

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 (1st, 3rd, 5th)
At St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Teresa

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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July 31, 2016 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



...seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.
Colossians 3:1

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

At the time you are reading this Sunday morning, I have stayed up most of the night Saturday (or slept a little hopefully) keeping vigil for the Sunday Mass with Pope Francis. The Mass is held in a giant open field called Campus Misericordiae (renamed for this event) where perhaps 1 or 2 million people will be gathered for the closing Mass. We begin gathering in the early afternoon the day before and camp out all night with music, dancing, and fun as we pray and prepare for the final Mass with Pope Francis. It is always a wild event. Throughout the days leading up to this we will travel to the holy sites in Poland consisting of Divine Mercy, Saint Pope John Paul II, Saint Faustina, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Our Lady of Czestochowa, and many more. As World Youth Day ramps up from July 25th-31st, we will have daily catechesis and Mass with the Bishops of the English speaking world. Pope Francis does a large welcome ceremony on the 28th, will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday, July 29th, and he will make an appearance at the evening prayer vigil on Saturday night and then have the closing Mass for us on Sunday morning. I will try to rally the group from the Diocese of Winona to see him on each of these occasions but with so many people, nothing is guaranteed. I am very humbled and grateful to go on this trip. Please pray for our energy and strength as we return this week from the pilgrimage.

As all of you are aware, this next week we will change the Mass schedule in our Tri-Parish. This has come about after much conversation and deliberation but has not been easy to do or accept for most or many of you. Please keep as positive a mentality as you can and let's continue to work to shape our mindset to a culture of hospitality and discipleship that seeks to form intentional friendships with those in our communities who do not attend Sunday Mass. We need to approach them instead of waiting for them to come to us. As we struggle ourselves, we can channel our energy to seeking to create an atmosphere of love and mercy in our parishes where those who attend know and love Jesus and those who do not attend can come to know and love Jesus both through our witness and our invitation. Discipleship on this earth could be defined as intentional friendship ordered toward heaven. Let's bring ourselves to Jesus this week and let's bring others along with us.

Every parishioner should have or will be receiving a letter from the Tri-Parish office about a meeting you are invited to where we will share the fruits of what our Tri-Parish Youth



Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori
Jeremiah 28:1-17; Psalm 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102;
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Psalm 102:16-23, 29;
Matthew 14:22-36

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

Wednesday, August 3

Jeremiah 31:1-7; Jeremiah 31:10-13; Matthew 15:21-28
4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, August 4

St. John Vianney
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19;
Matthew 16:13-23
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Eugene Langworthy*

Friday, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Deuteronomy 32:35-36, 39, 41;
Matthew 16:24-28
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Karl Duncanson*

Saturday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28-36
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Hank Massop*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, August 7

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22;
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Don Minkel*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Monday, August 8 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW

Faith Formation Committee has resolved to this point on moving forward our Tri-Parish Faith Formation Program. Whether you have children involved or not you are invited to this meeting to hear the exciting ideas and plans that have come forward.

We are also hoping to have a speaker there to discuss a curriculum that we are looking at implementing in the coming year plus. At this meeting we will share our new vision for helping catechists in their own formation and training as educators of our youth in the Catholic faith. The meeting will take place Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00pm at St. Teresa Church in Mapleton. Please drive there to join us for this meeting for the Tri-Parish.



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

Lloyd & Helen Mitchell cordially invite you to attend a Community Appreciation Meal on Sunday, August 7th from 11 am – 1 pm at their home, 207 Lincoln St SW, Mapleton. We are humbled by the outpouring of community support after Lloyd's AVM last year: Prayers said... Visits made... Cards, flowers & gifts sent... Ramp built... Rock delivered... Benefit attended... Equipment & Expertise donated... Garage designed & built... Siding removed... Food delivered... One-to-one therapy given... Debris hauled... Siding installed... Trees trimmed... Drivers volunteered... Primed & painted... Limitless family & community support... † Lloyd and I are truly blessed individuals † Please join us for this small gesture of thanks.

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.

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.



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!

Renew or rediscover your love for each other by attending the August 13-14 Marriage Encounter! Register at www.marriages.org. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Community News

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Vernon Center invites children Preschool – 6th grade to Vacation Bible School:

"Cave Quest: Following Jesus – The Light of the World"

VBS will be held August 1st, 2nd and 3rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. each evening.

A free supper will be served from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

To register, please call the church at 507-549-3166 or email: stplcms@hickorytech.net

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.



Our Catholic World



St. Teresa: (July 24)

Weekly collection...	\$3676.75
Amount collected year to date...	\$11,129.86
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$13,040.00

St. Matthew (July 24)

Weekly collection.....	\$283.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$2585.00
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$5200.00

St. Joseph (July 23)

Weekly collection	\$1053.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$3576.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$4468.00



Ministry Roles

August 6 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Maureen Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Dan Sohre,
Dean Sohre

Hospitality: Richard and Julie FitzSimmons

Gifts: Richard and Julie FitzSimmons

Servers: Ethan McGregor, Parker Smith

Money Counters: Paul FitzSimmons,
Kim Kleven

August 7 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: George Leary

Minister of Communion: Cliff Anderson
Marcie Anderson

Hospitality: Noah Germa, John Hengel,
Jeff and Vicki Kunkel family

Gifts: Peter and Ann Langworthy family

Servers: Andrew Hoppe, Faith Hoppe,
Kole Wenner, Natalie Wenner

Money Counters: Vicki Kunkel, Tammy Schmidt

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjmst.org

Let us understand that God is a physician, and that suffering is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for damnation.

---St. Augustine of Hippo

Results so far for the
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	8	\$2000	\$4,860	41
St. Matthew:	8	\$1560	\$4,890	32
St. Teresa:	36	\$5305	\$14,310	37

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.

Fr. Kern's column was mistakenly not updated in the last bulletin. Here is his column for July 24.

We had a wonderful weekend at the Steubenville North, Rochester youth Conference this past weekend. We didn't lose any youth or have any injuries and only broke one hotel window. I'd say overall, a success! The high impact conference is loud, exciting, and engaging. It is a powerful time for the youth who attend. I was very pleased with the openness and availability of our youth to a very high energy conference where they have the opportunity to say a deliberate Yes to Jesus, pray in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, sing praise and worship music, go to confession, and sing, dance, (or sit in reservation at all the excitement) and enjoy friendship as they grow in their Catholic faith.

This week I left for World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. I want to thank all of you for understanding and patience with me as I am away these last weeks of July. While I regret to be away, I know what a blessing it is to me personally to be able to travel to the holy sites where my favorite saint Pope John Paul II lived and spent the majority of his life. In addition we will visit the holy sites of Divine Mercy, Saint Faustina, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Our Lady of Czestochowa, and many more. Finally we will visit Auschwitz and the WWII sites that have left their horrific mark on our world. Please keep us in your prayers and know that you will daily be in mine. Thank you for welcoming Fr. Mathew Isaac from the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales as he shares his mission with us and asks for your support. And thank you for welcoming back next week Fr. Jim Russell.

Finally, my prayer this week has consistently revolved around how the Lord calls us not only to be faithful to Jesus Christ by saying Yes to Him as a disciple and intentional follower but also to recognize God's call for us to go and bear fruit through our continued invitation to others to come to know Jesus, that He has died for their sins, and wants to live in a personal relationship with each of us. Let's pray for that grace as we prepare for transition in our parish Mass times that we will be renewed in our desire to reach out to others and invite them not only to come to Church but to invite them to come to a relationship with Jesus. As we have formed a youth faith formation committee that continues to move our mission forward, we will be forming an adult faith formation committee to continue to plan how to establish opportunities not only for each of us to learn and grow our faith but to have events and opportunities to invite members of our communities or those who no longer practice to have something concrete and tangible to come to that takes them where they are at and helps them grow in their faith. Let's strive to make disciples this week by sharing our life with others, pursuing holiness and modeling it for others, and committing ourselves to a deeper more committed prayer life.