

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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August 23, 2015 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



...decide today whom you will serve,
...As for me and my household, we will
serve the LORD.”

Joshua 24:15

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

A special thank you to everyone who helped plan and coordinate the Tri-Parish Picnic hosted by St. Teresa's last week. We had great food, fun with games for the kids (and me), and even raised some money for the youth programs. It was a great representation of community coming together to recognize the many blessings we have been given. May the Lord in His abundant grace continue to fill our hearts with the fullness of love and mercy!

Each of us knows someone who is searching. Can you think of someone who is searching to find answers in their faith or looking to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus? I hope you might think of yourself in this context as well. There is an old adage that being stationary in the spiritual life is regression in the spiritual life. We have to stir into flame our ache or hunger for God. Allow Him to stir up within us a desire that is only satisfied in our personal relationship with Jesus. Our Triune God desires relationship with us in this way! There are many ways to actualize or satisfy this hunger in the Church and first and foremost it is through our devotion to the Eucharist and commitment to personal prayer time. By making a priority (and not just going through the motions) the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, time before the Blessed Sacrament, reading of Sacred Scripture, Marian devotion, and prayer anyway we can get it serves to be essential to our deepening relationship with God.

Starting Tuesday, September 15th, and carrying forth every Tuesday at 7:00PM, I will begin teaching a course or session along with two campus ministers at the St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish at Minnesota State University. This will serve as the parish RCIA program this year. I have sent letters out to specific people who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith but I would love to increase the number of people who are attending this program. I have opened it up to anyone who simply wants to go deeper in their faith journey—but not just know more—but encounter Jesus. It will be a welcoming group and perhaps will be a younger group than a normal parish RCIA program but will be a wonderful opportunity to study and fall in love with the faith given us by Jesus Himself. Who could you invite to this opportunity? Send me an email (frjkern@hickorytech.net) with their name and contact information and I will follow up with them. I think anyone who is searching might find this a great opportunity and it will be low pressure if it does not fit what they are looking for at the current time. Remember more opportunities are coming as well for bible studies and faith groups in our parishes so be ready to jump in and say yes to what Jesus is doing in your life! Blessed be the Name of Jesus!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, August 24 **St. Bartholomew**
Revelation 21:9-14; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25 **St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz**
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-6; Matthew 23:23-26
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, August 26
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 ; Psalm 139:7-12; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27 **St. Monica**
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5, 12-14, 17;
Matthew 24:42-51
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *John Breiter*

Friday, August 28 **St. Augustine**
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12;
Matthew 25:1-13
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Henry Stenzel and family*

Saturday, August 29 **The Passion of
St. John the Baptist**
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-9; Mark 6:17-29
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Family of Ruth Daly
-living and deceased*

Sunday, August 30 **Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5;
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
8 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Poor souls in Purgatory*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Next weekend, August 29 –30, Bishop Harrington will be with us to celebrate Mass. Please give the Bishop Emeritus a warm welcome to our parishes.

Mass times change in two weeks.
Beginning September 5th and 6th Mass times are as follows:
Saturday 5 p.m. St. Joseph
Sunday 8 a.m. St. Teresa
Sunday 10 a.m. St. Matthew

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

Tuesday, Sept. 1 7 p.m. All parish Pastoral Council meeting at St. Matthew



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

On August 28—29 and September 4 –5 the youth of the tri-parish will be running the brat stand at Dietz's in Mapleton to raise funds to cover the costs of the trips they have gone on this summer. Please come by and enjoy a brat or a hot dog and support our youth!

Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Join Father Jason Kern who will be teaching a course at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center Parish along with two campus ministers every Tuesday at 7pm. St. Thomas More is located on MSU campus at 1502 Warren Street. Sessions begin September 15th. Please contact Fr. Kern at frikern@hickorytech.net or 507-390-5785 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

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. 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!

New ministry schedules are available for St. Joseph and St. Teresa for September—November. If you are scheduled for any liturgical ministry, please pick up a schedule at your church. Thank you for your gift of your 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!

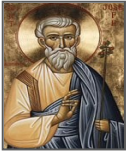
Beyond Blue offer a popular variety of easy listening, country, folk rock, jazz, and pop.

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 15)

Weekly collection...	\$1925.40
Amount collected year to date...	\$21,044.27
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$22,150.00

St. Matthew (August 16)

Weekly collection.....	\$707.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$5306.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$9324.00

St. Joseph (August 16)

Weekly collection	\$614.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$5330.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$7882.00



Ministry Roles

August 29 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Debbie Reuter

Minister of Communion: Tony Bach,
Brenda Carey

Hospitality: Jim and Gloria Langworthy
Owen and Theresa Dickey

Gifts: Pat Borchert, Noah Germa

Servers: Dillon Schmidt, Dustyn Schmidt,
Dalton Schmidt

Money Counters: Bob Bissonette,
Kay Proehl

August 30 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Minister of Communion: Darla Graf,
Justin Davis

Hospitality: Justin Davis family

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Kitty Cumbee,
Maria Sanders

August 30 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Minister of Communion: John FitzSimmons,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: John and Jan FitzSimmons

Gifts: John and Jan FitzSimmons

Servers: Taylor Hollerich, Ethan McGregor

Money Counters: Sarah Caven, Laureen Sohre

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

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The 12 apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice -- either to believe and accept the new covenant He offers in His body and blood, or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the 12 tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem -- where God first appeared to their father Abraham, promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see [Genesis 12:1-9](http://www.bible.com/bible/1/Genesis/12/1-9)). And he issues a blunt challenge -- either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist -- a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland, eternal life, and offered us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed himself over for us, gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.