

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 8, 2015
Third Sunday
of Lent



Zeal for your house will consume me.

John 2:17

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

This past week I was put in the difficult position of choosing whether to cancel faith formation or hold classes knowing that many involved would either go or want to go to the basketball game that was rescheduled for Wednesday night due to weather. My frustration is over the reality of the situation and the culture's attitude that religion is a nice thing for those who need it but optional and sports or whatever other activity takes priority. I just want to challenge this way of thinking and ask for a community evaluation of priorities. I reprint my Facebook post regarding the cancellation as a way to continue to invite our parishioners into the conversation about this issue:

"I have made the frustrated decision to cancel faith formation this Wednesday night (March 4th). While I don't write this to throw guilt, I do write this to make the point that with the schedule being that the game is rescheduled for a Wednesday (Church night), I as a pastor am put in a preposterous situation to choose basketball or religion knowing either way is a loss for my families. How can I not feel like basketball has taken priority over faith (even in an individual circumstance)? This is simply a statement of frustration not at any one institution or group-just at the way things are. I do hope we enjoy the game and I will be cheering for Maple River as always, but I wouldn't mind an honest discussion around this issue. I feel obligated to at least raise the absurdity of me canceling faith formation for a game that I love as much as anybody. God help us to know the right thing to do. And so choose it. I am not confident I have done this. To God be the only glory."

I am not looking to pick a fight or start division over an issue, I just think it is important in a society that has already lost Sundays to sports or other things, Wednesdays could very easily be next and Sundays are more important! Is it simply a favor for schools/groups to not schedule activities on Wednesday evenings or is this something that our towns value enough to fight for? By canceling faith formation on Wednesday, I feel like I have given in to a system that will only demand more in the future. If I am overreacting, then fine, write this off, but if this is a real issue that religion is being put on a back burner so sports or other activities can be given a priority, then how do I not say something about a false idol being worshiped before the One True God? How do I not overturn the tables that have invaded our house of worship?

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 9 **St. Frances of Rome**
2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *John Breiter*

Tuesday, March 10 **Lenten Weekday**
Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Andrew John Nowak*

Wednesday, March 11 **Lenten Weekday**
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *Reparation for our sins*

Thursday, March 12 **Lenten Weekday**
Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Luke 11:14-23
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Deb Wallace*

Friday, March 13 **Lenten Weekday**
Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Lucille Kunkel*

Saturday, March 14 **Lenten Weekday**
Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Marj Heise*
5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew
† *Weir-Kopischke families*

Sunday, March 15 **Fourth Sunday of Lent-Laetare Sunday**
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21
8:00 a.m. Loaves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph
† *Howard La Fleur*
10:00 a.m. Youth Mass at St. Teresa *People of the tri-parish*

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

Wednesdays during Lent 6 p.m. Bible Study at St. Teresa

Thursdays 9 a.m. Bible Study at St. Teresa

Tues. March 10 6:30 p.m. St. Matthew Pastoral Council

Wed. March 11 7 p.m. Tri-parish Communal Penance Service at St. Teresa

Thursday March 12 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph 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 at St. Joseph and St. Matthew will not be held on March 11. All students and their families are encouraged to attend the tri-parish Communal Penance Service held at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa.

At St. Teresa classes for grades K-6 will be held as normal. Classes for grades 7—10 will meet at the regular time and attend the Penance Service together.

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 18, and March 25 there will be a supper served by a CCW circle at 5:30 – 6:30 pm. 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.

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

Middle School Lock-in:

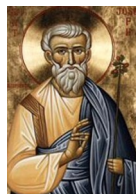
Beginning Saturday, March 14 at noon and ending at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 15.

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.



Parish News

St Joseph Church: Loaves and Fishes Mass next weekend, March 14. **Celebration of St. Joseph's Feast day and also Lenten activities for the kids.** Join us for Mass and a meal after to support the local food shelf. A great opportunity for the Lenten practice of almsgiving.



Feast of St. Joseph— March 19

St Joseph most just, most chaste, most obedient and faithful, Pray for us



Many extra opportunities for Confession this Lent

Wednesday, March 11

Tri-parish Penance Service 7 p.m. at St. Teresa

Saturday, March 14 9 a.m.—10:30 a.m. at St. Teresa

Saturday, March 14 after 5 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew

Tuesday, March 31 6 p.m. at St. Teresa

Wednesday, April 1 5 p.m. at St. Teresa

After the Holy Thursday Mass and after Good Friday Service at St. Teresa and St. Joseph

On each Friday during Lent, beginning February 20, Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be led by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30p.m. A soup supper will follow these devotions, at about 6:15p.m.



Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for your many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen. Please give generously to this year's

Appeal (www.catholicsmn.org/Appeal). **Next weekend, March 14-15 we will have Commitment Weekend, an in pew opportunity to respond to this campaign. Please prayerfully consider in the coming week what you are able to give to your diocese and its needs this year.**



Open house bridal shower for Lindsey Trio, bride to be of Brad Lanoue, on Saturday, March 21 from 9:30—11:30 am at St. Teresa Gathering Space. The couple is registered at Kohl's, Target, and Menards.

Community News

It's time to gear up for the largest statewide food and fund drive to help restock MN food shelves. For the **"Pack the Pews"** event, the weekend of **March 22**, you are encouraged to bring a grocery bag of non-perishables to mass to be donated to Loaves and Fishes.

Also, the MN FoodShare March Campaign matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March. **Remember, for every dollar you donate, we can buy \$10 worth of food** using our network which includes Second Harvest, Dietz Foods and other organizations.

Catholic Charities—"Pot of Gold" Blessing in 60 Seconds!

You can transform the lives we serve in 60 seconds! Catholic Charities has been accepted to participate in the Otto Bremer Foundation March Millions Match Campaign. The foundation is partnering with GiveMN and will be matching every dollar you donate to Catholic Charities. This "Pot of Gold" opportunity is only available during the Month of March—It's an Irish blessing!!

The poor and marginalized we serve will be "doubly blessed" because of **YOU!** Please consider donating today at <https://givemn.org/organization/Catholic-Charities-Of-The-Diocese-Of-Winona>

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (March 1)

Weekly collection...	\$2696.13
Amount collected year to date...	\$110,756.58
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$110,750.00

St. Matthew (February 28)

Weekly collection.....	\$601.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$44,387.53
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$45,496.00

St. Joseph (March 1)

Weekly collection	\$515.30
Amount collected year to date...	\$34,737.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$39,550.00



Ministry Roles

March 14 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Judy Pentico,
Denise Peterson

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Maria Sanders

March 15 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Connie Peters,
Christine Rahn

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Paul FitzSimmons,
Sarah Caven

March 15 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Debbie Reuter,
Anita Rigdon

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Ethan Sindelir, AJ Kunkel,
Samantha Kunkel

Money Counters: Sandy Miller, Ann Walters

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.

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we're reminded that life's joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season—when food is in short supply— and we commit to acting for the common good.

Next weekend there will be a special collection for Catholic Relief Services. Please see the insert for more information about this important charity.