

# St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

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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 (1st, 3rd, 5th)  
At St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)  
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Teresa

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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## September 10, 2017 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself."  
Love does no evil to the neighbor;  
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:10

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

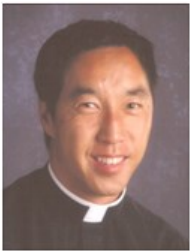
**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before each weekend Mass, 8a.m. Thursday at St. Teresa or by private appt. with Fr. Vogel

### 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.



Hello!

How are you guys doing? Life is going great. It's busy with all the Newman stuff and keeping up with the parishes, but it is a good busy. God has blessed me with this assignment. Thank you for making it what it is.

I'm looking at the calendar and not seeing much.

It is probably too late, but just a reminder to join us at St. Joseph's for Mass at 12 noon on this weekend, Sunday, September 10 with fun activities to follow.

If you are interested, there is a Christian music concert at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Easton. It is a fundraiser to raise money to build a handicap accessible entrance. That is at 2 PM also today (tomorrow), Sunday, September 10.

None of us are perfect. If you think you are, then you're not. We all sin. We all sin against others that we should love. Jesus tells us this weekend what to do when someone sins against us. He doesn't tell us to get back at them or to talk about them behind their back. He says we must approach him or her one on one. If he or she doesn't listen to us, bring in two or three others into the situation and explain to them what is going on based on two or three witnesses. If that doesn't work, bring him or her to the church. I think the important thing for us today is the first step. So often we chicken out. I think part of it is because our society, and sometimes even our Christianity tells us we need to be tolerant. Yes we need to be tolerant. We need to be tolerant of others. But we shouldn't be tolerant of their sins. If we truly love them, we should want them to go to heaven, to be holy, to be the best they can be. That means not sinning. So after prayer, after asking God what is the right way to approach someone, we need to hold each other accountable to love, to greatness, to holiness. This also means that when we are on the receiving end, we need to be humble and admit that what we did was wrong. This is usually not easy to do. We need grace and humility. To pray for that each day.

May God bless you and keep you during the start of this fun time of year.

Peace,  
Father Vogel



"As we are under great obligations to Jesus for His Passion endured for our love, so also are we under great obligations to Mary for the martyrdom which She voluntarily suffered for our salvation in the death of Her Son."

These words were spoken by St. Albert the Great and sum up why we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. From the moment Mary accepted her chosen role of being the mother of "the Son of the Most High," She knew how much her son would suffer for the sins of mankind. Although she grieved as she witnessed her son being put to death for crimes He didn't commit, she trusted God's plan and never questioned Him. As she told the angel Gabriel, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." **The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is celebrated on September 15 and is dedicated to honoring the spiritual martyrdom of Mary.** <https://blog.catholicfaithstore.com>

More information on the seven sorrows of Mary is available at the entrance to each church.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, September 11

Colossians 1:24—2:3; Psalm 62:6-7, 9; Luke 6:6-11

### Tuesday, September 12

#### **The Most Holy Name of Mary**

Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11; Luke 6:12-19

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

### Wednesday, September 13

#### **St. John Chrysostom**

Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-13; Luke 6:20-26

**4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa**

### Thursday, September 14

#### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38;

Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Ben "Jerry" Carey

### Friday, September 15

#### **Our Lady of Sorrows**

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11;

John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

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

### Saturday, September 16

#### **Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Psalm 113:1-7; Luke 6:43-49

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Paul G Schmidt

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. St. Joseph** † Cecil and

Bernardine Dickey

### Sunday, September 17

#### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 27:30—28:7; Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12;

Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *People of the tri-parish*

### **Meetings and Events in the tri-parish**

Wed. Sept. 13 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation meeting

**Collection for Hurricane Harvey victims** a second collection is being taken up this weekend to send to Catholic Charities to be used for the immediate help to the victims of the unprecedented flooding in Texas. If you were unable to contribute at Mass, you can still donate. Please send your contribution to the office, or put in a clearly marked envelope in next week's collection. All funds will be sent to the Diocese Catholic Charities to be distributed as needed.

### **Pro-Life Presentation — All are welcome!**

MCCL will offer a pro-life presentation on Wed., September 13 at 7 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Mankato (in DeSmet Hall). You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, MN abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship at the free one hour gathering! For more information visit the Events—Fall Tour section at [www.mccl.org](http://www.mccl.org)



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

Emily Minkel, Craig Etherington, Don Shubert, Deanna Shanahan, Terry Hassing, Bill Barnard, Dorothy Lindemann, Don Landsteiner, Bill Fleming, *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

Youth Faith Formation for the new year will begin Wednesday, September 20th. Registration forms have been mailed out. If you did not receive one, please contact the tri-parish office.

St. Matthew students: The St. Matthew CCW has generously volunteered to pay for your tuition, so you do not need to send in any payment with your registration.

**Please return registration forms as soon as possible.**

**Confirmation:** This year Confirmation will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Casimir Church in Wells.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13 there will be a meeting at St. Teresa for all 9th and 10th graders who are preparing for Confirmation. At least one parent and the student must attend. Information and expectations for the year will be presented. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Tri-parish Youth Faith Formation program is looking for more adult volunteers who are excited about passing on the teachings of the Church to the younger generations for this upcoming faith formation year! We are still in need of:

- **4th grade catechists**
- 3-4 classroom assistants
- 3-4 substitute catechists

Training and support will be provided.

If you feel called to offer your time and your talents and serve the Church in this way, please talk to either Father Vogel or the faith formation director, Julia Bressler. Julia can be reached at (320)-266-8397.



**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
CGS Open House - Sunday, Sept. 10, 1-3 PM  
at St. Joseph's (during Festival in the Park).**

Please contact the following people if you are interested in helping with any of these projects.

- Wood Working - Neil Majeski, 507-327-3559

- Crafting - Kim Kleven, 507-420-1866

- Sewing or Hand Work - Karen Langworthy, 507-995-0988

- Or contact the tri-parish office for any of the projects

We are still in need of supplies for the Atrium. .

*Additional supplies needed -*

*1 - box Borax ; 5 lb. bag Flour ; 1 container of Lemon Oil ; 1 container of Linseed Oil ; 1 box Q-tips ; 1 - 12 oz. Rubbing Alcohol ; 1 - 1 lb. Salt ; 1 qt. White Vinegar ; 1 - 6.4 oz. toothpaste*

Please drop off donations to the box located in each church.

An updated list can also be found on the tri-parish website: [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org) under the faith formation tab.

## Parish News



**Alive in Christ Event!  
Wednesday, September 27  
Why Be Catholic?**

Free Dinner served 5:30—6:30 p.m.  
6:30 –7:30 p.m. All K-8 grade students  
Faith Formation activity  
6:30 –7:30 p.m. Adults and HS students

Short presentation by Fr. Vogel explain the core of our beliefs as Catholics and then your questions about the Faith answered-

*Learn why it is so awesome to be Catholic!!*

You will have the opportunity to write down questions that evening that Fr. Vogel will answer. Additional question and answer time will be added after 7:30 if needed.

Are there teachings of the Church you don't understand, are you wondering what makes Catholics different, are you wondering why we believe what we believe? Come and get answers!

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: We are looking for someone who would be willing to help  
: with the monthly youth Mass at St. Matthew by being at the  
: Mass and helping the youth complete the assigned minis-  
: tries. If you are willing to help please let Julia know or con-  
: tact the tri-parish office.  
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**St. Matthew: We are only three weeks away  
from the Oct. 1 Turkey Dinner and items/  
monetary donations are still needed for the  
raffle and silent auction!**



If you are willing and able to make any donations please contact Cindy Young or drop off at church. All funds raised at the dinner, raffle, and auction go towards the faith formation expenses of St. Matthew youth.

**Festival in the Park Sunday, September 10**  
at St. Joseph Church and park  
Mass at noon—Family Fun until 3 p.m.

**St. Teresa CCW:** Reminder—the Fall Meeting is Monday, September 11 in the church basement, beginning with supper at 6 p.m. and a presentation by Sr. Joyce to follow.

**St. Teresa:** We are in need of one or two families who would be willing to help with the scheduling and organizing of the donuts after Mass. Donuts after Mass during the school year benefits the youth and is a long standing tradition. It adds to hospitality and fellowship in our parish. Please consider helping to keep this going. If you have any questions or are willing to help, contact Doug or Tammy Schmidt, Butch Bach, or the office.



## Community News



Open house Bridal Shower for MacKenzie Determan, fiancé of Ben Carey, on Sunday, September 10 at 1 p.m. at St. Teresa Church. The couple is registered at Farm and Fleet, Kohl's Target, and

Walmart.



## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (September 3)

Weekly collection	\$1460.50
Amount collected year to date	\$22,118.75
Amount budgeted year to date	\$32,840.00

### St. Matthew (August 26)

Weekly collection	\$1747.00
Amount collected year to date	\$6406.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$11,043.00

### St. Joseph (September 2)

Weekly collection	\$575.00
Amount collected year to date	\$7054.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$10,970.00



## Ministry Roles

**September 16 St. Joseph 5 p.m.**

**Reader:** Julie FitzSimmons

**Ministers of Communion:** John FitzSimmons,  
Mary Beth Olson

**Hospitality:** Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

**Gifts:** Paul and Gina FitzSimmons

**Servers:** Ben Trio, Will Trio

**Money counters:** Eli Depuydt, Dan Sohre

**September 17 St. Teresa 9 a.m.**

**Reader:** George Leary

**Ministers of Communion:** Tony Bach,  
Ted Landsteiner

**Hospitality:** Noah Germe, John Hengel,  
Jeff and Shelly Holt

**Gifts:** Lynn and Ceal Caldwell

**Servers:** Landon Fox, Julia Langworthy,  
Ethan Sindelir, Aiden Sindelir

**Money counters:** Bob Bissonette, Kay Proehl

Ministry Schedules are available on the website:  
sjsmst.org

Let us understand that God is a physician, and that suffering is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for

## Our Catholic World



### Coming soon:

#### ***The Great Adventure Bible Study: The Bible Timeline, the story of salvation:***

*"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek him, the greatest adventure" -St. Augustine*

The Bible is at the heart of our Catholic Faith-and our relationship with God.. It is the living Word of God, where our Father meets with us and lovingly speaks to us. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is not always easy. *The Great Adventure* is designed so that anyone can make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. At the core of the study is the concept that there is a story running through the Bible that ties all of Scripture together—a story that not only makes sense of the Bible but of our lives as well.

That story is God's plan as it has unfolded throughout history and continues to unfold today. **Once you grasp the "big picture", the readings at Mass begin to make more sense, Scripture reading comes to life, and we see how we fit into God's loving plan!**

Join us to gain a newfound understanding of God's Word that will transform your life and bring you closer to Christ. There is nothing more important than that— it will last for eternity.

Times and days for the study will be announced soon.

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see [Galatians 6:16](#)).

He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on laws of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see [Leviticus 19:17-20](#); [Deuteronomy 19:13](#)). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers – similar to those given to Peter (see [Matthew 16:19](#)). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see [John 20:21-23](#)).

But the powers He gives the apostles and their successors depends on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well.

Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths.

We should never correct out of anger, or a desire to punish. Instead our message must be that of today's Psalm – urging sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and the rock of our salvation.