

St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

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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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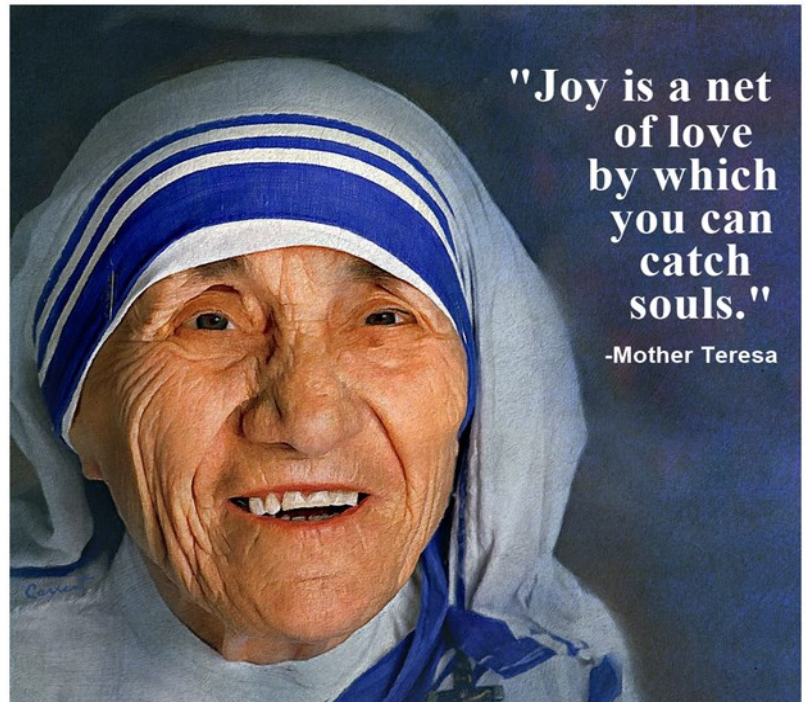
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September 4, 2016 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Canonization of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta September 4, 2016

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 weekend the Catholic Church rejoices as we celebrate the Canonization of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This holy woman from Albania walked

the streets of India serving the poor and giving witness to the entire world about the reality of Jesus' love for the poor, desire to teach us to serve one another in love, and that real poverty is prevalent everywhere. Mother Teresa in her great love for the poor served individuals but always saw the deeper roots of poverty. Knowing that there were grand injustices in the world and the distribution of wealth didn't prevent her from serving the person in front of her. Knowing that violence and war were raging in parts of the world didn't prevent her from loving the one in need at her feet. Knowing that much of the western world, while having material wealth, were deprived of spiritual wealth didn't prevent her from challenging the Godlessness of society and condemning abortion even when it wasn't popular for her listeners. Mother Teresa is a shining example of a modern day saint who simply lived faithful to Jesus Christ to her greatest capacity. She said 'Yes' to our Lord when He called her to start the order of the Missionaries of Charity, and this order has been an incredible witness to the entire world of living simply yet joyfully as a life sacrificed to Our Lord Jesus who sacrificed Himself for us. Thanks be to God for the life of Saint Mother Teresa. Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

As school kicks back in this week and we begin a new school year in the routine of life we say extra prayers for all students, teachers, administrators, and all those who work with our children. We pray for safety and strength to have a year of grace. We also pray for the truths of life to be revealed and taught in our schools. For a desire and ability to understand and grow in knowledge of these truths! I also pray for those families who are hurting. The Star Tribune ran an article this week that said there are now more than 1.3 million children enrolled in American schools who are homeless. We might not deal with a ton of homelessness around here but issues remain for many families who are struggling to get by or hurting from various issues or circumstances. Teachers are on the battleground of all of these issues and we surround them with prayer and strength to bring love into these young people's lives where sometimes it is desperately lacking. The new school year is always a new beginning, but not without new trials that await. Prayers for all as they go about their routine of life seeking to bring that love of God, which Mother Teresa witnessed to, into their day to day lives.

Please join us this Wednesday at St. Joseph at 6pm for the Parents Faith Formation meeting. We will unfold the new vision and plan, including some changes that will be taking place in our faith formation program, some beginning this coming fall. You will also have the opportunity to register your child for classes. If you are not planning to make it for this meeting or want to read more about why the changes are occurring or will be occurring please look for my Newsletter (quarterly mailed from the Tri-Parish office) which lists what is unfolding. Thanks for your patience and prayers.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, September 5

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-7, 12;
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6

1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; Luke 6:12-19
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 7

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-17;
Luke 6:20-26

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

Thursday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4 or Romans 8:28-30; Psalm 13:6;
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Sue Klein

Friday, September 9

St. Peter Claver

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27; Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 12;
Luke 6:39-42

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Anna Breiter

Saturday, September 10

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18;
Luke 6:43-49

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Paul Schmidt

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Bill Wendlandt

Sunday, September 11

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † People of the tri-parish

Noon Mass at St. Joseph † Fr. Paul Halloran

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Office will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 6 7 p.m. At St. Joseph Church
all parishes Pastoral Council meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 7 6 p.m. At St. Joseph Church
Meeting for all parents of faith formation students in the tri-parish

Birthday Party for the Blessed Virgin Mary!!

Mary's birthday is this Thursday, September 8th

In her honor we will have refreshments after 8:30 Mass and then bring her flowers and pray the rosary together as her birthday gift.

Come join us as we celebrate the Birth of Our Mother!



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

All parents of Faith Formation students— please plan to attend the meeting Wed., September 7 at St. Joseph Church. You will have the opportunity to register your kids for class and also to learn about the changes being implemented this fall and in the following few years. Fr. Kern and the entire Faith Formation Committee has worked hard to make the Catholic Faith come alive for the youth of the tri-parish.

Confirmation students and parents:

There will be a meeting on Wed., Sept. 14 at St. Teresa Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. for all 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students and parents. Confirmation for 11th grade students will be held Sunday, November 6th at St. Teresa Church at 2 p.m.

Parish News

Tri-parish Family Faith Formation Year of Mercy Event -to kick off the Faith Formation Year - for all youth and adults!

Wednesday, September 21

Dinner served from

5:30 –6:30 p.m.

(pulled pork, salads, dessert)



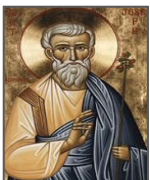
Talk on Prayer 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Prayer is the essential component of growing in faith and developing a relationship with Christ. Often, however we don't really understand when and how to pray. Come and learn more about this remarkable gift.

During the talk, 6:30—7:30, all faith formation students in K-8th grade will meet for special activities.

All high school students will attend the talk and then meet for class from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

This event will take place at St. Teresa Church.



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.



Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Join Father Jason Kern who will be teaching a course at the St. Thomas

More Catholic Newman Center Parish along with two campus ministers every Tuesday at 7pm. St. Thomas More is located on MSU campus at 1502 Warren Street. Sessions begin in September. Please contact Fr. Kern at frikern@hickorytech.net or 507-390-5785 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

Planning for the **Belize mission trip** is going well—we have 21 signed up to give a week of their lives to Jesus! As you know, each person pays for all his/her travel expense, lodging and food. We do need to raise funds for completion of projects we do while in Belize though. Last year through your generosity we were able to build or repair shelters for 4 families. We are hoping to help even more people this year. We will once again be offering the **Pick a Day to Pray and Pay calendar**. The funds raised and the prayers offered last time through this program was inspiring. Please be generous with your gifts again! The calendar will begin Sept. 14 and run to Feb. 10 (150 days).



Women's Book Club will begin its second year on Sunday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the church at 6:10 p.m. We will be discussing the book The Waiting,

by Cathy La Grow. We will also plan the rest of the year. Please join us whether you are new to the group or were a part of it last year, whether you can attend every month or just a few a year. We would love to have you!

We send blessings and congratulations to Samantha Drager, daughter of Bill and Collette Drager, who was joined in Holy Matrimony to Brandon Boeck on Saturday, September 3 at Sacred Heart Church in Waseca. Pray for the newly married couple that they live always in union with each other and Christ.



Community News

Eleanor Caven to Celebrate 90th Birthday!

An Open House on Sunday, Sept. 18 will honor Eleanor Caven of Mankato, formerly of rural Amboy, for her 90th birthday. The open house will be held at the St. Joseph the Worker church in Mankato from 2 - 4 pm. No gifts, please.



The Bloodmobile will be at the St. Teresa gathering space on Tuesday, Sept. 6 1—7 p.m. For an apt. call Peg at 420-1286 or go online at www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor

code:MAPLETONMN

Rural Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for friends and family members who are in a caregiver role. The time includes presentations about memory loss with opportunity for sharing. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our September session on Tuesday, September 6, 3-4:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Amboy. There is no charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

Stewardship of Treasure

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



Our Catholic World



St. Teresa: (August 28)

Weekly collection...	\$1693.65
Amount collected year to date...	\$29,781.48
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$29,340.00

St. Matthew (August 27)

Weekly collection.....	\$824.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$4859.80
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$9100.00

St. Joseph (August 20)

Weekly collection	\$1225.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$5894.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$7819.00



Ministry Roles

September 10 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Brad Lanoue

Minister of Communion: Dave Weir,
Tony Wendlandt

Hospitality: Tim and Wendy Bennett family

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Maria Sanders, Wendy Bennett

September 11 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Peg Breiter

Minister of Communion: Debbie Reuter,
Anita Rigdon

Hospitality: Steve and Jo Trio, Shawn and
Sara Wenner family

Gifts: Steve and Jo Trio

Servers: McKenzie Reuter, Brooke Reuter,
Jacob Rigdon, Kayla Rigdon

Money Counters: Judy Bach, Vicki Kunkel

September 11 St. Joseph noon

Reader: Julie FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Hollie Smith,
Landon Davis

Hospitality: Lee and Linda Hiller

Gifts: Lee and Linda Hiller

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Maureen Hollerich,
Rachel Depuydt

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjmst.org

Results so far for the
2016 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
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St. Joseph:	9	\$2025	\$4,860	42
St. Matthew:	8	\$1560	\$4,890	32
St. Teresa:	39	\$5785	\$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.

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us upfront the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds" - to "anyone," to "whoever" wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have - even our family ties and obligations - can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see [Luke 9:23-26, 57-62](#)).

Jesus brings us the saving Wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world, could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on High, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see [Genesis 2:7; 2:19](#)). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction, no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed, given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him - no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak of His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart, taught us to number our days aright.

Spend the weekend with your finest catch.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Good Counsel + Mankato, MN
September 30 - October 2, 2016
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