

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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October 2, 2016 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

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 had our first classes for Youth Faith Formation in the Tri-Parish. Thanks for making the sacrifice to get your children and grandchildren to class. This remains a vital opportunity for our young people to grow in their Catholic faith and establish a deeper understanding of what it means to live in a relationship with God and His Church. I am aware of how the transitions have affected people and create a juggling act for some of you. Thank you for prioritizing your schedules around the Sunday Mass and Wednesday evening faith formation program. I hear from many of you about how busy your lives are and the life of especially our older children have become. While I caution against this, I invite the sacrifice of your time for our faith not to become one more thing but the very center of our weeks which give all of our other rushing around meaning and purpose. Without our faith, life is empty and hopeless. With our faith, life is full and vibrant because it is centered on grace, peace, joy, and the love that only God can truly give. Peace to you and special thanks yet again to our catechists for teaching our youth the Catholic faith.

This week Monday-Wednesday the priests of the Diocese of Winona will gather for our annual Presbyteral Days where all the priests gather with Bishop Quinn for a time of reflection, fraternity, and some practical planning. We don't dive too deeply into operational things, but the Bishop gives us an update and has a chance to discuss life in the Diocese. We have had some rather tough years and the hope on my part is that this time is always a renewal and opportunity to stand together with all of our brothers who serve as priests. There are so many great examples of priests who serve with very generous hearts. I am grateful to serve as a priest and each October am reminded of the gift of brotherly friendship that I have in brother priests. I have many priests who I consider friends and a few who are my closest of friends but when everyone is gathered for a time of recreation and brotherhood it is a true blessing. Thank you for understanding the need to get away even if only for a couple days to gather as brother priests.

Finally, RCIA has begun and I am excited for another year of teaching those who are seeking to discover the fullness of God's riches in their life by inquiring about the Catholic Church or become Catholic. If you know of anyone who might be interested, it doesn't hurt to toss an invite their way by simply suggesting, 'have you ever considered becoming Catholic?' You might be surprised how they respond. Or they might decline or even reject your question altogether. Trust in the Lord and He will act!

Have a great week this week. Keep your eyes on Jesus. And prayers with our farmers as they hopefully spend some time in their combines this week!

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, October 3

Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 111:1-2, 7-10; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Galatians 1:13-24; Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15; Luke 10:38-42

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

Wednesday, October 5

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Psalm 117:1-2; Luke 11:1-4

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

Thursday, October 6

St. Bruno,

Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 1:69-75; Luke 11:5-13

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Eugene Langworthy*

Friday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Galatians 3:7-14; Psalm 111: 1-6; Luke 11:15-26

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Ron Sippel*

Saturday, October 8

Galatians 3:22-29; Psalm 105:2-7; Luke 11:27-28

5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew

People of the tri-parish

Sunday, October 9

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98:1-4;

2 Timothy 2:8-13 ; Luke 17:11-19

9:00 a.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa † *Hank Massop*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.

Quilting at St. Teresa

Thursdays 9 a.m.

Bible Study at St. Teresa

Monday, Oct. 10 7 p.m.

St. Teresa CCW



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!

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

There are prayer captains scheduled for each hour, but the more people witnessing to the dignity of the unborn child, the more powerful and productive the work will be. Consider joining in the prayer at the Panned Parenthood center for an hour or more in the next 40 days.



God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities who have requested our prayers: John Pluym, Toos Roelofs, Dennis Anderson, Alyssa Clark, Jan Samuelson, 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, October 5 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.

Parish News



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

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

Adults \$10 Children \$6

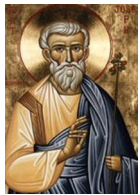
Carry outs are available.—549-3004

The small entry way addition at St. Teresa is near completion. The entrance is now much safer and the area can also be used for some storage and garbage collection. Thanks to the following folks who generously gave of their time and talent:

Rick and Gary Denn, Steve and Aaron Trio, Jeff Kunkel, Bernie Langworthy, John Hengel, Tony Bach



October 15 is Mission Sunday; there will be a **second collection at all Masses** for the Propagation of the Faith, which seeks prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.



St. Joseph's October Fellowship Event will honor Respect Life Month.

There will be a meal and fellowship, provided by Unit 1, after the 5 p.m. Youth Mass on Saturday, October 15, 2016, and this year all proceeds will be donated to the Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign to assist women and children in need.

Please come and support this worthy cause!

The Diocese of Winona Women's Conference "Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy" will be held at Lourdes High School in Rochester on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Speakers for the event include Grace Mazza Urbanski, author, teacher, and former director of children's ministry for the Apostleship of Prayer, Ann Marie Cosgrove, Founder of Silent No More Minnesota, and Sister Paul Mary, Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Winona. The cost is \$25.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a day to pray and pay for the Belize Mission Trip! There are still many dates open— please consider making the commitment to pray for the success of the mission and to support the work with a financial donation.

St. Teresa: Fresh made donuts now available after 9 a.m. Mass. Free will donation goes to faith formation/youth group. Come down to the dining hall after Mass for delicious donuts and great conversation!

Baby Bottle Campaign gives alternatives to abortion. October is Respect Life Month—please use these baby bottles as a reminder of the thousands of babies lost to abortion and be generous to help save a baby's life!



Assist Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with children through their Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home and filling it with your spare change. Please pick up a baby bottle from the back of church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Pluym, who passed on to eternal life on Wednesday, September 28th. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Teresa Church. We send prayers and condolences to his family at this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.



We invite you all to attend a special blessing given by Bishop Quinn at the Wings of Hope memorial and burial site in Calvary Cemetery, Mankato. The short service on Friday, October 7th will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude with light refreshments. The Wings of Hope site is a memorial dedicated to children lost in pregnancy and newborn death, and to their families, and for common burial of the remains of children lost in miscarriage. For more information call Chris at [507-519-0158](tel:507-519-0158) or visit the Wings of Hope site at <http://wingsofhopemankato.weebly.com>.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



Our Catholic World



St. Teresa: (September 25)

Weekly collection...	\$12,651.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$49,055.04
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$42,380.00

St. Matthew (September 24)

Weekly collection.....	\$965.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$7,762.80
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$11,700.00

St. Joseph (September 17)

Weekly collection	\$342.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$8,003.96
Amount budgeted year to date	\$11,170.00



Ministry Roles

October 8 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Justin Davis,
Darla Graf

Hospitality: Youth

Servers: Joseph Bennet, Chloe Cumbee

Money Counters: Char Schuch, Marie Sanders

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

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Brenda Carey,
Owen Dickey

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Nathan Trio, Will Stencel,
Cole Stencel, Kendall Wede

Money Counters: Tammy Schmidt, Judy Bach

Ministry schedules are available on the website: 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
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 6:30 p.m. at the Mapleton Library 6 –8 weeks

Beginning October 5th

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 6:30 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.