

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 29, 2015

Palm Sunday Of the Passion of Our Lord



Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!
Mark 11:9

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 weekend in the Church we celebrate Palm Sunday also known as Passion Sunday. This is the longest Sunday Mass outside of the Easter

Vigil throughout the entire Liturgical year as we begin with the Gospel reading of Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem as the people cry out in praise of the Messiah who has come to save them. As we process into the Church we have the normal Mass but read the Passion Narrative where Jesus is condemned to death and crucified. How quickly the people turn on the acclaimed Messiah and become complicit in His death and deny any allegiance to Him.

As we meditate on the Passion this weekend and with the Holy Week liturgies ahead, I think we can relate to this with our own personal sins. When we are tempted, how quickly sin enters our hearts or our lives. We are very prone to fall to judgment, criticism, gossip, anger, lust, envy, or any other sin even after just committing ourselves to being better or to stop sinning. We condemn Jesus and crucify Him with our sins and betray Him with our inability to turn away from sin and remain faithful to God. Yet, we should not become discouraged or fainthearted, God is abundant in mercy and grace calling us to strive on to overcome sin or despair. This week we praise Jesus because He has died for us. We praise Jesus because He died for us knowing that time and again we would fail Him. We praise Jesus knowing that we are prone to fail again. And we praise Jesus because by our striving and His grace we can conquer sin once and for all. Temptation will not cease, but our giving in and sinning can. Jesus, might your grace be sufficient—your mercy real in my life!

I encourage you to take advantage of the Holy Week Masses this week. The Chrism Mass is on Monday at Queen of Angels in Austin, MN at 7:00PM where the priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly promises and the Bishop will bless the holy oils that are sent out for the Sacraments of the Church for this coming year. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is that beautiful Mass where we celebrate Christ's call to serve our brothers and sisters in the washing of the feet and celebration of the first Eucharist where Jesus gave us His Body and Blood as the Memorial Sacrificial Meal of our Salvation. Good Friday is the day of Jesus' death and agony and a day of penance and fasting for us to unite to Jesus' passion. Holy Saturday our Lord sleeps in the tomb until the glorious Easter Vigil where we announce the Salvation won for us fulfilled in Jesus! And Easter Sunday morning where the whole world rejoices in God's saving grace! What beautiful days ahead. Thank you Lord for these wonderful celebrations of the victory you have won! Jesus, we adore you and praise you, for by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, March 30

Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14; John 12:1-11

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Henry Stenzel and family*

Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, March 31

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Plagai (Shumski) Kotewa*

Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday, April 1

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25

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

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

Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, April 2

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Teresa

† *Sr. Lois*

Holy Thursday

Friday, April 3

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 ; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord at St. Teresa

7:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord at St. Joseph

Good Friday, The Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4

Genesis 1:1—2:2; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Cecil and Bernardine Dickey*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Richard James Nowak*

The Resurrection of the Lord

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Tri-parish office will be closed

Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6.

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
Will **not** meet April 1

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 not meet Wednesday, April 1.

Mandatory meeting for all youth going to the Steubenville Conference and/or the Mission Trip. Each student and at least one parent/guardian must attend. Information about both trips will be given out at this time, and registration will be completed.

The meetings will be Wednesday, April 15
6:30 p.m. for the Mission Trip
7 p.m. for the Steubenville Conference

A reminder— all 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students must attend the Steubenville Conference unless other arrangements are made with Fr. Kern.

Parish News

Please turn in your **Rice Bowls** at Holy Thursday Mass. If you can not do this, bring them to Mass that week. There will be baskets at each church to collect them. Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity this Lent. Your gift will help people in great need.



After Mass on Holy Thursday, we follow the beautiful tradition of “walking with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane.” This is a solemn procession that carries the consecrated Sacred Host from the main altar to the Altar of Repose, beautifully decorated to show the honor and glory of the Lord who is there.

We then “wait with Jesus” staying in silence to adore our Lord and pray with him as He prepares for his coming passion and death. We will remain in prayer with Jesus at the Altar of Repose until midnight. Please consider spending some time with him during those few hours.

Please join us for a trip back to the 50's!
Tri-Parish Barn Dance
sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Saturday, April 25th 6:00-9:00 pm
Enjoy Karaoke with music from the 50's



50's Food will be served from 6:00-7:30
Burgers, hot dogs, malts

Free will donation to cover the cost
Paul and Gina Fitzsimmon's Farm 54440 148th Street
All are welcome!

Spring cleaning at St. Matthew Church -St. Anne's Circle

Must be done by Saturday, April 4. Check off sheet is on the inside of the cleaning closet door. Thank you for whatever you can do.



Last chances to make a good 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. The next practice will be: 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 into our tri-parish family Finley Edward Quast, son of Tim and Lindsey Quast, who was baptized into the Church on Sunday, March 22 at St. Joseph.

We pray that Finley and his family remain close to God always and receive his abundant graces.



Women's Book Club meeting scheduled for March 29 has been postponed. Discussion of the current book, Mother Teresa Come Be My Light will take place Sunday, May 3. We will push the next book on the list back a month. So, another month to finish this great book. Enjoy!

Bridal Shower for Alex Birr (fiancé of Zach Brandt) on Saturday April 11 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Mapleton T & C Leisure Center. They are registered at Kohl's and Menards.



Living Stations Mime Troupe

will be presenting the Passion of the Lord
April 3 7 p.m. Belgrade United Methodist,
325 Sherman St, North Mankato

Community News

Spring Fest at Jackson Lake Lutheran Church, Amboy
Sunday, April 12 10:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
Luncheon Buffet \$8/Adult \$4/ages 6-11
Large craft and bake sale as well

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



Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (March 22)

Weekly collection...	\$3109.75
Amount collected year to date...	\$125,060.48
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$120,242.00

St. Matthew (March 21)

Weekly collection.....	\$439.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$47,165.53
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$49,513.00

St. Joseph (March 22)

Weekly collection	\$1232.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$37,083.30
Amount budgeted year to date	\$42,940.00



Ministry Roles

April 4 St. Matthew 8:30 p.m.

Reader: Neal Majeski, Carol Schulz

Minister of Communion: Dave Weir,
Tony Wendlandt

Hospitality: Neil Majeski family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett,
Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Wendy Bennett

April 5 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Julie FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Jim Wieseler,
John FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Jay and Cassie Winters

Gifts: Jay and Cassie Winters

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Kim Kleven, Maureen Hollerich

April 5 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony Bach

Minister of Communion: Butch Bach, Judy Bach

Hospitality: Tony and Connie Bach,
Joe and Cathy Wittrock

Gifts: Ken and Anita Rigdon

Servers: Adam Dickey, Kayla Rigdon,
Jacob Rigdon

Money Counters: Marie Gartner,
Eugene Langworthy

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

Our Catholic World



Your contribution to the Catholic Diocesan Appeal is a way of serving others throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus. Please consider your one-time or monthly gift as a reflection of your daily offering to God. To give a gift, please fill out the pledge card sent to you, or an envelope available at church, or give on line. Thank you for your generosity. The goals for each parish are:

St. Joseph	\$4,560;	St. Matthew	\$5,800;	St. Teresa	\$14,140
Collected:	\$595		\$1,100		\$4,578

The number of parishioners who have given to date:

St. Joseph: 8 St. Matthew : 5 St. Teresa: 32

If we do not meet the goals with your donations, the parish will need to make up the difference. **Please prayerfully consider sending in your gift today.**



The Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls

that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy." In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions. The prayers and intentions for the novena can be found at www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm A few copies are at the church entrance.

Ministry Roles for Holy Thursday and Good Friday

Holy Thursday, April 2 St. Teresa 7:00 p.m.

Reader: Arleen Swanson

Minister of Communion: Cliff Anderson, Marcie Anderson

Hospitality: Paul and Shellie Landsteiner,
Jason and Karen Langworthy

Gifts: Jason and Sheila Klein

Servers: Lukas Trio, Nathan Trio, Dillon Schmidt, Dustyn Schmidt

Good Friday, April 3 St. Teresa 3:00 p.m.

Reader: Marcie Anderson

Minister of Communion: none needed

Hospitality: Butch and Judy Bach, Lynn and Ceal Caldwell

Servers: Will Stencil, Cole Stencil, Nolan Braaten

Good Friday, April 3 St. Joseph 7:00 p.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Minister of Communion: none needed

Hospitality: David and Jody Trio family

Servers: Kelsey Sohre, Ella Sohre

Money counters: volunteers