

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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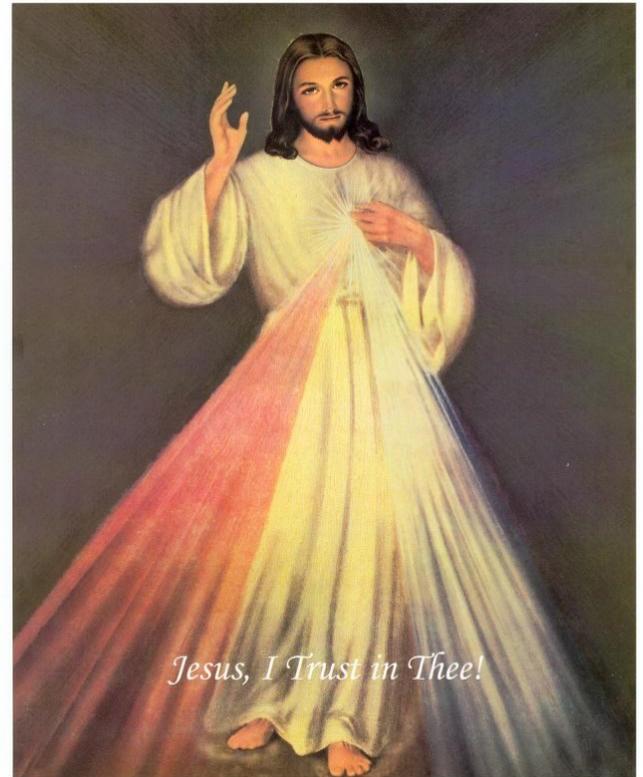
Connie Peters, St. Joseph Faith Formation

Cindy Young, St. Matthew Faith Formation

Karen Langworthy, St. Teresa Faith Formation

April 3, 2016

## Divine Mercy Sunday



*On that day the very depths of my tender  
Mercy are open."*

*From the diary of Sr. Faustina*

### **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

Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead! The whole world needs to know that Jesus Christ is alive!

How will the world know if someone doesn't tell them! We can think that people know the story of Jesus and they might have some idea but if we don't share with conviction the basic Christian message that without Jesus' death and Resurrection we are not saved many people will never be invited to accept that truth in their lives. There is an ever greater need in the world to present people with the message of truth that either they accept Jesus Christ as the way of salvation or they reject Him and choose their own condemnation. There is no middle ground to stand on. If we don't repent, be baptized, and live a life of conformity to the Commandments and teachings of Jesus and His Church we are not saved. The two ways or the fork in the road diverges by the choice of our lives.

It is in this truth that we encounter the Mercy of God that He desires all men to be saved. Jesus has offered His life for us and loves us to the point of dying for us but it is still our free will to consent to His love and plan for our life. If we accept that Jesus is God, and that He rose from the dead, then we are saved! Mercy is extended to all who open their lives to this truth! Let Your Mercy be on us oh Lord, as we place our hope in You! This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday as the last day of the Easter Octave. The Easter Octave (octave meaning 8) is the way the Church celebrates its highest feast by rejoicing and proclaiming for 8 days the truth of the Easter morning where they went and discovered the tomb empty and encountered the Risen Lord!

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we should pay particular attention again to this Feast of Mercy. The Feast of Divine Mercy was a private revelation to St. Faustina, a Polish nun who died in 1938, and this message of mercy was especially adopted during the Papal tenure of Pope John Paul II. The following is from the Diary of St. Faustina which we read about the revelations of Jesus and His desire for Mercy on the whole world (Jesus appeared and spoke directly to Sister Faustina):

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (*Diary* 699)



## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, April 4      **The Annunciation of the Lord**  
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10;  
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 5      **St. Vincent Ferrer**  
Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1-2,5; John 3:7-15  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

Wednesday, April 6  
Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 7      **St. John Baptist de la Salle**  
Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Reparation for our sins*

Friday, April 8  
Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15  
**10 :30 a.m. Mass at MCH**      † *Dorothy and Bernard Landsteiner*

Saturday, April 9  
Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa**      † *Barbara Dentinger*  
**5:00 p.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa**      † *Louis Sonnek*

Sunday, April 10      **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19  
**8:00 a.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew**  
                                 † *Ivalea Wendlandt*  
**10:00 a.m. Loaves and Fishes 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
Thursdays 9 a.m.	Bible Study at St. Teresa
Mondays 6:30 p.m.	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible at St. Teresa
Tuesday, April 5 7 p.m.	Tri-parish Finance Council at St. Matthew

"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it." (*Diary* 742)



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

Angie Gartner, Jim Swanson, Hank Massop, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, 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 April 6th.



Please return permission slips and deposit money to class or to the tri-parish office soon. This is an awe-

some opportunity to grow in the faith and it is a requirement for all 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students.

**Camp Summit**, for students entering 6–8th grade, will be held August 8–11 this year. It takes place at Eagle Bluff Environmental Camp and it fills up fast. **Please get your registrations in soon so we do not miss out on this exciting opportunity.**

There will be Learning Centers for First Eucharist at St. Teresa Church on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m.—noon.

All children making their First Holy Communion this year must attend with one parent/guardian.

## Parish News



### Tri-parish Bingo and Pie Social

Sunday, April 3 4 to 6 p.m.

At St. Teresa Parish Hall

25 cents/card,

winner takes whole pot

Popcorn available throughout

the night, pie and ice cream at mid-point break



**Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Joseph Scheduled for Sunday, April 10th** has been postponed to a later date.

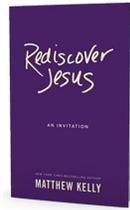
Women's Book Club will meet Sunday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Teresa Gathering Space. For those interested, we will gather in church at 6:10 to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for all the intentions we hold in our hearts.

We will be discussing the book A Can of Peas, by Traci DePree.



You are invited to an open house bridal shower for Stephanie Rigdon, fiancé of Matt Czarniak. Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. 10:30 A.M. St. Teresa's gathering area.

The couple is registered at Kohl's and Crate & Barrel.



**Rediscover Jesus-On April 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph** is hosting casual discussion groups following 10 a.m. Mass. We will reflect on Readings 9—16 in the Rediscover Jesus book. Coffee and a simple snack will be provided. All are welcome! All the time!

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** The Blue Earth and Mankato Area CCW ladies will be having a luscious salad supper at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Mankato on April 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM. **EVERY parish woman is welcome!** Bring a salad to share and plan to enjoy the evening with other amazing, inspiring CCW "sisters". A speaker and short meeting will follow the meal. Special prizes will be awarded to all new meeting attendees. God the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit have already sent in their RSVP so you won't want to miss this event.



**Please join us for a "trip" to Hawaii for a Luau Tri-Parish Barn Dance** sponsored by St. Joseph's Church Saturday, April 23rd 6:00-9:00 pm

Food will be served from 6:00-7:00  
 Pork and fixins Free will donation  
 Don't miss the fun with Karaoke!  
 Paul and Gina Fitzsimmon's Farm  
 54440 148th Street. *Good Thunder*  
 All are welcome!



## Community News

### Come join us in the presence of Our Lord

The Perpetual Adoration leadership team at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rochester, MN, extends an invitation to everyone to a celebration on Saturday, April 9, 2016 with Fr Mark Wheelan. In his Papal bull on the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote: "During Lent of this Holy Year, I intend to send out "Missionaries of Mercy". On February 10, 2016 Pope Francis commissioned Fr Mark Wheelan as one of his Missionaries of Mercy. We will start with mass at 8:30am with a break and snacks. At 10:00am Fr Mark will give the first of two talks entitled, "God's Mercy through the Eucharist. After a short break the second talk will be, "Understanding mercy in our own lives, how do we live it," followed by confession with Fr Mark.

Bob Kennedy, funeral director in Blue Earth,, has been fighting a very difficult cancer for the last year, and is still fighting. This long drawn out disease has caused unforeseen medical costs and needed family support. We ask your presence, your financial support, and prayers for the Kennedy family who has touched so many lives in our communities.

Please attend the **pulled pork sandwich, free will donation dinner on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm** at the **Blue Earth American Legion**.



**Vernon Center Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast** at the Fire Hall Sunday, April 3 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. All you care to eat Free will donation.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (March 26)

Weekly collection...	\$2181.92
Amount collected year to date...	\$124,707.03
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$123,398.00

### St. Matthew (March 27)

Weekly collection.....	\$1837.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$50,810.85
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$51,948.00

### St. Joseph (March 27)

Weekly collection .....	\$2500.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$41,328.95
Amount budgeted year to date	\$43,914.00



## Ministry Roles

### April 9 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Sue Morrow,  
Kay Proehl

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Nolan Braaten, Ellie Braaten,  
Jackson Walters

**Money Counters:** Tammy Schmidt,  
Meg Mohwinkel

### April 10 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Dave Weir,  
Tony Wendlandt

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Servers:** Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

**Money Counters:** Neil Majeski, Maria Sanders

### April 10 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Youth

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

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money Counters:** Cassie Winters,  
Maureen Hollerich

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

## Our Catholic World



## Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3

### Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska The Humble Instrument

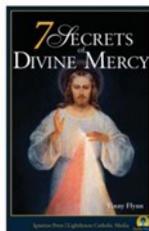
Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated, nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland during the 1930's. She came from a very poor family that struggled on their little farm during the years of World War I. She had only three years of

very simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations or messages from Our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled in notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time." taken from <http://thedinivemercy.org/message/stfaustina/>

According to Our Lord: "On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. The souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Let no souls fear to draw near me." (Diary 699)

To help you learn more about the epic story of Divine Mercy, there are available at each church a DVD, "Behold This Heart" episode 2 of a 10 part series on the Second Greatest Story Ever Told.



There are also copies of the book, 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy, by Vinny Flynn. This book will help you discover how to respond to the call of Pope Francis to live lives :shaped by mercy".

Both of these items are free of charge. Take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your understanding of God's unfathomable Mercy!

**Congratulations to the following people who were received into full communion of the Holy Catholic Church on Easter, 2016.**

### At St. Teresa during Easter Vigil:

Michael Braaten

Kari Healy

### At St. Joseph Easter morning:

Thomas Hoefft

Ryan Thomas

