

## 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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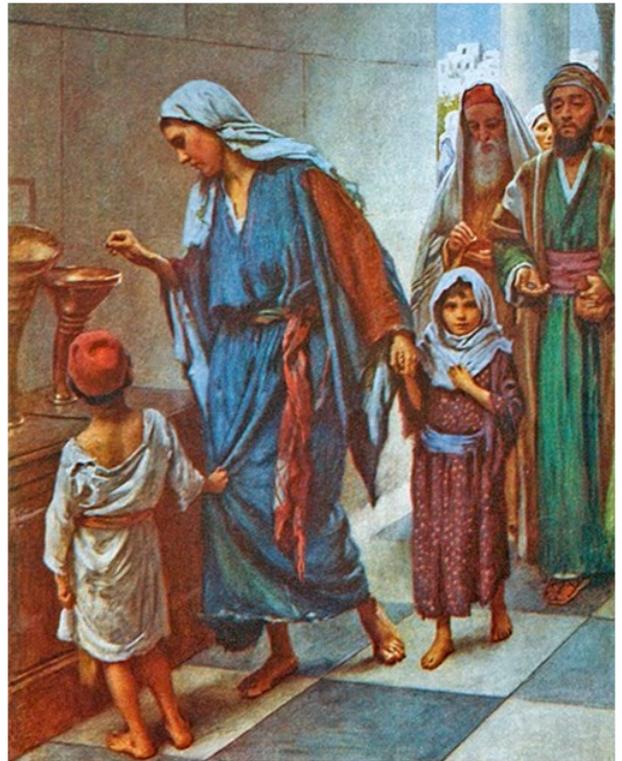
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## November 8, 2015 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow  
put in more  
than all the other contributors to the treasury."  
Mark 12:43

### 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. Jason Kern

This Sunday at 2pm we offer our congratulations to our 8 juniors in the Tri-Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Easton. The Confirmation is celebrated by Bishop John Quinn along with the Tri-Parish of Wells, Easton, & Minnesota Lake. This will be a grace filled day and I thank you for your prayers for those to be confirmed. I also would like to extend a sincere thanks to all those who labored as a catechist for this class and anyone else who has had a role in forming this group of young people in a life of faith and the Church.

Confirmation is the Sacrament that strengthens and fortifies the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the soul of the Christian. By the Bishop laying his hands on the one to be confirmed, sealing them with holy chrism oil, and praying down the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon them they are fortified to live as a soldier of Jesus to take up spiritual battle in the world. Confirmation should not be thought of as becoming an adult in the Church or simply taking ownership for your faith. The components of that are real as the Christian is sealed with their baptismal graces to live a life of holiness and perfection but truthfully the Sacrament of Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation in the life of faith and is the full expression of God's grace for the beginning of living in the power of the Holy Spirit and the life of faith. Confirmation is much more of a beginning than it is completion of a process of faith formation. In many dioceses in the United States Confirmation is being moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade as a way to express this and seal the young person with the grace they need to grow in their life of faith in the world. In many Eastern Christian traditions, Confirmation follows immediately upon the baptism of an infant and the child is confirmed in the same instance as they are baptized. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

Finally, thank you for welcoming Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy next weekend as he makes his mission appeal for his home Diocese of Kadapa, India. Fr. Marreddy has served for a number of years in the Diocese of Winona (close to 10 and has been pastor of at least 3 parish clusters over this time). He is currently the pastor of the Tri-Parish of St. Ignatius in Spring Valley, St. Finbarr in Grand Meadow, & St. Patrick in LeRoy. Fr. Marreddy will ask for your financial support for the ministries in his home diocese in India which includes evangelization, pastoral, education, prison ministry, care of orphans, child laborers, dropouts, health care in the

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, November 9

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Tuesday, November 10

**Pope St. Leo the Great**

Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-19; Luke 17:7-10

**Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph**

Wednesday, November 11

**St. Martin of Tours**

Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 12

**St. Josaphat**

Wisdom 7:22—8:1; Psalm 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 13

**St. Francis Xavier Cabrini**

Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19:2-5; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 14

Wisdom 18:14-16,; 19:6-9; Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Luke 18:1-8

**5:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes Mass at St. Joseph**

*Reparation for our sins*

Sunday, November 15

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 17:10-16 ; Psalm 146:7-10; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Don Minkel*

**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** *People of the tri-parish*

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

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| Wednesdays 1 p.m.           | Quilters at St. Teresa                              |
| Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.        | Rosary at St. Teresa                                |
| Monday, November 9 7 p.m.   | St Teresa CCW                                       |
| Tuesday, Nov. 10 6:30 p.m.  | Meeting for all three Cemetery boards at St. Teresa |
| Tuesday, Nov. 17 7:00 p.m.  | St. Matthew Finance Council                         |
| Thursday, Nov. 19 6:30 p.m. | VIRTUS training at St. Teresa                       |

interior villages and programs for the empowerment of women. Their diocese is very young. It has a team of 140 priests, 450 catechists and 400 nuns serving in the missions to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Your help makes the difference. Please be generous in supporting this mission of Christ and our mission with your kind prayers and donations. God bless you.



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

Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Maureen Springer, Chris Fitz-Simmons

*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 meet Wednesday, Nov. 11**



**Congratulations to the following students, who will be Confirmed in Christ** this Sunday, November 8th at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Easton. Please pray that they are open to the

Gifts of the Holy Spirit and allow them to penetrate their souls.

### St. Joseph Parish

Kelsey Sohre, daughter of Dan and Teresa Sohre

### St. Matthew Parish

Jeffrey Lewis, son of Jon and Sheila Lewis

### St. Teresa Parish

Colter Carey-Fritz, son of Gary Fritz and Suz Carey  
Allison Denn, daughter of Jennifer Erickson  
Adam Dickey, son of Owen and Theresa Dickey  
Olivia Hoppe, daughter of Joel and Darlette Hoppe  
Eric Langworthy, son of Chris and Michelle Langworthy  
Dustyn Schmidt, son of Doug and Tammy Schmidt

## Parish News

**At each church, a "Book of Remembrance" is 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.



### The month of November is National Adoption Month.

The flowers placed on Mary's altar at St. Teresa are to honor all adopted children in our tri-parish families.

**St Teresa CCW will be sponsoring a fundraising breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 9—11 a.m. at St. Teresa to benefit the Belize Mission Trip**

Eggs, ham, potatoes, fruit and muffins  
Free will donation.



All proceeds will be used to purchase materials to build small, solid shelters for some people in Belize to help them live a better quality of life. Please spread the word, and come to support this mission work.

**Any adult volunteer or employee in the Diocese who has contact with children** must complete a 2 1/2 hour Safe Environment training. If you think you may attend youth events, chaperone, or drive our youth to an event, you must complete the VIRTUS training. The training in our tri-parish will be Thurs., Nov. 19th at St. Teresa from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Contact the office if you would like to register.

**St. Teresa CCW meeting** on Monday, November 9th will be held in the dining hall due to the Bloodmobile being held at St Teresa that day. Please enter the church through the east door and go down the back stairs, if possible.

### Adult study opportunities this fall.

**Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays 6:15. at St. Teresa

**Men's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Neil Majeski's garage. Call Neil for more information:327-3559.

**Monday night study on the Eucharist** Mondays at 6:30–7:30p.m.at St. Teresa gathering space. **(We will not meet Nov. 9th)**

**Thursday morning Bible Study** We begin after the 8:30 a.m. mass at St. Teresa and meet downstairs.

**Women's Book Club** Meets the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Teresa Gathering Space.



**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 was 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.



Please return all baby bottles to your church or to the tri-parish office. Thank you for your support of mothers and babies in need of help and love.

## Community News

All those from our area churches who enjoy singing are invited to participate in a special Ecumenical Choir for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on November 25th at St. John Lutheran Church in Mapleton. We will have just one rehearsal, which will be at St. John's on Wed., Nov. 18 at 7 pm. Please join us that evening for some singing fun and fellowship.



**Thank You, LORD!**



The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Teresa Church on Monday, November 9 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: MAPLETONMN

**Birthright of Mankato** is celebrating its 43rd anniversary in November. For 43 years they have been helping girls and women in unplanned pregnancies. In that time, they have worked with thousands of women in Mankato and the surrounding area, always with the pro-life philosophy that "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." Birthright volunteers thank everyone who has helped financially and with your prayers during those years, and hope you will continue so they can continue their mission.

**Birthright is in need of volunteers.** Please give serious consideration to giving a few hours a month to helping with this vital service to save lives. For more information, call Lois at 388-4558.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (November 1)

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| Weekly collection...             | \$4721.50   |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$52,142.50 |
| Amount budgeted year to date ..  | \$56,954.00 |

### St. Matthew (November 1)

|                                  |             |
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| Weekly collection.....           | \$613.25    |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$14,039.40 |
| Amount budgeted year to date...  | \$23,976.00 |

### St. Joseph (October 31)

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| Weekly collection .....          | \$451.00    |
| Amount collected year to date... | \$13,491.10 |
| Amount budgeted year to date     | \$20,268.00 |



## Ministry Roles

### **November 14 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.**

**Reader:** John Hollerich

**Minister of Communion:** Jim Wieseler,  
Hollie Smith

**Hospitality:** Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

**Gifts:** Neal Grover, Larry Hollerich

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money Counters:** Lauren Sohre,  
Paul FitzSimmons

### **November 15 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** Peg Breiter

**Minister of Communion:** Brenda Carey,  
Owen Dickey

**Hospitality:** Lynn and Ceal Caldwell,  
Paul and Shellie Landsteiner

**Gifts:** Peter and Ann Langworthy

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

**Money Counters:** Ann Walters, Vicki Kunkel

### **November 15 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.**

**Reader:** Art Schuch

**Minister of Communion:** Neal Wallace,  
Dave Weir

**Hospitality:** Charly Roelofs family

**Servers:** Jeff Lewis, Joseph Bennett

**Money Counters:** Kitty Cumbee, Neil Majeski

**Ministry schedules are available on the website:** [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org)

## Our Catholic World



What am I most thankful for in my marriage for this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. For the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** 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. Early registration is highly recommended!!

*The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.* -Pope Benedict XVI

**The entire month of November is dedicated to praying for the souls in Purgatory.** To this end, there are some cards and pamphlets available at each church to aid us in this month of praying for the faithful departed. These are beautiful devotions to pray for our own loved ones and for all those who have no one to pray for them. And remember—once they get to heaven, they will be praying for you!

**The Diocese of Winona's Annual Women's Conference**, featuring recording artist and music missionary Danielle Rose, will be held in Austin at Pacelli Catholic School on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-4...*that's only 3 weeks away!* Register now at [www.dow.org/women](http://www.dow.org/women) for an event you don't want to miss! Call the tri-parish office for more information or to register.



### **Catholic Charities Adoption Day Celebration**

Join families from across the Diocese of Winona who have created their families through adoption and those families who are ready to adopt by celebrating National Adoption Day on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Catholic Charities is hosting a potluck lunch and Mystifying Magic Show at St. Bridget Church in rural Simpson. Lunch will be at 11:30am and the entertainment at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Jenny Wolfe at 507-387-5586, extension 2 or [jennywolfe@ccwinona.org](mailto:jennywolfe@ccwinona.org) with the number attending by November 13.

### **Please support the Tri-parish Mission Trip to Belize**

Jesus continually calls us to give generously and sacrificially to the poor. In the Gospel Jesus tells the rich young man to sell everything and give the money to the poor. He tells his disciples "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." We are called to notice God's suffering children and reach out to them. One opportunity to do this is for our tri-parish community to unite in aiding the poor in Belize. Please consider being a part of this mission by picking a day, or more, on the calendar to aid in the financial needs of the trip and to pray for its success. If you have questions about this mission, call the tri-parish office.

**It's that time of year and in the holiday spirit**, Maple River Loaves & Fishes will again be handing out Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes. In these boxes are a complete meal, including a turkey or ham and all the trimmings plus dessert. We will be packing the boxes on November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at St. Teresa's and handing them out on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm and December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6 pm at St. Teresa's in Mapleton. We can always use volunteers to help! The cost for the boxes is \$40/box and we anticipate handing out over 130 this year for each holiday. Please consider sponsoring a box (or several) this holiday season. Our mailing address is PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065. God Bless!