

# 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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## February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"... Just so, your light must shine  
before others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:16

### 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 are called and challenged to be the light of the world! We can not settle for putting our light under a bushel basket. Often when we hear this we think of the talents or gifts that we individually have been given. I often like to reflect on not only do we tend to not share our gifts at times but we reserve our love. We reserve love for those we trust and are confident wont hurt us. However, if we are truly going to build and form a city that cannot be hidden—we need everyone! We need you—your gifts, talents, and generosity of heart and soul—to be shared with our community and with the community that surrounds us. Every light that is either dimmed, darkened, or disappears is one less light to captivate and shine before the world. You matter to God and you matter to each other and you matter to me. However, we don't exist for ourselves—we don't exist just for our own communities either. We exist to radiate the glory of God. This means that the way our lights grow in brightness is for us to be filled with the glory of God. Our light diminishes when we allow sin and worldliness to smug our shine. Do you let joy radiate? I heard a priest ask once, “are you joyful?” If you want to know if you are a joyful person, turn to your spouse or your children or those closest to you, and ask—am I a joyful person? They will tell you if you are a joyful person or not!” Joy is not fleeting happiness—it is an interior reality that persists because we experience the art of living and the joy of life. Joy has to start beyond us and live in us. It comes from being loved by God and others and finding our identity in God and in communion with others as opposed to surface level or worldly pleasures. We are made for this type of interior joy and freedom—this is what it means to let our light shine. We radiate the love of God in our lives and we learn the way of sharing that love with others. Every day you are somewhere where God’s love and light are sorely needed. If we allow one day to pass without sharing that joy we have missed a time of sharing God’s love.

This week we will offer a blessing to those traveling on the mission trip to Belize! I am very excited for the group to leave next weekend and head down for the 2nd year in a row to not only serve the poor and encounter the needs of the greater world, but for them to meet Jesus in the poor and to be ministered to by Jesus Himself. When we go on mission trips we think we are going to go do some good and make the world a little bit better place. And while this is perhaps somewhat true, the little good we do is often not nearly as transformative as the encounters we have with people and experiencing the joy and love the world has even in places where they lack even basic material goods. I am proud our Tri-Parish has this mission opportunity and thank Carol Cyr for the hard work she does to plan and organize the details that surround it—but I am much more excited for the people going on the trip to be able to encounter the living God in their encounters with others, in the graces they will receive, and in the sacrifices they’ll make during their time. May God be with them and may our prayers sustain and strengthen them in the week ahead!

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

**Monday, February 6** **St. Paul Miki and Companions**  
Genesis 1:1-19; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35; Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 7**  
Genesis 1:20—2:4; Psalm 8:4-9; Mark 7:1-13  
**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

**Wednesday, February 8** **St. Josephine Bakhita**  
Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17; Psalm 104:1-2, 27-30; Mark 7:14-23  
**4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa**

**Thursday, February 9**  
Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128:1-5; Mark 7:24-30  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Valere Pluym*

**Friday, February 10** **St. Scholastica**  
Genesis 3:1-8; Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; Mark 7:31-37  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † *Larry Langworthy*

**Saturday, February 11** **Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Genesis 3:9-24; Psalm 90:2-6, 12-13; Mark 8:1-10  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Stan Gartner*

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Dennis Anderson*

**Sunday, February 12** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37  
**9:00 a.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa** *People of the tri-parish*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

**The office will be closed Monday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 14**

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Quilters at St. Teresa

Monday, Feb. 13 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW



### **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—Feb. 11**

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

During the ninth of her 18 different appearances to Bernadette that year, our Lady of Lourdes, as Mary became known in association with these events, had the girl dig up a spring of water where none had been found before. The water flowing from this spring, although pure, did not have any extraordinary scientific or medical properties. It has nonetheless been the source of countless miraculous cures for 150 years!



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

Tiffany Sonnek, Todd Kopischke, Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Lucille Schubbe, Stanley Gartner, John Pluym, Toos Roelofs, Jan Samuelson, Jerry

Wersal, Jim Carey, *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

**Classes** will be held Wednesday, February 8

**Reminder:** In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations: KTOE 1420 AM, and on KEYC TV ( on their website)

**Catholic HEART Work Camp** is a Summer opportunity (June 25<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017) for young people in grades 8-12 to travel to a new location (**Fremont, Nebraska**), meet new people both young and old from around the country, go on retreat to deepen their walk with Christ, and live out His love in service to their brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. Over one week, youth and chaperones are assigned varieties of missions at thoroughly vetted and approved (by a local social agency) work-opportunity-sites, usually involving members of the local community who are low-income, elderly, marginalized, in difficult circumstances or otherwise neglected or compromised.

Become an ambassador of hope, have a blast, and know Christ's love working for you, in you, and through you--join us at Catholic HEART Work Camp this Summer!

CHWC forms for youth (campers) and adults (chaperones) are available at the Church entrance, and should be submitted as early as possible to the Tri-Parish Office in Mapleton, along with deposit, to reserve your spots. Spots are limited so don't delay.

**Save the Date:** July 14-16 Rochester, MN

ELEVATE 2017 Steubenville North Conference Attendance is a requirement for Confirmation students and is open to all those entering 9-12 grade next year. More information and permission slips will be available soon.

## Parish News



**CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS**

**St. Teresa:** Breakfast to benefit Catholic education opportunities in our parish

**Sunday, February 12, after 9a.m. Mass**  
**Free will donation**

Menu includes muffins, scrambled eggs, hash browns and ham . Free will donations accepted. Matching funds will be provided by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

**Donations of muffins are needed. A sign up sheet is available at church.**



The Belize Mission team will be heading to Belize on Saturday, February 11th. Thank you so much to all who so generously have supported the mission. If you

have not given your pledged donation from the calendar please do so soon so we know how much money we have to spend there. In the newsletter this month some of the projects that will be accomplished will be outlined. You can also follow daily progress and see the places and people we are working with by checking out the blog: **belize2017.blogspot.com**

**Nothing could be done without your prayers and financial support. The heartfelt generosity of the folks of our tri-parish is amazing!**

**Birthright Benefit:** The Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring a raffle for Birthright. Tickets are \$1.00 with all cash payouts from \$250 to \$50 for 5 winners. Tickets are available from Kris Miller, either in person or by calling 524-4305. Thank you for your support.

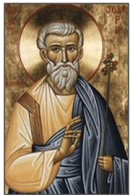


**BINGO and Pie social Sunday, February 26**

Begins at 4 p.m. at St. Teresa Hall  
A quarter a card, winner takes entire pot  
Mark your calendars for fun and fellowship

**St. Joseph Faith Formation Potluck**

February 18th after the 5 p.m. Mass  
Free will donation  
Funds raised at the this event are used to make sure the youth of St. Joseph Parish do not have to pay any tuition for faith formation.



**St. Teresa:** No one has signed up for snow shoveling for Feb. 12 and 19. If you can help either of these weeks, please contact the office or sign up on the sheet at church. Thanks!



Women's book club will meet Sunday, February 12 at **4 p.m.**  
We will be discussing Peace Like a River, by Leif Enger

## Community News

Please stop in for coffee at the Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>. We have puzzles and games or a great New 70 inch TV (donated by the Town and Country Leisure Board) Or just have a cup of coffee and a visit with one the members of Sertoma!

**Caregiver Support Group**

This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with Dementia or other progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our next session on February 7, 3:00 PM, St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. Topic: Improving Communication in Caregiving – a DVD and discussion. No charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call S. Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (January 29)

Weekly collection	\$1836.00
Amount collected year to date	\$117,537.77
Amount budgeted year to date	\$101,060.00

### St. Matthew (January 28)

Weekly collection	\$816.12
Amount collected year to date	\$28,657.75
Amount budgeted year to date	\$41,000.00

### St. Joseph (January 21)

Weekly collection	\$1429.00
Amount collected year to date	\$34,413.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$33,510.00



## Ministry Roles

### February 11 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Wendy Bennett

**Minister of Communion:** Denise Peterson,  
Char Schuch

**Hospitality:** Dennis Peterson family

**Servers:** Chloe Cumbee, Julianna Majeski

**Money Counters:** Maria Sanders, Neil Majeski

### February 12 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Shelly Holt,  
Ted Landsteiner

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Jacob Rigdon, Kayla Rigdon,  
Adam Dickey, Julia Langworthy

**Money Counters:** Bob Bissonette,  
Tammy Schmidt

**Ministry schedules are available on the web-  
site: [sjsmst.org](http://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

## Our Catholic World



### Pathways TEC Retreat February 18-20, 2017 Mankato

Teens (age 16 and up) and adults are invited to attend Pathways Together Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend at Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato. Sponsored by the Diocese of Winona and affiliated with National TEC, Pathways TEC is a dynamic, 3 day retreat focused on the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Encounter Jesus in community, in prayer, in the sacraments. Cost is \$50 for the entire weekend. Applications are available on the Diocese website [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) (Youth and Young Adult Ministry page). Call or email TEC Coordinator Ann Full at 507-828-3675 or [afull@dow.org](mailto:afull@dow.org) for more information.

Please spread the word! A new ministry is being launched for **young adults** in the Mankato area! A ministry catered directly to young adults and professionals ages 22-35(ish)! The kickoff event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 18th at 6:30p.m.** at the Newman Center: 1502 Warren Street in Mankato. Come learn more about the opportunities that will be available for all young adults to grow in their Catholic faith and to form Catholic community with peers their age. Mazatalan Mexican Restaurant will cater dinner for the evening so come hungry! See our Facebook page for more information: Young Adult Catholic Ministry Mankato Area

**New Ministry schedules** for Feb.—April for St. Teresa are available at the entrances to church. The schedule for St. Joseph Ministries has been mailed out.

Discover who God is.....

Discover who you are....

Discover someone who knows everything about you— and loves you and has an amazing plan for your life. Learn how to read the Bible.. Sign up after Mass or contact the tri-parish office.

### Dates and times:

Sundays 10:30 –11:30 a.m. at ST

Tuesdays 9:15– 10:15 a.m. At ST

Wednesday, 6:15 –7:15 p.m. At Mapleton library

Wednesdays 6:30 –7:30 p.m. At SJ begins March 15

Contact Gina Massop, Marcie Anderson, George Leary, Shelli Grover, or Carol Cyr for more information.

When you get the workbook you will also get access to a site to watch Jeff Cavin's video talk on line, so if you need to miss a week you can easily make it up. You could also choose to attend one of the other groups for that session.

If you don't sign up you can still attend– you are always welcome!

*Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.* –St. Jerome

