

# St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

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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 28, 2016 Third Sunday of Lent



These things happened as examples for us,  
so that we might not desire evil things, as  
they did.

1 Corinthians 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

This Wednesday we are so blessed to celebrate a penance service for the Tri-Parish. I realize I might be one of the only people on earth who genuinely enjoys confession (I hope I am exaggerating). Legitimately though, I love the surety of being forgiven that happens in the Sacrament. In a similar way that Jesus is always made present for us in the Eucharist, so also in confession, so long as we come with sorrow for sins and authentically confess our sins we are truly and really forgiven. This is incredible. Not only do I then have surety of forgiveness, I also experience the empowering gift of God's grace to live for Him and avoid the things that will lead me to sin. While I recognize the awkward nature or difficulty of having to tell my sins to another, I find it freeing to be able to let go of the part of me that I am not proud of and in fact even most embarrassed about. I no longer have to hold on to the shame and guilt but can literally lay it all down at the feet of Jesus. I encourage you to join us for this Sacrament at our **Tri-Parish Penance Service this Wednesday at St. Teresa at 7pm.**

A week from this **Wednesday on March 9<sup>th</sup>** we are having a wonderful event where all three parishes will work together to host a **Year of Mercy Family Event**. Please plan to come for supper which will be served throughout the hour 5:30-6:30 that evening. After supper we will head up to the church for a talk by Ben Frost, the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Winona, on how *God desires to bestow His mercy on you*. During the talk, sessions will be available for all youth to participate in from K-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Upon conclusion of the talk and youth sessions (7:30) we will have a social for young and old and include some discussion on the presentation. Thanks for setting aside this time and bringing your family—it will be a fun night that will help give the final weeks of Lent a deeper meaning and ready us for the Easter mysteries.

Currently our Tri-Parish has members in RCIA preparing for confirmation and entrance into full communion with the Catholic Church. I love making this journey with people and teaching the faith. I had a beautiful experience with a candidate this week where they were not ready to enter the church (yet) but are still searching to understand and grapple with the truth and teaching of the Church. I appreciate this approach and willingness to search for understanding in their faith life. Our Tri-Parish will likely have 4 people enter the Catholic Church around Easter and the Newman Center will have 7 or 8. This is a special time of year for the candidates, please surround them with your prayers.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, February 29 **Lenten Weekday**  
2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 1 **Lenten Weekday**  
Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

Wednesday, March 2 **Lenten Weekday**  
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19  
**7 p.m. Tri-parish Reconciliation Service at St Teresa**

Thursday, March 3 **St. Katherine Drexel**  
Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Luke 11:14-23  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Reparation for our sins*

Friday, March 4 **St. Casimir**  
Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † *Karl Duncanson*

Saturday, March 5 **Lenten Weekday**  
Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Poor Souls in Purgatory*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Paul G Schmidt*

Sunday, March 6 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
Joshua 5:9-12 ; Psalm 34:2-7;  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
**8 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Donald Graf*  
**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** *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
Tuesday, March 1 7 p.m.	All Pastoral Councils at St. Matthew

Next week our tri-parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in Disguise.**

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME." (MT 25:40)



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

Hank Massop, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Eugene Langworthy, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Angie Gartner

*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 at St. Teresa will meet on Wed., March 2. St. Joseph and St. Matthew students should attend the Penance Service that night at St. Teresa.

**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 Wednesday, 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.

Faith Formation Class will be held at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph: Stations of the Cross will be led by Faith Formation students on Wednesday, 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 9th grade students 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 showers upon us God's Mercy.

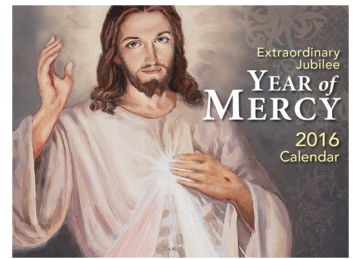
Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. --Pope John Paul 2

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!

**St Matthew:** St. Ann's Circle will be serving breakfast after mass on Sunday, March 6. Please plan to join us.

**St Matthew: Spring cleaning volunteers** needed in the kitchen and dining hall. A list will be on the counter with areas needing attention. It is hoped this can be done during March. Thank You!

**SERTOMA SERVICE TO MANKIND NOMINEES** are people who make significant volunteer contributions to those in need in our community. Send your letters of nomination to: Louise Webb, PO Box 93, Mapleton, MN 56065 or call 507-524-4066 by March 15, 2016.

**Mass times change next week.**  
**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**



## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (February 21 )

Weekly collection...	\$2731.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$112,402.21
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$107,578.00

### St. Matthew (February 20)

Weekly collection.....	\$492.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$43,109.72
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$45,288.00

### St. Joseph (February 21)

Weekly collection .....	\$1717.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$34,898.95
Amount budgeted year to date	\$38,284.00



## Ministry Roles

### March 5 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** GERALYN VAN ROSSUM

**Minister of Communion:** Cliff Anderson,  
Marcie Anderson

**Hospitality:** Paul and Shellie Landsteiner  
Mike and Whitney Sheely

**Gifts:** Shawn and Sara Wenner family

**Servers:** Dillon Schmidt, Dustyn Schmidt,  
Dalton Schmidt

**Money Counters:** Tammy Schmidt, Judy Bach

### March 6 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Wendy Bennett

**Minister of Communion:** Wendy Bennett,  
Lynn Demuth

**Hospitality:** Larry Caven family

**Servers:** Joseph Bennett, Jeff Lewis

**Money Counters:** Neil Majeski, Linda Anderson

### March 6 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Patty Thomas

**Minister of Communion:** Connie Peters  
Christine Rahn

**Hospitality:** Scott and Kim Kleven

**Gifts:** Scott and Kim Kleven

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money Counters:** Maureen Hollerich,  
Sarah Caven

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

## Our Catholic World

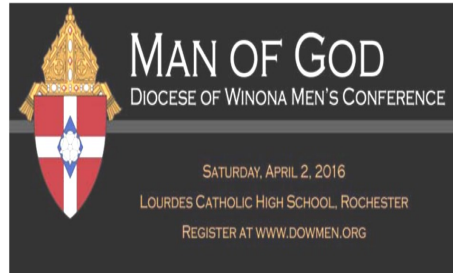


### Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

**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](http://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.