

# 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 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter



"Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the  
Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

### 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

Last weekend was a heavy and emotional weekend for me. After Easter the weekend prior and after announcing that I am leaving the Tri-Parish and Newman Center I still had first communion and then 17 students entering into the Catholic Church at the Newman Center with Bishop Quinn coming for the Mass. I am not sure I have been as emotionally drained as that since the time of my own mother's passing. While the emotions were different then being only sorrow and grief, this time it is mixed with sorrow at leaving, but gratitude for all that God has blessed me with in my time here, and joy at the present first communions and young people entering the Catholic Church. It's been a lot to process in prayer. While I am sad to leave, I know that God's providence and will guides and directs the future. The Lord had a plan for me to be the pastor here for four years and He has a plan for me for the next part of my life. He has a plan to bring in a different priest and use His gifts to lead you deeper in the Catholic faith and in communion with Jesus. You will always be a part of my life and my prayers. They say a priest always maintains a special love and affection for the first place he becomes the pastor of and that will be especially true for me always. We have nearly exactly two months left, but even now I am most grateful for the four years we have spent together.

Some of you have asked what my role will be exactly. And while I have a huge learning curve before I will fully understand it, the Director of Vocations for a diocese works to promote, encourage, and engage future vocations to the priesthood and also to consecrated life. As Fr. Will Thompson has done previously I will travel around and preach at parishes on the topic of Vocations. Fr. Will also spent a lot of time on the road with the Newman Centers, Catholic high schools, and parish faith formation programs talking with youth about the priesthood and consecrated life. This is not to forget marriage as a way to holiness but marriage though a beautiful way is also the natural way. The call to priesthood and religious life is a call from God and in that way is a supernatural call. Especially in the busyness and noise of this culture, there is a special need to promote this way of life and help young people hear God's voice amid so many other voices. I will work closely with the Bishop in helping men take those steps toward the priesthood. Once in the seminary, I will still have a direct role in the formation of the men toward the priesthood. The Vocations Director for our diocese along with the Rector of the seminary reports to the Bishop about a candidates readiness to continue in formation and where he is working to grow. In this way, Bishop Quinn has assigned me as faculty to IHM Seminary in addition to my role as Vocations Director and so I will get to know the guys well and be intentional in building future priests for our diocese and for all the dioceses that send men to IHM Seminary in Winona. This is a most important task as the formation demands much of the men in their pursuit of holiness and growth in their human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral dimensions of serving in the Church. Thank you for your prayers in this and know of my gratitude to all of you for all you have done for me and with me in these years. →

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, May 1

### **St. Joseph the Worker**

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;  
John 6:22-29

### Tuesday, May 2

### **St. Athanasius**

Acts 7:51—8:1; Psalm 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; John 6:30-35

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

### Wednesday, May 3

### **Sts. Philip and James**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-5; John 14:6-14

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

### Thursday, May 4

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51

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

**8:30 a.m. Communion Service**

### Friday, May 5

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1-2; John 6:52-59

### Saturday, May 6

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116:12-17; John 6:60-69

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Paul Schmidt Sr*

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. St. Joseph**

*People of the tri-parish*

### Sunday, May 7

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6;

1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Frank Bach*

### **Meetings and Events in the tri-parish**

Thursdays 9 a.m.

Bible Study

Monday, May 1 6:30 p.m.

St. Teresa Cemetery  
Board

In addition to my transition, I would like to take a moment to thank most deliberately Jonah Lippert for his work this past year in the Tri-Parish. He has taken on a difficult role of juggling our programs which last year were consolidated to one site. He was new to the role but did a good job relating to the children and working to keep things going. Carol in our office was a great help to him in organizing and managing the tasks. Jonah will not return next year and as the year wraps to a close I am most grateful to him for his work. I am excited to soon announce his replacement who will continue the good works of our youth programs and the direction they are moving. While transition is difficult, our vision and mission have been clearly laid forward and we will work to accomplish something bigger than any one of us alone. We are serving Christ and working hard to help others come to know and love Him and the Church He established. Pray for all in this time of transition—but have no fears, Christ has overcome the world!



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

Helen Mitchell, 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 Car-ey, *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**

Congratulations to the students from St. Joseph who received First Holy Communion this weekend. May you always be as close to Jesus as you are on that day!



**Tri-parish Bingo Party!**  
**St. Matthew will once again host an end of the year Bingo Party for all kids and adults in the tri-parish** at the St. Matthew Hall, Vernon Center Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and prizes for all!

All ages are welcome!

**Save the date: Totus Tuus July 23—28**

Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Held at St. Teresa  
More information to come

**Parish News**



St. Teresa: Orders will be taken after mass on April 30th and May 7th for **Mother's Day Geraniums**. These are "seed geraniums" at \$4.00 each (pay when ordered). They can also be ordered by calling 507-524-4147 and leaving a message (pay at pick up). Mother's name can be included for Mother's Day memorial at Mass. Proceeds will go to Options for Women of Mankato. Plants will be available for pick up in the gathering space May 13-14th.

**Come to worship Our Eucharistic Lord this Holy Easter Season!**



Eucharistic Adoration will be available each Thursday during the Easter Season, April 20—June 1, from 9 a.m.—10 p.m. at St. Teresa Church.

This is a great opportunity to bring the Risen Lord more deeply into your life. Give the Lord an hour each week for those seven weeks— or stop for 5 minutes when you can- it can truly change your life! Come and spend time with the Lord this Easter Season.

Do not be afraid—He loves you and is waiting for you.

We joyfully welcome two new members into the Catholic family! Anthony Willis and Arielle Davis, children of Josephine Torres, were Baptized in Christ on April 22 at St. Teresa Church. Please pray that they may always remain as close to Our Lord as they are now.



St. Margaret's circle will be serving supper at St. Matthew's after 5:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday May 13. We will be honoring our 2017 Graduates and wishing all Mothers a Happy Mothers Day.



St. Matthew's St. Ann's Circle would like to give many thank you's to other circle members who graciously came forward to help make the 1st Communion supper a big success!

Lorena Fron, a past long time parishioner of St. Teresa, passed away Sunday, April 23. She was 102 years old. Funeral will be May 4 at St. Michael Church in Prior Lake. Condolences may be sent to 5424 Newton Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419-1527. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. May she rest in peace.

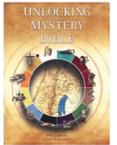


**Discover who God is.....**

**Discover who you are....**

Learn how to read the Bible..

**Wednesdays 5:30 –6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph**



**St. Teresa: New ministry schedules for May—July are available at both entrances to church.**

**Belize Mission Trip 2018!** Anyone interested in going on the mission trip next year or just in getting more information about it, please plan on attending the **organizational meeting on Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Church.** If you are interested in attending the trip but cannot make the meeting, call the office- 524-3127.

**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!



**Journey through Grief** is an eight-week grief group for adults who have lost a loved one. Participants will connect with others, share their stories, explore the process of grief and healing, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone. Sessions will be Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon, May 4 to June 29, at Fairmont United Methodist Church, 119 E. 2nd Street and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon, May 3 to June 21, at St. John the Baptist Church, 632 South Broad Street in Mankato.

**There is no cost to participate in this grief group, but pre-registration is required. Group members will be limited to 10, so pre-register ASAP.** For more information or to register, please call 507-594-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

**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 May 2, 3:00-4:00 PM, St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. 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 (April 23)

Weekly collection	\$3847.25
Amount collected year to date	\$153,457.56
Amount budgeted year to date	\$140,180.00

### St. Matthew (April 22)

Weekly collection	\$1126.00
Amount collected year to date	\$38,623.38
Amount budgeted year to date	\$55,900.00

### St. Joseph (April 15)

Weekly collection	\$2902.00
Amount collected year to date	\$44,423.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$46,914.00



## Ministry Roles

### May 6 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Julie FitzSimmons

**Minister of Communion:** Landon Davis,  
Jim Wieseler

**Hospitality:** Richard and Julie FitzSimmons

**Gifts:** Richard and Julie FitzSimmons

**Servers:** Ethan McGregor, Taylor Hollerich

**Money Counters:** Eli Depuydt,  
Maureen Hollerich

### May 7 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Kevin Etherington

**Minister of Communion:** Butch Bach,  
Judy Bach

**Hospitality:** Cliff and Marcie Anderson,  
Jason and Karen Langworthy

**Gifts:** Loren and Diane Michael

**Servers:** Evan Klein, Grant Klein, Jacob Rigdon,  
Dalton Schmidt

**Money Counters:**

**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



	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
<b>St. Joseph:</b>	8	\$2175	\$4,770	46
<b>St. Matthew:</b>	9	\$2555	\$4,830	53
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	31	\$5170	\$13,900	37

Results so far for the  
2017 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has given thus far for your generosity. Each year our goals must be met and any shortfall must be made up through general funds of the parish. If you have not yet given to this mission of helping our Diocesan family, it is not too late. Envelopes are available at each church..

### 5th annual Tri-parish Pilgrimage June 5—6

Join Father Kern and Fr. Vogel on a Holy Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill in Hubertus, WI



Jesus ascended the mountain with His disciples and was transfigured before them. Moses went up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments and communicate face to face with God. Ascending the mount of Zion is the holy hill in Israel where God has made His will known for centuries and even this day is a holy site of pilgrimage. The Carmelites inhabit and claim their orders founding there by the Prophet Ezekiel. We must ascend to be away with God and we go up the mountain to find His presence there waiting for us and ready to reveal Himself to us. We go intentionally to the highest heights to commune with the Divine Presence. Come ascend the Holy Hill and go up to the presence of God!

Meet in St. Teresa parking lot, Monday, June 5 at 7:00 a.m. or St. Casimir, Wells at 7:20. We will return around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Cost is \$175— includes bus, hotel, 2 lunches, breakfast, one dinner, snacks, tip  
Sign up sheets are available at each church, or call the tri-parish office



### We honor Mary in the month of May by Crowning her as our Queen.

This year May Crowning will take place on May 6 at St. Joseph, May 13 at St. Matthew, and May 14 at St. Teresa. Flowers will be available for all youth to bring to Mary. Come honor our Blessed Mother during the month devoted to her. If you have any flowers at home, please consider bringing some in to place on the May altar.

**The month of May** is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1)

**During the Month of Our Lady the rosary will be prayed beginning 25 minutes before Mass at each parish.** Please plan to come early and pray this beautiful prayer together.  
Make special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary a priority this May.