

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 14, 2016 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



For the sake of the joy that lay before him
he endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of
God. Hebrews 12:2

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 on Wednesday there will be a Tri-Parish meeting where we will discuss and explain the path our faith formation programs in the Tri-Parish are taking. While so much good has taken place over the years and many have faithfully volunteered and given their time and energy to hand on the faith, there is now a time for a deepening to assure that we are giving our children the best opportunities to really learn and live the faith. With this in mind, we are specifically inviting those who have a desire or interest (or have in the past) in teaching catechism classes to attend this meeting so that all might hear the same vision and hope for the future of our programs. Change is inevitably difficult and I take responsibility for hearing the many consequences and considerations of the decisions that are reached through collaboration and consultation. Yet, I am confident that we must keep moving forward or the pattern of so many Catholics leaving the faith will only continue. It is easy to reject change, but I encourage you all to come with open hearts and minds and see the potential of where we are going.

Thank you for your patience with these changes; I won't always be your pastor, but I do truly believe in the direction these parishes are going to consolidate certain resources and programs in order to be more consistent and deliberate in our teaching methods and proclamation of the faith for the purpose of transmitting the love of Jesus and the teachings of the Church to the next generation. With this said, the Tri-Parish has hired Jonah Lippert as Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for the Tri-Parish. This position allows for us to have a cohesive vision and approach to teaching others. Jonah is an extremely capable and gifted man with a great education and background but also with a strong desire to help others hand on the faith. Thank you for welcoming him to our staff and being willing to help him adjust to this new role and position in our parishes.

Please join us next Sunday for the 9am Mass followed by a picnic at St. Teresa. There will be games for kids and adults and lots of food and fun for all. It is important to strive to build community and friendship with those in our parishes and these events provide that opportunity. I hope you will join us that morning for some time of enjoyment.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Psalm 45:10-12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

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

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

Tuesday, August 16

St. Stephan of Hungary

Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36; Matthew 19:23-30

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

Wednesday, August 17

Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 20:1-16

4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, August 18

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19; Matthew 22:1-14

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Sr. Dorothy Olinger*

Friday, August 19

St. John Eudes

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 107:2-9; Matthew 22:34-40

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Ed Becker*

Saturday, August 20

St. Bernard

Ezekiel 43:1-7; Psalm 85:9-14; Matthew 23:1-12

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, August 21

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117:1, 2;

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Joe Adams*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

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.



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.

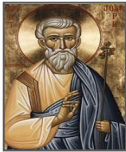
Faith Formation

On September 2 & 3 the youth group of the tri-parish will be running the Brat Stand at Dietz's.

Please come out and support the youth as they work to raise funds for the many summer events and trips.

To the youth: *Remember, if you attended the mission trip, Steubenville, or Camp Summit, and did not work two fundraisers per event you will be charged for the amount of the trip. This brat stand is the last chance to get your hours in. There are sign up sheets in the gathering space to pick a time to work. Adults are also needed to help with this fundraiser.*

Parish News



St Joseph Festival in the Park

~ Sunday, September 11

Mass at St. Joseph Church at Noon,

Family Fun until 3:00

Live Music by Culture Bend.

Food! Pork Sandwich, home made goodies, and more!
Free Will Offering

Silent Auction and Bake Sale!

Come Worship with us and then enjoy...

games, great food, relaxation and great conversation!

Invite your family and friends to join in the festivities.

All are welcome! All the time.

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.

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!



**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.

The soul of the one who loves God always swims with joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing.

—St. John of the Cross

Community News

For 44 years Birthright has been helping girls and women with unexpected pregnancies. We are in need of more volunteers so we can be open more hours and serve more women. We are planning a training session toward the end of August. Volunteers serve two-hour shifts, and can choose a day and time that best suits their schedule. For more information, please call Lois at (507) 388-4558. Now is the time to put your pro-life beliefs into action.

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.

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
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: (August 7)

Weekly collection...	\$2713.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$14,963.36
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$19,560.00

St. Matthew (July 31)

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

St. Joseph (August 6)

Weekly collection	\$611.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$4669.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$6702.00

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see [Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24](#)).

And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire he has come to cast on the earth is the fire that he wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in baptism (see [Luke 3:16](#)).

We were baptized into his death (see [Romans 6:3](#)). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see [Acts 2:3](#)).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see [1 Corinthians 3:13](#)).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see [Jeremiah 8:11](#)). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

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Ministry Roles

August 20 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Minister of Communion: Patty Thomas,
Jim Wieseler

Hospitality: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Gifts: Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

Servers: Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

Money Counters: Laureen Sohre, Leah Davis

August 21 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Samantha Passer

Minister of Communion: Don Landsteiner,
Alice Germa

Hospitality: Karmen Bartholomew, Sheryl Olson,
Lucas and Karen Fox and family

Gifts: Loren and Diane Michael

Servers: Anthony Kunkel, Samantha Kunkel,
Jon Kunkel, Landon Fox

Money Counters: Kay Proehl, Ann Walters

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