

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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September 20, 2015 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant
of all.” Mark 9:35

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. Jason Kern

This week Pope Francis arrives to the United States. This is a huge blessing for the Church in the United States. The Pope is often seen as a religious figurehead or representative in general but he is particularly the leader or central figure of the Catholic Church. The Pope is a bishop in the Catholic Church who has been elected as the archbishop of the Archdiocese of Rome. This means he is in direct line of carrying out the authority of St. Peter in the Church who was the first leader of the apostles. Saint Peter often spoke first, was close to Jesus, and was told by Jesus that on Peter, He would build His Church. The Pope is elected by the Cardinals of the Catholic Church who vote for who will be the next bishop of Rome. The pope is often called the first among equals, meaning that the bishop of Rome, though a bishop like other bishops, is given particular authority to teach and lead because of his role as successor of St. Peter.

Many people in today's society confuse the concept of papal infallibility. The pope has infallibility in particular circumstances and not over every issue: for instance he must solemnly declare something and not just be speaking off the cuff. Here is a clearer definition: As Vatican II remarked, infallibility is a charism the pope "enjoys in virtue of his office, when, as the supreme shepherd and teacher of all the faithful, who confirms his brethren in their faith (Luke 22:32), he proclaims by a definitive act some doctrine of faith or morals. Therefore his definitions, of themselves, and not from the consent of the Church, are justly held irrefragable, for they are pronounced with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, an assistance promised to him in blessed Peter." The key words here are declares by a definitive act, some doctrine of faith or morals. He is then truly only declaring what the church has already believed. He is defining it by his authority given him by Christ. By recognizing this teaching we don't presume the Pope to be perfect, (Francis himself frequently mentions his own sinfulness) but it is by the office of Peter that he carries out his authority.

One final question is what makes him so important? Why does the whole world follow him (and not just on Twitter). Why does he frequently make national news? These are interesting questions that are worth thinking about or exploring. It is my opinion that the world desperately desires unity and peace and the Pope's over the centuries have been a symbol of Christian unity. The pope is the unifying presence of Christianity and every catholic in the world can recognize that the Pope is a living example and expression of God continuing His plan in the world today.



Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, September 21 St. Matthew
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-5; Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22
Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Psalm 122:1-5; Luke 8:19-21
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Ezra 9:5-9 ; Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24
Haggai 1:1-8; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; Luke 9:7-9
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Joe Adams

Friday, September 25
Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 43:1-4; Luke 9:18-22
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Lucille Kunkel

Saturday, September 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Jeremiah 31:10-13; Luke 9:43-45
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Deb Wallace
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph People of the tri-parish

Sunday, September 27 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Numbers 11:25-29, ; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14;
James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Don Minkel
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Bill Wendlandt

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Tuesday, Sept. 29 7 p.m.	St Joseph Finance Council

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. 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

The Pope's presence and office consistently reminds us that God is real and near to us. When people were in JPPI's presence they spoke of feeling his power and charisma. With Benedict they often felt a peace and serenity. With Francis, joy and excitement. The office of Peter is powerful-this week lets unite our prayers for Pope Francis that we might be drawn closer to Jesus through his word and example.



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, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Maureen Springer, Chris Fitz-Simmons

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 Faith Formation Classes begin Wed., September 23rd

To register your child/ren for class please call your FF Director or the office (524-3127)

St. Joseph, Connie Peters: 524-4511 or 420-3406

St. Matthew, Cindy Young: 549-3358

St. Teresa, Karen Langworthy: 524-4606

This year all classes will meet on Wednesday at the following times and locations:

St. Joseph: K-8 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.

St. Matthew: K-8 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.

St. Teresa: K-6 6:15p.m.-7:15 p.m.

7-8 7:30p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Tri-parish Confirmation classes held at St. Teresa

9th, 10th & 11th 7:30—9 p.m.

St. Joseph is in need of teachers for: K/1, 4th grade
Contact the FF Director if you are interested.

Reminder: All youth Grades 6 and older will be going to Reboot! Live! at St. Peter and Paul's in Mankato on Wednesday, September 30th from 7-9:30 pm. The bus will leave from St. Teresa lot at 6 p.m. This is a great opportunity for our youth. **Please get permission slips and payment in by Wed., September 23rd.**



Adults are also encouraged to attend this inspiring speaker's presentation. Come and be inspired to live more fully with Jesus Christ. Contact the office for tickets, or go online: www.reallifecatholic.com



Thursday morning Bible Study will begin on September 24th. We begin after the 8:30 a.m. mass at St. Teresa and meet downstairs. A light breakfast is served. This fall we will be using 7

Secrets of the Eucharist by Vinny Flynn. We will go through a step by step deepening of our faith as we unlock the amazing and beautiful truth of Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. You will truly be blown away! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

New small group bible studies forming:

Women's Bible Study begins Wednesday evening, Oct. 7th. Time and place to be announced

Men's Bible Study will meet Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Neil Majeski's garage. Call Neil for more information: 327-3559.

Today is Catechetical Sunday—Please pray for all those who take the time to share the beautiful faith we live in the Catholic Church! And remember— by virtue of our baptism we are all called to share our faith with others!

Parish News



The Annual Turkey Supper at St. Matthew's Sunday, October 4th

Serving Family Style 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, and HOMEMADE Pie.

Adults \$10 Children \$6

There will also be a Raffle and silent auction. Raffle tickets are \$2 and can be obtained from CCW members.

Carry outs are available.—549-3004

The Turkey Dinner benefits the Faith Formation program .
Gather 4 Family Grant provided by Catholic United Financial

Attention quilters—and those who can tie a knot!



The quilting group will begin meeting for the year on Wednesday, October 7th. We meet each Wed. at 1 p.m. in the basement of St. Teresa Church. We need those who can sew the tops of quilts and also those who can work on tying the quilt together. The more people working, the more quilts we can send to help those in need of love and warmth! Please join us.



Attention St. Teresa Servers in grades 4—6

Please come to church after your faith formation class on Sept. 23 for a short meeting.

Servers in grades 8 and higher please meet in church at 7 p.m. on Wed., September 23, for a short meeting. We will be done before faith formation class begins.

St. Matthew: If the free coffee and rolls is to continue after mass on Sundays at St. Matthews, we need more people to sign up to furnish and serve. Please, if you are willing to do so, the sign up sheet is in the dining hall on the counter.

St. Teresa: Fresh made donuts now available after 8 a.m. Mass. Free will donation goes to faith formation/youth group. Come down to the dining hall after Mass for delicious donuts and great conversation!

"Look at His adorable face. Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds. Look Jesus in the Face. There, you will see how He loves us." —St. Theresa of Lisieux

Community News

Hospice & Palliative Volunteer Training. Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is looking for volunteers to work in our Hospice and Palliative Care programs. Serving the seriously ill and terminally ill people in your community is a rewarding experience and volunteers play an important role in this care. Volunteer training is scheduled for Monday and Wednesday, October 12 and 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the Hospice office in the Madison East Center in Mankato. We are looking for men and women to volunteer in all of our service areas. For more information or to request an application, please call Kim Rotchadl, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 385-6364 or email her at Rotchadl.Kim@mayo.edu.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (September 13)

Weekly collection...	\$1637.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$32,876.10
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$34,806.00

St. Matthew (September 13)

Weekly collection.....	\$980.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$9036.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$14,652.00

St. Joseph (September 13)

Weekly collection	\$805.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$8108.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$12,386.00



Ministry Roles

September 26 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Patty Thomas,
Jim Wieseler

Hospitality: Dan and Teresa Sohre family

Gifts: Dan and Teresa Sohre family

Servers: Ella Sohre, Ethan McGregor

Money Counters: Sarah Caven, Dan Sohre

September 27 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Kevin Etherington

Minister of Communion: Jim Langworthy,
Gloria Langworthy

Hospitality: Loren and Diane Michael,
Kay Proehl, Jan Sonnek

Gifts: Jeff and Vicki Kunkel family

Servers: AJ Kunkel, Samantha Kunkel,
Jon Kunkel

Money Counters: Kay Proehl, Sandy Miller

September 27 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Darla Graf

Minister of Communion: Char Schuch,
Dave Weir

Hospitality: Brad and Lindsey Lanoue

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Jodi Roelofs, Char Schuch

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

Our Catholic World



40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Recognizing that "With God, all things are possible," the city of Mankato will unite with 307 other communities across the U.S.A and join 30 nations around the world this *Sept. 23rd-Nov 1st* for 40 Days for Life- the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history! *40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful – and proven effective– pro-life campaign* that has already been embraced by more than half a million people world-wide, saved more than 10,000 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of over 100 abortion workers, and has been responsible for the closing of 60 abortion facilities. Sign up today at www.40daysforlife.com/mankato to register for your prayer spot from 6 am-6 pm.

KICK-OFF RALLY: Please join us on Wednesday, September 23rd (the first day of the vigil) from 12-1 pm at Planned Parenthood (201 N. Victory Dr. Mankato) for our Kick-Off Rally and learn how this year is breaking new ground in ending abortion! There will be speakers, and more details about the campaign presented! Contact Mary Flanagan at 507-276-8747 for more details.

Are you having difficulties talking to your spouse? Are you feeling angry in your relationship? Catholic Charities can help you to find new ways to communicate. Most insurance is accepted and a sliding fee is available. Visit us at ccwinona.org or call Catholic Charities at 387-5586 (Mankato office)

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests and scribes - who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see [Mark 8:31](#); [10:33-34](#)).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will...deliver Him..." (compare [Matthew 27:41-43](#)). Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession -- over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God, but as human beings (see [Mark 8:33](#)). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve -- the chosen leaders of His Church -- that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless - symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself to come among us (see [Philippians 2: 5-11](#)). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy. (see [Acts 2:25-35](#) and [Hebrews 1:5-14](#)).