

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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November 16, 2014 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways! Psalm 128:1

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

At times in my life I take it for granted how blessed we are to be able to call upon God and both ask for His grace for our lives and depend on Him when we are afflicted or sorrowful. I

have often said to friends that I cannot imagine suffering or facing death without knowing and trusting in my relationship with Jesus Christ. This weekend we are now just two weeks away from Advent. Though it has come upon us quickly, Advent is always such a beautiful and blessed time to prepare our hearts for Christ. Next weekend we will celebrate the feast day of Christ the King as the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Advent begins and again solidify our hearts and wills as those who have pledged their devotion and dedication to the service of Jesus Christ. These days serve as a time to renew ourselves in love of God and in service—the best way to do this is by first presenting our hearts and minds to Him in prayer.

This Advent I want to make the focus of our preparations for Christmas the opportunity to grow closer to Jesus in prayer. In the tradition of Catholic spirituality we have never been afraid of using the word intimacy in describing our relationship with our Triune God—the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit regarding our prayer. Though sometimes in modern language this word has a sexual connotation, intimacy in the spiritual life means a close friend or the inner most part held in unity. Each of us has a need for intimacy and has need for authentic relationships. Since my mother's passing two and a half years ago my father continues to miss most her physical presence or the laugh they would share etc. The love and care we have for one another creates a great void if this is missing. This is all the more true in our relationship with God. We each have a longing in our human heart that we can look to fill with anything and everything in a worldly sense, but if we do not allow God to fill our heart we will always lack that union with God. Please join us in prayer this Advent at the Church of St. Teresa for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament where we will have the opportunity to welcome Jesus as He comes to us in prayer. In this time of quiet and meditative prayer we have the opportunity both to reflect on our own hearts and all that we want to bring to God in our lives as well as receive the love He wants to pour out into us. Please sign up for a half hour time slot and even do it each Sunday of Advent as there is no greater way to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas than to spend time with His Real Presence welcoming Him into our Heart as He takes flesh in our world.

Finally, **PARENTS**, please consider sending your son or daughter (entering grades 9-12) to our mission trip this summer July 19th-25th. I am very excited to bring our youth on this trip as it is work hard by day and party (in a dynamic holy Catholic way) by night. They will have a blast and grow in their faith. I have asked to register with a \$85.00 deposit by December 5th. Also, in the letter I sent to you I foolishly misprinted the dates for the Steubenville Conference (for high school youth) this summer. The correct dates are the weekend of July 10th-12th.

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, November 17 **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 18:35-43
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Fr. Charlie Quinn

Tuesday, November 18 **The Dedication of the Basilicas
of Sts. Peter and Paul;
St Rose Philippine Duchesne**
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Psalm 15:2-5; Luke 19:1-10
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *Reparation for our sins*

Wednesday, November 19
Revelation 4:1-11; Psalm 150:1-6; Luke 19:11-28
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Charlene Wallace

Thursday, November 20
Revelation 5:1-10; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; Luke 19:41-44
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Deb Wallace
3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH † Henry Stenzel family

Friday, November 21 **The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
Revelation 10:8-11; Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Luke 19:45-48
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Theresa Healy

Saturday, November 22 **St. Cecilia**
Revelation 11:4-12; Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10; Luke 20:27-40
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Virgil Beaudry
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Lucille Kunkel

Sunday, November 23 **Christ the King
of the Universe**
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Charlene Lunz Schuch
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

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
Thursday, Nov. 20	7 p.m. St Matthew Finance Council



Contribution envelopes for 2015 will be available soon. If you wish to receive envelopes and have not in the past please call the office. Also, if you have received envelopes in past years but do not wish to receive/use them call the office as well. If you would like to start or change having your contributions automatically transferred, authorization forms are available. Thank you for your generosity.



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 19th** at regular times.

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations: KTOE 1420 AM, KEEZ 99.1 FM, KJLY 104.5 FM Also on KEYC TV (also on their website)

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

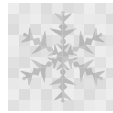
REMINDER: \$85 deposit is due December 5

See website for more information: <http://heartworkcamp.com/dates/detroit-lakes-mn/> or talk to Father Kern.

Parish News



Thank you to everyone for your generosity to the Treats for Troops program. Our tri-parish collected \$857 to be used to send a special gift of appreciation to the young men and women from our area serving in the armed forces.



St. Teresa: Snowshoveler's sign up: It's that time of year! There are sign-up sheets at both church entrances for families to take care of the clean up after a snow fall. Your help in this task is greatly appreciated. Please be generous with your time.

St. Teresa: Potluck supper will be held on Saturday, November 29 after the 5 p.m. Mass. Instead of viewing an episode of the Catholicism series, we will have an Advent kick-off event. Please plan to join us for this celebration as we begin the holy season of Advent.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. at St. Teresa Church. Eucharist means thanksgiving; come and give thanks to God in the Eucharistic celebration.



We joyfully welcome into the Catholic family Mason Gartner, son of Mark Gartner and Tanya Ramaker. Mason was baptized at St. Teresa on Sunday, November 9th. May the good and almighty God continually bless Mason and his family and hold them in the palm of his hand.



Next weekend at each church there will be Advent wreaths, candles, and the Magnificat Advent Companion available to help with your advent preparations for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Reminder— You can still submit a picture for the tri-parish directory. Please contact the office-524-3127 by Nov. 20th if you would like to have your picture included, we would love to have you!

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.cwinona.org or call Catholic Charities for adoption information at Mankato, 507-387-5586.

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



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 8)

Weekly collection...	\$2163.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$47,367.78
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$60,126.00

St. Matthew (November 9)

Weekly collection.....	\$841.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$14,784.05
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$22,763.00

St. Joseph (November 9)

Weekly collection	\$1150.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$14,257.12
Amount budgeted year to date	\$21,470.00



Ministry Roles

November 22 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Shelly Holt

Minister of Communion: Mary Ellen Larson
Sandy Miller

Hospitality: Bernie and Dilly Langworthy,
Jason and Karen Langworthy

Gifts: Paul and Brenda Carey

Servers: Jacob Rigdon, Kayla Rigdon,
Will Stencel

Money Counters: Marie Gartner, Ann Walters

November 23 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Carol Schulz

Minister of Communion: Darla Graf,
Tony Wendlandt

Hospitality: Neal Wallace family

Servers: Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

Money Counters: Linda Anderson, Jodi Roelofs

November 23 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Connie Peters,
Christine Rahn

Hospitality: Rob and Sarah McGregor family

Gifts: Rob and Sarah McGregor family

Servers: April Klecker, Ethan McGregor

Money Counters: Maureen Hollerich,
Dan Sohre

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjmst.org

Our Catholic World



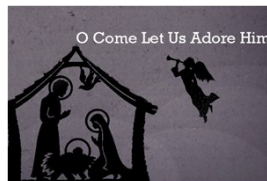
Please pray for our country!:

"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.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection will be taken next weekend. The Campaign for Human Development funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Your support of the CCHD collection helps in every area of the United States so that together, we can defend human dignity. Pray for those who receive CCHD support and for all our brothers and sisters struggling through poverty.



Let us prayerfully watch for the coming of the Lord

At 9 a.m. on the first Sunday of Advent, and after the 8 a.m. Mass the next three Sundays, Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar at St. Teresa Church and begin the time of Adoration. Adoration will then continue until 6 p.m. (4 p.m. on Dec. 7) when Father will close with Benediction. There will be books and other materials to aid you in your time before the Blessed Sacrament.

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.-Benediction 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 take some quiet time amidst all the busyness and noise to truly focus on the true meaning of Christmas.
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 for a listing of additional retreats or call 651.454.3238.