

# 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 24, 2016 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11:9

### 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 25

**St. James**

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1-6; Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday, July 26

**Sts. Joachim and Anne**

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13; Matthew 13:36-43

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

Wednesday, July 27

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Psalm 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 28

Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 146:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 29

**St. Martha**

Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14; John 11:19-27

Saturday, July 30

**St. Peter Chysologus**

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 14:1-12

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *Gordon Grover*

Sunday, July 31

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Milo Kohout*

**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

Monday, August 8 7 p.m.

St. Teresa CCW

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:**

George Pluym, 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**



Mapleton will be once again having a community-wide Vacation Bible School Program this summer! Dates for this year are August 8-10th (Monday through Wednesday) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to come! The theme this year is "Mega Sports Camp: Epic Moments," which recounts Jesus calling Peter, Peter's denial of Jesus, and Peter's later preaching at Pentecost. If interested in having your children attend, please fill out a registration form located in the gathering space of church and give back to Carol in our church office. Questions? Contact Ann Langworthy at 524-3274

**Parish News**

Welcome to Fr. Matthew Kutty Issac from the Missionaries of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales who is with us this weekend. Please be generous in your support of these missionaries. If you were unable to give this weekend, you can still contribute by mailing to the office or placing in the collection basket in an envelope marked for "Oblates of St. Francis de Sales".

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.

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!

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.



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?

Need something interesting to listen to in the car, or read on a hot summer night? Here is your answer...

Thanks to a generous donation from a St. Teresa parishioner, we were able to purchase a kiosk from the Augustine Institute. This will make available to all tri-parish parishioners a large variety of good, Catholic reading and listening materials. There will be books, booklets, CD's, and DVD's available from some of the top Catholic speakers and authors of our time. This is a great opportunity to spend some time learning about the faith and becoming closer to Jesus Christ. The kiosk will be set up in the St. Teresa Gathering Space.

New Ministry schedules for St. Joseph and St. Teresa parishioners are available at the entrances to each church. Schedules are also available on our website. If you are a scheduled minister or server please pick up a schedule. Thank you for your dedication to your church.



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.



**Tri-parish Family Picnic  
Sponsored by St. Teresa Church  
Sunday, August 21**

Begin with 9 a.m. Mass, games and fellowship after Mass Lunch begins at 11 a.m.

Grilled pork riblet sandwiches and beverages will be provided Bring a dish to pass Games and live auction will be held after lunch.

Come and enjoy time with your parish family!

**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.

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.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (July 17)

Weekly collection...	\$1911.60
Amount collected year to date...	\$6453.11
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$9780.00

### St. Matthew (July 17)

Weekly collection.....	\$941.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$2302.00
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$3900.00

### St. Joseph (July 16)

Weekly collection .....	\$1514.96
Amount collected year to date...	\$2523.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$3351.00



## Ministry Roles

### July 30 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** John Hollerich

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

**Hospitality:** Landon and Leah Davis family

**Gifts:** Landon and Leah Davis family

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money Counters:** Shelli Grover, Kim Kleven

### July 31 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Kevin Etherington

**Minister of Communion:** Gloria Langworthy,  
Ted Landsteiner

**Hospitality:** Owen and Theresa Dickey,  
Jason and Karen Langworthy

**Gifts:** Jason and Karen Langworthy

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

**Money Counters:** Bob Bissonette,  
Marie Gartner

### July 31 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Wendy Bennett

**Minister of Communion:** Brad Lanoue,  
Darla Graf

**Hospitality:** Tony Wendlandt, Lynn Demuth

**Servers:** Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

**Money Counters:** Char Schuch, Linda Anderson

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

## Our Catholic World



Results so far for the  
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
<b>St. Joseph:</b>	5	\$1600	\$4,860	33
<b>St. Matthew:</b>	8	\$1560	\$4,890	32
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	33	\$5155	\$14,310	36



2016  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

Though we be "but dust and ashes," we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares in this week's First Reading.

But even Abraham—the friend of God (see [Isaiah 41:8](#)), our father in the faith (see [Romans 4:12](#))—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see [Galatians 3:7,29](#)).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week's Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the "good gift" of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see [Galatians 4:6-7](#); [Romans 8:15-16](#)).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer. Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God's mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see [Jeremiah 5:1](#); [Isaiah 53](#)), "obliterating the bond against us," as Paul says in this week's Epistle. On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all, canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been spared, visited in our affliction, saved from our enemies.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of Eucharist. We have realized the promise of this week's Psalm: We worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

