

# 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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May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter



### 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

Blessed Mother's Day to all the lovely mothers in our communities. Thank you for your 'Yes' to life and to love in this world. We have so much to be grateful to you for the sacrifices and generosity you have shown to us. Thanks for all the nurturing, caring, and encouraging you do in this world.

While we think of our own mother's this weekend, we also must turn our minds to our heavenly Mother, Mary! On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. This year it is of particular importance as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition of our Lady to three young children. This momentous occasion carries significance for numerous reasons:

Read about it at this website: <https://www.ewtn.com/fatima/apparitions.asp>

While it is definitely worth reading about all that took place in the appearances of Mary at Fatima, the reality of Mary appearing and the mystery behind that reality is not the point of the appearance. It was the message that was given to the three shepherd children that was most vital for the Church and the world.

Mary asked the children to spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart, pray for the conversion of sinners (the children were given a vision of hell and saw the poor souls in eternal torment), and to do penance on behalf of sinners. The visions have so many insights into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century marked by war and violence. Our Lady warned that if we failed to pray for peace and repent, the errors of Communism and specifically communist Russia would dominate the world. Thanks be to God for Our Lady's intercession in defeating this heinous reality. Pope John Paul II consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart after his assassination attempt in 1981. On May 13<sup>th</sup> 1981 (note the date is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima) in St. Peter's Square in the Vatican a bullet just missed the heart of Pope John Paul II. The Pope attributed his survival to our Lady and would later state that one hand guided the gun but another hand guided the bullet attributing his survival to our Lady. He would then place the bullet in her crown at Fatima. There is so much more than these simple details to the whole story.

Take time to read about Our Lady of Fatima, an approved apparition in the Catholic Church and visited and revered by millions of people. Pope Francis canonized two of the children on Saturday this week to celebrate the occasion. New saints, Francisco and Jacinta are the youngest non-martyr saints in the Church's history. Pretty amazing how the apparitions assisted them to live their Catholic faith and witness to the whole Church the truth of prayer and penance as a way to draw both themselves and others to God through Mary. On this the feast of our Lady of Fatima, may our Lady intercede for you and your family to be drawn to Christ and His holy Church.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, May 15

**St. Isidore**

Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 16

Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-13, 21; John 14:27-31

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

Wednesday, May 17

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

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

Thursday, May 18

**St. John I**

Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11

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

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

Friday, May 19

Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-10, 12; John 15:12-17

**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † *Henry Stenzel and family*

Saturday, May 20

**St. Bernadine of Siena**

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1-3, 5; John 15:18-21

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. St. Joseph** † *Bernette Hollerich*

Sunday, May 21

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20;

1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *People of the tri-parish*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Tuesday, May 23 7 p.m.

All parish Pastoral

At St. Joseph's Church

Council meeting

May 13—14 Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal



Our second collection the weekend supports the Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal. While we are ever mindful that you are encouraged to support numerous worthy causes, please prayerfully consider embracing the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal with compassionate generosity. Your generous gift cares for those most in need tight here within our diocese. Over 30% of funding that sustains Catholic Charities' services to provide help and hope for the poor and marginalized here in southern Minnesota comes from the selfless generosity of our donors. If you are unable to contribute today, simply mail your donation in the reply envelope in the Catholic Charities pamphlet you received in your mailbox recently or donate online at [www.ccwinona.org](http://www.ccwinona.org) **Hope Lives Here—Because of You!** We send our heartfelt thanks and prayers for God's blessings to you and your loved ones.



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

Helen Mitchell, Roger Tipler, Don Landsteiner, Ken Irvine, 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**

**Totus Tuus** Save the date: **Totus Tuus July 23—28**  
Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Held at St. Teresa

More information to come

**Parish News**

**Tri-parish Barn Dance**, sponsored by St. Joseph Parish will be held on Thursday, June 8th. At the Paul and Gina FitzSimmons farm, 54440 148th St, Good Thunder. It will have a Mexican Fiesta Theme— with a taco bar. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Karaoke to follow— plan now to come for food and fun!



**Tri-Parish Server Appreciation**  
Mark your calendars now to join Fr. Kern at the **WOW Zone** on Wednesday, May 24 from 6pm until 9pm for unlimited bowling, laser tag and mini golf plus \$5 card for games. Pizza and Pop will also be provided. Registration forms were mailed to servers. Please let the office know if you didn't receive one.



**St. Teresa: Town and Country Days Silent Auction--** Items are needed for this year's Silent Auction. Last year, over \$300 was raised for our parish!! Any parishioner willing to donate an item may specify the proceeds can either go to St. Teresa Church or to the CCW. Please have an estimated value of each item you donate. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated!!! Any questions, call Ceal Caldwell--317-0793. More info will follow.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angie Gartner, daughter of Leonard and Marie Gartner of St. Teresa Parish, who passed to eternal life on Sunday, May 14. Eternal rest grant unto her, o Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon her.



**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.



**The most important person on earth is a mother.** She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?

— Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

God bless all mothers on this day and always.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**St. Joseph:** As Memorial Day approaches and we remember our deceased loved ones, St. Joseph Cemetery Association has prepared a brief summary concerning the financial condition of the Cemetery. Copies of the report are available at St. Joseph's church. Jay Winters will be available after Mass on Sat., June 3 to answer any questions concerning St. Joseph Cemetery.



St. Teresa: We will once again be sponsoring the Bingo stand at Mapleton Town and Country Days, June 9—10. Please contact the tri-parish office if you are able to help with this event!

Congratulations to Jerry and Judith Etherington who will celebrate 50 years of Marriage on May 20, 2017! Please pray for their continued health and happiness.



The date for the 2018 Belize Adult Mission Trip has been set for February 17—25. If you are interested in taking part in this life changing adventure or have any questions about the mission, contact the tri-parish office or call Carol (995-1648).

The Reverend Andrew Olsem, who was administrator from 1972-76 at St. Joseph Parish and from 1973-76 at St. Matthew Parish, invites you to participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the 50th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood to be offered on Sunday, June 4, at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Mankato.

A luncheon will follow Mass, please RSVP by May 15th to: mmstalo@hotmail.com or call 507-388-6283.

The Mapleton VFW and Auxiliary Post 5338 invite you to their 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Program. It will be held at school in the AAA gym with a free will offering lunch served following the program. The color guard will then proceed to the cemeteries.

**Jazz in the Park**--is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Library Park. The MR Jazz Band will perform at 6:00 and the Bass Brand Brass Band will perform at 6:30. Mapleton Sertoma will provide a light supper (free will offering) and the MR Youth Center will provide root beer floats. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the great music! (In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at the school.)

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (May 7)

Weekly collection	\$5945.12
Amount collected year to date	\$161,545.68
Amount budgeted year to date	\$146,700.00

### 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 (May 6)

Weekly collection	\$449.00
Amount collected year to date	\$46,292.46
Amount budgeted year to date	\$50,265.00



## Ministry Roles

### May 20 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Kevin FitzSimmons

**Minister of Communion:** Hollie Smith,  
Patti Thomas

**Hospitality:** Landon and Leah Davis family

**Gifts:** Landon and Leah Davis family

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money Counters:** Rachel Depuydt,  
Dan Sohre

### May 21 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Samantha Passer

**Minister of Communion:** Alice Germa,  
Deb Hager

**Hospitality:** Alice and Dan Germa,  
Owen and Theresa Dickey

**Gifts:** KC and Debbie Reuter family

**Servers:** Anthony Kunkel, Jon Kunkel,  
McKenzie Reuter, Brooke Reuter

**Money Counters:** Bob Bissonette,  
Judy Bach

**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>	10	\$2585	\$4,830	54
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	32	\$5420	\$13,900	39

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! Pick up a pamphlet or call the office for more details Please sign up by May 23.



### 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.

**During this month as flowers begin to bloom in our gardens, please consider bringing some to be placed on Mary's altar at church. It is a beautiful tradition to give Mary this honor and beauty during her month.**



**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.