

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. Teresa
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Matthew
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Joseph

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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October 12, 2014 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. Psalm 23 1-3a

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. Kern

Veni Sancte Spiritus! Come Holy Spirit! This past Wednesday we prayed for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us and upon our seven juniors who were sealed with these gifts. The Sacrament of Confirmation seals and strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit that come to us in our baptism. The Holy Spirit empowers us. Fortifies us. Unites us. We are given the grace to live for God more fully through the Holy Spirit. I pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our three parishes; how would it be that each one of us were fully alive with the Spirit of God. For myself, I know all too often I allow daily concerns and worries to 'press down' my desire to live for God. I pray for the gift to avail myself to God's Presence more each day and to allow that Presence to strengthen and console me each day anew. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed parishioners.

Update on Pastoral Planning: Currently I am relaying some basic data and information along with the vision and goals the Diocese has given us to our Parish Pastoral Councils (two meetings down, one to go in early November). This information is statistics that help us see the shape and reality of what we are dealing with and at this time do not offer any real proposals or plans. That will come from the diocese in the months ahead; for now we want to work with the vision and plan the diocese is presenting and seek to find how we fit into that plan. I ask your prayers for the diocesan planning and encourage you to read the articles in the Courier (diocesan newspaper) each month (found online at dowcourier.org). I encourage you not to let this be a time of fear or frustration, though certainly those feelings will be there, it is a time to devote ourselves more deeply to Jesus and ask for His grace for the Church—trust in God, after all that's all we have in the end. Thanks for your patience and understanding as this difficult process unfolds.

This weekend we begin our monthly youth masses. These are a joyful occasion and are a reminder to me of the pressing need to help our young people engage in the life of faith. We started our youth groups this last month, but these will be a failure if you don't send us your children. I know they are too cool to come to Church more than once a week on Sunday, and while I am happy for them (note the sarcasm), if we don't find a way to encourage our youth to have fun and grow in the faith, they will never make a relationship with God a priority in their lives. Please help me and our volunteers help our youth to engage their faith through youth group and activities in the near future.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, October 13

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Psalm 113:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *John Breiter*

Tuesday, October 14

St. Callistus

Galatians 5:1-6; Psalm 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Luke 11:37-41

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *Reparation for our sins*

Wednesday, October 15

St. Teresa of Avila

Galatians 5:18-25; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 11:42-46

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Beatrice Forsythe*
5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa *People of St. Teresa Parish*

Thursday, October 16

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; St. Hedwig

Ephesians 1:1-10; Psalm 98:1-6; Luke 11:47:54

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Lillian Pfeffer*
3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH † *Winifred O'Connor Hansen*

Friday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Ephesians 1:11-14; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Luke 12:1-7

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Ruth Daly*

Saturday, October 18

St. Luke

2 Timothy 4:10-17; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18; Luke 10:1-9

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Deb Wallace*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Joan Langworthy*

Sunday, October 19

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *Intentions of the
Conley Hiller family*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilters group at St. Teresa

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa

Thursdays 9 a.m. Study of the Joy of the Gospel
at St. Teresa

Monday, October 13 7 p.m. St Teresa CCW

Thursday, October 23 7 p.m. St. Joseph Finance Council



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

Cathy Lentz, Becky, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, Kathleen Abrahamson, Yolande Abrahamson, Charles McColl, Chris FitzSimmons

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

Faith Formation Classes No class 15th. Please attend Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Teresa for the feast of St. Teresa of Avila.

Tri –parish High School Youth Group- Hayride!

All students in grades 9—12 are invited to a hayride 4 p.m. Sunday, October 26th at Doug and Tammy Schmidt's home. Call for directions or more information.

Parish News

Our churches will be producing a new pictorial directory with Lifetouch. Our photo dates are:

St Joseph, Wednesday, Oct 29 2:00-9:00

St Teresa, Tuesday- Friday, Nov 4-7 2:00-9:00

Saturday, Nov 8 9:00-4:00

St Matthew, Tuesday, Nov 11 2:00-9:00

You do not need to attend the days Lifetouch will be in your parish, but may attend any of the times and dates.

You will receive a complimentary portrait session, 8x10 portrait, and directory for participating. If you would like to bring in a personal item to photograph with such as sporting equipment, an instrument, a medal, jewelry, a Bible or pet that is encouraged and will be incorporated into your portrait session. You can sign up for a session after Mass any weekend in October, or call: for St. Joseph, Maureen at 340-7774; St. Matthew, Donna at 278-3980; St. Teresa, Gloria at 524-3649.

If you will not be available for pictures, but would like one to be in the directory, we encourage you to submit a photo. Please contact the tri-parish office if you wish to have a picture submitted for the directory.

Wednesday, Oct. 15th is the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, the patroness of St. Teresa Parish. To honor her and pray for her continual intercessions for us there will be a special **Mass at 5:30 p.m. that day**. Please plan now to make the time to attend this Mass on the feast of our patroness.

Treats for Troops



St. Teresa is once again collecting items to use for baskets to send to the troops. Please be generous in your support. The boxes for the troops will be **packed on Saturday, November 8**, from 9—11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Mapleton. Anyone available to help that day is encouraged to come. There will be a second collection at all Masses the weekend of November 1 and 2. All funds collected will be used to buy items for the boxes and to mail them. For more information contact Dilly Langworthy.

Learn about the Catholic Faith

Tuesdays 7 p.m.—8:15 p.m. at St. Teresa

Join Fr. Kern as he teaches a course on the Catholic Faith that will enhance your understanding of Christ and His Church. This course will be for all those interested in the RCIA process as well as any one interested in growing closer to Jesus. Questions?—please contact the tri-parish office or Fr. Kern. It is never too late!

Area CCW meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 20 at St. Matthew in Vernon Center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and Lynn Demuth of Wendlandt Greenhouse will be the speaker. All women of the tri-parish are invited. This is a great opportunity to connect with women in the area since this meeting is being held in one of our parishes!

Baby Bottle Campaign gives alternatives to abortion.



Assist Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with children through their Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home and filling it with your spare change.

Please pick up a baby bottle from the back of church. Contact person for St. Joseph is Leah Davis, for St. Matthew is Mary Lewis, and for St. Teresa, Dilly Langworthy.

St. Teresa CCW: If you have not yet paid dues for this year, please do so soon. Forms are available at church or in the tri-parish office. Thank you, we look forward to a great year.



Congratulations to Kyle and Aubrey Sieberg who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Oct. 4 at St. Teresa Church. Please pray for Kyle and Aubrey as they begin their new life together.

St. Teresa: Next potluck supper and viewing of Catholicism: Episode 2 will be Saturday, October 25th after the 5 p.m. Mass. A great time and good food was had at last month's potluck—plan on attending in October!

Next weekend is Mission Sunday; there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Propagation of the Faith, which seeks prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.

Community News

A Style Show is coming to St. John Lutheran church on **Sunday Oct. 12 from 2-4pm.**

Sonja Parr is an educator for Fair Trade clothing. Sonja has been in ministry for ten years and is now pursuing clothing education. She speaks passionately about relevant fashion and ethics, and tells the story of those who make our clothing. Sonja brings a message of hope with the many possibilities and the learning we can all do around our clothing production. She will speak a few minutes on the clothing and then we will have our models showing the clothes followed by refreshments. There will be clothes to purchase that day or you can order in time for Christmas. Please come enjoy this event and bring your daughters, moms and grandmas.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (October 4)

Weekly collection...	\$2442.45
Amount collected year to date...	\$37,707.28
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$44,296.00

St. Matthew (Sept. 28 & Oct. 5)

Weekly collection.....	\$1347.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$11,213.55
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$17,407.00

St. Joseph (October 4)

Weekly collection	\$532.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$9835.80
Amount budgeted year to date	\$15,820.00



Ministry Roles

October 18 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Sue Morrow

Minister of Communion: Deb Hager,
Don Landsteiner

Hospitality: Cliff and Marcie Anderson,
Shawn and Sara Wenner family

Gifts: Cliff and Marcie Anderson

Servers: McKenzie Reuter, Will Stencel,
Cole Stencel

Money Counters: Marie Gartner, Vicki Kunkel

October 19 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Cindy Young

Minister of Communion: Char Schuch,
Justin Davis

Hospitality: Kevin Schulz family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Kitty Cumbee,
Wendy Bennett

October 19 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Patty Thomas

Minister of Communion: Dan Sohre,
Dean Sohre

Hospitality: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Gifts: Dick and Julie FitzSimmons

Servers: Ben Trio, Will Trio

Money Counters: Laureen Sohre, Dan Sohre

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



Please pray for our country!:



"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."

--Saint Padre Pio **Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.**

St. Teresa Church

Come and See! A discernment retreat with the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus New Ulm Friday, October 17—Sunday, October 19 for single women ages 20—30 to register contact Sr. Maris Stella at handmaids1@gmail.com or 507-276-9128



October is **Respect Life Month** and known for its focus on the beautiful gift of life from our creator and for offering the Rosary to our Blessed Mother. Another beautiful prayer is the "*Spiritual Adoption Prayer*." The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular, but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live. To help accomplish this, it was recommended an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of one year. **"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."** During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them. (Crusade for Life Intl., North Glenn, CO)



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will be praying the rosary before each Mass during the month. Please come to Mass 20 minutes early to pray this beautiful prayer to Our Lady while we meditate on the mysteries of Our Lord's life. If you would be able to help by leading the rosary one day, please contact the tri-parish office.

St. Anthony Catholic Gift Store Located in the hall at St. Teresa **Stop in for Rosaries, Rosary cases, and more!**

All proceeds from sales go to support the many initiatives for the youth of our parish that Father is promoting.

Tired of politics as usual? Frustrated by political parties and special interest groups just looking for more power? The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC), the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in MN, is offering you an opportunity to go beyond partisan politics and explore how we can all better "think with the Church" when considering the policy issues, decisions, and people we choose to support.

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at St. Joseph the Worker in Mankato at 6:30 p.m. The talk is free and open to everyone. Reflect on how to live as a faithful, Christ-filled citizen in a challenging culture.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Everyone is invited to take part in the 40 Days for Life effort from September 25 through November 2. In addition to **40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America**, please consider volunteering to pray outside of Planned Parenthood in Mankato for one or more hours during the 40 days. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Dr. Joseph Eckert at 507-387-3544, or go to www.40daysforlife@gmail.com