

St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

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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 22, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent



“The hour has come for the Son
of Man to be glorified.”

John 12:23

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 Thursday we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph, the faithful spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saint Joseph is recognized as the second most important saint in the Church as his role was so very important to the salvation of all mankind. We are blest to celebrate so noble a man who faithfully and humbly remained faithful to the will of God. Our Tri-Parish is blest to have St. Joseph as one of the patrons of our parish. We should grow in a deeper devotion to Joseph praying that we too might remain vigilant to do what God asks of us not for our own glory but only to remain faithful to God. My home parish in Owatonna is St. Joseph and so I have always felt a closeness with St. Joseph and found myself inspired by his faithfulness. The loyalty of Joseph to Jesus and Mary and to the will of God is incredible. St. Joseph: faithful, true, prudent, loyal, just, generous, hard-working, laborer, serene, confident, honest, humble, loving. What man doesn't desire to model their lives on these qualities that Joseph himself carried out. Pray for us oh faithful foster-father of our Savior!

This coming week on Wednesday the Church celebrates another feast day: The Annunciation of the angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Notice the timing: The 25th of March: 9 months before Christmas! Obviously the Church is very intentional with her feast days and celebrating the life of devotion and faith. I think it is regrettable how much we have let go of the many devotions and prayers that have inspired our Catholic ancestors through the centuries. We have lost some of the practices that helped bring the faith alive in our households. We have memories of family rosaries or of praying devotions to particular saints or litanies at certain points. In some parishes people gathered at the Church every week to pray devotions like Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sacred Heart devotions, 40 hours devotion, prayers for the poor souls in purgatory, and on and on. Now we find these things laborious or ancient or we just think ourselves too busy to make the time for them. These practices aided in grace and moved hearts to a deeper love of God. I would recommend for the last couple weeks of Lent finding a saint or devotion that touches you and praying it each day during the week. I love praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Litany of St. Joseph, the Litany of Humility, or any other prayer or devotion that might enkindle a deeper love of God. We have a Church rich in tradition on prayer and devotions that have enkindled in the hearts of believers for centuries to live faithfulness and generous lives as we give of ourselves to God.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 23 **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23:1-6;
John 8:1-11
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Margaret Lubitz

Tuesday, March 24 **Lenten Weekday**
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21; John 8:21-30
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Richard Nowak

Wednesday, March 25 **The Annunciation of the Lord**
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10;
Luke 1:26-38
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Charlene Wallace

Thursday, March 26 **Lenten Weekday**
Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-9; John 8:51-59
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Lillian Pfeffer

Friday, March 27 **Lenten Weekday**
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-7; John 10:31-42
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH Robert Honerman

Saturday, March 28 **Lenten Weekday**
Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-56
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Reparation for our sins*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Sr. Lois

Sunday, March 29 **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Theresa Healy

***Clarification of Mass Intentions: If the Mass is offered for a person who is deceased, there is a cross in front of the name. A mass can also be offered for a someone living and in good health. 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.**

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 6 p.m. Bible Study at St Teresa

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



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 25th.

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 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.

Parish News

Mass schedule in the Tri-parish for The Triduum and Easter morning:

Holy Thursday April 2	7 p.m. St. Teresa
Good Friday April 3	3 p.m. St. Teresa
	7 p.m. St. Joseph
Easter Vigil April 4	8:30 p.m. St. Matthew
Easter morning April 5	8 a.m. St. Joseph
	10 a.m. St. Teresa

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!



March 27 is the last chance to attend stations and soup supper at St. Teresa. Stations begin at 5:30 p.m.



Many extra opportunities for Confession this Lent

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.



Tri-Parish Donations for Easter Flowers: If you would like to help to make our churches more beautiful this Easter season you may make a donation for Easter flowers by using the specially marked envelope enclosed with your regular monthly support envelope; if you don't have that envelope please use another envelope and mark it “Easter Flowers”. You may also enclose names of persons you want remembered.

We joyfully welcome two new members into our tri-parish family!

Samuel Phillip Hollerich, son of Trent and Rachel Hollerich was baptized into the Church on Thursday, March 12 at St. Joseph.



Grayson Samuel Germo, son of Noah and Chelsea Germo, was baptized on Sunday, March 15 at St. Teresa.

We pray that these children and their families remain close to God always and receive his abundant graces.



Women's Book Club meets Sunday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa. The book this month is Mother Teresa Come Be My Light. For those interested, we will meet at 6:10 p.m. in the church for a time of prayer, beginning with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Living Stations Mime Troupe

will be presenting the Passion of the Lord

March 25 7 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 225 3rd Ave, Waldorf

April 3 7 p.m. Belgrade United Methodist, 325 Sherman St, North Mankato

Community News

Grace United Methodist, Vernon Center, Ham Dinner Sunday, March 29 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Adults \$8, Children pre school—10 \$4

St. Joseph the Worker, Mankato is hosting a Dad's Belgian Waffle Fundraiser on Sunday, March 29 from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 Proceeds benefit the youth group.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (March 15)

Weekly collection...	\$3242.15
Amount collected year to date...	\$121,950.73
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$117,078.00

St. Matthew (March 14)

Weekly collection.....	\$685.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$46,726.53
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$48,174.00

St. Joseph (March 15)

Weekly collection	\$614.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$35,851.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$41,810.00



Ministry Roles

March 28 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kallie Majeski

Minister of Communion: Char Schuch,
Neal Wallace

Hospitality: Jon Lewis family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Linda Anderson, volunteer

March 29 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Minister of Communion: Patty Thomas,
Hollie Smith

Hospitality: Dan and Teresa Sohre

Gifts: Dan and Teresa Sohre

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Parker Smith

Money Counters: Laureen Sohre,
Rachel Depuydt

March 29 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Debbie Reuter

Minister of Communion: Tony Bach,
Brenda Carey

Hospitality: Dan and Sherry Kraft,
Tom and Gina Massop

Gifts: KC and Debbie Reuter family

Servers: Andrew Hoppe, Kole Wenner,
Julia Langworthy

Money Counters: Kay Proehl, Jan Sonnek

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: sjmst.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

Respect life: Tune in to "Defending Life"

From the privacy of your own home, you can learn from the experts about the best pro-life strategies and most compelling pro-life testimonies by tuning in to "Defending Life," the world's largest, longest-running TV series about abortion and the pro-life movement. Hosted by Fr. Frank Pavone, this series airs on EWTN, the world's largest religious broadcasting network. It can be heard on radio and internet as well. You can also order DVDs of the programs. Visit www.priestsforlife.org/defendinglife for details.

*We Adore You O Christ
and We Praise You*



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.](#)

CRS Rice Bowl brings our Lenten journey back to Africa this week, to the Democratic Republic of Congo. We join our fasting in solidarity with people who go hungry, and we remember in prayer the importance of building a community that is willing to support those most in need.

Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information - The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (507)454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Peter Martin by calling (507)858-1264 or emailing pmartin@dow.org.