

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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April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord



"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord! "

Mark 11:9

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

As we celebrate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem this week and read His passion, might we come with humble hearts ready to receive the outpouring love of Jesus from the Cross. The city of Jerusalem where Jesus enters was a remarkable city even in Jesus' day. The word Jerusalem means, "city of peace" or "abode of peace". The King of Peace is entering the city of peace. Yet, the tragic reality is that into the city of peace, the king of peace enters peacefully and triumphantly as in the Procession of the Mass in the manner the priest enters. Joyous and processing through the crowds. Yet, the crowds will ultimately turn from receiving the Messiah and Savior, to crucifying Him. Yet, what appears outwardly as tragic, is the inward working of grace. While the crowds shout crucify Him, crucify Him; He will freely lay down His life for them out of love. It is Jesus' offering of Himself and not anyone taking something from Him. What the crowds don't know and cannot fully understand yet is that Jesus is doing this for them. Jesus is dying in atonement for their sins as the Passover Lamb that is sacrificed as an offering to the Father.

This glorious reality is celebrated this week. We have beautiful days ahead (not speaking of the weather) where we will celebrate in gratitude all that Jesus is for us and with us. The Church glories in these days and we have much to rejoice in as Heaven comes to earth to lift us to Heaven. May these days be holy for you.

A special thank you to Fr. Will Thompson for generously agreeing to be with us this weekend as I am away to assist with a retreat in Brainerd with 32 MSU Students and our FOCUS Missionary team. Please keep us in your prayers—the theme of the retreat is called the Father's House Retreat and emphasizes the love of God the Father and our true identity as beloved sons and daughters in Christ. There is much healing and opening to the life of grace that flows from this retreat.

I look forward to returning to the parishes for the most holy days of the year—the Sacred Triduum. This Thursday we rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist. This Friday we enter the passion of our Lord and its saving effects on the whole world. And then we rejoice with hearts full at the Resurrection as our Lord triumphs over sin and death once and for all.

This Sunday, April 9, from 10 a.m.—10 p.m., will be the last opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration during Lent. Come and prepare for Holy Week by spending some time with Our Lord in the Eucharist. You can come for as long or short a time as you wish. Stop by to spend time with Jesus—

He is waiting for you.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, April 10

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17;

John 13:21-33, 36-38

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

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;

Matthew 26:14-25

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

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18;

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Teresa

† *Louis Sonnek*

Friday, April 14

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

3 p.m. Passion of the Lord at St. Teresa

6 p.m. Passion of the Lord at St. Matthew

Saturday, April 15

Genesis 1:1—2:2; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-6,

17-18; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Matthew 28:1-10

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

at St. Joseph

People of the tri-parish

Sunday, April 16

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew

† *Cecil and*

Bernardine Dickey

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa

† *Florence Stenzel*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Office will be closed Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17

Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

Quilters at St. Teresa

Thursdays 9 a.m.

Bible Study

Join a book discussion on The Lamb's Supper, by Scott Hahn

Get your own group together—or join a group at one of the following times— but read and discuss this book!

Tuesdays 9:15 a.m. at St. Teresa

Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. At Mapleton Library

The book will be broken into sections for discussion:

Session 3: Part II The Revelation of Heaven pages 61-89

Session 4: Part II pages 90-112

Session 5: Part III Revelation for the Masses pg 115 – end

Read about how the Mass is Heaven on earth!



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

Roger Tipler, Don Landsteiner, Ken Irvine, Angie Gartner, Shelly Holt, Todd Kopischke, Bill Fleming, Maureen Springer, Lucille Schubbe, Stanley Gartner, 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 not be held Wednesday, April 12. Please attend the triduum liturgies this week.

First Communion will be:
April 22 at St. Matthew Church
April 23 at St. Teresa Church
April 29 at St. Joseph Church



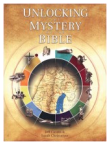
Please pray for the children of the tri-parish as they prepare for this important day.

Parish News



Rice Bowls are traditionally collected on Holy Thursday. There will be a basket at St. Teresa available to put your rice bowl. You can also write a check and send it to the office, or drop it in the collection basket. Rice bowls can also be left in the back of each of the churches at any time. Thank you for your almsgiving this Lent!

...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ... Matthew 25:35



Discover who God is....

Discover who you are....

Learn how to read the Bible..

Wednesdays 5:30 –6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph
Will not meet this week– resumes on April 19th.

Tri-Parish Donations for Easter Flowers: If you would like to help to make our churches more beautiful this Easter season you may make a donation for Easter flowers by using the specially marked envelope enclosed with your regular monthly support envelope; if you don't have that envelope please use another envelope and mark it "Easter Flowers". You may also enclose names of persons you want remembered.



GOOD FRIDAY Collection: Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability has been especially difficult for Christians. In these times of crisis, the Good Friday Collection helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic school and other religious education, as well as humanitarian aid to refugees. By contributing to the Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.



After Mass on Holy Thursday, we follow the beautiful tradition of "walking with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane."

This is a solemn procession that carries the consecrated Sacred Host from the main altar to the Altar of Repose, beautifully decorated to show the honor and glory of the Lord who is there. We then "wait with Jesus" staying in silence to adore our Lord and pray with him as He prepares for his coming passion and death. We will remain in prayer with Jesus at the Altar of Repose until midnight. Please consider spending some time with him during those few hours.

Catholic book lending library now available.

To find a good book, go to the St. Teresa gathering space and sign out a book from the new book shelf (near the couches). Take it with you or sit and read there. Many great titles to choose from!



GOOD FRIDAY FASTING AND ABSTINENCE "All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Good Friday." "Fasting" means limiting oneself to only one full meal. If it is necessary to maintain strength, Catholics may eat two additional smaller meals that together are not equal to the one full meal. We also fast from eating between meals. "All Catholics who are 14 years old and older are required to abstain from meat on Good Friday." "Parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of Penance" (Code of Canon Law, #1251-1252)



Women's Book club will not meet in April. We will read All the Light You Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr and meet in June to discuss that book. Everyone is invited to join! If you have any questions, contact the tri-parish office 524-3127.

We joyfully welcome into our Catholic family Lane Carter Germon, son of Noah and Chelsea Germon, who was Baptized into the Mystical Body of Christ on April 2 at St. Teresa Church. Please pray for Lane and his family as they continue to grow in Christ's mercy and love.



SAVE THE DATE: 100th Anniversary of Fatima Celebration, Saturday, May 13, Kasson. More details to follow.

The Mapleton Sertoma Club will honor Cindy Wishart with their Service to Mankind award on Sunday, April 23 at Maggie J's from 2:00-4:00 with a short program at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and congratulate Cindy!!!

The Maple River Youth Center is having a Burger Bar fundraiser at Maggie J's on Monday, April 24 from 5:00-8:00 pm. With each meal purchased, be entered in drawings for door prizes. Also, raffle tickets will be sold separately for a \$350 shopping spree at Dietz Foods!!!

Join us for **A Life in the Spirit Day**, Saturday, April 29, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at St. Casimir Church, Wells. Learn about the Holy Spirit, His gifts and how He desires to impact our lives. For questions or to register call Marti at 507-380-5746 or the parish office 507-553-5391 by April 15. Suggested donation: \$20, includes lunch, snacks, and handouts.



Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (April 2)

Weekly collection	\$3374.26
Amount collected year to date	\$143,753.28
Amount budgeted year to date	\$130,400.00

St. Matthew (March 25)

Weekly collection	\$2140.00
Amount collected year to date	\$35,034.75
Amount budgeted year to date	\$50,700.00

St. Joseph (April 2)

Weekly collection	\$1294.00
Amount collected year to date	\$41,521.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$44,680.00

Ministry Roles



April 15 St. Joseph 8:30 p.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas, John Hollerich,
Maureen Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Richard FitzSimmons,
Connie Peters

Hospitality: Scott and Kim Kleven

Gifts: Scott and Kim Kleven

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio, Ethan McGregor

Money Counters: Paul FitzSimmons,
Laureen Sohre

April 16 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Wendy Bennett

Minister of Communion: Brad Lanoue,
Darla Graf, Denise Peterson

Hospitality: Dave Sanders family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Layne Davis

Money Counters: Maria Sanders, Char Schuch

April 16 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: George Leary

Minister of Communion: Cliff Anderson,
Marcie Anderson

Hospitality: Butch and Judy Bach,
Bernie and Dilly Langworthy

Gifts: Jim and Gloria Langworthy

Servers: Anthony Kunkel, Alana Volk,
Julia Langworthy, Nathan Trio

Money Counters: Judy Bach, Kay Peoehl

Our Catholic World



The Divine Mercy Novena

Divine Mercy Sunday April 23

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering

than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy." In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

- **During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions.**
- **Pamphlets with the Novena and instructions for the Chaplet are available at each church.**

Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy. -St. Isidore of Seville

Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. -Pope John Paul 2

There is still time to make a good confession before Easter. Come and receive the mercy of God.

Confession times available during Holy Week:
Tuesday, April 11 5 p.m.—6p.m. at St. Teresa
Wednesday, April 12 5 p.m.—6p.m. at St. Teresa



Ministry Roles for Holy Thursday and Good Friday

Holy Thursday, April 13 St. Teresa 7:00 p.m.

Reader: Marcie Anderson

Minister of Communion: Jim Swanson, Arlene Swanson

Hospitality: Tom and Gina Massop, Loren and Diane Michael

Gifts: Jason and Karen Langworthy

Servers: Evan Klein, Grant Klein, Kayla Rigdon, Jacob Rigdon

Good Friday, April 14 St. Teresa 3:00 p.m.

Reader: Arleen Swanson

Minister of Communion: not needed

Servers: McKenzie Reuter, Brooke Reuter, Will Stencil,
Cole Stencil

Good Friday, March 25 St. Matthew 6:00 p.m.

Reader: Darla Graf

Minister of Communion: not needed

Hospitality: Kim VanSickle family

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money counters: volunteer