

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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September 11, 2016 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



In just the same way, I tell you,
there will be rejoicing among the angels
of God
over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:10

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

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday day Blessed Mary, Happy birthday to you! This last Thursday we celebrated the birthday of the Mary or the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each year December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception where we celebrate the reality that Mary was conceived in the womb of Anne, her mother, without the stain of original sin. She was born and lived without sin and remained a virgin throughout her entire life even keeping that integrity throughout the birth of Jesus who will bring about redemption for all humanity. Exactly nine months later, we celebrate her birthday and while it is a lesser feast and not a holy day of obligation like the Immaculate Conception, be sure to wish your heavenly mother a happy birthday even if you are now wishing her a belated birthday!

It's nearly impossible to think this Sunday is the 15 year anniversary of the terror attack in the United States where the World Trade Towers fell. Might we pray especially for those who serve in the military and for our civil protection in the United States and throughout the world. Peace be upon us, Oh Lord!

This last Wednesday we had a parents meeting announcing the plan, vision, and changes that will be coming our way in the faith formation programs. While I expected more parents to come to this initial meeting to be able to hear first hand what is taking place, the following is a very general overview of changes and hopes for the Youth Faith Formation Program in our parishes:

We have hired Jonah Lippert as our Tri-Parish Faith Formation Coordinator and Youth Minister. This provides someone to oversee, plan, facilitate, and advance our programs that have run smoothly but without the opportunity to advance them throughout the years.

We have made the difficult decision to consolidate from 3 sites to 2 for this coming year. Faith Formation will be on Wednesday nights at St. Matthew Church in Vernon Center and St. Teresa Church in Mapleton. This allows for us to strive toward making the best learning environment for our children without combining grade levels as much as possible. It also allows us to teach a more unified curriculum.

We have a plan to implement opportunities to assist our catechists with training, support, and resources to more fluidly teach the material on Wednesday evenings. Additionally we have taken our current curriculum (with the help of available resources) and broken it down into a more digestible weekly load that will assist catechists in knowing what to focus on while teaching.

We plan to launch a new curriculum by the fall of 2017 called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This is a Montessori style teaching method for ages 3-6 that allows the child to learn at their level with presentations that put them in the learning seat rather than just trying to listen or have the catechist keep them busy while they are there. Future age levels would be available once the youngest level is fully implemented.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, September 12 **The Most Holy Name of Mary**
1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Psalm 40:7-10, 17;
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13 **St. John Chrysostom**
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31; Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 7:11-17
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 14 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38; Philippians 2:6-11;
John 3:13-17
4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, September 15 **Our Lady of Sorrows**
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 28;
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Friday, September 16 **Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Psalm 17:1, 6-8, 15; Luke 8:1-3
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *John Breiter*

Saturday, September 17 **St. Robert Bellarmine**
1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Psalm 56:10-14;
Luke 8:4-15
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Fr. Paul Nelson*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, September 18 **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8;
1 Timothy 2:1-8 ; Luke 16:1-13
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *John Allen Swanson*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wed. Sept. 14	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation students and parent meeting at St. Teresa
Tues. Sept. 20	7 p.m.	St. Joseph Finance Council

If you think God might be inviting you to be a catechist or want to inquire about it please call or talk to me or Jonah. God wants to work through you—will you let him?

Please read my newsletter column for a more full overview and also a little rationale for why it is time to move on these changes. It is never easy for us to accept change, but by working together we create an environment where we can give our kids the best. I hope you can come along for the ride and watch what the Lord can do as I trust He has been leading the Faith Formation Committee and giving us grace to implement these opportunities



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

Faith Formation for all classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 21** with an all class event. Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 all students K-8th grade will meet for a kick-off event and adults will attend a special presentation. Confirmation students should attend this presentation and then will meet afterwards, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

If you have not yet registered your child/ren for faith formation classes this year, please do so soon. **Registration forms are available at each church. You can also register by calling Jonah Lippert, 327-2767 or email him at tri-parish.youthminister@gmail.com or the tri-parish office, 524-3127.**

We are still in need of a few catechists for the coming year. Please contact Fr. Kern or Jonah if you are interested.

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.



Thank you to everyone who worked at or came out to support the Dietz brat stand last weekend. The event was a great success and just over \$470 was raised for the youth of our tri-parish.

Parish News

Thursday morning Bible Study will begin September 22nd. We meet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa; a light breakfast is served and we usually end by 10:30 a.m. This fall we will be studying prayer using Dr. Peter Kreeft's book Prayer for Beginners. Though titled for beginners, this book will help everyone deepen their prayer life. He covers the necessity of prayer, motives and methods, steps, patience, suffering, sin, faith, and grace with profound advice and practical help. Join us in this journey to a deeper prayer life!

St Joseph Festival in the Park

~ **Sunday, September 11**

Mass at St. Joseph Church at Noon,

Food and fun afterwards

Free will offering for lunch and baked goods

Live music

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 reached our limit in participants- 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!



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!

Become Fully ALIVE! In Christ
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.



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.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



Our Catholic World



St. Teresa: (September 4)

Weekly collection...	\$3024.31
Amount collected year to date...	\$32,805.79
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$32,600.00

St. Matthew (August 27)

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

St. Joseph (September 3)

Weekly collection	\$882.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$6776.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$8936.00



Ministry Roles

September 17 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Caven

Minister of Communion: John FitzSimmons,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: John and Jan FitzSimmons

Gifts: John and Jan FitzSimmons

Servers: Ethan McGregor, Parker Smith

Money Counters: Dan Sohre, Cassie Winters

September 18 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Lois Gau

Minister of Communion: Sue Morrow,
Kay Proehl

Hospitality: Dan and Alice Germa, Loren and
Diane Michael

Gifts: Ken and Anita Rigdon

Servers: Evan Klein, Grant Klein, Nolan Braaten,
Ellie Braaten

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek, 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

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:	41	\$6395	\$14,310	45

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.

In 2008, Bishop Harrington consecrated the Diocese of Winona to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Each year Bishop Quinn renews this consecration and asks that each parish of the Diocese also renews the consecration of the parish to her Immaculate Heart. Fr. Kern will consecrate the churches of the tri-parish to the Immaculate Heart next weekend.



The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is Thursday, September 15. Under this title we remember the 7 great sorrows of our Blessed Mother. We cannot imagine the suffering that she endured, but it should give us consolation in our suffering to know that we have a Heavenly Mother who understands.



St. Bernard (d. 1153) wrote, Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart.... He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since His (*De duodecim praeerogativis BVM*).

Prayer cards are available at each church with more information about the 7 Sorrows of Mary.

Emergency Collection for 2016 Louisiana Floods: Severe flooding has recently impacted the state of Louisiana and there has been loss of life, property and livelihoods. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the USCCB, has asked all bishops to consider taking up a special collection in response. This emergency collection is intended to support both the humanitarian and Church needs arising from these floods and their aftermath.

There will be a second collection next weekend, September 17—18 for the flood victims. Please be generous to this exceptional need.

Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information



The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dow.org.