

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 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



"Do not think that I have come to
abolish the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

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

Why do we believe in the Ten Commandments? Or more generally, why do humans make laws? They are there to order and guide society to what is good. While our modern day law and legislation has gotten legalistic and litigation obsessed, the idea of law is a great benefit to the ordering of society. If we don't have laws to give us basic rules to follow it would be easy for us to decide what is good for us on our own and that may or may not be good for the majority or some others. Laws also let us know the boundaries we can operate within. If someone doesn't know the rules of the sport, they are not truly free to play that sport. So in society, laws give us the playing field of how we should carry out our day to day activities. So, when Jesus takes the Ten Commandments—the Law of God—and says there is an even better way, He is saying that while the Commandments are sufficient to keep you in accord with what is right and good, the way of grace and love elevate our human relationships and draw us deeper into the depth of what humanity is made for: giving and receiving love. Elevating the Law to a law of love shows the depth of humanity as living in union with God by grace and in a community of love with one another. This beautiful understanding of how love perfects the Law shows that Jesus is calling us not to settle for bare obedience and allow our heart to carry hate or rigor toward our neighbor. The Law is not meant to be done away with or dispensed, but is meant to be fulfilled by our living an even higher plane of love in every human relationship.

Please note that over the next two weeks I will be away during the week. This coming Sunday night I will travel with Bishop Quinn and Fr. Will Thompson, the Vocations Director of the Diocese. Bishop asked me last October to come with him this week to keep me working closely with vocations work. I will return on Thursday afternoon. Originally I had a vacation with two priest friends and my brother scheduled that week and bumped it to the following week because of this request. The following Monday-Friday (Feb. 20-24th) I will take a break before Lent kicks in already March 1st! Please keep me in your prayers and know that you most certainly will remain in mine.

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Lent is a great time to spend a little extra time learning about your faith. There will be new items in the kiosk located in the gathering space at St. Teresa Church. These items are geared specifically to Lent and Easter. One of the new cds is described to the right.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, February 13

Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Psalm 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14

Sts. Cyril and Methodius

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10; Mark 8:14-21

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

Wednesday, February 15

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Psalm 116:12-15, 18-19; Mark 8:22-26

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

Thursday, February 16

Genesis 9:1-13; Psalm 102:16-23, 29; Mark 8:27-33

Friday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 33:10-15; Mark 8:34—9:1

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Thomas Langworthy*

Saturday, February 18

Hebrews 11:1-7; Psalm 145:2-5, 10-11; Mark 9:2-13

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Hank Massop*

5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Joseph † *Larry Lentz*

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

9:00 a.m. 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 7:00 p.m. St. Teresa CCW

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross

The stations of the Cross is a devotion and reflection in which we walk alongside Jesus on His way to Calvary. By prayerfully participating in this meditation we are able to clearly see through His passion and death the depths of God's love for mankind and the price He paid for our salvation. This presentation includes powerful meditations by Dr. Ronald Thomas, Assistant Professor of Theology at Belmont Abbey College, with prayer responses by students from the college

Comments: *I like to meditate on the Stations of the Cross, and I use these meditations when I spend time in the Chapel. I like it very much.* -Mary, CA

I am a returning Catholic who had never learned the Stations. After listening to this CD a number of times, I understand and will be confident to do this devotion.

-Judy, SK CA



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

Shelly Holt, 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 15

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 25th-July 1st, 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, Feb. 12, after 9 a.m. Mass Free will donation

There will be a mandatory meeting of all St. Teresa servers on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:55 for grades 6 and up and at 7:15 for grade 5 and new servers in grade 4. You must have 1 parent come to this meeting also. If it is impossible to attend contact me at 524-4305 to make other arrangements. Thank you.



The Belize Mission team is in Belize. Thank you so much to all who so generously have supported the mission. 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!

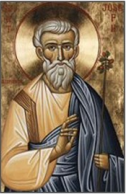
Birthright Benefit: The Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring a raffle for Birthright. Tickets are \$1.00 with all cash payouts from \$250 to \$50 for 5 winners. Drawing for winners is March 23. Tickets are available from Kris Miller, either in person or by calling 524-4305. Thank you for your support.

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.



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

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring pies in the church entries. Thank you.

Women's book club will meet Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m.

We will be discussing Peace Like a River, by Leif Enger



Beginning next weekend there will be boxes available at each church for old, blessed

palms. Remember, blessed items cannot just be thrown into the garbage, but must be disposed of properly. These old palms will be burnt and the

ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday this year. Please bring in your old palms by February 26th.

Community News

Widowed, Divorced or Permanently Separated

"Coping with Life Alone" meeting weekly beginning Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904. is being offered by Beginning Experience of Rochester. For more information call [507-261-8248](tel:507-261-8248) or emailing beminnnesota@gmail.com to start an amazing healing process for yourself or to encourage someone you love to step beyond grief and pain.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (February 5)

Weekly collection	\$3207.15
Amount collected year to date	\$120,744.92
Amount budgeted year to date	\$104,320.00

St. Matthew (January 28)

Weekly collection	\$816.12
Amount collected year to date	\$28,657.75
Amount budgeted year to date	\$40,300.00

St. Joseph (February 4)

Weekly collection	\$1664.00
Amount collected year to date	\$36,077.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$35,744.00



Ministry Roles

February 18

St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

Minister of Communion: Hollie Smith,
Patty Thomas

Hospitality: Youth, Nick and Sarah Caven

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Kim Kleven, Lauren Sohre

February 19

St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Lois Gau

Minister of Communion: Tony Bach,
Brenda Carey

Hospitality: Dan and Sherry Kraft,
Paul and Shellie Landsteiner

Gifts: Dan and Alice Germe

Servers: Andrew Hoppe, Faith Hoppe,
Kole Wenner, Natalie Wenner

Money Counters: Kay Proehl, Sandy Miller

**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

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 (Youth and Young Adult Ministry page). Call or email TEC Coordinator Ann Full at 507-828-3675 or 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

Ash Wednesday is March 1

Masses in the tri-parish that day are

7 a.m. at St. Teresa

7 p.m. at St. Matthew



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 (This is an added time)

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

Wednesdays **5:30—6:30 p.m. At SJ begins March 22** (note change)

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

