

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 25, 2016 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.
Compete well for the faith.

1 Timothy 6:11

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 Last Wednesday we began another Faith Formation Year with our Alive! In Christ event. Thanks for a nice turnout. How beautiful it is to see so many families and children ready to grow in their Catholic faith. I am deeply appreciative of the patience and understanding you have shown as we face some logistical changes to our youth Faith Formation program. While I can understand that some of these changes have likely felt abrupt to some, those who have been part of the dialogue along the way recognize that there has been some need for adjustments for some time.

We had our first catechist training day last Saturday and from all reports those who were able to attend found it very fruitful. The catechists came together and were able to collaborate, receive a reflection on the topics they will be teaching on this fall, and share resources and ideas for how to teach and bring about greater student participation in the subject matter for this coming part of the faith formation year.

While the initial plan never started with the idea of consolidating sites, it has become clear to me that while this is a most difficult change it will be to the benefit of the classroom environment and ability to teach core Catholic principles much more readily.

At this time we have not found enough Catechists who would like to continue teaching at St. Matthew Church.

Those who have taught in the past have decided that their time has come, either because their own children are through the program or because their life has changed. It has not been told to me by anyone that they are resigning or unwilling because of the changes we are making. We asked others to consider teaching there both from St. Joseph and St. Matthew and with integrity people declined the opportunity.

It is my opinion that the catechists who teach know that though difficult to accept on a practical level, these changes have the youth's best interest in mind and will be for their good in learning and living their Catholic faith. We have notified the families who are signed up to attend Faith Formation at St. Matthew's of this change and will combine to one site at St. Teresa this coming fall. While this was not my plan for this year, I do trust that God will use this to move us toward the vision He desires for us to hand on the Catholic faith to the next generation in the most dynamic and fluid way possible. Thank you for making the sacrifice to bring your children to Faith Formation on Wednesday nights. I know this is a sacrifice to get them there for many of you but one that is eternally worth it. I don't have the expectation that you will be pleased with this decision, but I hope you will come along to see that God is doing really great things in the hearts of our youth and transforming the next generation to be ready to live their Catholic faith in the modern world.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, September 26 **Sts. Cosmas and Damian**
Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17:1-3, 6-7; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 27 **St. Vincent de Paul**
Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Psalm 88:2-8; Luke 9:51-56
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 28 **St. Wenceslaus**
Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88:10-15; Luke 9:57-62
4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa

Thursday, September 29 **The Arch-angels,
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12; Psalm 138:1-5;
John 1:47-51
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Marie Nelson

Friday, September 30 **St. Jerome**
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14;
Luke 10:13-16
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Lucille Kunkel

Saturday, October 1 **St. Theresa of Lisieux**
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;
Luke 10:17-24
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Henry Massop
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph People of the tri-parish

Sunday, October 2 **Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9;
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ; Luke 17:5-10
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Gloria Denn

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Mon., Sept. 26 6 p.m. St. Teresa CCW dinner meeting



**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

Classes will be held Wednesday, Sept. 28 at St. Teresa church and classrooms.

K—5th grade 6:15—7:15 p.m.

6th —8th grade 7:30 —8:30 p.m.

9th—11th Confirmation 7:30 —9:00 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 triparish.youthminister@gmail.com or the tri-parish office, 524-3127.**

Parish News



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**

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.



We joyfully welcome into the Catholic family Kellen Breiter, son of Kevin and Laura Breiter, who was Baptized in Christ on Sunday, September 18 at St. Teresa Church . Please pray for Kellen and his family as they grow together in God's Mercy and Love.

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 ,covering the necessity of prayer, motives and methods, steps, patience, suffering, sin, faith, and grace with profound advise and practical help. Join us in this journey to a deeper prayer life!

Missing keys? A set of keys was found in the parish yard at St. Teresa on Wednesday. If you are missing keys please call the office to identify them.



October is the Month of the Rosary.

Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value.

Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives.

Take time to pray this beautiful prayer this October. There are several opportunities in the tri-parish:

Each Tuesday at St. Joseph at 8:30 a.m.

Each Wednesday at St. Teresa at 4:15 p.m.

During October the Rosary will be recited before each weekend Mass.

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.

St. Teresa CCW news: Our August meeting was held with 8 women present. We have \$448.39 in our Mission Sewing account, \$2619.77 in savings, and \$482.09 in checking. The silent auction at TC Days brought in \$174 for CCW and \$127 for the parish. Thank you to all who donated. Ceal was informed at the Blue Earth Area CCW in August that Fairmont will host the WCCW Fall Workshop on October 8. Our CCW will have to furnish workers as well as donate quilts and other supplies for the missions we support. All women are invited to attend, and registration will be paid by the CCW. The Fall Dinner Meeting will be held Sept. 26, with Karen Langworthy, Jonah Lippert, and some of the students who attended youth activities will be the speakers. All women of the parish are welcome. Finally, Father will be given a gift certificate to Maggie J's for priest appreciation month.

Rural Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. The group is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our October session on October 4, 3-4:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Amboy. Topic: 10 ways to manage stress and be a healthier caregiver. 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: (September 18)

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| Weekly collection... | \$1971.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$36,403.79 |
| Amount budgeted year to date .. | \$39,120.00 |

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 17)

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| Weekly collection | \$342.00 |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$8003.96 |
| Amount budgeted year to date | \$11,170.00 |



Ministry Roles

October 1 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Kevin FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: Richard FitzSimmons,
Mary Beth Olson

Hospitality: Scott and Kim Kleven

Gifts: Scott and Kim Kleven

Servers: Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

Money Counters: Shelli Grover,
Paul FitzSimmons

October 2 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Jeff Kunkel

Minister of Communion: Tony Bach,
Shelly Holt

Hospitality: Dan and Sherry Kraft,
Joel and Mary Ellen Larson

Gifts: Doug and Tammy Schmidt

Servers: Andrew Hoppe, Faith Hoppe,
Adam Dickey, Dylan Passmore

Money Counters: Bob Bissonette, Marie Gartner

Ministry schedules are available on the web-

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: | 9 | \$1810 | \$4,890 | 37 |
| 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.

We are one day nearer Home today than we ever were before. I guarantee you that after you die you will not say "I spent too much time praying; I wish I had watched TV more instead." -Peter Kreeft taken from Prayer for Beginners

Opportunities to make prayer a more integral part of your life:

ALIVE! In Christ Gatherings

Discover or Rediscover the Beautiful Prayer of the Rosary. It will feed your soul with the heart of Jesus through his beloved mother, Mary

The New Rosary in Scripture by Edward Sri

Wednesdays evenings at the Mapleton Library 6 -8 weeks

Contact Marcie Anderson, GERALYN VAN ROSSUM, or the office for more information or to sign up

Learn more about your faith through the eyes of Catholic converts.

First meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., Peg Breiter's house:309 Smith Ct., Mapleton contact Peg Breiter, Gina Massop, or the office for more information or to sign up

A beautiful focus on prayer through reading "Before Amen" by Max Lucado, music, videos and more

First and third Wednesdays of Oct. and Nov. at St. Joseph Church, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Contact Shelli Grover or the office for more information or to sign up

Come discover the God we call Father we will take an in depth look at the words of the Our Father and uncover the beauty of the prayer we often take for granted. Thursdays beginning Oct. 6 at St. Teresa 8-9 p.m. (designed for those who work late or have kids to put to bed) contact Debbie Reuter, Carol Cyr, or the office for more information or to sign up

Great Adventure Bible Study a Jeff Cavin video presentation with workbook and discussion. Both the 6 week version and the longer version help you uncover the meaning of the Scripture in a easy and enjoyable way. Time TBD contact Marcie Anderson or office for more information or to sign up

Men's Group Anyone interested in joining please contact Father or George Leary

If you have any suggestions for other groups or days or times for groups to meet, please let any of the people mentioned above know. We truly want everyone to have an opportunity that can fit your schedule.