

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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## January 4, 2015 Epiphany of the Lord



Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance. Isaiah 60:3

### 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

Epiphany, in my opinion, is the most important forgotten feast in the life of the Church today!

The Feast of Epiphany (meaning a sudden or profound meaning or understanding) celebrates the moment when the magi arrived at the manger with Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes and bowed down in worship and presented their gifts as offerings to the Divine presence, to the one who would suffer, and to the one who is King. I say this day is a forgotten feast because we fail to recognize its significance in our day where we get swept up in the culture that says Christmas is long past. Christmas has just begun! The revealing of who Jesus truly is has now begun! These seekers from the Far East arrive and offer worship and homage to a baby! This is an unfolding of the reality that this child lying in a trough is the savior not just for Israel, but for the whole world—indeed for you and me. This is cause for exultation! Epiphany is one of the highest ranking feast days in the life of the Church and we tend to forget about it. This weekend, let us be reminded of our need to give homage to the Christ child and to bring our gifts to Him and lay them open before Him. The most precious gift we offer Jesus is the gift of ourselves in love.

Soon after the marvel of this spectacular day of the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world, the Holy Family will flee persecution and identify themselves with the thousands of martyrs as well as the thousands of people who have fled religious persecution or other forms of violence in their land. We pray in a particular way for Christians who are driven from their lands in many countries in our modern world as well as the many persons in our world who have fled for other reasons with hope of a better life in a distant land. This difficult decision to leave family and homeland comes at a great price and we as Christians have a duty to be there to welcome them.

Thank you for your welcome of Fr. Raymond Sorin a missionary priest who works in tandem with an organization called Food For the Poor. This organization is one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation and feeds millions of hungry people throughout the numerous countries they serve. Also, thank you for your prayers for me while I am away at the SEEK Conference with 10,000 college students and for each of us to be drawn to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ! I will be back early this week.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

**Monday, January 5**                      **St. John Neumann**  
1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12;  
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa**

**Tuesday, January 6**                      **St. Andre Bessette**  
1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Communion Service at St. Joseph**

**Wednesday, January 7**                      **St. Raymond of Penafort**  
1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Charlene Wallace*

**Thursday, January 8**  
1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15, 17; Luke 4:14-22  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Cecil and Bernardine Dickey*  
**3:30 p.m. Mass at MCH** † *Winifred Madsen*

**Friday, January 9**  
1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Duane Diedrich*

**Saturday, January 10**  
1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 3:22-30  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Lucille Kunkel*  
**5:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph**  
*People of the tri-parish*

**Sunday, January 11**                      **The Baptism of the Lord**  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10;  
Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11  
**8:00 a.m. YELL Mass at St. Teresa** † *Keith Etherington*  
**10:00 a.m. Youth Mass at St. Matthew** † *Martin Graf*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters group at St. Teresa will <b>not</b> meet until Jan. 28
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Thursday, Jan. 8 6:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Pastoral Council
Monday, January 12 7 p.m.	St. Teresa CCW
Thursday, Jan.15 7 p.m.	St Joseph Finance Council



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

Bill Barnard, 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 will be held on Wednesday, January 7.**

**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)

## Parish News

**We are looking for volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels** delivery. St. Teresa's does January, April, July, and October. We have to replace Ron and Mary Hartman and we have other openings as well. It is usually one week at a time and takes about 1/2 hour each day. Please contact Sue Morrow at 327-6432 or 524-4147 if you can help. Thank you!

**Contribution envelopes for 2015** are available at each church. Please pick up your envelopes as soon as possible. If you do not see a box for you and would like one, please contact the tri-parish office, 524-3127. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### Tri-parish Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be Sunday, **January 4** at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Teresa gathering space. We will discuss the book My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir by Colleen Carroll Cambell. Refreshments will be served; hosting the meeting are Becky Anderson and Ceal Caldwell. Everyone is invited for a time of relaxation and interesting conversation.



### St. Joseph's Loaves and Fishes Mass

**January: Youth Camps and Bingo**  
Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> beginning with 5 p.m. Mass

After Mass: Downstairs for BINGO and food  
- Please bring a donation for the local food shelf  
- St. Joseph's Choir will lead the music liturgy  
*All are welcome! All the time.*



**St. Matthew: Please plan to join us for breakfast after Mass on Jan. 4, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Circle. Free will donation**

*The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.*

-Pope Benedict XVI

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun

**Sunday, January 25 6 p.m.—8 p.m.**

St. Teresa dining hall

### Tri-parish Bingo and pie social

25 cents/card, winner takes whole pot

(snacks served during Bingo, pie and ice cream at break time)



If you had your picture taken for the tri-parish directory and are only receiving the free 8x10, that picture is available at your home parish, not where you got the picture taken. The pictures will be on a table near the entrance to church.

**St. Teresa women:** During the winter months there are several members of the funeral unit who have gone south. If any one would be willing to help out by working a funeral during these months, if needed, please contact Ann Walters: 524-3455. Thanks!

**St. Teresa:** A reminder to everyone who pledged a quarterly payment for the church Renovation project. The next payment is due in January. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Open your heart to 10 and 11 year old children from Northern Ireland this summer. Children's Program of Northern Ireland is looking for Host Families for the Summer of 2015. Children will arrive at the end of June for 5 weeks. If your family or someone you know is interested in hosting, please contact Karol Baumesiter for more information at (651) 405-1108 or [cpni@cpni.org](mailto:cpni@cpni.org)

## Community News

### Open house bridal shower

for Elissa (Taylor) and Ethan Karels  
Saturday, January 10 10 a.m.—noon  
First Presbyterian Church, Lake Crystal The couple is registered at Target, Kohls, and Herbergers

**Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast,**  
**sponsored by Maple River Band Boosters**  
Sunday, January 4;

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the High School

Cost: \$6 age 5 and older; \$7 at the door, Advance tickets are available from any band member. Please come and support the Maple River instrumental music program.

Start the new year out right – spend some quality time renewing your marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are January 9-11 in Bismarck, February 6-8 in Buffalo, February 13-15 in Windom, February 20-22 in Fargo, March 20-22 in Baxter. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact John & Mary Beth at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-838-8178.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (Christmas and Dec. 28)

Weekly collection...	\$7939.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$88,551.90
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$82,274.00

### St. Matthew (Christmas and Dec. 28)

Weekly collection.....	\$13,713.25
Amount collected year to date...	\$38,231.30
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$33,445.00

### St. Joseph (Christmas and Dec. 27)

Weekly collection .....	\$4653.50
Amount collected year to date...	\$25,033.50
Amount budgeted year to date	\$29,380.00



## Ministry Roles

### January 10 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Patty Thomas,  
Jim Wieseler

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money Counters:** Eli Depuydt, Kim Kleven

### January 11 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

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

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Gifts:** Youth

**Servers:** Adam Dickey, Will Stencil,  
Cole Stencil

**Money Counters:** Tammy Schmidt,  
Sandy Miller

### January 11 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Youth

**Minister of Communion:** Denise Peterson,  
Mary Lee Corey

**Hospitality:** Youth

**Servers:** Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

**Money Counters:** Wendy Bennett, Lee Corey

**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

**"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." --Saint Pope Pius IX**

**Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. St. Teresa Church**

Make a New Year Resolution to pray more in 2015. One way to do this is to make a commitment to join in and pray this most powerful prayer. Although the Rosary can certainly be prayed in private, there is much joy and strength praying together as family. Our country and our lives are in desperate need of God right now. Please consider joining when you can.

### Respect Life

*"Pope Francis has seen a deeper link between the poor and the pre-born. They are both among the first victims of a 'throw-away society,' an attitude that sees people as disposable when they do not serve the selfish interests of those with more power."*

— "Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle," 2014 Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany,** is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

For many years in the English speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church."

For more information got to: <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=442>

**Spain, Fatima & Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Come along November 9-19, 2015, to some of the most sacred places in all of Europe. We'll visit Barcelona, Montserrat Monastery, Lourdes, Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Lisbon and so much more! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,279 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, Immaculate Conception Parish, P.O. Box 658, Cherokee, Iowa 51012 or call 712-225-4606 or email [frdanguenther@gmail.com](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com)