

## 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 22, 2015 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



My kingdom does not belong to this world  
John 18:36

### 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

All hail Christ the King! This week the Church celebrates the final Sunday in Ordinary Time and in so doing celebrates it by recognizing Jesus' authority over all time and place. Jesus is your savior and mine. You are in need of Jesus both now and forever. I always love this feast day where I renew my own desire to keep Jesus as the ruler of my life, of my heart, and of our whole world. May Jesus' reign be renewed in a world of violence and discord. A title for Jesus is the King of Peace. The Catechism says this:

“Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries. Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity. Peace is the “tranquility of order.” Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity. (2304)”

By the blood of His Cross, He reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of unity of the human race and of its union with God. He is our peace and has declared Blessed are the peacemakers (2305).

With this being the final week of Ordinary Time, we will begin Advent and our preparations for the coming of Jesus next weekend. I offer a reminder and two practical items for your Advent beginnings: First, in every Advent we prepare for the three comings of Jesus. First, we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus born into this world on Christmas morning. This day we celebrate Jesus taking on human flesh and uniting God to us by becoming one with us. The second coming of Jesus we celebrate is into our own hearts. In this coming we welcome Jesus more fully into our lives by inviting Him to reign as Savior over us and unite us to the Father by living in Him. The third coming we prepare for during Advent is Jesus' return at the end of time when He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. This is why we celebrate the first two comings so that we are fully prepared for the third or final coming of Jesus. Come Lord Jesus!

Finally, two practical help for your Advent season: First, every Sunday of Advent we will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Teresa's from the conclusion of the morning mass until 10pm each day! Join us in adoring the King of our lives!



## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, November 23

**St. Clement I, St. Columban  
Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro**

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Daniel 3:52-56; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 24

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac  
and Companions**

Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3:57-61; Luke 21:5-11

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

Wednesday, November 25

**St. Catherine of Alexandria**

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Daniel 3:62-67;  
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 26

**Thanksgiving Day**

Daniel 6:12-28; Daniel 3:68-74; Luke 21:20-28

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Richard Dummer*

Friday, November 27

Daniel 7:2-14; Daniel 3:75-81; Luke 21:29-33

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

Saturday, November 28

Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82-87; Luke 21:34-36

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *✠ Lucille Kunkel*

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph** *✠ Mike and Rose  
FitzSimmons*

Sunday, November 29

**First Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 ; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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

**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.

Quilters at St. Teresa

### **NO Quilting on November 25th**

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.

Rosary at St. Teresa

Mass times change in 2 weeks. Beginning in December new

Mass times are:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Matthew

Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph

Sunday 10:00 a.m. St. Teresa

Secondly, the website *dynamiccatholic.com* is offering a daily email with simple videos, encouragements, and coaching for Advent. Simply go to the website *dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/best-advent-ever* or web search for Matthew Kelly and best advent ever and you will find the webpage to sign up for the emails throughout Advent. This is a simple way to prepare yourself for the coming of the King of Kings and Prince of Peace.



**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., Nov. 25**

**Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!**

**Youth will be sponsoring the Spaghetti Feed during Snowflake Dazzle, on Wednesday, December 2. We are in need of adults and youth to volunteer their time that night to help set up, serve, and clean up. This is a great opportunity for youth to get service hours and you could even invite your sponsor to join you.**

**We are also looking for 12 people who would provide a pan of bars for dessert that evening. Please sign up on the sheet in the St. Teresa gathering space, or contact Karen Langworthy or the tri-parish office if you can help in any way.**

## Parish News

Father Kern will offer a **Mass of Anointing** on Thursday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Mapleton Community Home. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven Sacraments of the Church. Any member of the Catholic faithful who is in danger of death, becomes seriously ill, is injured or is suffering from a decline due to advanced age is encouraged to receive this Sacrament.



Thank you for all the cards and greetings sent from all my old friends and neighbors. They were much appreciated and I am enjoying them still. Blessings to all.— Billie Caven



### Snowflake Dazzle Spaghetti Feed

Wed., December 2 Serving 4:30—7:30 p.m.

Free will donation

Tri-parish Youth Group will be sponsoring a spaghetti feed as a fundraiser for the youth group trips next summer. This will be during Mapleton's Snowflake Dazzle, so plan to attend and then enjoy the festivities around town. The youth really enjoyed their trips last year to Steubenville North Conference, Mission Trip to Detroit Lakes, and Camp Summit, and we hope we can count on your support again this year.

This weekend we had sign up for Liturgical Ministries. If you did not get a form turned in, you may still do so. There are extra forms at each church. If you are currently on the list for a ministry and would like to come off, please contact the office. We will not remove anyone unless we hear from you. Thank you to everyone who serves the church through a liturgical ministry.

## The Radical Mercy of Jesus: What's New About the New Testament?

Great Advent opportunity— Deacon Chris will present an Advent talk on Wednesdays, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church of St. Teresa.

*Come explore the biblical story of God's great outpouring of love and mercy in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ.*

This story of Jesus' mercy will culminate on Wed. Dec. 16th with a Reconciliation Service.

Thank you to everyone who took a baby bottle and collected donations for Catholic Charities' work with mothers and babies.



Twenty-eight boxes were packed and sent to our men and women in the armed forces for the Treats for Troops Campaign. Thank you for your generosity to this cause! It is greatly appreciated.



This weekend at each church there will be Advent wreaths, candles, and the Magnificat Advent Companion available to help with your advent preparations for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

**St. Teresa:** The large tree and other decorations will be put up in the gathering space on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. If you are able, please come to help. Many hands are needed for this task. Help make our church welcoming and beautiful!



**St. Teresa: Snowshoveler's sign up:** It's that time of year! There are sign-up sheets at both church entrances for families to take care of the clean up after a snow fall. Your help in this task is greatly appreciated. Please be generous with your time.

**Contribution envelopes for 2016** will be available soon. If you wish to receive envelopes and have not in the past please call the office. Also, if you have received envelopes in past years but do not wish to receive/use them call the office as well. If you would like to start or change having your contributions automatically transferred, authorization forms are available. Thank you for your generosity.



## Community News

### Mapleton Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

to be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Wed., Nov. 26 at 7 pm. in the St. John Church Sanctuary. Hope to see you there!



Thank You, LORD!



The poinsettias that were ordered from the Mapleton Sertoma Club need to be picked up from the Leisure Center on Monday, November 30 from 1:00—7:00 pm. Poinsettias can also be picked up on Tuesday, December 1 from 9:00 to 11:00 am and from 4:00—7:00 pm. Thank you for support-

The "Lights on Main" event in Vernon Center will be held Sat., December 5 at St. Peter Lutheran Church. The community is asked to donate baked goods/candies for the sale. Items can be brought to St. Peter's between 9am and noon on the 5th. Contact Pat Doyen 549-3469. Dinner will be at 5 p.m., the parade begins at 6:30p.m. To join the parade, or for more information, contact Will and Paula Purvis, 549-3420.

All proceeds benefit the 4th of July celebration.



## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (November 15)

Weekly collection...	\$1384.10
Amount collected year to date...	\$57,575.88
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$63,282.00

### St. Matthew (November 15)

Weekly collection.....	\$891.78
Amount collected year to date...	\$15,322.18
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$26,640.00

### St. Joseph (November 14)

Weekly collection .....	\$945.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$15,113.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$22,520.00



## Ministry Roles

### **November 28 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.**

**Reader:** Patty Thomas

**Minister of Communion:** John FitzSimmons  
Paul FitzSimmons

**Hospitality:** John and Jan FitzSimmons

**Gifts:** John and Jan FitzSimmons

**Servers:** Kelsey Sohre, Kyle Sohre

**Money Counters:** Shelli Grover, Eli Depuydt

### **November 29 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** Lois Gau

**Minister of Communion:** Deb Hager,  
Don Landsteiner

**Hospitality:** Butch and Judy Bach,  
Mike and Whitney Sheely

**Gifts:** Loren and Diane Michael

**Servers:** AJ Kunkel, Samantha Kunkel,  
Jon Kunkel

**Money Counters:** Bob Bissonette, Kay Proehl

### **November 29 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** Tony Wendlandt

**Minister of Communion:** Darla Graf,  
Justin Davis

**Hospitality:** Dave Sanders family

**Servers:** Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

**Money Counters:** Jodi Roelofs, Maria Sanders

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

## Our Catholic World



### Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt,

appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Peter Martin, at 507-858-1264, or [pmartin@dow.org](mailto:pmartin@dow.org).

*Let us prayerfully watch for  
the coming of the Lord*

**Beginning on November 29 at 11 a.m. at St. Teresa and continuing on each of the Sundays in Advent, Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin the time of Adoration. Adoration will then continue until 10 p.m. when Father will close with Benediction.**

Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there will be sign up sheets available to make sure someone will always be present from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. each Sunday. Please consider if you will be able to make that commitment and promise to Jesus to stay with Him awhile. Of course, anyone can come at any time during the day to pray without having signed up. Don't worry about how to spend this time in prayer—books and aids for prayer are available for your use.

This is a great opportunity to take some quiet time amidst all the busyness and noise to truly focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Attend as a family!



### **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. **All funds raised will be used to buy needed equipment and materials for the work in Belize. All those going to Belize pay their own expenses.** If you have questions about this mission, call the tri-parish office.