

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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November 15, 2015 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"And then they will see 'the Son of Man
coming in the clouds'
with great power and glory, . Mark 13:26

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

Thank you again today for welcoming Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy 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 asks 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, drop-outs, health care in the 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. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this mission of Christ and our mission with your kind prayers and donations.

This mission appeal typically takes place in the summer months but Fr. Marreddy had returned home to India for the month of July. It worked out well for me to invite him to come this weekend as I have been scheduled to be away on retreat this week. Thank you for your prayers for me as I return Monday this week (16th). I have been on retreat this week at Gethsemani Abbey, a Cistercian Monastery of Trappist Monks located about an hour south of Louisville, Kentucky. It will be days of silent prayer and reflection which I am grateful to God for the opportunity to pull back and call upon Him in a deliberate way for a week. It is an incredible blessing and grace to be given this opportunity and actually the Church sees it as so important that the church requires every priest to take a minimum 5 day retreat each year. This will fulfill that requirement for me but more importantly will provide me with deliberate rest and renewal that each of our hearts are made to find from time to time. Blessed be God!

By way of interest the following is the schedule that the Trappist Monks I will be staying with keep (I'm not certain I'll make everything...):

- 3:15 am Vigils (Office of Readings)
- 5:45 am Lauds (Morning Prayer)
- 6:20 am Eucharist
- 7:30 am Terce (Mid-Morning Prayer)
- 12:15 pm Sext (Mid-Day Prayer)
- 2:15 pm None (Mid-Afternoon Prayer)
- 5:30 pm Vespers (Evening Prayer)
- 7:00 pm Rosary
- 7:30 pm Compline (Night Prayer)

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, November 16

**St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude**

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Luke 19:1-10

Tuesday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3:2-7; Luke 19:1-10

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

Wednesday, November 18

**The Dedication of the
Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul,
St Rose Philippine Duchesne**

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 19

1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Luke 19:41-44

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Howard La Fleur*

Friday, November 20

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12;
Luke 19:45-48

10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Karl Duncanson*

Saturday, November 21

**The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Luke 20:27-40

7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Lucille Kunkel*

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, November 22

**Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe**

Daniel 7:13-14 ; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; Revelation 1:5-8;
John 18:33-37

8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Theresa Healy*

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *James Larson*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilters at St. Teresa

NO Quilting on November 25th

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary 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

The soul of the one who loves God always swims with joy,
always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing.

—St. John of the Cross



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. 18

Youth will be sponsoring the Spaghetti Feed during Snowflake Dazzle, on Wednesday, December 2. We are in need of adults and youth to volunteer their time that night to help set up, serve, and clean up. This is a great opportunity for youth to get service hours and you could even invite your sponsor to join you.

We are also looking for 12 people who would provide a pan of bars for dessert that evening. Please contact Karen or the tri-parish office if you can help in any way.

Parish News

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This is the US Bishop's anti-poverty program. See insert for more information.

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

All proceeds will be used to purchase materials to build small, solid shelters for some people in Belize. Each person traveling to Belize to work is paying for his/her own expenses.



Snowflake Dazzle Spaghetti Feed Wed., December 2
Serving 4:30—7:30 p.m. Free will donation

Tri-parish Youth Group will be sponsoring a spaghetti feed as a fundraiser for the youth group trips next summer. This will be during Mapleton's Snowflake Dazzle, so plan to attend and then enjoy the festivities around town. The youth really enjoyed their trips last year to Steubenville North Conference, Mission Trip to Detroit Lakes, and Camp Summit, and we hope we can count on your support again this year.



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.

Next week we will have sign up for Liturgical Ministries. If you are currently on the list for a ministry and would like to come off, please contact the office. We will not remove anyone unless we hear from you. Thank you to everyone who serves the church in through a liturgical ministry.

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.

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



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.

Open house Bridal Shower for Racquel Doyle, bride to be of Jacob Walters, son of Bob and Brenda Walters. Saturday, November 21 at 10 a.m. at St. Teresa Church. The couple is registered at Target and Kohl's.



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.

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven. -Saint Ephraem of Syria

Community News



Pancake Dinner Sunday, November 22
11 a.m.—1 p.m. St. John's Lutheran , Willow Creek
Pancakes, sausage, apple sauce
Free will offering

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 "Lights on Main" event in Vernon Center will be held Sat., December 5 at St. Peter Lutheran Church. The community is asked to donate baked goods/candies for the sale. Items can be brought to St. Peter's between 9am and noon on the 5th. Contact Pat Doyen 549-3469. Dinner will be at 5 p.m., the parade begins at 6:30p.m. To join the parade, or for more information, contact Will and Paula Purvis, 549-3420.

All proceeds benefit the 4th of July celebration.

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 8)

Weekly collection...	\$4049.28
Amount collected year to date...	\$56,191.78
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$60,118.00

St. Matthew (November 8)

Weekly collection.....	\$391.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$14,430.40
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$25,308.00

St. Joseph (November 7)

Weekly collection	\$677.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$14,168.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$21,394.00



Ministry Roles

November 21 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Maureen Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Mary Caven,
Leah Davis

Hospitality: Lee and Linda Hiller

Gifts: Lee and Linda Hiller

Servers: April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

Money Counters: Rachel Depuydt,
Maureen Hollerich

November 22 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Ceal Caldwell

Minister of Communion: Kevin Donovan,
Alice Germa

Hospitality: Jeff and Vicki Kunkel,
Tony and Connie Bach

Gifts: Joel and Mary Ellen Larson

Servers: Ethan Sindelir, McKenzie Reuter,
Brooke Reuter

Money Counters: Jan Sonnek, Sandy Miller

November 22 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Carol Schultz

Minister of Communion: Tony Wendlandt,
Cindy Young

Hospitality: Steve Roelofs family

Servers: Kallie Majeski, Julianna Majeski

Money Counters: Linda Anderson, Char Schuch

Ministry schedules are available on the website: 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 or contact John & Mary Beth at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-838-8178. Early registration is highly recommended!!

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 21st from 9-4...*that's only 3 weeks away!* Register now at www.dow.org/women for an event you don't want to miss! Call the tri-parish office for more information or to register.



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

Beginning on November 29 at 11 a.m. at St. Teresa and continuing on each of the Sundays in Advent, Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin the time of Adoration. Adoration will then continue until 10 p.m. when Father will close with Benediction.



Since we can never leave Our Lord alone, there will be sign up sheets available to make sure someone will always be present from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. each Sunday. 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 having signed up. Don't worry about how to spend this time in prayer—books and aids for prayer are available for your use.

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!



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. **All funds raised will be used to buy needed equipment and materials for the work in Belize. All those going to Belize pay their own expenses.** If you have questions about this mission, call the tri-parish office.