

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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July 10, 2016 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:37

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 week I am traveling with 14 (13 from our parish) youth, 3 chaperones, and Fr. Vogel on our Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip to Champaign, IL. This is our second year in a row going to a mission trip! I am proud of how our youth have responded to our youth group activities, mission trips, and conferences. It is amazing for me to hear a high school parishioner say, "I love adoration." Our youth are coming to a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith but it is not without the efforts of many to help them know and love Jesus and His Church.

We continue with our efforts as we will have our third meeting with the faith formation committee that has been formed this summer. We are evaluating how to train our catechists and help them teach the faith as well as possible and to assist them to do so in a way that can engage the heart and mind of our youth. In addition to training catechists, we are looking at ways to help our young people learn the faith with a different style of catechesis than just sitting in a classroom for an hour a week. I would love to transform the way our contemporary church thinks about teaching youth the faith but we need to understand the need. Currently, numbers show that only 30% of people who are raised Catholic remain active in the Church. By this the numbers indicate that they attend Mass at least once a month which we know does not meet the lowest expectation of weekly attendance at Sunday Mass.

While we are certain that many have worked hard to keep our faith formation programs going strong and organized well, we also know that our current model is not working. We are losing way more than we gain and as a Church forming people to be lapsed Catholics. I cannot in good conscience proceed as if nothing is wrong! Please join me in praying for our efforts to cast a new vision. I have articulated to our committee that our vision is to form, educate, and inspire disciples of Jesus Christ who are in love with Him and live in complete faithfulness to His Catholic Church! This should be the goal of every Catholic!

Please keep our youth and all our efforts to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations in your prayers each day. Prayer will be not only what sustains us but also what brings about a new outpouring of grace for us to live in abiding faithfulness to Jesus and His Church!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, July 11

St. Benedict

Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;
Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 12

Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 48:2-8; Matthew 11:20-24

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

Wednesday, July 13

St. Henry

Isaiah 105-7, 13-16; Psalm 94:5-10, 14-15;
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Fr. Paul Nelson*

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Psalm 102:13-21;
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 15

St. Bonaventure

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Isaiah 38:10-12, 16;
Matthew 12:1-8

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Eugene Langworthy*

Saturday, July 16

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Micah 2:1-5; Psalm 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Matthew 12:14-21

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Msg. Gene Egan*

Sunday, July 17

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 15:2-5; Colossians 1:24-28;
Luke 10:38-42

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Frank Bach*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.

Rosary at St. Teresa

Tuesday, July 12 7 p.m.

St. Teresa Finance Council



Thursday, July 14, is the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, (+1680) who died at the age of 24 near Montreal, Canada; she was born in Ossernenon, west of what is now Auriesville in upstate New York. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks." Kateri was baptized on Easter Sunday in 1676, and took a vow of chastity, promising to be married to only Jesus Christ. She led a life of great purity,

austerity, and charity, in spite of constant ridicule and abuse; members of her tribe punished her by giving her more work than others, but she steadfastly performed her duties. Pope Benedict XVI canonized her on October 21, 2012, the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church.



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

Jerry Wersal, Angie Gartner, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, 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.

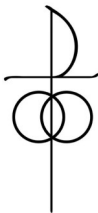
Faith Formation



Thank you to everyone who worked at the Brat Stand last weekend and to all those who came out to support the youth by purchasing food! It was very successful, with over \$600 raised. The next Brat Stand fundraiser for the youth will be September 2 & 3.

Next weekend, July 15—17, twenty-five 9th—11th grade students, four chaperones, and Fr. Kern will be traveling to Rochester to attend the Steubenville North Conference. This is a dynamic conference which will give those attending exciting opportunities to grow closer to Christ and make Him the center of their lives. Please pray for this group, that they will return to our parishes on fire with love for the Lord!

Parish News



Our tri-parish has been blessed recently with marriages being celebrated in each of our parishes. Please keep the following couples in your prayers— and congratulate them if you see them! We pray that the grace and blessings they received through the Sacrament of Marriage will sustain them in their new life together and help them to grow in love for each other and God.

May 28th at St. Joseph:

Thomas Hoelt and Danielle Dembouski

June 17 at St. Teresa:

Matthew Holt and Laura Gullickson

July 9 at St. Matthew:

Courtney Young and Reed Heard

The 2017 Tri-parish Adult Belize Mission Trip has been set for February 11—18, 2017. Put the corporal works of mercy into action by being a part of this trip. We will again be meeting Jesus in the poor of Belize and bringing His love to them by improving their living conditions. If you are interested in going to Belize, please contact the tri-parish office. There is still room and time to join this great adventure. If you feel called to serve, but have concerns you are encouraged to talk with anyone who went last year, or Fr. Kern. Are you being asked to serve?



The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness. -Pope Benedict XVI



Open House Bridal Shower honoring Samantha Drager, Bride elect of Brandon Boeck, Saturday, July 16th from 10:00-12:00 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Mapleton. Parents of the Bride are Bill and Colette Drager of Mapleton. Sam is registered at Williams-Sonoma, Home Depot and Target.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Henry (Hank) Masop who passed into eternal life on June 30, 2016. His funeral Mass was held at St. Teresa Church on July 5th.



Please also keep Irene and the rest of the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

St. Teresa: Many, many thanks to all the ladies who donated items for the silent auction! We made \$301.50 which will be divided between the CCW and St. Teresa's.

~ Ceal Caldwell, CCW President

Attention all Catholic Women: The Blue Earth/Mankato Area Council of Catholic Women will be meeting on Monday, July 18th at St. John the Baptist in Mankato (632 So. Broad Street). Please enter through the door off to the right by the cross then take the elevator or stairs down to the hall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with a Memorial Service for deceased council members. Make some time for God in your schedule, and bring a friend along to learn, have fun and be inspired. Special prizes for all first time meeting attendees! See you there!

Community News

Thinking of homeschooling? Don't want to do it alone?

Consider the Saint John Paul II Homeschool Enrichment Program (JPPII)! JPPII serves children Pre-K through High School and meets at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato during the school year. We also have a Nursery for the little ones. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, July 14 at 11:30am at Ray Erlandson Park in Mankato. In the case of bad weather, the meeting will be held in the Upper Room at Ss. Peter and Paul's Church. Contact Lisa at mamaschwam@aol.com or 507-345-5200 for more information.

Living' La Vida Lutheran:

Looney Lifestyle Tips for Livelier Living

Sunday, July 10, 2016, at 6:30 pm Tickets are \$20 Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Avenue, Mankato
The Looney Lutherans are back, with more great music, more looney comedy, and lots of audience interaction. Since we're all going downhill anyway, we might as well enjoy the ride. After 10 years of successfully sharing their diet and exercise tips for healthy living, the Loonies have put together a series of new tips for livelier living.

Proceeds from this event will support the programs and services of VINE Faith in Action. Please attend and support the independence of aging adults in the Greater Mankato area. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (July 3)

Weekly collection...	\$2334.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$2334.50
Amount budgeted year to date ..	

St. Matthew (July 3)

Weekly collection.....	\$619.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$619.00
Amount budgeted year to date...	

St. Joseph (July 2)

Weekly collection	\$538.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$538.00
Amount budgeted year to date	



Ministry Roles

July 16 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Julie FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: John FitzSimmons
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Jay and Cassie Winters

Gifts: Jay and Cassie Winters

Servers: April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

Money Counters: Eli Depuydt, Maureen Hollerich

July 17 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Shelly Holt

Minister of Communion: Tony Bach,
Brenda Carey

Hospitality: Butch and Judy Bach,
Lynn and Ceal Caldwell

Gifts: Chris and Michelle Langworthy

Servers: Will Stencel, Cole Stencel,
McKenzie Reuter, Brooke Reuter

Money Counters: Butch Bach, Ann Walters

July 17 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Minister of Communion: Cindy Young,
Wendy Bennett

Hospitality: Neal Wallace family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Linda Anderson,
Wendy Bennett

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

Our Catholic World



Results so far for the
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	5	\$1600	\$4,860	33
St. Matthew:	8	\$1560	\$4,890	32
St. Teresa:	32	\$4955	\$14,310	35



Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. **If you have not yet given to this campaign, please consider doing so.** If you do not still have the envelope that was mailed to you, you can get pick one up at church.

If we do not make our goal, the parish will be required to pay the difference. Please be generous to this appeal.

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott

We are to love God and our neighbor with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week's Gospel. This command is nothing remote or mysterious—it's already written in our hearts, in the book of sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in this week's First Reading.

Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live." The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question: "Who is my neighbor?" In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God - who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up.

Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," this week's Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "blood of His Cross" - by bearing His neighbors' sufferings in His own body, being himself stripped and beaten and left for dead—He saved us from bonds of sin, reconciled us to God and to one another. Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, entrusts us to the care of His Church, until He comes back for us.

Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us - joining all things together in His Body, the Church.

We are to love like the singer of this week's Psalm—like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives have been saved, who have known the time of His favor, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us.

This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of the scholar, and of each of us—"Go and do likewise."

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven. -Saint Ephraem of Syria