

# 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. Matthew  
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Joseph  
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Teresa

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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## January 31, 2016 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



...if I have all faith so  
as to move mountains,  
but do not have love, I am nothing.  
*1 Corinthians 13:2*

### 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 week I snuck away for a few days to spend some time with my closest friends and renew my energies. While I was away in Dallas for the Student Leadership Conference with the Newman Center, it was still very full. I am grateful to be able after a beautiful Christmas season and New Year to find some healthy leisure before Lent kicks in. We have so many beautiful opportunities ahead this Lent. My hope is that you will join me in begging God to bring each of us deeper in our encounter with mercy. The Lord wants to pour out His love on each one of us and upon receiving so great a gift might we long to love Him in return. See below for a list of many of the happenings that will take place this coming Lent.

Our Tri-Parish offers numerous opportunities to go deeper in your journey of faith. I want to encourage to pray for the desire and grace to go deeper. Each of us has a longing in our hearts for the Divine. We all long to be cared for, loved, known, and affirmed. Human love can only go so far and so deep in this regard. We need ultimate fulfillment which can only come from God and truly perfected only in Heaven. Pray for the grace to desire to grow in love with God more and to experience who you are as a son/daughter of our Merciful Father.

Finally, I encourage all families to continue to encourage their children to be involved in youth group where applicable. Our youth need to be affirmed that it is okay to live their faith and to form strong Catholic friends who are seeking to live faithful to the teachings of Jesus amidst many social pressures and anxieties in family life and in school. Might the Lord give us the grace to become what we are meant to be as saints in the modern world!

### Lent begins February 10th!

The tri-parish will have many opportunities for each of you to make this truly a Lent of conversion:  
Stations of the Cross every week

Rice Bowl for almsgiving

Magnificat for daily reading

Adoration on Sunday with praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet

Penance Service and increased opportunities for Confession

Several choices for Bible Studies

Special Family Faith Formation Events with speakers and activities to increase our faith

Look for details in this bulletin and ones to come and check website for more information and dates.

Commit to taking advantage of one or more of these chances to make this Lent truly life changing!

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, February 1

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-7; Mark 5:1-20

### Tuesday, February 2

#### The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

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

### Wednesday, February 3

#### St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; Mark 6:1-6

### Thursday, February 4

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Mark 6:7-13

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Claire Bach*

### Friday, February 5

#### St. Agatha

Sirach 47:2-11; Psalm 18:31, 47, 50-51; Mark 6:14-29

**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † *Veronica Sonnek*

### Saturday, February 6

#### St. Paul Miki and Companions

1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9-14; Mark 6:30-34

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Sr. Lois*

**5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew**

† *Ivlea Wendlandt*

### Sunday, February 7

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138:1-5, 7-8;

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

**8 a.m. Loaves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph**

*People of the tri-parish*

**10:00 a.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa** † *Catherine Kack*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Monday, Feb. 8 7 p.m.	CCW St Teresa



### Ash Wednesday February 10th

Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday:

**7 a.m. St. Teresa**

**7 p.m. St. Joseph**

This is not a Holy Day Of Obligation, but it is a pious practice to attend Mass and receive ashes as a reminder of our need for repentance and of our finite time on this earth and that nothing in this material world will last.



**God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities who have requested our prayers:**

Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell,

*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:** there will be class on Feb. 3.

**Reminder:** In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations: KTOE 1420 AM, and on KEYC TV (also on their website)

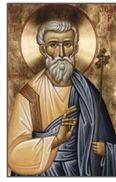
**Middle School Lock-in: at St. Teresa**

**"If you are what you should be..."**

**Beginning Saturday, February 6 at noon & ending at 11:30 a.m. (after Mass) on Sunday, February 7.**

for 6-8th Grades (students may bring along a friend, if they choose)

There will be food, games, reflections, talks, Reconciliation and more. A \$5 registration fee needs to be returned with the permission slip. Permission slips will be given out at faith formation class, or call the tri-parish office. Please pre-register to give us a solid idea of how many to expect--however, pre-registration is not required and all are welcome who can attend at the last minute. For more information call the office at 524-3127 or talk to Jonah Lippert.



Each year **St. Joseph** has a meal to raise money for Faith Formation. Mainly because of this fundraiser, the parish is able to offer faith formation to all the youth for free. Please attend this **Faith Formation Fundraiser held this year on Sunday, February 7th after the 8 a.m. Mass.** If you cannot

attend, but would like to support this effort to keep a strong faith formation program free of charge, you can put an envelope in the collection on Sunday clearly marked for the FF fundraiser.

We do hope you can join us at the brunch for good food and fellowship! All are welcome - All the Time



## Tri-Parish Mardi Gras Celebration

Where: St Matthews Church

When: February 6, 2016 – after 5PM mass

Who: Everyone! Especially all Tri-Parish Youth and Family

What: Food - sloppy jo, chips, cookies,

punch (St Margaret's Circle)

Games – games & prizes through meal time and after – Bingo to close out the evening

Free Will Donation: support Tri-Parish Youth activities

\* Youth may volunteer to work at event and receive credit for service project\*\*

End of year giving statements have been mailed out to all those who have given money to the parish or special collections. If you did not receive this statement and have given money to the church, please contact the office.

**St. Teresa:** Breakfast to benefit Catholic education opportunities in our parish



**CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS**

**Sunday, February 14, after 10 a.m. Mass**  
**Free will donation**

Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns and ham . Free will donations accepted. Matching funds will be provided by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

## Community News

**Birthright is in need of volunteers.** With more volunteers our office could be open more hours and serve more women. You can work the days and hours that fit into your schedule. We are planning a training in February or March. For more information call 388-4558. Put your pro-life beliefs into action.

## Greetings from Maple River Loaves and Fishes!

2015 was an amazing year, with challenges and enormous growth. Here are our final numbers for the year:

MRLF served 232 different families at least once this year

1365 Family visits (up from 1159 in 2014)

4984 People (up from 4306 in 2014)

2097 Children (up from 1768 in 2014)

151,499 pounds of food!! (up 21,194 pounds)

141 Thanksgiving Boxes 145 Christmas Boxes

We thank the Lord for this community and churches! Without so many of you, MRLF could not help feed those needy families in our area. If you have not been to the food shelf recently, please see your board member to volunteer. You will be so glad that you did! Please call the food shelf at 507-524-3046 or stop by when we are open. Our hours are Tuesdays from 3 -6 pm and Saturdays from 9am – noon. Thank You!

## Parish News



**Beginning this weekend there will be boxes available at each church for old, blessed palms.**

Remember, blessed items cannot just be thrown into the garbage, but must be disposed of properly.

These old palms will be burnt and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday this year. Please bring in your old palms by February 7th.

The Magnificat Lenten Companion is available at all churches. There are daily Lenten reflections and ideas for penance. This is a great tool for increasing prayer during Lent.

On each Friday during Lent . beginning February 12, Stations of the Cross will be lead by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30p.m. There will be a soup supper following these devotions, at about 6:15p.m. Replacing the soup supper on one Friday will be the famous Fish Fry.



We welcome into the Catholic Family and St. Teresa Parish, Charlotte Sheely, daughter of Michael and Whitney Sheely. Charlotte was baptized at St. Teresa on Jan. 24th. May the good and gracious God continue to bless Charlotte and her family.



## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (January 24 )

Weekly collection...	\$2847.91
Amount collected year to date...	\$103,052.91
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$94,922.00

### St. Matthew (January 23)

Weekly collection.....	\$440.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$40,362.42
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$39,960.00

### St. Joseph (January 24 )

Weekly collection .....	\$1116.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$31,640.80
Amount budgeted year to date	\$33,780.00



## Ministry Roles

**Please note that this reflects a change in the schedule as given out**

Ministers originally scheduled for Feb. 6/7 are asked to switch to Feb. 13/14

### **February 6 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.**

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Tony Wendlandt,  
Cindy Young

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Servers:** Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

**Money Counters:** Char Schuch, Jodi Roelofs

### **February 7 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Hollie Smith,  
Landon Davis

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money Counters:** Rachel Depuydt, Sarah Caven

### **February 7 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Kay Proehl,  
Anita Rigdon

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Andrew Hoppe, Faith Hoppe,  
Gracie Langworthy

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

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

## Our Catholic World



### Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

**Women's Bible Study** will begin a new session on Wednesday, January 27th. We will meet at **6:15 p.m.** in the club room at St. Teresa. This is a 6 week program. We will be studying God Is Love by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Love is the essence of Christianity. Come and discover more about God— who IS Love.

**Men's Bible Study** - Encyclical "God is Love" - Pope Benedict XVI

Facilitator: Neil Majeski - St Matthews

Where: Neil's shop - outside of Amboy

When: 8:30 am to 10 am - on the Saturdays noted below  
2/6 2/20 2/27 3/5 3/12 3/19

What: Study the encyclical and follow with shop time

bring a project for shop time or exchange tips on talents

Call: Neil - 507-327-3559 if you are interested in attending or have questions

**Thursday morning Bible Study** will begin February 4th. We meet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa. A light breakfast is served. This session we will be using 7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn. This is a great topic in this year of mercy. Come and learn about the beauty of this sacrament of mercy!

**Monday Night Bible Study** begins an 8 week study January 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, a study by Jeff Cavins. If you have ever thought that you would like to know more about the Bible but it was just too hard, this is for you. It will help you make sense of the bible and how it relates to your everyday life. The study consists of a 30 min. video talk and then discussion. It is not too late to join!

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. -St. Jerome

**CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

**Operation Rice Bowl Prayer:** We lift our prayers to you, God of Love, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need. As we learn about their struggles, our almsgiving comes to their aid; our fasting unites us in their hunger. You call us to be disciples for all nations. Bless us this Lenten season. Amen. Rice Bowl items will be available at all churches beginning next weekend.



*We Adore You O Christ and  
We Praise You*



**Beginning at noon at St. Teresa on each of the six Sundays in Lent, Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin a time of Adoration with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany. Adoration will then continue until 10 p.m.**

Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there will be sign up sheets available to make sure someone will always be present the entire time that Jesus is exposed on the altar 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 being signed up.

**"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"**