

St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

Good Thunder

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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 25, 2018 Second Sunday of Lent



“This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him.”

Mark 9:7

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. Vogel

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.



Hello

How is it going? May you count God's blessings today. We continue to pray for those who are on mission in Belize. We pray for their safety, but even more so, that they are able to give inspiration and show others the gift of God's love.

Not much is going on in the coming week. I'll be back on Friday. Maybe a little tanner. This week we hear about another covenant. Again, rather than an exchange of goods, God enters into a covenant with Abraham. God is willing to give Himself to Abraham. Is Abraham willing to give himself (or his son) back to God? Abraham does prove to be willing. This is obviously a foreshadowing of God the Father's willingness to sacrifice His only Son, Jesus, for our good. Because Abraham is willing, God enters into a covenant promising that Abraham's descendants will be as numerous as the star in the sky or the sands on the seashore. Again, what is holding us back from giving ourselves completely over to God? Do we lack trust? Do we lack knowledge of God's love for us? What is holding us back? God is God. He is love. He is truth. Jesus shows His disciples who He really is in the Transfiguration. Do we see Jesus for who He truly is?

May God bless and keep you,
Father Vogel

Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.

The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only begotten son.

In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see [Romans 8:32](#); [Genesis 22:12,16](#)).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"—as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved firstborn son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see [Matthew 1:1](#); [John 8:56](#)). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God—raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see [Deuteronomy 18:15, 19](#)).

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see [Exodus 24:1, 9, 15](#)). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (see [Sirach 48:9-10](#); [Malachi 3:1, 23-24](#)).

And, as He discloses to the apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see [Isaiah 53:3](#)).

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see [Psalm 116:3](#)).

His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did. Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows—as His servants and faithful ones.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, February 26 **Lenten Weekday**

Daniel 9:4-10; Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13;
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27 **Lenten Weekday**

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;
Matthew 23:1-12

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

Wednesday, February 28 **Lenten Weekday**

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16;
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 1 **Lenten Weekday**

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 2 **Lenten Weekday**

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Psalm 105:16-21;
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 3 **St. Katharine Drexel**

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Mary Breiter*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Margaret Hiller*

Sunday, March 4 **Third Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8-11;
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

9:00 a.m. Youth Mass at St. Teresa

People of the tri-parish

The tri-parish office will have limited hours during the next two weeks as Carol is in Belize on the mission trip.

The office will be closed:

Monday, Feb. 26; Tuesday, Feb. 27;
and Monday, March 5

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilting will begin again Feb.28

Tuesday, March 6 6:30 All Pastoral Councils at
St. Joseph Church

A Lent to Remember

This week: Session 2 An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.

During this week, watch the video, come to a study group, think about the questions given in the insert.

God loves us where we are, but He loves us too much to leave us there. This week looks more closely at God's invitation to encounter his mercy and healing in a very real way.



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

Kitty Cumbee, Mary Jo Gregor, Bernie Kunkel, Jim Kohout, Huxley FitzSimmons, Craig Etherington, Terry Hassing, *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 meet this week, February 28

This year's Middle School Lock-in will be Saturday, March 3 – Sunday, March 4th! All 6th—8th graders are invited to join us for an evening of games, food, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, fun, and much more! Please send in your registration to the tri-parish office by February 23rd. Contact Julia with any questions: triparishnff@hickorytech.net See you there!

Parish News

Each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Lenten supper following these devotions. Replacing the supper on one night will be the famous Fish Fry.

Come and take part in this traditional devotion.

St Matthew: Lenten Supper and Stations

Wednesdays during Lent:

There will be a supper served at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Meal will be provided by:

Feb. 28 St. Margaret Circle

March 7 Men's group

March 14 St. Ann Circle

Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 pm.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Lenten devotion.



Everyone is invited to attend supper after 5 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew's Church on Saturday, March 10. The supper will be sponsored by St. Margaret's Circle. Plan to join us for fellowship and great food!

Resources for your Lenten Journey:

The **Magnificat Lenten Companion**: There are daily Lenten reflections and ideas for penance. This is a great tool for increasing prayer during Lent.

Lent– Keep It Simple Pamphlets Information and suggestions for making a meaningful journey this Lent.

CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The idea is to deprive yourself of something— a favorite snack, a meal out, meat for a few days— and put the money you saved into the Rice Bowl. Pray for those less fortunate who never have the ability to have those things. At the end of Lent you take all the money you have sacrificed for and give it to the starving poor.

Rice Bowl items are available at all churches.



Correction: There was an error in the Tri-parish happenings section of the Newsletter that was recently mailed out: **The 7p.m. Good Friday Service and the 8 a.m. Easter Mass will take place at St. Joseph Church, not St. Matthew. Sorry for this error.**



A four week Tri-parish wide study :

Begins week of

February 18

Two ways to participate!

1. At home, whenever it works for you: To watch the videos at home go to **sjsmst.formed.org**. Register with a user name and password and you can log on to watch the video each week. Study points and questions will be in the bulletin each week.

2. At church with others— watch the video and spend some time in discussion.

Times available for group study:

Wed. at St. Matthew Church after stations (about 6:45 p.m.)

Thurs. at St. Teresa Church after Mass (9:15 a.m.)

Fri. at St. Teresa after stations and supper (about 6:30 p.m.)

The Belize Mission Trip team is in Belize! Please pray for the success of the mission, for the team, and for everyone we serve while in Belize. If you would like to get updates on the work that is being done, you can follow the blog at SJSMSST to Belize2018 (belize2018.blogspot.com)

Need something to inspire you this Lent? Go to one of these sites and sign up for a daily email message. A few minutes a day can renew your soul!

www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever;

www.lentseries.com

www.lentreflections.com/

Beginning the week of March 11 the study will begin reading the New Testament. This would be a great time to join the study! There will be 6 lessons in the New Testament. Please feel free to join any of the times listed

The Great Adventure Bible Study: The Bible Timeline, the story of salvation:

Current sessions:

Sunday 10 a.m. at St. Teresa

Tuesday 9 a.m. at St. Teresa

Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Mapleton Library

St. John Lutheran of Good Thunder is having their Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper on Sunday, March 11th, serving from 4:00 7:00 pm.



Maple River Coaches Scholarship and Wrestler Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 4th 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. \$6 under 6 years old eat free MR HS Commons Come around 10:30 a.m. to honor the "State Tournament Wrestlers"!

Maple River Youth Center fundraiser: Raffle and Pasta Bar at Maggie J's Feb. 26 5—7 p.m.

\$9.95/adults \$6.95 12 and younger
Raffle prizes: \$300 for Mapleton Farm and Home, \$300 at Dietz, \$150 in Mapleton Bucks



Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (Feb. 18)

Weekly collection	\$2111.00
Amount collected year to date	\$121,414.37
Amount budgeted year to date	\$111,656.00

St. Matthew (Feb. 10)

Weekly collection	\$877.00
Amount collected year to date	\$29,285.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$40,491.00

St. Joseph (Feb. 17)

Weekly collection	\$1637.00
Amount collected year to date	\$36,926.32
Amount budgeted year to date	\$37,298.00



Ministry Roles

March 3 St. Joseph 5 p.m.

Reader: Jen Berkner

Ministers of Communion: John FitzSimmons,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Paul and Rhonda Barnard

Servers: Ben Trio, Zach Trio

Money counters: Cassie Winters,
Paul FitzSimmons

March 4 St. Teresa 9 a.m.

Reader: Youth

Ministers of Communion: Jim Swanson,
Arleen Swanson, Shelly Holt

Hospitality: Youth

Gifts: Youth

Servers: Evan Klein, Grant Klein, Landon Fox,
Hayden Fox

Sacristan: Karen Langworthy

Money counters: Jan Sonnek, open

Donut team: Joel Schmidt, Mike Sheely,
Steve Trio

**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



*We Adore You O Christ and
We Praise You*

"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Special prayer time during Lent will be available: beginning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Teresa on each of the six Sundays in Lent, Fr Vogel will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin a time of Adoration which will continue until 10:00 p.m.

Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there will be sign up sheets available to make sure someone will always be present the entire time that Jesus is exposed on the altar each Sunday. Please consider if you will be able to make that commitment and promise to Jesus to stay with Him awhile. Of course, anyone can come at any time during the day to pray without being signed up.



"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.



Last weekend kicked off the Catholic Ministry Appeal for 2018. You should have received a mailing from the Bishop explaining the appeal and giving you an idea of where the money raised goes. There was also an insert in the bulletin with some of this information. This appeal constitutes about one third of the budget for the diocese and is the funding for much of the Diocesan outreach programs.

Each year the Diocese sets a goal for each parish. Following are the goals for our parishes:

St. Joseph	\$5,030
St. Matthew	\$4,260
St. Teresa	\$14,980

If a parish does not reach its goal the difference must come from general funds. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal.

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. 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."
~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta