

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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September 18, 2016 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



For there is one God.
There is also one mediator between
God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all.
1 Timothy 2:5-6

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 we kick off another year of Faith Formation in our Tri-Parish. We will have a parish wide gathering called: ALIVE! I invite everyone to join us this Wednesday for an evening meal served from 5:30-6:30pm followed by a reflection and time of prayer. In a time of transition, we need to orient ourselves on Jesus and His purpose and plan. Might we set our hearts on Jesus and focus in on Him by listening to His heart as a whole tri parish. We are the people of God and we have the capacity to discern and sift through what He desires for us. Let's begin this year by first stopping to listen in and ask for the grace to be available to God and to allow God to work through us. I hope everyone might join us for an evening of community focused and centered on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. When we follow the voice of the Shepherd we are alive in His grace and power.

(Reprinted from last week) 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. Check out the website <http://www.cgsusa.org/> to see more about the program and its many benefits.

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

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, September 19 **St. Januarius**
Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalm 15:2-5; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 20 **St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions**
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Luke 8:19-21

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

Wednesday, September 21 **St. Matthew**
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-5; Matthew 9:9-13
4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, September 22
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Luke 9:7-9
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Karl Duncanson*

Friday, September 23 **St. Pius of Pietrelcina**
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144:1-4; Luke 9:18-22
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Fr. Donald Zenk*

Saturday, September 24
Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Luke 9:43-45
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Joe Adams*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Ron Jacobus*

Sunday, September 25 **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 146:7-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa *People of the tri-parish*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Tues. Sept. 20 7 p.m. St. Joseph Finance Council



September 28-

November 6

Be a part of something great!

The very first united campaign— 373 cities, all 50 states

All at the same time— united in prayer for the unborn!

Kick-off event Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at Erlandson Park, Mankato

Information, speakers, music— find out more about how you can change lives— and maybe save one!

For more info: go to www.40daysforlife.com/mankato



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

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.

Parish News

St. Teresa CCW Fall Dinner Meeting Monday, Sept. 26 Begins at 6 p.m. Speakers will be some of the youth and adults who attended the Youth Mission Trip and Steubenville Conference this summer. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Sign up sheets are available at each church entrance. Please sign up by Sept. 21st.



The Annual Turkey Supper at St. Matthew's Sunday, October 2nd

Serving Family Style 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, and HOMEMADE Pie.

Adults \$10 Children \$6

There will also be a Raffle and silent auction. Raffle tickets are \$2 and can be obtained from CCW members.

Carry outs are available.—549-3004

The Turkey Dinner benefits the Faith Formation program.

**Gather 4 Family Grant provided by
Catholic United Financial**

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!



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!



We joyfully welcome into the Catholic family and St. Matthew Parish Nora Catharina Lanoue, daughter of Brad and Lindsey Lanoue, who was Baptized in Christ on Saturday, September 10 at the Church of St. Matthew. Please pray for Nora and her family as they grow together in God's Mercy and Love.

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.

Attention quilters—and those who can tie a knot!

The quilting group will begin meeting for the year on Wednesday, October 5th. We meet each Wed. at 1 p.m. in the basement of St. Teresa Church. We need those who can sew the tops of quilts and also those who can work on tying the quilt together. Please join us.



Stewardship of Treasure

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



Our Catholic World



St. Teresa: (September 11)

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| Weekly collection... | \$1627.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$34,432.79 |
| Amount budgeted year to date .. | \$35,860.00 |

St. Matthew (September 10)

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| Weekly collection..... | \$1938.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$6797.80 |
| Amount budgeted year to date... | \$10,400.00 |

St. Joseph (September 11)

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| Weekly collection | \$885.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$7661.96 |
| Amount budgeted year to date | \$10,053.00 |



Ministry Roles

September 24 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Carol Schulz

Minister of Communion: Char Schuch,
Wendy Bennett

Hospitality: Lucas Bunde family

Servers: Julianna Majeski, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Char Schuch, Neil Majeski

September 25 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Ceal Caldwell

Minister of Communion: Jim Swanson,
Arleen Swanson

Hospitality: Tom and Gina Massop,
Jan Sonnek, Lois Gau

Gifts: Mike and Jan Samuelson

Servers: Kole Wenner, Natalie Wenner,
Jackson Walters, Gracie Langworthy

Money Counters: Sandy Miller, Kay Proehl

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.



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. We are taking up this collection on Sept. 17-18. If you were not able to contribute this weekend, you can still send in a donation, marked for the Louisiana Flood Victims. Please be generous to this exceptional need.



Women's Book Club Meets the second Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Teresa Gathering Space. (The Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed at 6:15) Following is the list of books we will read this year. Even if you cannot make the meeting time, you may enjoy reading along with a group of women. Please feel free to attend as many meetings as you can, even if it is only once or twice. New members are always welcomed!

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| Oct. 9 | <u>The Way of Serenity</u> | by Fr. Jonathon Morris |
| Nov. 13 | <u>The Long Loneliness</u> | by Dorothy Day |
| Jan. 8 | <u>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</u> | by CS Lewis |
| Feb. 12 | <u>All the Light We Cannot See</u> | by Anthony Doerr |
| March 12 | <u>Peace Like a River</u> | by Leif Enger |
| April 9 | <u>The Jeweler's Shop</u> | by Karl Wojtyla (St. Pope John Paul II) |

We will not meet in May as that month is so busy and the lowest attended. We will decide in March or April if we would like to choose a time in the summer to meet for a picnic and pick a book at that time for summer and next September.