality: Jay Kienholz family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Wendy Bennett,
Linda Anderson

March 8 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Dick FitzSimmons,
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: Rob and Sarah McGregor family

Gifts: Rob and Sarah McGregor family

Servers: Kelsey Sohre, Ella Sohre

Money Counters: Cassie Winters, Leah Davis

March 8 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Sue Morrow,
Kay Proehl

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Kayla Rigdon, Jacob Rigdon,
Nolan Braaten

Money Counters: Eugene Langworthy,
Vicki Kunkel

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

Our Catholic World



Please pray for our country!:

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."

--Saint Padre Pio

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

Women's Lenten Retreat: A Women's Lenten Retreat will be held on March 21 at The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI. From 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.. Event fee is \$18. Sr. Edith Mary Hart, RSM, DO, will be the retreat leader and the focus of the day will be "The Cross of Christ and Its Meaning for You." Besides the "don't-want-to-miss" talks of Sister Edith Mary, the day will also be filled with time for prayer and reflection, opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass with Bishop Quinn.

If you are interested in attending, you can register on-line at dow.org/ endow or call the tri-parish office. Registration deadline is March 12.

*We Adore You O Christ
and We Praise You*

The response in Advent of the Eucharistic Adoration offered on Sundays was great and many blessings came from this time in prayer. Therefore Fr. Kern will again have the opportunity for adoration available on the Sundays of Lent.



After the Sunday morning Mass at St. Teresa on each of the six Sundays in Lent, Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin a time of Adoration. Adoration will then continue until 5 p.m. when Father will close with Benediction.

Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there will be sign up sheets available to make sure someone will always be present the entire time that Jesus is exposed on the altar each Sunday. Please consider if you will be able to make that commitment and promise to Jesus to stay with Him awhile. Of course, anyone can come at any time during the day to pray without being signed up.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Operation Rice Bowl Prayer: We lift our prayers to you, God of Love, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need. As we learn about their struggles, our almsgiving comes to their aid; our fasting unites us in their hunger. You call us to be disciples for all nations. Bless us this Lenten season. Amen. Rice Bowl items are available at all churches.

This week CRS takes us to the coffee highlands of Nicaragua, where we're called to protect both the goodness of creation and the livelihoods of struggling families. How will this week's fast remind us of the sacredness of God's creation and our duty to protect it?

"Look at His adorable face. Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds. Look Jesus in the Face. There, you will see how He loves us."
-St. Theresa of Lisieux