

# 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

## Tri-Parish Office

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## Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica



Cathedral of the  
Church of Rome  
and

“Mother Church of  
the Whole World”  
for Catholics

### 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

I am grateful that Fr. Will Thompson was with us last weekend to remind us of our need to support and encourage God's call to priesthood in the hearts of young men. However, it reminded me that I can't get away with just vocally supporting or telling guys that they would make good priests, I need to develop and nurture a young man's call to the priesthood. The call from God comes subtly and quietly and it comes in prayer. This means that unless a young man is willing to listen to the interior voice of God in his heart, he will likely miss the call to follow Jesus to the priesthood. This begs the question for me of how are we as a community nurturing and developing the call of the young men and women in our parishes to authentically hear a call from God? The culture far from aiding in this, constantly distracts with music and noise to drown out any interior life.

As Catholic families, we need to find ways to more readily encourage our young people to authentic living in Christ and to learn how to pray. If all we ever do is bring them to mass and Wednesday night class are they truly learning how to pray? I have encouraged catechists in the past on this topic and this past week I spent about 20 minutes in prayer (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class. For some, this was their first exposure to this type of prayer. I know it certainly affected each one of them differently and some more than others, but if we don't show them how to pray they will never have a desire for prayer or to learn how to grow closer to Jesus. In our modern day we so desperately desire to be entertained with loud sound and flashy shows or stuff that we find prayer boring or feel like we are just sitting there doing nothing. What does it mean to listen to God and to be attentive to Him in prayer? It is my desire that our parishes might become places of prayer and deep encounter with God. Do you have a desire for this too? I hope so! It would be a great sadness to me if someone in our parish felt like prayer wasn't supported or encouraged or that they didn't know how to pray. This Advent I will be providing a great opportunity for prayer in our Tri-Parish. Last year on each Sunday of Advent myself or Deacon Chris gave a talk on prayer and then had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This year I am going to promote a day of prayer on each Sunday of Advent. After the morning mass at St. Teresa's we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Jesus will be available all day on the altar to come and pray before. We will need to have at least two people present at all times while He is exposed in adoration, but this opportunity is timely as we will join in hundreds of parishes throughout the country that have adoration 24/7. It is time for us to grow in prayer and in relationship with Jesus Christ as individuals and parishes and there is no better way than spending a half hour or hour with Him while we adore Him and praise Him. I am very excited for our parishes to pray in this way. Might we pray for our families and for an increase of priests in the Diocese of Winona.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

**Monday, November 10 St. Leo the Great**  
Titus 1:1-9; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 17:1-6  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Don Minkel*

**Tuesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours**  
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;  
Luke 17:7-10  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *Fr Greg Leif*

**Wednesday, November 12 St. Josaphat**  
Titus 3:1-7; Psalm 23:1-6; Luke 17:11-19  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Charlene Wallace*

**Thursday, November 13 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini**  
Philemon 7-20; Psalm 146:7-10; Luke 17:20-25  
**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** † *Larry Langworthy*

**Friday, November 14**  
2 John 4-9; Psalm 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Luke 17:26-37  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Winifred Madsen*

**Saturday, November 15 St. Albert the Great**  
3 John 5-8; Psalm 112:1-6; Luke 18:1-8  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Jack Krough*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *John Breiter*

**Sunday, November 16 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128:1-5;  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30  
**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 <u>Joy of the Gospel</u> at St. Teresa
Monday, November 10	7 p.m.	St. Teresa CCW Please meet in the dining hall due to blood drive
Thursday, Nov. 13	7 p.m.	St. Joseph Pastoral Council

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



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

Ken Irvine, Pat Borchert, Cathy Lentz, Becky, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, Kathleen Abrahamson, Yolande Abrahamson, 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** All classes will be held **Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** at regular times.

**High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa.**

**Jr High Youth Group** meets the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa. All 6-8 grade students are encouraged to attend.

### Upcoming Service Opportunities for Youth:

**Wednesday, December 3 – Spaghetti Feed fundraiser**  
Youth volunteers needed for shifts between 3:30-7:30  
Help set up tables, serve food, clear tables, dishes

**Sunday, December 7 – Collect food at Kiwanis Lights – Sibley Park**

Need volunteers from 3:30-6 (including travel)  
Help collect food for Loaves & Fishes from 4-5:30

**The Tri-Parish Youth are sponsoring a Spaghetti Feed as part of the Snowflake Dazzle festivities on December 3, from 4:30-8 PM, at St. Teresa's Dining Hall. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!**



Supper is provided and a free-will donation will be collected with all profits going toward the Catholic Heart Work Camp (mission trip) and Steubenville conference happening next summer. (*Corrected dates for Steubenville: July 10-12*)

Adult volunteers (as well as youth) are needed the night of the event. We are also in need of 8 families willing to donate a pan of bars for the event.

Please contact Jason or Karen Langworthy if you can help with any shift from 3:30-9 or if you can provide a pan of bars. Thank you!

Great opportunity for youth entering 9—12 grade next fall:  
**Catholic Heart Work Camp (Mission Trip)**

July 19-25 in Detroit Lakes, MN

REMINDER: \$85 deposit is due December 5

See website for more information: <http://heartworkcamp.com/dates/detroit-lakes-mn/>

or talk to Father Kern.

## Parish News

**Baby Bottle Campaign gives alternatives to abortion.** Thanks to everyone who has returned a bottle. Please return your filled bottles by November 12.

**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.

**Pictures are almost complete for our new tri-parish photo directory.** If you were unavailable for pictures but would still like to be included, you may submit a picture, no larger than 5x7, to the tri-parish office by November 19th. If you have questions, call the office— 524-3127. The last day for pictures to be taken:

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

Names, address and phone number will be published in the directory for all registered parishioners regardless of whether a picture is included.

**St. Teresa Reminder:** Please remember to keep up to date on your pledges for the magnificent renovation of the church. If you make quarterly payments, the first quarter payment for this year is due in October. Your generosity and diligence in making timely payments is greatly appreciated. If you feel that you cannot complete your pledge due to changes in circumstances, please contact the office or Fr. Kern.



We joyfully welcome into the Catholic family and into St. Matthew Parish family Bentley Ray Johnson, son of Tiffany Davis and Brandon Johnson. Bentley was baptized at St. Matthew on Sunday, November 2. May the good and almighty God continually bless Bentley and his family and hold them in the palm of his hand.

## Community News

### **November is National Adoption Awareness Month**

Adoption is an act of love. People turn to adoption when they want to love and provide for children. Catholic Charities has been creating families in the Diocese of Winona for 67 years. Visit us at [www.ccwinona.org](http://www.ccwinona.org) or call Catholic Charities for adoption information at Mankato, 507-387-5586.



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Teresa Church on Monday, November 10 from 1—7 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling Peg at 420-1286 or on line [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code:017145

We invite you to participate in the **Ecumenical Choir which will sing during the Mapleton Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** to be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Wed., November 26 at 7 pm. To prepare for this performance, the Ecumenical Choir will have two practices: Wed., Nov. 12 and Wed., Nov. 19. These rehearsals will be at 7:15 pm both times and will take place in the St. John Church Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!



**The Amboy Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** will be held this year at First Presbyterian Church, Amboy November 26 at 7pm.

People interested in singing in the choir that night are invited to do so. Practice will be held November 12 and 19 at 7:30pm. All voices are welcome! Questions can be directed to Pastor Elaine please at 674-3895

Coffee and bars will be served following the service. Please stay & share in the fellowship time.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (November 1)

Weekly collection...	\$1914.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$45,204.78
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$56,962.00

### St. Matthew (November 2)

Weekly collection.....	\$1199.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$14,784.05
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$22,763.00

### St. Joseph (November 2)

Weekly collection .....	\$780.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$13,107.12
Amount budgeted year to date	\$20,340.00



## Ministry Roles

### November 15 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** GERALYN VAN ROSSUM

**Minister of Communion:** Kay Proehl,  
Debbie Reuter

**Hospitality:** Jeff and Shelly Holt,  
Jim and Jackie Landsteiner

**Gifts:** Lynn and Ceal Caldwell

**Servers:** Nolan Braaten, AJ Kunkel,  
Samantha Kunkel

**Money Counters:** Bob Bissonette,  
Tammy Schmidt

### November 16 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Darla Graf

**Minister of Communion:** Devin Moline,  
Charly Roelofs

**Hospitality:** Kim Van Sickle family

**Servers:** Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

**Money Counters:** Kitty Cumbee,  
Maria Sanders

### November 16 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Kevin FitzSimmons

**Minister of Communion:** Dick FitzSimmons,  
Marybeth Olson

**Hospitality:** John and Jan FitzSimmons

**Gifts:** John and Jan FitzSimmons

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money Counters:** Cassie Winters,  
Paul FitzSimmons

**Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: [sjsmst.org](http://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**

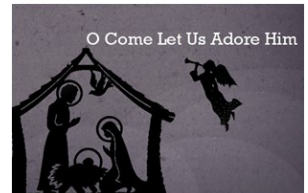
**Diocese of Winona History Books** are now available for purchase. Look for them after Mass at each church; they are also available from the tri-parish office. These books are hard cover, full color, "coffee table" quality with a wealth of information about the history of the diocese and a full page on the history of each parish. The cost for this beautiful book is only \$35.

### Seeking Farmers for All-Expenses-Paid trip to East Africa

Catholic Rural Life is seeking farmers to participate in the Farmer to Farmer program, which sends U.S. volunteers with agricultural expertise to share skills and help build capacity for East African farmers through short-term training and technical assistance projects. Volunteers may be individuals, farmers, and industry leaders with a range of expertise in agriculture. The duration of volunteer assignments is normally about three weeks, with travel, lodging, meals, travel insurance, visas, and other basic expenses covered by CRS. For more information contact Deacon Chris at 507-469-5563

*Let us prayerfully watch for the coming of the Lord*

**After the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa on each of the four Sundays in Advent Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin the time of Adoration. Adoration will then continue until 6 p.m. when Father will close with Benediction.**



Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there will be sign up sheets available at each church beginning next weekend to make sure someone will always be present from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. each Sunday. We will have half hour slots and you can sign up for one, two, or as many as you want! 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.

This is a great opportunity to increase your awareness of the true meaning of Christmas and prepare for the Lord's coming.  
Attend as a family!



**During the month of November, at each church, a "Book of Remembrance" will be available** to write the names of your loved ones who have departed from this world. We will remember those who are written in the book in a special way this month and pray that eternal rest is granted to them.

**Marriage Encounter:** Bring the best marriage possible into the Christmas season by attending the December 6-7 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for a listing of additional retreats or call 651.454.3238.

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