

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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February 7, 2016 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:10-11

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

As we approach the beginning of the Lenten season this Wednesday, allow me to give a brief reminder into the three disciplines or sometimes called the three pillars of the Lenten season: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

Prayer: This needs to be our life-blood in the Christian life. Setting aside deliberate times of quiet not just for our own peace of mind, but instead to make ourselves available to the presence of God. Meditate on the sufferings of Jesus, on the rosary, on the Bible, and let your mind experience rest knowing that God is present to you. Take advantage of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday's at St. Teresa this Lent.

Fasting: I am often amazed at how I can go throughout the day when I am busy and not think much about food but when I attempt to fast, I suddenly notice every hunger pang that could even be conceived. Try fasting this Lent by disciplining yourself and restricting yourself not just for the sake of self-discipline but so that you might order your love toward God. I have heard fasting called the fuel for our prayer. Fasting should always lead us into a deeper dependence on grace and increase our desire for prayer by recognizing our own poverty (we are beggars before God) as we are stripped away from the sensual pleasures of life.

Almsgiving: I am convinced of the generosity of the people in our parishes and throughout southern Minnesota. Whenever there is a need or in any time of trial it is obvious to me how much you desire to give support in both money and time. Yet almsgiving is much more than just tossing money into a basket, almsgiving is best summarized by the widow's mite where she was willing to trust her entire livelihood to God. Almsgiving should lead us not just to feeling good about ourselves because we helped bring about some little good in our social circle, but instead should lead us to a trust in the providence and care of the Almighty. All I have is His and so I offer all I have back to Him. This doesn't presume any kind of irresponsibility to caring for the current and future needs of my family, but it does that in accord with God's will.

I pray this Lent is your best one yet.

Mission trip to Belize begins in less than 2 weeks. Thank you for your amazing faith and generosity that has made this outreach possible! You can follow the progress of the mission work day to day by checking out our blog:

Belize2016.blogspot.com

SJSMSST to Belize-2016

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, February 8 **St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita**
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132:6-10; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3-5, 10-11; Mark 7:1-13
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, February 10 **Ash Wednesday**
Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17;
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Howard La Fleur
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Patti Caven



Thursday, February 11 **Our Lady of Lourdes**
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 9:22-25
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *Reparation for our sins*

Friday, February 12 **Friday after Ash Wednesday**
Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Larry Langworthy

Saturday, February 13 **Saturday after Ash Wednesday**
Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Sue Parsley
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Ivalea Wendlandt

Sunday, February 14 **First Sunday of Lent**
Deuteronomy 26:4-10 ; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15;
Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † Cecil and Bernardine Dickey
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *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
Monday, Feb. 8 7 p.m.	CCW St Teresa
Tuesday, February 16 7 p.m.	St. Matthew Finance Council

Two ways to receive short, daily inspiration to make this the Best Lent Ever— available to you on any device.

1. Get daily emails with Lenten Reflections with Bishop Robert Barron-sign up at www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/sign-up-for-bishop-barrons-free-daily-lenten-reflections/5061/ or you can go to our web page, sjsmst.org, and click on the image on the right side.
2. Get daily inspiration from Matthew Kelley by signing up to receive daily emails at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> for the Best Lent Ever.



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: This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. There will be no formal faith formation classes. Please attend Mass as a beginning to the Lenten season.

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)

Faith Formation stations for Lent:

St Matthew: Lenten Supper and Stations will be held three Wednesdays of Lent this year. On February 17, February 24, and March 16 there will be a supper served by a CCW circle at 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross for all parishioners will begin at 6:30 pm. All adults are encouraged to attend this Lenten devotion.



Regular Faith Formation Class will be held at 6:30 – 7:30 pm on these Wednesdays.

St. Joseph: Stations of the Cross will be led by Faith Formation students on the following Wednesdays in Lent:

February 17, Feb. 24, and March 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend and pray with the youth of the parish.

First Reconciliation for our second graders will take place Saturday, February 20 at 10 a.m. at St. Teresa. Please pray for these 19 students as they prepare for this great Sacrament of healing.

Parish News

The collection on Ash Wednesday each year is for the support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This money provides grants for projects to restore the Church and build the future of these areas after years of Soviet domination and suppression. Please see the insert for more information.

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.



We welcome into the Catholic Family Connor Smith, son of Michael and Ann (Thomas) Smith, who was baptized at St. Joseph Church on January 31st. May the good and gracious God continue to bless Connor and his family.

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.



St. Teresa: Breakfast to benefit Catholic education opportunities in our parish **Sunday, February 14, after 10 a.m. Mass Free will donation**



CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

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

Faithful practices during Lent:

Fasting and abstinence are spiritual practices that are vital to the Christian life. What are the rules for fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church?

In the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth." The USCCB also allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. Thus, the rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

-Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

-Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

-Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.

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.



Notice to anyone attending Mass at St. Teresa Church:

We have been asked by the Mapleton Police to remind anyone parking on Central Ave for Mass to make sure you are not blocking any part of a driveway. They have received complaints from some of our neighbors. We want to be good neighbors and not cause anyone hardship. Thank you for your attention to this.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (January 31)

Weekly collection...	\$2286.60
Amount collected year to date...	\$105,339.51
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$98,086.00

St. Matthew (January 30)

Weekly collection.....	\$496.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$40,858.42
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$41,292.00

St. Joseph (January 31)

Weekly collection	\$433.15
Amount collected year to date...	\$32,073.95
Amount budgeted year to date	\$34,906.00



Ministry Roles

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

February 13 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Carol Schulz

Minister of Communion: Char Schuch,
Justin Davis

Hospitality: Tim Bennett family

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Wendy Bennett

February 14 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Julie FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Mary Caven,
Leah Davis

Hospitality: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Gifts: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Servers: April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

Money Counters: Leah Davis, Eli Depuydt

February 14 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Arleen Swanson

Minister of Communion: Jim Swanson,
Arleen Swanson

Hospitality: Jeff and Shelly Holt,
John and Sandy Treanor

Gifts: John and Sandy Treanor

Servers: Nolan Braaten, Ellie Braaten,
Jackson Walters

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek, Vicki Kunkel

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.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 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!

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?"

Ministry roles for Ash Wednesday, February 10

St. Teresa 7 a.m.

Reader: volunteer

Minister of Communion: Butch and Judy Bach

Hospitality/gifts: volunteer

Server: volunteer

St. Joseph 7 p.m.

Reader: Kevin FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Patty Thomas, Jim Wieseler

Hospitality: Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

Servers: Ethan McGregor, Taylor Hollerich