

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 17, 2016 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

There is need of only one thing.

Luke 10:41

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

Thank you for welcoming Fr. Jim Russell, a senior priest of the Diocese of Winona to our parish this week. Fr. Russell has generously agreed to cover two weekends while I am away this week at the Steubenville North Youth Conference and then in Poland for World Youth Day in two weeks. Thanks Fr. Russell and thanks to all of you for your loving support of the priesthood. The Steubenville North Conference in Rochester, MN is a youth conference for high school aged youth which creates an atmosphere for an invitation to spiritual growth. For some this means entering into a personal relationship with God for the first time. For others, this means a deeper and more mature acceptance of the gospel and the Church and a greater zeal to be a witness for Christ.

The conference weekend is about developing the gifts given at Baptism and sealed at Confirmation. It's about hearing dynamic speakers instruct and challenge teens in: prayer, chastity, service, and the power of the sacraments. The goal is for them to discover that Christianity is not for the weak and timid; it is not a crutch; and it is not boring! It is about meeting hundreds of people on fire for the Lord: laughing, crying, talking, singing, praying, dancing and being encouraged to take a stand for Christ. Please keep our youth in your prayers this weekend.

On Wednesday of this week I will leave for World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. I will return late on August 2nd. I will be traveling with 27 pilgrims from the Diocese of Winona. Please keep us in your prayers for this time of pilgrimage. I encourage you to follow the happenings by watching EWTN as they will have a lot of coverage of this world wide Catholic event with Pope Francis. The dates where Pope Francis will be in Poland and the coverage will be the best are July 27-31st. It is usual that around a million young people gather from around the world for this event. It is truly remarkable and moving to see the youth of the whole world alive and in love with Jesus and His Church. I look forward to being able to share about these events upon my return to our parishes.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, July 18 **St. Camillus de Lellis**
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 19
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 85:2-8; Matthew 12:46-50
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, July 20 **St. Apollinaris**
Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17; Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 21 **St. Lawrence of Brindisi**
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Psalm 36:6-11;
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 22 **St. Mary Magdalene**
Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 20:1-2, 11-18
10:30 a.m. Communion Service at MCH

Saturday, July 23 **St. Bridget**
Jeremiah 7:1-11; Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 11; Matthew 13:24-30
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, July 24 **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8; Colossians 2:12-14;
Luke 11:1-13
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Paul Carey*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa

The weekend of August 6/7 Mass times will change to the following schedule.

5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

At St. Joseph Church, Good Thunder, on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month

at St. Matthew Church, Vernon Center, on the second and fourth Saturday. The Masses for 3-4 Holy Days each year will be held at St. Matthew.

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

At St. Teresa Church, Mapleton



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

This weekend, July 15—17, twenty-three 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

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the St. Matthew Church Bingo Stand on the 4th of July either by setting up, taking down, working a shift, or coming to play Bingo! It was a great day and the parish made \$268.31.



Have you lost a necklace/charm? A beautiful small charm or necklace without a chain was found at the Pioneer Bank in Mapleton. It has the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on a blue center. If this sounds like it belongs to you, please contact the tri-parish office 524-3127.

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. Last year the cost for each participant was around \$1,000. 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?



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!

"Protecting Human Life is the Cornerstone of Catholic social Teaching."

"The abortion conflict has never simply been about repealing Roe v. Wade. And the many pro-lifers I know live a much deeper kind of discipleship than "single issue" politics. But they do understand that the cornerstone of Catholic social teaching is protecting human life from conception to natural death. They do understand that every other human right depends on the right to life. They did not and do not and will not give up – and they won't be lied to."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M

When life hurts, there is help. Call Catholic Charities for confidential, caring counseling services. Most types of insurance are accepted and a sliding fee is available for those without insurance. Visit us at ccwinona.org or call 507-387-5586.



A Silent weekend retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota, **August 26-28, 2016**. The retreat begins on Friday, August 26, at 8:00 p.m. and concludes on Sunday, August 28, at 12:45 p.m. The theme of the retreat is: **"Reawakening Hope."** The men & women of the tri-parish are cordially invited to a beautiful, inexpensive, lakeside weekend of wonderful relaxation and spiritual rejuvenation. The suggested offering for this retreat is \$160.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 per person is required to reserve a room. Please call (763) 682-1394 for a registration form and more information.

Reminder: This summer the Women's Book Club is scheduled to read The Waiting: The True Story of a Lost Child, a Lifetime of Longing, and a Miracle for a Mother Who Never Gave Up by Cathy LaGrow, Cindy Coloma. Happy summer reading! We will meet again in September.



St. Teresa: There are many bowls and dishes left from funerals and other gatherings. If you have provided food and are missing a container, please check in the club room for your item. Thanks!

Community News

Mapleton VFW Auxiliary will sponsor the Annual Pillow Cleaning on Friday, August 5th from 7 a.m.—3 p.m. at the VFW Building on Main Street.

Again this year...open Thursday, Aug. 4th from 6—8 p.m. for dropping off pillows. Feather and polyester pillows can be cleaned with new ticking.

Thinking of homeschooling? Don't want to do it alone? Consider the Saint John Paul II Homeschool Enrichment Program (JPII)! JPII 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. Contact Lisa at mamaschwam@aol.com or 507-345-5200 for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (July 10)

Weekly collection...	\$2207.01
Amount collected year to date...	\$4541.51
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$6520.00

St. Matthew (July 10)

Weekly collection.....	\$742.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$1361.00
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$2600.00

St. Joseph (July 9)

Weekly collection	\$471.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$1009.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$2234.00



Ministry Roles

July 23 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kevin FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Mary Beth Olson
Richard FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Gifts: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Servers: Lauren Kleven, Taylor Hollerich

Money Counters: Rachel Depuydt, Dan Sohre

July 24 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Jason Klein

Minister of Communion: Owen Dickey,
Shelly Holt

Hospitality: Cliff and Marcie Anderson,
Tony and Connie Bach

Gifts: Jim and Gloria Langworthy

Servers: Nolan Braaten, Ellie Braaten,
Dylan Passmore, Gracie Langworthy

Money Counters: Sandy Miller,
Tammy Schmidt

July 24 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Cindy Young

Minister of Communion: Justin Davis,
Lynn Demuth

Hospitality: Donna Kopsichke, Dave Weir

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Maria Sanders

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.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:	33	\$5155	\$14,310	36



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

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately—as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week's First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see [Hebrews 13:1](#)) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week's Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself—"Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself...Tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see [Acts 17:25](#)).

Our Lord comes to us, not to be served but to serve (see [Matthew 20:28](#)). He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the "better part" which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham's visitors (see [Matthew 1:1](#)). In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time, made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see [Genesis 17:19,21](#); [Romans 4:16-17](#), [19-21](#)).

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls "the mystery hidden for ages."

As once He came to Abraham, Mary and Martha, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week's Psalm: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice (see also [John 14:23](#)).

If we do these things we will not be anxious or disturbed, will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, who told Abraham and tells each of us: "I will surely return to you."

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things,
through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven.
-- St. Camillus de Lellis (Feast Day July 18)