

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

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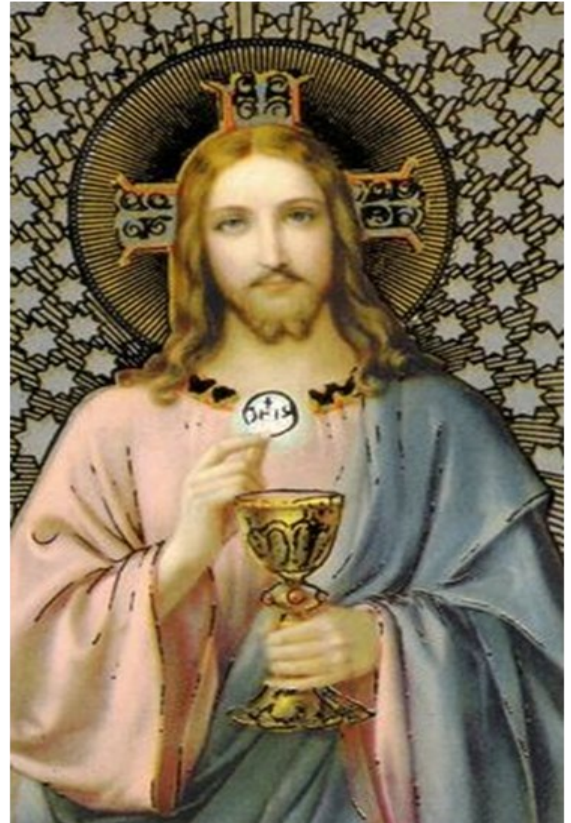
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August 16, 2015 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” John 6:51

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

I am writing this week from the airport in Denver, CO after attending a Conference called "The Amazing Parish Conference". This name

sounded slightly cheesy to me when I first heard about the conference but once I got past the name and looked at the topics and goals for the conference I became very excited. I asked Carol, our Tri-Parish parish manager, along with Deacon Chris and a couple others to attend the conference. Stephanie Stencil from St. Teresa's agreed to attend with us. The Diocese of Winona paid our entire conference fee as a scholarship/grant so we could attend.

While I probably had lower or more cynical expectations than I should have had going, (I often feel like we can throw around a lot of good ideas at these types of things but perhaps less comes from it than one would hope) I left feeling very refreshed and encouraged about how to continue to carry forth vision and utilize our parish leaders to make the best use of our planning efforts and strategy.

I am excited about what the future holds for our parishes and for each of us to make a more intentional journey and come to a more personal and deeper relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ. This is my goal for our parishes: That each parishioner might be closer to the Person of Jesus in the next year than they are now.

One of the ways I want to help us do this is through the forming of peer groups which allow us to focus on Jesus together through the reading of Scripture, Church teachings or writings, and other means to walk together in our relationship with Jesus. We give one hour to Jesus on Sunday, but so many of us would benefit immensely from having a closer group of friends who wouldn't judge us or have expectations for us to be at a certain place in our faith journey but would simply welcome us to journey with them.

Another item this conference helped me realize is the amount I utilize input from others and rely on it to make decisions. However, I also recognize that at times I don't make decisions because I don't feel like the plan is properly communicated. One fruit of this conference was to form a small team that works with the pastor and staff to assist him in strategy and input for how to implement the goals and vision of the parishes; a sort of mission advancement team that helps him strategize about what specific tasks need to be taken in order to carry forth the goals we are looking to implement. This allows for the pastoral councils to be the sounding board and event planning groups without being overly bogged down with big picture items like vision and mission. The councils then serve as an advisory or consultative body as they are meant to but not overwhelmed with strategic planning. While change is and will be inevitable in our parishes, I am confident that we can reach new depths of faith and new horizons of encounter with our Lord!

I hope by this point in my time as your pastor you realize I love you and love it here. I hope we can continue to work together to keep building the Church and growing in love with God. I hope you trust me and know that I will only work toward what I see is for the true good of the faith of each member of our parish and in that I include those in our boundaries who do not attend Sunday Mass. May the Lord continue to increase and we decrease in our parish boundaries!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, August 17

Judges 2:11-19; Psalm 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44;
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18

Judges 6:11-24; Psalm 85:9, 11-14; Matthew 19:23-30
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, August 19

St. John Eudes

Judges 9:6-15; Psalm 21:2-7; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 20

St. Bernard

Judges 11:29-39; Psalm 40:5, 7-10; Matthew 22:1-14

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Anna Breiter

Friday, August 21

St. Pius X

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Psalm 146:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Lucille Kunkel

Saturday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Psalm 128:1-5;
Matthew 23:1-12

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Ernest Kramer

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Joe Adams

Sunday, August 23

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21;
Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

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

Wed., Aug. 26 7 p.m.

St Matthew Finance Council



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

Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, 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.

Parish News

St. Joseph: Volunteers are needed to help out on our parish's days to work the Maple River Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. Help is needed on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2:30—6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 5, 8:30 a.m.—noon. We also need 2 volunteers to help at the Community Closet in Mapleton on Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m.—noon. Please contact Gina FitzSimmons with questions, or to volunteer. Please be generous with your time to those in need in our own communities.

St. Teresa: A reminder that quarterly and yearly pledges for the Renovation of the church are due in July. A letter was sent out earlier this month explaining where you are in your pledge payments according to office records. If you did not receive this letter, or are unsure of what amount is due at this time, please contact the tri-parish office. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

St. Matthew: St. Ann's Circle will be having a cash breakfast for July. Please give a \$10 donation to Char Schuch or Evelyn Wallace in the next few weeks. Thank you

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



Women's Book Club will begin its second year on Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the church at 6:10 p.m. We will be discussing the book Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers. We will also plan the rest of the year. Please join us whether you are new to the group or were a part of it last year, whether you can attend every month or just a few a year. We would love to have you!



We pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Nelson who passed on to eternal life on August 7, and whose funeral Mass was said at St. Teresa on Friday, August 14. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her. We pray also for, her son, Jerry at this difficult time.

Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."
~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

St Joseph Festival in the Park ~ Sunday, September 13

Mass at Noon, Family Fun until 3:00

Live Music!

Beyond Blue offer a popular variety of easy listening, country, folk rock, jazz, and pop.

Food!

Pork Patties, Beer, Maggie's potato salad. home made goodies, and more!
Free Will Offering

Shopping!

Silent auction,
Bake sale and fresh produce!



Come Worship with us and then enjoy...
Inflatables, kids games, great food, relaxation and great conversation!

Invite your family and friends to join in the festivities. All are welcome! All the time.

Community News

The public is invited to help celebrate the 150th year since the arrival of School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato with a Celebration of Prayer and Music at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. A reception with refreshments will follow the free concert.

This celebration will feature narration of the story of how the School Sisters established religious community life and brought Catholic education to Mankato. In addition, there will be choral and instrumental music, including several numbers on the Johnson and Son organ, performed by SSND musicians. It also will incorporate the message of the Year of Consecrated Life declared by Pope Francis in 2013.

Southern Minnesota Autism Motorcycle and Classic Car Ride
Saturday, September 12 Registration begins at 11 a.m.
Events begin at noon
Noon—7 p.m.—bake sale and silent auction
Location: Thunder Bar and Grill

Items are needed for the bake sale—baked or canned goods are welcome. If you can help out, please bring your donated items to St. Teresa on Friday, September 11, by 7 p.m. This is a great fundraiser for area children with autism—Thank you for your help.

Contact Karen Springer with questions or more information—507-340-8167.



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

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (August 8)

Weekly collection...	\$6572.27
Amount collected year to date...	\$19,119.27
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$18,986.00

St. Matthew (August 9)

Weekly collection.....	\$1184.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$4599.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$7992.00

St. Joseph (August 9)

Weekly collection	\$742.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$4715.50
Amount budgeted year to date	\$6756.00



Ministry Roles

August 22 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Maureen Nowak

Minister of Communion: Butch and Judy Bach

Hospitality: Cliff and Marcie Anderson,
Tim and Meg Mohwinkel

Gifts: Alice and Dan Germo

Servers: Kole Wenner, Ellie Braaten,
Nolan Braaten

Money Counters: Meg Mohwinkel,
Sandy Miller

August 23 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Carol Schulz

Minister of Communion: Tony Wendlandt,
Maria Sanders

Hospitality: Larry Caven family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Linda Anderson, Char Schuch

August 23 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Minister of Communion: Mary Caven,
Leah Davis

Hospitality: Lee and Linda Hiller

Gifts: Lee and Linda Hiller

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Kim Kleven,
Paul FitzSimmons

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

Our Catholic World



Panel discussion on Pope's New Encyclical

The Minnesota Catholic Conference and Catholic Rural Life are hosting a panel discussion on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* on Wednesday, September 9 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Join us as we look into some of the encyclical's themes and consider ways in which we as Catholics can put them into practice within our families, parishes, and communities.

RSVP at <https://mcc-laudato-si.eventbrite.com>

Recently, the Center for Medical Progress, (CMP) released a video showing the senior medical director at Planned Parenthood discussing PP'S ongoing involvement in today's sale of baby body parts. Excellent articles can be found on this topic at www.stopp.org. Please, please help us take action to bring this horrific practice to a stop.

1. Sign the petition against Planned Parenthood. American Life League is helping the Center for Medical Progress to amass 500,000 signatures on a petition calling on Congress to take action now. You can sign the petition at ppbabyparts.instagram.com/.
2. Tell your family, friends, and groups about the petition. Use your e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, and any other means to send the link above to everyone you know.
3. Contact your members of Congress and tell them you want action taken to cut all taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood. Ask them to 1) immediately suspend all Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood, and 2) to conduct an investigation of Planned Parenthood to shut off all taxpayer money to the organization. You can find who your representative is by going to house.gov/representatives/find/. You can find your U.S. senator by going to senate.gov/senators/contact/.

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading. We must become like children (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#)) to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the cross that is represented and renewed.

To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness -- maybe even madness -- to believe that Jesus can give us His flesh to eat.

Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words "eat" and "drink," and "my flesh" and "my blood." To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses, not the ordinary Greek word for eating, but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the "munching" of feeding animals.

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom (see [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)). In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His flesh is true food, His blood, true drink.

Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Epistle (see [Proverbs 9:10](#)). And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing.

Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes.

We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven -- in which God our savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever (see [Isaiah 25:6-9](#)).

Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.