

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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October 11, 2015 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



You are lacking in one thing.
Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven; then
come, follow me." Mark 10:21

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

It has been a great blessing for me to watch the harvest unfold. I am always impressed with the amount of work and dedication shown this time of year. Those living in the midst of it know all the more the exhaustion and energy put forth this time of year but it is impressive to watch it come about. Thanks to all our farmers and those who help in the fields as truly we are watching the base-line for how America is sustained. You are in my daily prayers in a particular way these days.

This weekend we have our first Youth Mass in each of the parishes. It is always a blessing to see our youth and have them participate in the liturgy. Family is the great blessing that God gives each of us and this remains very true in adoption situations. God has given us family and even though so many are hurting and we can feel burdened by our own families at times, God is with you and He is with every family seeking to draw them to Himself and His mercy. I daily pray for the families of our parishes. Please join me in this intention if you don't already. God draw us close to one another and to YOU!

This week it is on my heart to ask everyone in our parishes to keep praying or to recommit to their daily prayer time. I need your prayers. Our parishes need your prayers. Our families need your prayers. Our world needs your prayers. Speak to God. Tell Him how you are doing. Invite His presence into your own heart and your own life. Put down the phone, tablet, TV remote or anything else that you busy yourself with and just take some quiet time to rest in the presence of our Loving God. God is present to you. He always wants your good. He gives His Holy Spirit to you. Receive Him today.

As I write this we are one month away from this year's juniors receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be confirmed on November 8th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Easton. Please pray for them and ask God to help them to grow in their faith, to understand who God is in their life, and how they can live for Him in the midst of their day to day schedule. Thank you!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, October 12

Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98:1-4; Luke 11:37-41

Tuesday, October 13

Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19:2-5; Luke 11:37-41

Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, October 14

St. Callistus I

Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15

St. Teresa of Avila

Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 130:1-6; Luke 11:47-54

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Marion Sonnek*

Friday, October 16

St. Hedwig,

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Romans 4:1-8; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; Luke 12:1-7

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Anna Breiter*

Saturday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Romans 4:13, 16-18; Psalm 105:6-9, 42-43; Luke 12:8-12

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Richard Nowak*

5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11 ; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Keith Etherington*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Cecil and Bernardine*

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Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.

Quilters at St. Teresa

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.

Rosary at St. Teresa

Tuesday, October 20 7 p.m.

St. Teresa Finance Council

Jesus continually calls us to give generously and sacrificially to the poor. In today's Gospel Jesus tells the rich young man to sell everything and give the money to the poor. He tells his disciples "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." We are called to notice God's suffering children and reach out to them. One opportunity to do this is for our tri-parish community to unite in aiding the poor in Belize. Please consider being a part of this mission by picking a day, or more, on the calendar to aid in the financial needs of the trip and to pray for its success. If you have questions about this mission, call the tri-parish office.



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

Faith Formation Classes will not meet Wed., October 14 due to MEA

Confirmation will be Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Easton. Please pray for our young people who are in final preparation for this Sacrament of Initiation.

Parish News



Baby Bottle Campaign gives alternatives to abortion.

Assist Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program, who 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.

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.



Birthday Card Shower for Billie Caven

Billie will be celebrating her 95th birthday on October 28th. Help her celebrate by joining in a card shower! Cards can be mailed to her at Keystone Senior Living, 100 Dublin Rd #2217, Mankato, MN 56001



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Turkey Dinner at St. Matthew. All your hard work made it a great success! Also, thanks to everyone who supported us by attending the dinner.

Next weekend is Mission Sunday; there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Propagation of the Faith, which seeks prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.



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 meets 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– 7:30p.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.

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| 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 |



Please pray for the soul of Gloria Denn, who passed into eternal life on Friday, October 2 and whose funeral was celebrated on Wed., October 7 at St. Teresa Church. Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

St. Teresa CCW: If you have not yet paid dues for this year, please do so soon. Forms are available at church or in the tri-parish office. Thank you, we look forward to a great year.

St. Teresa: We have accumulated a large number of cake pans, bowls, etc. These will be on display in the gathering space for a few weeks. Please check to see if you have any items left at the church after a potluck, funeral, etc. Please check for family and friends as well. Items not claimed will be given away.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (October 4)

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| Weekly collection... | \$2110.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$40,471.15 |
| Amount budgeted year to date .. | \$44,298.00 |

St. Matthew (October 4)

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| Weekly collection..... | \$1065.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$11,393.75 |
| Amount budgeted year to date... | \$18,648.00 |

St. Joseph (October 3)

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| Weekly collection | \$370.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$10,758.10 |
| Amount budgeted year to date | \$15,764.00 |



Ministry Roles

October 17 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Minister of Communion: Dick FitzSimmons,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Gifts: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Servers: April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

Money Counters: Rachel Depuydt,
Shelli Grover

October 18 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Brett Sindelir

Minister of Communion: Anita Rigdon,
Tony Bach

Hospitality: Joel and Tracy Schmidt,
Bernie and Dilly Langworthy

Gifts: Bert Langworthy, Emily Minkel

Servers: Evan Klein, Grant Klein,
Jackson Walters

Money Counters: Vicki Kunkel, Jan Sonnek

October 18 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Lindsey Lanoue

Minister of Communion: Darla Graf,
Brad Lanoue

Hospitality: Jon Lewis family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Jodi Roelofs,
Wendy Bennett

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.



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.

At each church there are free rosaries available to take home. These rosaries are made and donated by Sheila Lewis, of St. Matthew Parish. There are also instructions on how to pray the rosary, so even if you have never prayed this beautiful prayer you can begin this practice this month!

October is also Respect Life Month.

The Patroness of the Unborn and the Pro-life Movement is Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is the obvious choice for this as in this image Our Lady is pregnant, carrying the Son of God in her womb. This is shown by the maternity band around her waist. At the entrances to the church are holy cards with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On the back is information and a prayer for the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is a beautiful practice to do during this Respect Life Month. Please consider picking up a holy card and praying to Our Lady this month to beg Our Lord to increase the respect for all human life in the hearts of all people.

