

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. Teresa
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Matthew
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Joseph

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

Tri-Parish Office

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July 12, 2015 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In him we have redemption by his blood,
the forgiveness of transgressions,
in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished
upon us. Ephesians 1:7

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

How often we celebrate a Sacrament and think something like ‘well that was nice’ or ‘Father does a nice job’. This relation to the Sacrament puts a real limitation or failure to see the real power of grace that is unfolding in a given moment. The Sacraments of the Church are God’s saving action in the world today. The Sacraments are particular miracles of grace. They are touch-points with the Divine! How much we should be reminded of our need to allow the Sacraments of the Church to impact us and renew us spiritually! In my own experience it is too often that we can form a particular routine approach towards the Mass and kind of drift through until perhaps a song or idea strikes us or confronts us with an emotion or sentiment that draws us deeper into God’s grace. However we shouldn’t be dependent on fleeting emotions or memories to draw us into the Mass. This is where a discipline of deliberately entering into and seeking the Lord by speaking to Him about our own thoughts, feelings, and desires that particular day and bringing those to the Mass to be offered and united to Jesus is so incredibly powerful and important to our spiritual growth. This is precisely where the one Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross is made pertinent in our day to day life. The objective reality of Jesus dying on the Cross once and for all endures eternally and is the means by which I am saved from hell. The personal experience of this saving grace is made present for me to unite myself to at each and every mass! This is an incredible grace offered to us through the Sacramental life of the Church. If Father never says anything worth listening to in the homily, the Mass still speaks much louder than him anyway! Worship Jesus on the Cross at the Mass—be fed by the Bread that Angels adore and worship!

Next week please welcome Fr. Edward Eftink from Cross Catholic Outreach who will join us to share a mission appeal for the good work Cross Catholic Outreach does throughout the world. We have had Cross Catholic Outreach with us in the past and so are familiar with some of their good efforts. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Mission of the Church to the poor and those needing to hear the saving message of Christ. Please continue your prayers for our youth as after this current week-end with Steubenville Conference, I will travel next Sunday with 8 of our youth on a mission trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp which we are going to the camp in Detroit Lakes, MN. Your prayers are most appreciated for a faith filled and Christ-centered trip! Blessed be God!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, July 13 **St. Henry**
Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Psalm 124:1-8; Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 14 **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**
Exodus 2:1-15; Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
Matthew 11:20-24
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, July 15 **St. Bonaventure**
Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalm 103:1-4, 6-7; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 16 **Our Lady of Mt Carmel**
Exodus 3:13-20; Psalm 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;
Matthew 11:28-30
7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *John Germa*

Friday, July 17
Exodus 11:10—12:14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18;
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 18 **St. Camillus de Lellis**
Exodus 12:37-42; Psalm 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
Matthew 12:14-21
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Maurice VanRossum*

Sunday, July 19 **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18;
Mark 6:30-34
8 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Cecil and Bernardine Dickey*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Monday, July 13 6:15 p.m.	St Teresa Pastoral Council
Thursday, July 16 7 p.m.	St. Joseph Finance Council

Tri-parish Adult Mission Trip to Belize

We are planning a trip to Belize City to encounter Christ in the poor who live there and make a positive impact on their lives—and ours. The dates for the trip are February 13—20 or 21, 2016. If you would like more information please contact Carol at the tri-parish office.

“The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in the lives of the poor, who are at the center of the Church’s pilgrim way, just as Pope Francis has indicated from the start of his pontifical ministry: I want a church that is poor and for the poor. We are called to find Christ in them, lend our voice to their cause, and also be their friends.” Bishop Bernabe’ Sagastume, OFM Cap



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

Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley Don Shubert, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, 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



All youth entering grades 6—8 next fall— don't forget to get your registrations turned into the church or tri-parish office .

Registrations need to be in by

July 15th. If you did not receive one, call the office 524-3127. Camp Summit is a great opportunity for fun and learning at Eagle Bluff.

Parish News

St. Matthew: St. Margaret Circle will be having a Cash Breakfast for June. Please give your \$10 donation to Judy Pentico or Nita Looft in the next few weeks. Thank you for your support.

St. Matthew: Free coffee and rolls served after mass this summer. Please join us for food and fellowship. All are welcome.



Msgr. Edward M. Eftink, Ph.D. will be visiting our parishes next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the church overseas, including the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



Mark your calendars— Tri-parish Picnic at St. Teresa Church Saturday, August 15 -Feast of the Assumption Mass at 5 p.m., picnic after Food, games, fun for the whole family.

Further details will follow.

JESUS SAID HE CAME TO GIVE US LIFE TO THE FULL

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
DO YOU WANT TO LEARN EXACTLY HOW TO LIVE IT?
THEN DON'T MISS REBOOT! LIVE!

ONE EVENING REGIONAL EVENT WEDNESDAY, September 30th 2015, 7:00 – 9:30PM Fitzgerald Campus, Mankato. For more information and to register: Call Beverly Miller, at 507-514-2425 or purchase your tickets online at www.RealLifeCatholic.com

Families come in all shapes and sizes. Please open yours to an International Exchange student. I am currently seeking Host families for the upcoming school year(2015-16) In the Maple River and USC school district.

Our students represent more than 60 nationalities. They have 3-plus years of English language study, come medically insured, with their own spending money and ready to be a part of your family. Please consider opening up your home to host a student. Please contact Melissa Decker 507-382-3980 for more information or visit ciee.org/highschool

Challenge Yourself to End Hunger

Please accept the 2015 Food Shelf Challenge from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless and Maple River Loaves and Fishes this July.

You can make a difference for hungry families in our community. We see an increase in child visits during the summer. When school is out for summer vacation, many children miss out on free school meals and their families turn to us for support.

Help a hungry family today by making a donation.

Make a bigger impact on hunger in our community this July. Every day, Minnesota food shelves serve 9,000. Last July Maple River Loaves and Fishes had 115 families visit. You can make a difference this year, by donating throughout the month of July.

The more you donate, the larger our food shelf's grant from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will be. The challenge funds will proportionally match your donation. Your donation will go farther due to our buying power. For every \$1 you donate, we can purchase \$10 worth of food from our food bank. Thank you Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless and Hunger Solutions Minnesota. Hunger Solutions Minnesota (HSM) has coordinated this matching grant opportunity since 2010. HSM works to end hungry via the Minnesota Food HelpLine and by advancing fair public nutrition policies on behalf of hungry Minnesotans. HSM connects Minnesota's food shelves with funding and technical assistance to support the 9,000 daily food shelf visits.

You can help in a number of ways:

- 1) Mail a donation to: Maple River Loaves and Fishes, PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065.
- 2) Stop by our food shelf, which is located in the back of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mapleton. Our hours are Tuesdays from 3-6pm and Saturdays from 9-noon.
- 3) Volunteer your time. Ask for the board member at your local church.

Every Tuesday at **3:30 p.m.** (note time correction) the Rosary is prayed by the residents of the Mapleton Community Home. One of our parishioners leads the rosary each week. Due to a variety of reasons we are down on the number of leaders and are asking for volunteers to come once a month or less to help with this beautiful ministry. Do not be afraid— you can use a "cheat sheet" if you want! Please let Fr. Kern or the office know if you would be willing to help.

Adoption is a wonderful way to build a family. If you are interested in learning more about adoption call Catholic Charities at 1-800-222-5859. As one adoptive parent said, "Adoption has been a blessed event in our lives. We can't imagine loving anyone as much as our child. Our son has been the joy of our lives and has allowed us the opportunity of having a family. We are extremely grateful to his birthmother for bringing him into our world." **If you are interested in adoption visit us at ccwinona.org or call Catholic Charities in Mankato at 387-5586 .**

Birthright, a pro-life pregnancy help center in Mankato, needs more caring volunteers to help women make the decision of life for their babies. Birthright is planning a training session for new volunteers during July. For information and to volunteer, call the Birthright office at 387-7818

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (July 4)

Weekly collection...	\$4444.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$4444.50
Amount budgeted year to date ..	

St. Matthew (July 5)

Weekly collection.....	\$483.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$483.00
Amount budgeted year to date...	

St. Joseph (July 5)

Weekly collection	\$444.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$444.50
Amount budgeted year to date	



Ministry Roles

July 18 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Jeff Kunkel

Minister of Communion: Mary Ellen Larson,
Sandy Miller

Hospitality: Dan and Sherry Kraft,
Paul and Shellie Landsteiner

Gifts: Tony and Connie Bach

Servers: Ethan Sindelir, McKenzie Reuter,
Brooke Reuter

Money Counters: Vicki Kunkel, Jan Sonnek

July 19 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Lynn Demuth

Minister of Communion: Justin Davis,
Devin Moline

Hospitality: Linda Anderson family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Kitty Cumbee

July 19 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Minister of Communion: Dick FitzSimmons,
John FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Gifts: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Paul FitzSimmons,
Laureen Sohre

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



Rooted in Faith, Rejoice in Hope Campaign Update

Thank you for your continued support of the *Rooted in Faith - Rejoice in Hope*, a capital campaign to raise funds for the restricted purposes of Priests' Retirement, IHM Seminary, and our parishes. This campaign is one of the major fund-raisers managed by the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota. The foundation is an independent non-profit that supports stewardship in our parishes, schools, and ministries so they may access the necessary resources to be vibrant centers of faith and evangelization.

To date, you, our donors, have generously pledged more than **\$26.3 million** (or 88.8% of the \$30 M campaign goal). You have promised (\$10.8 M) toward Priests' Retirement, (\$5 M) IHM Seminary, and (\$5.9 M) to our parishes. Additionally, \$2 M of the total raised funded the 2013 annual diocesan ministries (2013 Catholic Ministries Appeal). Another \$1 M in estate gifts will be available for restricted campaign purposes upon their maturity.

For our part, as the grateful stewards of your gifts, we have held campaign expenses to 6.5% or (\$1.7 M), which is substantially below the conventional cost of a capital campaign of this size. In other words, 93.5 cents of every one of your dollars goes directly to the campaign goals.

Your generous response is a testimony to your commitment to serve Christ in the persons of His priests, seminarians, and parishioners. We thank you most graciously! For more information about the cam-

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 19 through July 25. The dates of this week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. "It is a scientific method, it's not the rhythm method or the calendar method — it works," said Karen Murphy Corr, provincial coordinator at Serena BC, which offers NFP services. "Women start to realize if I'm eating organic and I'm drinking out of glass, and I'm making all these efforts in every other aspect of my life, why would I manage my fertility with a carcinogen?" - Karen Murphy Corr, Serena BC (Source: Vancouver.24hrs.ca, 5/13/14). To learn more about NFP, see www.dow.org and click on Life, Marriage, and Family in the "Directory" heading.

This Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of St. Kateri.

St. Kateri Teckakwitha is the first Native American to be declared a Saint. Her feastday is July 14. She is the **patroness of the environment and ecology** as is St. Francis of Assisi. Saint Kateri was canonized on 10/21/2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Kateri was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri and transfigured her face. Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the new Christian colony of Indians in Canada. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 17, 1680 at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks".