

# 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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**November 1, 2015**  
**All Saints Day**



*All you Holy Men and Women  
Pray for Us*

### **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 weekend All Saints' Day falls on Sunday. This is truly one of the most joyous feast days in the Church year. We shouldn't allow it to pass by because it falls on a Sunday! This feast day celebrates each person who is in heaven. It is a day the Church on earth cries out in jubilation that God desires to draw each of us to eternal life in Heaven. It is only by the death of Jesus that we are saved and by our cooperation with grace throughout our life that we enter into the promise of eternal life. Those who are in heaven made a full assent of their will to God. They believed all that is revealed by God through the Church and fully conformed their lives to Jesus. Upon conforming their life to Jesus, they persevered at the time of their death with confidence in God's mercy. The grace of final perseverance is a grace from God for us to be fortified in the entrustment of our souls to His infinite mercy. It is offered to each person who is in a state of grace at the moment of their death. We must pray now for the grace of final perseverance: pray to trust God now and at the hour of our death.

Death is the passageway to dwell with God. On this All Saints' Day, might we be reminded of our need to be perfect to dwell with God who is perfect. It is essential to conform our souls to God in perfect love. If we do not seek this now and die in a state of grace, we will need to be perfectly purified before we can enter heaven. This is the Church's teaching on purgatory—to be purified so that we might be perfect to dwell with Him Who is perfect.

The month of November is also known as the month of holy souls. It is a month dedicated to praying for those who have died and await that final purification and entrance into heaven. Pray for the deceased and beg God to receive them into eternal rest. It is a practice for many Catholics in the month of November to visit a cemetery. Some consider this a weird or strange practice—perhaps creepy or eerie. However, if we recognize that the spiritual realm is real and that angels, demons, and souls of deceased humans do really exist we should have a discipline of entering into this realm. A way to call this to mind is to go and walk through a cemetery and pray the rosary. It is a simple way to pray for those who have died and make a profound impact on us. My home parish in Owatonna has a long tradition of meeting at the cemetery once a year and praying a rosary procession praying for the dead. Cemeteries are blessed grounds—they are holy places for us to be reminded of our own mortality and God's desire to bring our souls to heaven.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, November 2 **All Souls' Day**  
Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11;  
John 6:37-40  
**7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Tuesday, November 3 **St. Martin de Porres**  
Romans 12:5-16; Psalm 131:1-3; Luke 14:15-24  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

Wednesday, November 4 **St. Charles Borromeo**  
Romans 13:8-10; Psalm 112:1-2, 4-5, 9; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 5  
Romans 14:7-12; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Luke 15:1-10  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Pete Hanson*

Friday, November 6  
Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 98:1-4; Luke 16:1-8  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † *Henry Stenzel and family*

Saturday, November 7  
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Psalm 145:2-5, 10-11;  
Luke 16:9-15  
**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. Loaves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph**  
*People of the Tri-parish*

Sunday, November 8 **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kings 17:10-16 ; Psalm 146:7-10; Hebrews 9:24-28;  
Mark 12:38-44  
**8 a.m. Yell Mass at St. Teresa** † *Ed Becker*  
**10:00 a.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew** † *Bill Wendlandt*

### 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
Monday, November 9 7 p.m.	St Teresa CCW





**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 Wednesday, Nov. 4**

**Confirmation** will be Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Easton. **Practice for Confirmation** will be Wed. Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at OLMC. Each student and sponsor must attend practice. At least one parent is encouraged to attend.

**Youth event for all youth in 6—12 grade**

Saturday, Nov. 7 9a.m.—1 p.m. We will be cleaning up Calvary Cemetery and we will be going on a scavenger hunt to discover more about those who have gone before us. We will learn about the Corporal Work of Mercy— Bury the Dead and Spiritual Work of Mercy— Pray for the Dead. Lunch will be provided in the parish hall. Meet at St Teresa after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. If possible, plan on attending Mass! Hope to see everyone there!



## Parish News


**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 this 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. **We will have a second collection today at all three churches.**

 Please return all baby bottles to your church or to the tri-parish office. Thank you for your support of mothers and babies in need of help and love.

**St. Teresa:** We have accumulated a large number of cake pans, bowls, etc. These will be on display in the gathering space **Items not claimed by November 6th will be given away.**

**St. Matthew:** St. Ann's Circle will be serving breakfast after Mass on Sunday, November 1. Free will donation. Please join us for food and fellowship.

**St Teresa CCW will be sponsoring a fundraising breakfast on Sunday, November 15 from 9 a.m. —11 a.m. at St. Teresa to benefit the Belize**



**Mission Trip**

Eggs, ham, potatoes, fruit and muffins Free will donation.

All proceeds will be used to purchase materials to build small, solid shelters for some people in Belize to help them live a better quality of life. Please spread the word, and come to support this mission work.

**St. Teresa CCW meeting** on Monday, November 9th will be held in the dining hall due to the Bloodmobile being held at St Teresa that day. Please enter the church through the east door.



**Loaves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph**

**Saturday, November 7**

We Honor our Veterans and Military! All Parishes: Veterans, those in the military, and families of those who are de-

ployed are welcome to join us and be recognized.

-Please bring donations for local food shelves.

-Stay to enjoy food and fellowship after Mass.

We will hold a brief CCW Plus meeting during supper.

**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 out-

side) 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.

The soul of the one who loves God always swims with joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing.

—St. John of the Cross

## Community News

All those from our area churches who enjoy singing are invited to participate in a special Ecumenical Choir for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on November 25th at St. John Lutheran Church in Mapleton. We will have just one rehearsal, which will be at St. John's on Wed., Nov. 18 at 7 pm. Please join us that evening for some singing fun and fellowship.



**Thank You, LORD!**

**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](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code: MAPLETONMN

**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.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (October 25)

Weekly collection...	\$3274.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$47,420.86
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$53,790.00

### St. Matthew (October 25)

Weekly collection.....	\$544.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$13,426.15
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$22,644.00

### St. Joseph (October 24)

Weekly collection .....	\$1146.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$13,040.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$19,142.00



## Ministry Roles

### **November 7 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.**

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Dean Sohre,  
Patty Thomas

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Taylor Hollerich, Ethan McGregor

**Money Counters:** Dan Sohre, Kim Kleven

### **November 8 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Butch Bach,  
Judy Bach

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Nathan Trio, Lukas Trio,  
Kendall Wede

**Money Counters:** Meg Mohwinkle,  
Marie Gartner

### **November 8 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Maria Sanders,  
Char Schuch

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Servers:** Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

**Money Counters:** Char Schuch, Wendy Bennett

**Ministry schedules are available on the web-site:** [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org)

## Our Catholic World



### **Adult study opportunities this fall.**

**Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays 6:15.  
at St. Teresa



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

**Monday night study on the Eucharist** Mondays at 6:30– 7:30 p.m. at St. Teresa gathering space. **(We'll meet at 6 p.m. this Monday due to Mass at 7 p.m.)**

**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.

**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.

**The entire month of November is dedicated to praying for the souls in Purgatory.** To this end, there are some cards and pamphlets available at each church to aid us in this month of praying for the faithful departed. These are beautiful devotions to pray for our own loved ones and for all those who have no one to pray for them. And remember—once they get to heaven, they will be praying for you!

### **Catholic Charities Adoption Day Celebration**

Join families from across the Diocese of Winona who have created their families through adoption and those families who are ready to adopt by celebrating National Adoption Day on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Catholic Charities is hosting a potluck lunch and Mystifying Magic Show at St. Bridget Church in rural Simpson. Lunch will be at 11:30am and the entertainment at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Jenny Wolfe at 507-387-5586, extension 2 or [jennywolfe@ccwinona.org](mailto:jennywolfe@ccwinona.org) with the number attending by November 13.

### **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.

**It's that time of year and in the holiday spirit,** Maple River Loaves & Fishes will again be handing out Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes. In these boxes are a complete meal, including a turkey or ham and all the trimmings plus dessert. We will be packing the boxes on November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at St. Teresa's and handing them out on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm and December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6 pm at St. Teresa's in Mapleton. We can always use volunteers to help! The cost for the boxes is \$40/box and we anticipate handing out over 130 this year for each holiday. Please consider sponsoring a box (or several) this holiday season. Our mailing address is PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065. God Bless!