

St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

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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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August 7, 2016 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come. Luke 12:40

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

It was a powerful and beautiful pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Poland. It was an exhausting time of travel and a true pilgrimage with sacrifices galore but the time was beautiful and grace filled. Poland is a wonderful country but it was the 1.5 million youth that made the encounter with Jesus and the Catholic Church such an impressive experience for the Church and unity for the world as around 185 countries were represented. When Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina, He told her that “from Poland will come the spark that will ignite the whole world and prepare it for My final coming.” Jesus was speaking of the spark of mercy that will enflame the hearts of the faithful. We are in the time of final mercy for the whole world to repent and open themselves to the mercy of God. There is a specific reason in our day that the Church has placed such an emphasis and priority on mercy. Pope John Paul II spoke of mercy as the great need of the 3rd millennium and established the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Benedict XVI taught us about the Name of God as Mercy itself and helped us to have a deeper understanding about living both mercy and truth. Pope Francis has continued this tradition in a profound way by calling this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

I encourage you again to open your own heart to the mercy of God and allow Him to replenish you. There are now about 4 months left in the Year of Mercy (ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King: November 20th). I would like to encourage each of you to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before this year of grace ends. It is a special grace of the year to take advantage of the depths of forgiveness that Jesus desires to pour out on each of us. Confessions are available before the weekend Masses and on Thursday morning at 8am during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Teresa.

My summer has been pretty wild. I am taking a few days of down time this coming week to rest up as the middle of August initiates one of my busiest times of the year as the college students roll in and outreach to the new students begins. I have been away more than I would like this summer but my time away has almost all been occupied with duties (that I love) and pilgrimages which are incredible but not overly restful. Please pray for me this week as I spend a few days with two priest friends that we will be renewed and relaxed so that we can keep the pace of life in ministry! I will be here for the weekend Masses.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, August 8

St. Dominic
Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14;
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, August 10

St. Lawrence
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112:1-2, 5-9; John 12:24-26
4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, August 11

St. Clare
Ezekiel 12:1-12; Psalm 78:56-59, 61-62;
Matthew 18:21—19:1
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa

Friday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Isaiah 12:2-6; Matthew 19:3-12
10:30 a.m. Communion Service at MCH

Saturday, August 13

Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19;
Matthew 19:13-15
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, August 14

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40:2-4, 18;
Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa ☩ *Loren Denn*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Monday, August 8 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW
Wednesday, August 17 7 p.m. Informative meeting for Youth Faith Formation
Held at St. Teresa Church



Monday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption, celebrating the day the Blessed Mother was taken up into heaven body and soul. This is an important Holy Day and usually there is an obligation to attend Mass; however, since this year the feast falls on a Monday, the Bishops have removed the obligation for this year. It is still a great devotion to attend Mass and Mass will be offered in the tri-parish.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

Monday, August 15 8:30 a.m. at St. Teresa Church

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 –8:30 a.m.



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

Jan Samuelson, George Pluym, Jerry Wersal, Angie Gartner, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Aubrielle Catherine 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!

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.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend a meeting on

Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa Church

to learn about exciting changes in the tri-parish youth Faith Formation Program. You will also be given the opportunity to express interest in becoming a catechist for the coming school year. Please come to learn more about the vision to form our children in the faith of Christ Jesus!

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.

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

Begin with 9 a.m. Mass, games and fellowship after Mass Live auction at 10:30 a.m. Lunch begins at 11 a.m.



Grilled pork riblet sandwiches and beverages will be provided Bring a dish to pass More Games will be held after lunch. Come and enjoy time with your parish family!

Live auction items:

1. Fr. Kern will grill you a dinner for up to 8 people— your place or his.
 2. Original piece of art by Sheila Klein
 3. Fudge by Butch Bach
 4. Desserts by Stephanie Stencil
 5. Gift certificate from Maggie J's
 6. Adorable doll cradle that rocks! All set with quilt, bottles, and doll from Kim Bartholomew
 7. Primitive Coca-Cola pop box filled with succulents from Will Stencil
 8. Labor to roast a hog— Tony Bach
 9. Shepherd's hook —two hooks and name plate—Butch Bach
- And more....

A Bridal Shower for Megan Caven, fiancé of Jesse Wajer, will be held on Sunday, August 14th at St. Joseph's Church beginning at 1:30 p.m. The couple is registered at Kohl's, Target, Sears, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



Catholic Charities provides a 24/7 pregnancy information line. Facing an unplanned pregnancy can be made easier with help. Whether thinking about adoption or parenting. Help is only a phone call away, anytime of the day or night, any day of the week. Call Catholic Charities at 1-800 222-5859.

Community News

Please help Abbie McGregor in her fight against cancer! Taco Bar and Silent Auction Adults 8.95, Kids 6.95 Sunday, August 21 from 5—8 p.m. At Maggie J's Questions or donations: contact Jodi Maas 327-8712 or Melissa Decker 382-3980 Come and support the McGregor family and help defray medical costs!

Stewardship of Treasure

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



Our Catholic World



Results so far for the
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
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St. Joseph:	8	\$2000	\$4,860	41
St. Matthew:	8	\$1560	\$4,890	32
St. Teresa:	38	\$5765	\$14,310	40

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.

St. Teresa: (July 31)

Weekly collection...	\$1120.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$12,249.86
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$16,300.00

St. Matthew (July 31)

Weekly collection.....	\$377.80
Amount collected year to date...	\$2962.80
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$6500.00

St. Joseph (July 30)

Weekly collection	\$482.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$4058.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$5585.00



Ministry Roles

August 13 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Lynn Demuth

Minister of Communion: Sheila Lewis,
Denise Peterson

Hospitality: Steve Young family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Neil Majeski, Wendy Bennett

August 14 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Brett Sindelir

Minister of Communion: Kevin Donavan,
Alice Germa

Hospitality: Jim and Jackie Landsteiner,
Jim and Gloria Langworthy

Gifts: Joel and Mary Ellen Larson

Servers: Adam Dickey, Nathan Trio,
Kendall Wede, Dylan Passmore

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek, Judy Bach

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

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott

We are born of the faith of our fathers, descending from a great cloud of witnesses whose faith is attested to on every page of Scripture (see [Hebrews 12:1](#)). We have been made His people, chosen for His own inheritance, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm.

The Liturgy this week sings the praises of our fathers, recalling the defining moments in our "family history." In the Epistle, we remember the calling of Abraham; in the First Reading we relive the night of the Exodus and the summons of the holy children of Israel.

Our fathers, we are told, trusted in the Word of God, put their faith in His oaths, convinced that what He promised, He would do. None of them lived to see His promises made good. For it was not until Christ and His Church that Abraham's descendants were made as countless as the stars and sands (see [Galatians 3:16-17,29](#)). It was not until His Last Supper and the Eucharist that "the sacrifice...the divine institution" of that first Passover was truly fulfilled. And we now too await the final fulfillment of what God has promised us in Christ. As Jesus tells us in this week's Gospel, we should live with our loins girded—as the Israelites tightened their belts, cinched up their long robes and ate their Passover standing, vigilant and ready to do His will (see [Exodus 12:11](#); [2 Kings 4:29](#)).

The Lord will come at an hour we do not expect—will knock on our door (see [Revelation 3:20](#)), inviting us to the wedding feast in the better homeland, the heavenly one that our fathers saw from afar, and which we begin to taste in each Eucharist.

As they did, we can wait with "sure knowledge," His Word like a lamp lighting our path (see [Psalm 119:105](#)). Our God is faithful and if we wait in faith, hope in His kindness, and love as we have been loved, we will receive His promised blessing, be delivered from death.

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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