

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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October 4, 2015 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Amen, I say to you,
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God
like a child will not enter it." Mark 10:15

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.



Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

If you remember about one year ago this time we were talking about the World Synod on the family. Last year was an 'extraordinary synod' which meant it was an additional meeting to further the discussion for this coming years synod. The World Synod on the Family was called for by Pope Francis as he is looking at particular ways the Church accompanies the family in the modern world. This year's Synod convenes this week and there will be much news coverage on the hot topics like communion for the divorced and remarried without an annulment of the previous marriage. There will be coverage on how to accompany those with same-sex attraction both in the Church and our own families. I am sure other topics will flare up. The synod will conclude near the end of October and so in that time there will be a furthering of dialogue among Pope Francis, the bishops who will be attending, and numerous lay Catholic's in the Church who will be a part of the conversation and dialogue. It is somewhat impossible to speculate on exactly how the Holy Spirit will work through these people and what direction they will point the Church. This is where we keep ourselves grounded in what is perennial: Each person is created in God's image and likeness and so is endowed with dignity. Each family is a gift from God and is worth fighting to keep together and united. Each individual as well as child who has suffered the pain of divorce still has a place in the Church and deserves our prayerful accompaniment in their trial. Each person who is same-sex attracted has a place in the Church, is called to live a chaste life like everyone else, and should never be discriminated against or treated differently. These things will not change.

Family life is a most sacred gift that needs to be treated with reverence. Family is so important and not just because they are always there for one another but even more this signifies the base of society. It is where virtue is built, faith is handed on, and love is shared. Family life is worth fighting for and the efforts we make to keep it strong are essential to happiness for our children. I would like to say thank you to these communities for this being the case. We are family-oriented in Mapleton, Amboy, Good Thunder, & Vernon Center. Let's pray this week to keep our families strong and then let's work to put into practice those family values by loving and caring for those around us.

Monday, October 5

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Jonah 2:3-5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6

St. Bruno
Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 130:1-4, 7-8; Luke 10:38-42
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jonah 4:1-11 ; Psalm 86:3-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8

Malachi 3:13-20; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 11:5-13

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa ☩ Karl Duncanson

Friday, October 9

St. Denis and Companions,
St. John Leonardi

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Luke 11:15-26
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH ☩ John Breiter

Saturday, October 10

Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28

5:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph
☩ Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, October 11

Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11 ; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-13;
Mark 10:17-30

8 a.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa ☩ Marie Nelson
10:00 a.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew
People of the tri-parish

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish
Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilters at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa

October 7- Feast of the Our Lady of the Rosary

Pray the rosary for victory over the dangers of this world.

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Bes remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.
From americancatholic.org



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 meet Wed., October 7

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-7 6:15p.m.-7:15 p.m.
 8 7:30p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Tri-parish Confirmation classes held at St. Teresa
 9th, 10th & 11th 7:30—9 p.m.

Parish News



Baby Bottle Campaign gives alternatives to abortion.

Assist Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with children through their Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home and filling it with your spare change. Please pick up a baby bottle from the back of church. Contact person for St. Joseph is Leah Davis, for St. Matthew is Mary Lewis, and for St. Teresa, Dilly Langworthy.



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

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

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

St. Teresa CCW Fall Dinner Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 6 Begins at 6 p.m. Speakers will be Jim and Arlene Swanson sharing their experiences traveling to Australia and New Zealand. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Sign up sheets are available at each church entrance.

ALL WOMEN OF THE TRI-PARISH ARE INVITED to attend the fall **Blue Earth Area Council of Catholic Women's meeting on October 19th at St. Teresa Parish in Mapleton.** The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. I know many of us have extremely busy schedules, but we need to remember that God should come first in our lives. He is the one who has given us the many blessings in our lives, so please set aside time on October 19th to give some time back to His work.

Ivlea Wendlandt and Toos Roelofs are recovering at Pathstone near Sibley Park in Mankato. Both would love to have visitors or notes from "home". Also, please pray for their quick recovery.



Adult study opportunities this fall. Take time in your busy schedule to learn more about and grow closer to God.

Women's Bible Study begins Wed. evening, Oct. 7th. We will be using "Living in the Father's Love". We will meet at **6:15 p.m.** at St. Teresa. **Note time change** to better accommodate mothers with young children. Hopefully you can attend while your children are at faith formation. Come and discover just how much you are personally loved by God!

Men's Bible Study will meet Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Neil Majeski's garage. We will be using the Life in Christ series. Call Neil for more information:327-3559.

Monday night study on the Eucharist We will study the source and summit of the catholic life— the Holy Eucharist, both the history and mystery of Jesus with us. Begins Oct.12th at 6:30 p.m.at St. Teresa gathering space.

Thursday morning Bible Study 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!

Women's Book Club Meets the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Teresa Gathering Space. Following is the list of books we will read this year. Even if you cannot make the meeting time, you may enjoy reading along with a group of women. Please feel free to attend as many meetings as you can, even if it is only once or twice.

October 11	<u>Rome Sweet Rome</u> by Scott and Kimberly Hahn
November 8	<u>The Secret Diary of Elisabeth Leseur</u> by Elisabeth Leseur
January 10	<u>Walking With a Purpose</u> –Seven Priorities that Make Life Work by Lisa Brenninkmeyer
February 7	<u>The Boy Who Met Jesus</u> by Immaculee Ilibigiza
March 13	<u>Kisses for Kate</u> by Katie Davis
April 10	<u>A Can of Peas</u> by Traci DePree
May 15	<u>Breaking Through</u> –Catholic Women <u>Speak for Themselves</u> by Helen M. Alvare
September 11	<u>The Waiting</u> by Cathy LaGrow



Loaves & Fishes Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, October 10 **'Respect Life'**. Please bring donations for the local Loaves & Fishes food shelf. Stay to enjoy fellowship after Mass -Free will offering meal will be served. *All are welcome!*

If you would like to send a card to Gabe Samuelson while he is in basic training for Army Reserves, please do so at the address below. Gabe would love to hear from you!
 PVT Samuelson, Gabriel 1st Platoon (OUTLAWS)
 Bravo Company, Lightning BN (Prov)
 REGT 165th IN BDE
 10788 Hampton Parkway
 Fort Jackson, SC 29207-6819 Please keep Gabe in your prayers while he is away from home!

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (September 27)

Weekly collection...	\$1660.05
Amount collected year to date...	\$38,361.15
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$41,134.00

St. Matthew (September 27)

Weekly collection.....	\$902.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$10,328.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$17,316.00

St. Joseph (September 26)

Weekly collection	\$1371.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$10,388.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$14,638.00



Ministry Roles

October 10 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Leah Davis,
John FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Taylor Hollerich, Parker Smith

Money Counters: Paul FitzSimmons,
Maureen Hollerich

October 11 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Kay Proehl,
Debbie Reuter

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Andrew Hoppe, Julia Langworthy,
Faith Hoppe

Money Counters: Marie Gartner, Ann Walters

October 11 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Cindy Young,
Justin Davis

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Maria Sanders,
Kitty Cumbee

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.

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)



The Diocese of Winona's **Social Justice Day** will be held on Saturday, October 17th, from 9 a.m.—3 p.m., at St. Theodore Parish in Albert Lea. Come join others from across the diocese for a day to explore and discuss Pope Francis' recent encyclical on care for the environment, "*Laudato Si' - On the Care of Our Common Home.*"

Dr. Christopher Thompson from the Saint Paul Seminary will deliver the keynote address in the morning, and breakout sessions in the afternoon will examine the themes of the encyclical in more detail and allow participants an opportunity to discuss action steps on both the individual and parish level to bring Pope Francis' vision to life.

Registration for the day is \$10, and includes lunch. **For more information, contact Deacon Chris Walchuk** at Catholic Charities (507-469-5563) or cwalchuk@ccwinona.org A registration flyer is available at the church entrances and also on line at the diocese web page: www.dow.org/ILF



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will be praying the rosary before each Mass during the month. Please come to Mass 20 minutes early to pray this beautiful prayer to Our Lady while we meditate on the mysteries of Our Lord's life. If you would be able to help by leading the rosary one day, please contact the tri-parish office.

Mission to Belize: Thanks to everyone who has signed up for a day or more on the calendar to donate money and to pray for the mission trip. Please help to fill the entire 150 days! Many people have been asking who is scheduled to go to Belize at this time. Please pray for these brave souls as well as for the success of the trip.

Bethany Anderson, Cliff Anderson, Butch Bach, Judy Bach, Izzy Breiter, Carol Cyr, Jason Klein, Karl Klein, George Leary, Jay Stencel, Stephanie Stencel, Will Stencel, Patti Uhrich

The group will be doing building and evangelization, working with the people of Divine Mercy Parish in Belize City.

Anyone interested in more information, contact Carol at 524-3127.