

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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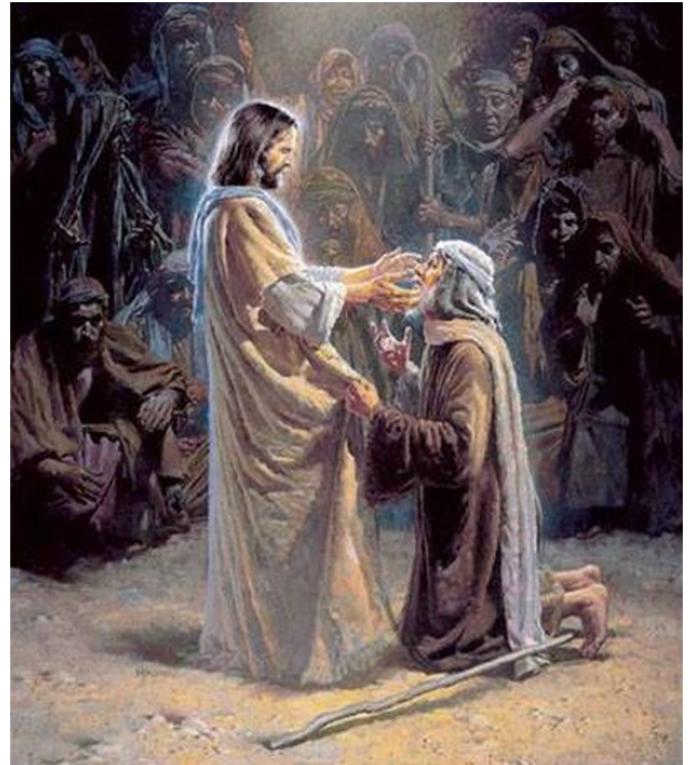
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October 25, 2015 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Mark 10:51-52

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 past Thursday was the feast of Saint Pope John Paul II. It is with incredible devotion that I recall the life and pontificate of Pope John Paul II. He certainly inspired me with his earthly life and the great witness he gave to the world of how to live a full and joy filled life. Beyond his personal witness and holiness, he has continually inspired me with his writings and the incredible depth and brilliance with which he opened us up to who we truly are in God's image and likeness. Pope John Paul II taught us that the more we dedicate ourselves to Jesus, the more we discover who we are and what we are called to be. Finally, even in his death, I am exceedingly drawn to rediscover my own personal call to holiness. Nothing in my personal devotions spurs me on more than when I call upon the intercession of Pope JPII. Consistently, in my prayers through him I am drawn to dedicate myself to God and be holy. Thank God for the witness of this great man.

It is a particular fitting time for his feast day to fall as this week the World Synod on the Family comes to completion as he himself was a great defender of the gift of family life. Before I offer my complete take on the synod it is necessary to await the final document that most likely will be put forth (it's not a given that anything will be produced) by Pope Francis as a sort of concluding document summarizing the work of the synod and pointing the Church in this pastoral approach that has been deliberated over. However, one important item that needs to be addressed now is that we must continue to make holiness our standard for every family in every walk of life. There can be times when we allow ourselves to focus so much on the many varied and difficult situations in people's lives and while without fail we must walk with each person and family encouraging them in the life of faith, we also need to keep our eyes on God as the one who reveals the true meaning and purpose for all life. There is in every century an urgent need not to water down the standard to our own difficulties or level but to allow our call to perfection to be what spurs us on here and now. We are called to be saints working to overcome sin even where it has become somehow necessary to accept the difficult situation we find ourselves in. The Church in every age has sought to uphold God's standards and not the standards of man and so must continue to fight for this even in a time where we feel the call to be compassionate and accompany those who need aid. As more is released and something concrete is produced from the synod, I will follow with more but be careful in the coming weeks not to read the Church through the eyes of the media. Follow instead *news.va* (download the Pope App for your phone) or *catholicnewsagency.com* for your catholic news.

Finally, this weekend I am very happy to announce that Jonah Lippert has accepted the position of Temporary Youth Director for our Tri-Parish. Jonah comes to us from rural Easton (north of Easton) and is a Maple River alum. Jonah spent some time discerning his own call to the priesthood and was in seminary with me for a time.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, October 26

Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21; Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 27

Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 126:1-6; Luke 13:18-21

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

Wednesday, October 28

Sts. Simon and Jude

Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19:2-5; Luke 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29

Romans 8:31-39; Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31;

Luke 13:31-35

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Edwin Langworthy

Friday, October 30

Romans 9:1-5; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 14:1-6

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † John Breiter

Saturday, October 31

Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Psalm 94:12-15, 17-18;

Luke 14:1, 7-11

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Reparation for our sins*

5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph † Mike and Rose FitzSimmons

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 ; Psalm 24:1-6;

1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *People of the tri-parish*

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

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, November 3 6 p.m. St Teresa Finance Council

Tuesday, November 3 7 p.m. Meeting of tri-parish Pastoral Councils at St. Teresa

Since then he has had many experiences but recently completed a degree at the Augustine Institute out of Denver, CO (a premier Catholic institution in our country) and has been teaching in Catholic schools in Denver. Returning to Easton to aid his ailing mother and younger siblings we have hired him part time. Jonah will primarily be assisting me with our youth group including organizing the events and helping lead our youth in the ways of faith. We are very blessed to have someone who is very qualified to carry out this work. Please welcome Jonah and pray for him in the transition of this new position. Blessed be God!



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 28

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

St. Matthew: St. Ann's Circle will be serving breakfast after Mass on Sunday, November 1. Free will donation.

The month of November is National Adoption Month

Flowers will be placed on Mary's Altar at St. Teresa to honor adoptive families. Anyone who would like to add a flower to this bouquet in honor of adopted children, stop by Plaid Piper by Friday, Nov. 6, to pay for a flower that will then be added to the bouquet, which will be placed on the altar on Sunday, November 8th.

Beginning next week, at each church, a "Book of Remembrance" will be available to write the names of your loved ones who have departed from this world. We will remember those who are written in the book in a special way this month and pray that eternal rest is granted to them.



Treats for Troops: 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. **We will have a second collection next weekend at all three churches.**



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.

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. 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.



Community News

Maple River Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Supper

Monday, Nov. 2 5—7 p.m. at St. Teresa
Free will donation at the door - all proceeds will be used for scholarships to the class of 2016.



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Teresa Church on Monday, November 9 from 1—7 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling Peg at 420-1286 or on line www.redcrossblood.org

Veteran's Day Dinner: St. John Lutheran Church, Mapleton Wednesday, Nov. 11. Tickets are \$11 and must be purchased in advance at Plaid Piper or from Arleen Swanson 524-4685, Amy Gabler 524-4828, or Diane Smith 524-3650. Deadline is Friday, November 6th.

Youth will be trick or treating in Good Thunder for food on Wednesday, October 30 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Food or cash donations are being gathered for the MR Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. Canned goods, dry goods and cash are needed. If you are able to give this year, you can help the youth by having your donation ready to go when they come to your door. If your house is missed, please call 378-3169 and leave a message. Thank you and God bless you!

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 18)

Weekly collection...	\$1322.35
Amount collected year to date...	\$44,146.36
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$50,626.00

St. Matthew (October 18)

Weekly collection.....	\$576.39
Amount collected year to date...	\$12,882.15
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$21,312.00

St. Joseph (October 17)

Weekly collection	\$363.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$11,894.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$18,016.00



Ministry Roles

October 31 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Julie FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Christine Rahn,
Dan Sohre

Hospitality: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Gifts: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Servers: Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

Money Counters: Cassie Winters, Sarah Caven

November 1 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony Bach

Minister of Communion: Cliff Anderson,
Marcie Anderson

Hospitality: Joel and Mary Ellen Larson,
Tom and Gina Massop

Gifts: Chris and Michelle Langworthy

Servers: Dillon Schmidt, Dustyn Schmidt,
Dalton Schmidt

Money Counters: Tammy Schmidt,
Bob Bissonette

November 1 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Kallie Majeski

Minister of Communion: Denise Peterson,
Charly Roelofs

Hospitality: Dennis Peterson family

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Jodi Roelofs, Maria Sanders

Ministry schedules are available on the website: 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

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.**

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

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.

