

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 18, 2015 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you. Psalm 34 :22

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

I would just like to share a little bit with you about how encouraged I am by God's grace and love in my ministry. This week, like not just a few weeks with my new schedule, has been full, but a couple times a month on Tuesday I am gifted to teach RCIA to around 15 people. This week the topic was virtues and vices and we investigated the reality of how each of us can grow by forming those good habits in our life and avoiding the ones that do us harm. Virtues enable us to live the good life that truly makes us happy. We form those disciplines of life to do what is truly good for us and others. Lord, help me to keep choosing those habits which help me grow closer to you!

After RCIA on Tuesday night, I host a Discernment Group for 12 young men at the Newman Center who are discerning the priesthood. A few of them are confident God is calling them to priesthood and a few of them are dating so we can see that each guy's journey is unique but we gather twice a month and eat pizza (as a group we are also discerning the best pizza in Mankato). Father Will Thompson, the Vocations Director for the diocese, often joins us as we use a booklet on prayer to learn more about our own prayer lives as the basis for all authentic discernment or following of God's will. This is a great gift to journey with these young men in their life choice of how God is calling them.

Perhaps the highlight of my week came on Wednesday night! We held a praise and worship event called Revive at the Newman Center. We gathered at 7pm in the Chapel and had Eucharistic Adoration along with praise and worship music to draw our hearts to the Lord. We had over 60 college students who came to worship Jesus and go to confession. It is truly remarkable to see God at work in so many people's lives. I am humbled to be able to be an agent of grace and find myself in awe of the wondrous mysteries of God drawing us to Himself. I am truly grateful to be His priest.

After talking with the finance councils of each of our parishes, I am close to finding someone to help me in a temporary position as youth activities director. This will be a temporary position for this year where the person will assist me in coordinating with parents about youth group activities, planning the activities, and helping put on the event. One of the areas that we have worked hard the past couple years is building a youth program that is fun and meaningful to our youth. I do not want to lose momentum just because I am less present and unable to follow through on as many details as I would have in the past. This person will be available to help me with the ordinary tasks of organization and follow through. Please keep this in your prayers.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, October 19 **St. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions**
Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1:69-75; Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 20 **St. Paul of the Cross**
Romans 5:12, 15, 17-21; Psalm 40:7-10, 17; Luke 12:35-38
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, October 21
Romans 6:12-18; Psalm 124:1-8; Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 22 **St. John Paul II**
Romans 6:19-23; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 12:49-53
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Ed and Catherine Kack*

Friday, October 23 **St. John of Capistrano**
Romans 7:18-25; Psalm 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
Luke 12:54-59
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Joan Langworthy*

Saturday, October 24 **St. Anthony Mary Claret**
Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 13:1-9
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Mary Heise*
5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph *Reparation for our sins*

Sunday, October 25 **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 31:7-9 ; Psalm 126:1-6;
Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46:52
8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Don Minkel*
10:00 a.m. 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
Tuesday, October 20 7 p.m.	St. Teresa Finance Council
Tuesday, November 3 7 p.m.	Meeting of tri-parish Pastoral Councils at St. Teresa

Monday, November 2 is All Souls Day. The Roman Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins and from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in heaven, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven. This sanctification is carried out posthumously in Purgatory. **We will celebrate a special Mass on Monday, Nov. 2, to pray for the Faithful Departed at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa.**



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 meet Wed., October 21



Attention Youth in 6th through 12th grade

Come to the tri-parish youth hayride and bonfire on Friday, October 23 from 6 p.m.—9 p.m. at the Stencil farm. Come enjoy hotdogs, s'mores, caramel apples and more along with a lot of fun!

There is a sign up sheet at each church for adult volunteers to help that evening and to bring/send some of the food. Please help if you can. Call Stephanie for more information 995-2227

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

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



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

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.



We joyfully welcome into the Catholic family Garrett Bach, son of Tony Bach and Mikayla Brazier, who was baptized at St. Teresa on October 11th. May God bless Garrett and his family today and always.

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.

Adult study opportunities this fall.

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.

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. Mondays 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.

Women's Book Club Meets the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Teresa Gathering Space.

St. Joseph's CCW Plus will be holding the annual "Grubby Mass" and fall meeting on Sat., November 7th beginning at 1:00 pm. Annual cleaning (inside and outside) will begin at 1:00 pm at the church and we will get as much done as we can before Mass begins at 5:00 pm. Don't forget that kids are welcome to come help!

Following Mass, Unit 3 will be hosting a meal and we will hold a brief CCW Plus meeting during supper.

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.

Pro-life Presentation—All are Welcome

MCCCL will offer a brief pro-life presentation on October 21 at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 421 N. Second St, Mankato. You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, MN abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments at this free gathering.

Thank you from a Navy Commander for Treats for Troops : The boxes arrived! Thanks so much for all of the thought and generosity you put into these. The men and women of Det FIVE were ecstatic for all of the great things you included. People especially loved that they included not just candy, but much needed toiletries, reading material and especially puzzle games. The candy always wins overall though. Thanks again so much for what your organization does; it means a great deal, especially to many of the single folks who may not receive as much mail as their married counterparts.



The next set of boxes will be packed on Saturday, November 14th at 9 a.m. at St John Lutheran Church in Mapleton. Any donation you make will be put to good use.

Harvest Ham Dinner October 25 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church in Amboy \$9, 5 and under free
Take outs available 674-3895



Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (October 11)

Weekly collection...	\$2352.86
Amount collected year to date...	\$42,824.01
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$47,462.00

St. Matthew (October 11)

Weekly collection.....	\$912.01
Amount collected year to date...	\$12,305.76
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$19,980.00

St. Joseph (October 10)

Weekly collection	\$773.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$11,531.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$16,890.00



Ministry Roles

October 24 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Caven

Minister of Communion: Connie Peters
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: Landon and Leah Davis

Gifts: Landon and Leah Davis

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Kelsey Sohre

Money Counters: Leah Davis, Eli Depuydt

October 25 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony A Bach

Minister of Communion: Jim Swanson,
Arlene Swanson

Hospitality: Jeff and Shelly Holt,
John and Sandy Treanor

Gifts: Bernie and Dilly Langworthy

Servers: Nolan Braaten, Kole Wenner,
Ellie Braaten

Money Counters: Sandy Miller, Kay Proehl

October 25 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Neil Majeski

Minister of Communion: Devin Moline,
Sheila Lewis

Hospitality: Matt Moline family

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Linda Anderson, Neil Majeski

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.

Please support the Tri-parish Mission Trip to Belize

Jesus continually calls us to give generously and sacrificially to the poor. In the 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.

This 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.



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.

