

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 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday



“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have
eternal life.”

John 3:14-15

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

What have you rejoiced over this week? Anything? I would imagine most of us have rejoiced over this week's weather! Perhaps many of us have rejoiced about our favorite squad playing in the state basketball tournament. I know I have rejoiced in both those things, but I also know that on some level those things will pass. One thing I have rejoiced in personally this week was the forgiveness I received through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God's mercy is not something that fades away, but always remains available to those who avail themselves to it. The priest who I confessed to reminded me of how Jesus in His agony experienced the trials and anxieties that I carry at times and how because He has gone through this experience, we can all enter into the way He perfectly offered Himself to the Father. He has opened up the channels of grace that both flow down from God but also make possible our offerings back to God. This weekend is Laetare Sunday, a word that means Rejoice. We rejoice this Sunday because we are now only a few shorts week from the celebration of the cause of our joy in Easter. The time of Lent and penitence is winding down and our hopefulness of salvation draws ever nearer!

The mercy of God is the cause of our joy. The cause of rejoicing in a life that passes away because of the life that lasts for eternity in Heaven. Despite trials, suffering, anxiety, frustration or otherwise, I have a cause for joy because of Jesus who has entered my heart and brings the fullness of peace and mercy. Thank you Lord for your Cross and for making the grace of that Cross available to each of us through the Sacraments of Your Church.

This weekend we hold our commitment weekend to the Catholic Ministries Appeal for the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota. This is the annual diocesan appeal where we yearly commit to our part of supporting the ministries of the Church of southern Minnesota and the Bishop of our Diocese as he works to unify and build up our local Church. We are certainly facing difficult times with 21 parishes planned to become oratories, but this is not a time for cynicism and frustration—it is a time to encourage our leadership and support them in very difficult decisions. Pray for Bishop Quinn, Monsignor Colletti (Vicar General), and the diocesan support staff who work hard to do what is best for everyone involved and to support the Church.



Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

- Monday, March 16** **Lenten Weekday**
Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; John 4:43-54
- Tuesday, March 17** **St. Patrick**
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16
- Wednesday, March 18** **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30
- Thursday, March 19** **St. Joseph**
2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Joe Adams
- Friday, March 20** **Lenten Weekday**
Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-21, 23;
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH *Reparation for our sins*
- Saturday, March 21** **Lenten Weekday**
Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9-12; John 7:40-53
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Anna Rose
(Kotewa) Nowak
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*
- Sunday, March 22** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15;
Hebrew 5:7-9; John 12:20-33
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Myles and Rose
FitzSimmons
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Don Minkel

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
- Thursday, March 19 6:15 p.m. St. Teresa Finance Council

They are not perfect and have and will make mistakes, but by our prayers we can aid in grace for them to carry out God's perfect will for the Church. Thank you for your generous support of the Church of the Diocese of Winona both in the annual appeal and also for the pledges many of us are still paying from the Rooted in Faith Capital Campaign going on two years ago now.



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 meet Wednesday, March 18th.

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.**

Parish News

St. Teresa of Avila, the patron saint of St. Teresa Church, was born on March 28, 1515.

That means on Saturday, March 28 we celebrate her 500th birthday!

We will be having a party—Saturday, March 28, 2015 at St. Teresa Church



Begin with Mass at 9 a.m., after Mass we will have breakfast and Birthday cake.

Father will teach us a little about this saint and we will have games and fun: minnow races, Twister, “pin on” *the castle*, and bean bag toss

There will be prizes for the kids and door prizes for adults.

Don't miss it –mark your calendars and plan on attending to celebrate the life of our patron saint.

Happy 500th Birthday, St. Teresa!

On each Friday during Lent, beginning February 20, Stations of the Cross 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 6:00p.m.



Many extra opportunities for Confession this Lent

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



Sing to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever! This year Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St. Matthew. On this most holy of evenings, we would love to praise God with many voices. **Please consider joining the choir that will be singing at the vigil on April 4 at 8:30 p.m. Mass.** All are welcome and encouraged to join. Practices will be:
Monday, March 23 and
Monday, March 30 at 7 p.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.catholicismn.org/Appeal).



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

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Minnesota Lake
Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 20, 2014 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Serving “All you can eat Fish”, Rosemary's Salmon Loaf, Baked Potato, Creamed Peas, Cole Slaw, and Beverage
Adult - \$9.00 Children 12 & under - \$6.00

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!! 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 8)

Weekly collection...	\$7952.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$118,708.58
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$113,914.00

St. Matthew (March 7)

Weekly collection.....	\$1654.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$46,041.53
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$46,835.00

St. Joseph (March 8)

Weekly collection	\$500.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$35,237.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$40,680.00



Ministry Roles

March 21 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Darla Graf

Minister of Communion: Charly Roelofs,
Maria Sanders

Hospitality: Donna Kopischke, Dave Weir

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Jodi Roelofs, volunteer

March 22 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Maureen Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Dean Sohre,
Dan Sohre

Hospitality: Tyler and Allison Rahn

Gifts: Tyler and Allison Rahn

Servers: April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

Money Counters: Dan Sohre, Eli Depuydt

March 22 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Maureen Nowak

Minister of Communion: Jim Swanson,
Arleen Swanson

Hospitality: Jim and Jackie Landsteiner,
Jim and Mary Ellen Larson

Gifts: Loren and Diane Michael

Servers: Evan Klein, Grant Klein,
McKenzie Reuter

Money Counters: Tammy Schmidt,
Bob Bissonette

**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

Lenten Pro-life Prayer

Father of all mercy, we thank you for this season of grace and light. We know that sin has blinded us. Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance.

Since you, O God, are light itself,
Give all your people a clearer understanding
Of what is sin, and what is virtue.

Grant in particular that we may see, as never before,
The profound dignity of every human life,
Including the vulnerable preborn children.

Give us grace to defend
Our brothers and sisters in the womb
By our prayers, our words,
And our self-sacrificing actions.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

*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.](#)

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of Syrian refugees. We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes, who are seeking shelter in a land of peace.