

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 21, 2016 Second Sunday of Lent



While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
Luke 9:29-31

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



From the Heart by Fr. Jason Kern

On this second Sunday of Lent, we have the Transfiguration as the Gospel reading. This is an incredible moment that is sometimes overlooked in the life of Jesus. This is prayed as the 4th Luminous mystery of the Rosary and is a reminder to all of us of how Jesus is transformed before and reveals Himself as Divine. It is the great encouragement of hope to Peter, James, and John who were on the mountain with him. Though they don't fully understand the significance at that very moment, Peter writes in his own letter about this moment years later. In 2 Peter chapter 1; verses 16-19 the Sacred author writes as follows,

“I shall also make every effort to enable you always to remember these things after my departure. We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.”

Peter is clearly speaking about the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor and is speaking about the impact it had for the rest of his own ministry. During Lent, we are making the journey of ascent to the mountain not of the Lord's glory but of Golgotha, the place of the skull where Jesus will be crucified. Yet, rather than this being a horrific moment, it is when the Father is glorified as the Son of Man is lifted up for our salvation. Let's pray to receive the grace of Jesus' glory to shine in our dark places.

This past week we organized our plans and registrations for the youth to attend Catholic Heart Work Camp, Steubenville North, and Camp Summit. These three camps are really important opportunities for our youth to experience the faith in a fresh way. I would like to again encourage that after a very positive first year of attending these camps/events, you would consider sending your son or daughter. You might have to encourage them or talk them into it but I am convinced deeply about the experience they will have on these trips. In order for our faith to speak into our day to day lives and to have any meaning at all, I am convinced that these types of experiences are necessary for our youth to truly realize the depth of God's love and the manner in which He wants to be at work in our lives. There is still time to sign up for all of these summer events!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, February 22 **The Chair of Peter**
1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23 **St. Polycarp**
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;
Matthew 23:1-12

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

Wednesday, February 24 **Lenten Weekday**
Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, February 25 **Lenten Weekday**
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 16:19-31
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Jim Hicks*

Friday, February 26 **Lenten Weekday**
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Psalm 105:16-21;
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Thomas D. Langworthy*

Saturday, February 27 **Lenten Weekday**
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *John Breiter*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Charlene Wallace*

Sunday, February 28 **Third Sunday of Lent**
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 ; Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *People of the tri-parish*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Keith Etherington*

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, March 1 7 p.m.	All Pastoral Councils at St. Matthew

The tri-parish office will be closed the following dates due to the Belize Mission Trip:

Monday, February 22, Tuesday, February 23,
and Friday, February 26.

Mass times change in 2 weeks.

Beginning in March the Mass times are:

Saturday 5 p.m. St. Teresa

Sunday 8 a.m. St. Matthew

Sunday 10 a.m. St. Joseph



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

Hank Massop, 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: Classes will meet this week, February 24th. Please see below for special Lenten information.

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

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

St. Teresa: Stations of the Cross will be led by 10th grade students on February 24 & 9th grade students will lead on March 16. Stations begin at 7:15 p.m.

Parish News



Tri-parish Communal Lenten Penance Service
Wednesday, March 2 beginning at 7 p.m.

at St. Teresa Church. Come and take advantage of this beautiful sacrament that shows upon us God's Mercy.

Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. --Pope John Paul 2

New Ministry schedules for St. Joseph and St. Teresa Parishes are now available at each of these churches. If you are part of one of the Liturgical Ministries, please pick up a schedule. They are for March—May.

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 6:15 p.m. Replacing the soup supper on **Friday, March 11** will be the famous Fish Fry.



Tri-parish Family Faith Formation Year of Mercy Event

Wednesday, March 9

Dinner served from

5:30 –6:30 p.m.

(pulled pork, salads, dessert)



Key Note Speaker, Ben Frost 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Ben Frost is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Winona and is an extremely engaging speaker who will encourage and challenge our Tri-parish to encounter anew the Mercy and Love of God.

After the talk there will be snacks and a social with time for discussion and fellowship.

During the talk, 6:30—7:30, all faith formation students in K-8th grade will meet for special activities and learning.

All high school students will attend the talk and then meet for class from 7:30-8:30 p.m.



This event will take place at St. Teresa Church and classrooms.

This is a great opportunity to learn about and experience as a family God's unfathomable Love and Mercy. Make this a priority this Lent.

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.

St. Teresa: Famous Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 11 from 5-7 p.m.

featuring all the Beer Batter Fried Fish you can eat, potato, salad, roll and beverage. If you are able to help with this fundraiser, please call Sara Wenner, 340-0382. All are invited to attend!



We are off on the mission trip to Belize! 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

St. John the Baptist, Minnesota Lake

Holy Name Society

LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAY, February 26, 2016 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Serving "All you can eat Fish", Rosemary's Salmon Loaf Baked Potato, Creamed Peas, Cole Slaw and Beverage



Maple River Coaches Scholarship and Wrestler

Pancake Breakfast

MR High School Commons

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Age 6– adult \$6 under 6 eat free

State tournament wrestlers will be honored around 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (February 14)

Weekly collection...	\$1596.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$109,596.21
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$104,414.00

St. Matthew (February 13)

Weekly collection.....	\$896.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$42,617.72
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$43,956.00

St. Joseph (February 14)

Weekly collection	\$424.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$33,181.95
Amount budgeted year to date	\$37,158.00



Ministry Roles

February 27 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Cindy Young

Minister of Communion: Darla Graf,
Charley Roelofs

Hospitality: Jeff Butson family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Jodi Roelofs, Wendy Bennett

February 28 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Maureen Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Richard FitzSimmons,
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: John and Jan FitzSimmons

Gifts: John and Jan FitzSimmons

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Parker Smith

Money Counters: Laureen Sohre,
Rachel Depuydt

February 28 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Samantha Passer

Minister of Communion: Brenda Carey,
Shelly Holt

Hospitality: Dan and Sherry Kraft,
Tom and Gina Massop

Gifts: Gary Trio, Sydney Trio

Servers: AJ Kunkel, Samantha Kunkel,
Jon Kunkel

Money Counters: Bob Bissonette, Ann Walters

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World

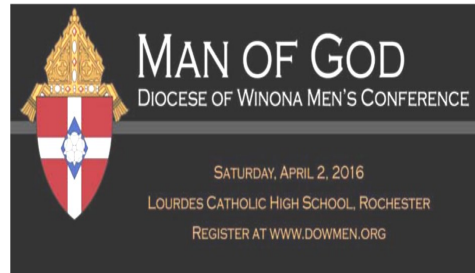


Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Women's Bible Study will meet at **6:15 p.m.** on Wednesdays in the club room at St. Teresa. We will be studying God Is Love by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Thursday morning Bible Study 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.

Monday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, a study by Jeff Cavins. The study consists of a 30 min. video talk and then discussion. It is not too late to join!



The Catholic Men's Conference seeks to develop and foster a community of men centered on the true man, Jesus Christ, and to inspire men to follow Him in the path of holiness. There will be two speakers, adoration, a chance for confession, and holy Mass with the Bishop. Call the office or watch the bulletin for more details to come.

*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?"

Diocese of Winona Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 12 9 a.m.— 4 p.m.

at St. Joseph Church, 512 South Elm Ave, Owatonna
Retreat will be led by Amanda Teixeira, former FOCUS missionary. She will inspire with God's take on money, the importance of prayer, and the every day real life experience of adoption.

Join us for a day of true spiritual renewal! To register contact the parish office or go to www.dow.org. Fee is \$20-\$30 depending on how soon you register.



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 are available at all churches.