

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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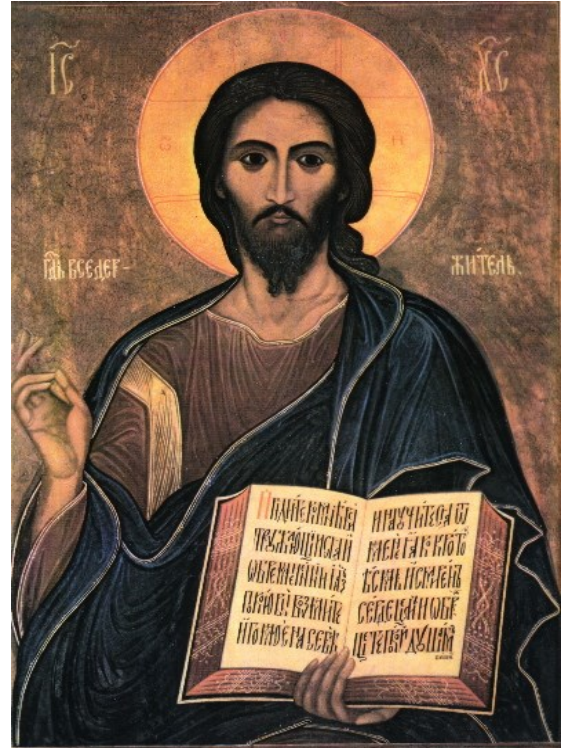
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May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep
my commandments. John 14:15

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

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension. This feast day where Jesus ascends into Heaven is traditionally celebrated on Thursday of this coming week but instead as has been the case for a number of years now most dioceses transfer the feast day to Sunday and celebrate it in the context of the Sunday Mass with the Feast of Pentecost the following Sunday. These final weeks of the Easter Season where the Church prepares for Jesus' immediate departure from His Resurrection from the dead and time on earth to the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon believers. The Spirit of Truth and Unity leads us in the one faith of the Catholic Church. In a Sacrament, the Church celebrates Confirmation where each believer receives the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit manifest at our baptism. The Holy Spirit is confirmed or strengthened in us to live as missionary disciples of Jesus. Today, the Church prays for a New Pentecost where the Holy Spirit will again stir up the boldness of believers to proclaim with word and action who Jesus is as God and man and how His death brings salvation to those who believe.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you courage and boldness. I am including here the Novena to the Holy Spirit. The tradition is that this was the first Novena ever prayed in the Church. A Novena is a prayer for nine days. On the original Ascension Thursday, the Apostles and Blessed Virgin Mary prayed for the Holy Spirit which came upon them at Pentecost.

Put this link into your smart phone and pray daily with the whole Church for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Pray that God may manifest His presence in our families and parishes. Pray that miracles of faith could happen in our faith communities and for a revitalization of Catholic faith here on the local level. Pray for Fr. Vogel as he prepares to be the pastor here in 6 short weeks!

Novena to the Holy Spirit:

The Novena begins this Thursday and consists of two prayers and then a daily prayer prayed on each specific day of the nine days leading to Pentecost.

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm>

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

(To be recited daily during the Novena)

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia

Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 15:26—16:4

Tuesday, May 23

Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8; John 16:5-11

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

Wednesday, May 24

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14;

John 16:12-15

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

Thursday, May 25

Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; John 16:16-20

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Virginia Van Rossum*

Friday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-7; John 16:20-23

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Paul Schmidt Sr*

Saturday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10, 5; John 16:23-28

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Ed Becker*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, May 28

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;

Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Keith Etherington*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Office will be closed May 29

Tuesday, May 23 7 p.m. All parish Pastoral Council meeting at St. Joseph

Tues., May 30 7 p.m. St. Matthew Finance Council

may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

(To be recited daily during the Novena)



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

Dorothy Lindemann, 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



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

Register now for Camp Summit August 7—10, 2017
For Youth entering 6-7-8 grade in fall of 2017
\$25 deposit before June 1,
\$50 after June 1
Registration forms are available at each church, or call the tri-parish office.



Camp Summit is a Catholic adventure camp featuring prayer experiences and activities such as archery, rock climbing, bonfires, high ropes course, teambuilding, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, dynamic speakers, confession, small group discussions, games, and more. Middle school students from all over the Diocese of Winona come to camp to witness Christ through prayer, each other, and the high-energy atmosphere. Camp Summit takes place at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, which is nestled in the beautiful Root River Valley.

Parish News

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.

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.



Please return registration and permission slip to the office by May 23rd.



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!

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!



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. Items can be dropped off at church or with Ceal Caldwell by June 6th. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated!!! Any questions, call Ceal Caldwell--317-0793.



Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who purchased a Mother's Day geranium in honor of moms both living and deceased at St. Teresa Church. \$200 was raised and will be sent to Options for Women, the pro-life counseling center in Mankato.

"Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting." ~Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Community News

Caregiver Support Group: for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our next session on June 6, 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).

Saint John Vianney Catholic School is accepting applications for a full-time 4th grade elementary teacher for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Qualified candidates must hold a valid MN teaching license in K-6 Elementary Education. Send cover letter, resume, references, transcripts, and a copy of your MN teaching license to: Saint John Vianney Catholic School Sarah Striemer, Principal 911 South Prairie Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 Deadline for application is May 29th.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (May 14)

Weekly collection	\$1382.50
Amount collected year to date	\$162,928.18
Amount budgeted year to date	\$149,960.00

St. Matthew (May 13)

Weekly collection	\$957.00
Amount collected year to date	\$39,580.38
Amount budgeted year to date	\$59,800.00

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 27 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Brad Lanoue
Minister of Communion: Cindy Young,
Justin Davis, Brad Lanoue
Hospitality: Dave Bartsch family
Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling
Money Counters: Char Schuch, Marie Sanders

May 28 St. Teresa 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Brett Sindelir
Minister of Communion: Don Landsteiner,
Gloria Langworthy
Hospitality: Noah Germo, John Hengel,
Jeff and Shelly Holt
Gifts: Ken and Anita Rigdon family
Servers: Nathan Trio, Alana Volk, Will Stencil,
Cole Stencil
Money Counters: Sandy Miller,
Jim/Arleen Swanson

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



	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	8	\$2175	\$4,770	46
St. Matthew:	10	\$2585	\$4,830	54
St. Teresa:	34	\$5790	\$13,900	42

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

Please sign up by May 23rd.
For more information pick up a pamphlet at church.



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).



During this month for Mary, 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



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.



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.