

# 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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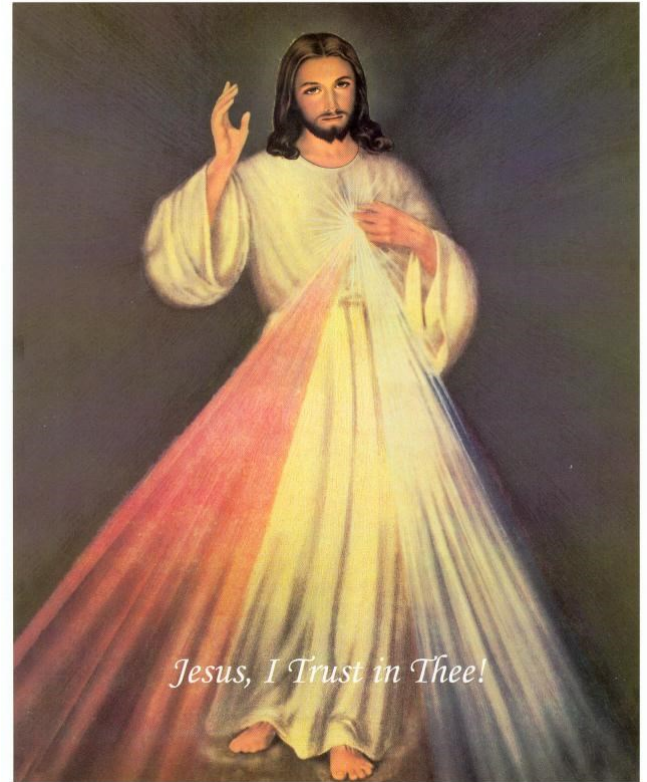
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**April 8, 2018**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**



*On that day the very depths of my  
tender Mercy are open."*

*From the diary of Sr. Faustina*

### **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. Happy Easter!

We will be in the Easter season until Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday. So continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the gift of eternal life to us.

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday or the Feast of Divine Mercy. St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, was a polish nun who heard Jesus tell her to call people to a renewed devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus. Pope John Paul II, in 2000, canonized St. Faustina and declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday is important today, maybe even more so than in the past. I know a lot of people just assume everyone, or almost everyone, goes to heaven. We have to remember that Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:13-14) Balance that with St. Faustina saying over and over again how desperately Jesus desires to save souls. So we can't be lazy in our relationship with Jesus. We need to work in availing ourselves to Jesus' saving grace and be transformed. We must not assume our salvation. However, nor should we be discouraged (that only a "few" find the narrow road that leads to life). What we do need to do is ask and pray to receive Jesus' Divine Mercy.

According to the weather forecast, we are suppose to come out of our deep winter a little this week. I believe some snow is still forecasted, but that by the end of the week we might even get around 50. So we'll see. I'm sure the farmers are itching to get into the fields. I'll say some extra prayers.

Thank you for all who worked so hard to make our Holy Week services so beautiful. Thank you.

Have a blessed week,  
Father Vogel



You will notice that the Feast of the Annunciation is celebrated this week, on April 9th. The normal date for the Annunciation is March 25 (9 months before Christmas!) Because this year March 25 fell on Palm Sunday, that day trumped the Annunciation. The feast is then celebrated on the next available date. This year both Holy Week and the Octave of Easter take precedence and so the first available date was April 9. The Annunciation of Our Lord is too important to just not celebrate, as would happen with a memorial for a saint, so we still celebrate it, just at a much later date. Remember to commemorate this feast on Monday— pray the Angelus or the Magnificat, and thank Jesus for taking on human flesh to save us from our sins.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

**Monday, April 9**      **The Annunciation of the Lord**  
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10;  
Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday, April 10**  
Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7-15  
**8:30 a.m. Rosary for vocations at St. Joseph**

**Wednesday, April 11**      **St. Stanislaus**  
Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

**Thursday, April 12**  
Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benedict**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa**      † Catherine Kack

**Friday, April 13**      **St. Martin I**  
Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15  
**10:30 p.m. Mass at MCH**      † Eugene Langworthy

**Saturday, April 14**  
Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21  
**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benedict**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa**      † Louis Sonnek  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew**      People of the tri-parish

**Sunday, April 15**      **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9;  
1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48  
**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa**      Paul and Esther  
Carey families, living and †dead

A word about Mass Intentions: If there is a cross by the name, that person is deceased. If there is not a cross the intention is for a living person or people.

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

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilting

Monday, April 9 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW

Tuesday, April 10 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Councils

Tuesday, April 17 6:45 p.m. St. Teresa  
Finance Council



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

Ryan Grover, Lucille Beaudry, Kitty Cumbee, Mary Jo Gregor, Bernie Kunkel, Jim Kohout, Huxley FitzSimmons, Craig Etherington, Terry Hassing, *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

**Classes will meet this week, April 11.**

Our tri-parish community celebrates as these children meet the Lord in Holy Communion, and for the first time receive the Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. What a joyful occasion for all of us! Please pray for these children as they receive the second sacrament of initiation.



### St. Joseph: April 21

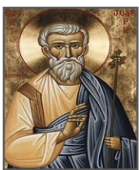
Liam Caven, son of Nick and Sarah Caven  
Katelyn Davis, daughter of Landon and Leah Davis  
Grace Fischer, daughter of Joseph and Christina Fischer

### St. Teresa: April 15

Andrew Braaten, son of Mike and Jessica Braaten  
Javen Byram, son of Jay and Mandy Byram  
Adriana Fox, daughter of Luke and Karen Fox  
Eli Healy, son of John and Kari Healy  
Dacotah Robbins, daughter of Amy and Tracy Robbins  
Sophia Stencel, daughter of Jay and Stephanie Stencel  
Nolan Vait, son of Billy and Maggie Vait  
Kaya Wenner, daughter of Shawn and Sara Wenner  
Alex Walser, son of Andy and Lori Walser

## Parish News

**Summer Mass Schedule:** Beginning May 5/6 the Mass schedule in the tri-parish will be adjusted for the summer months. There will be no Saturday evening Mass. On Sunday St. Teresa will have 8 a.m. Mass and St. Joseph and St. Matthew will rotate the 10 a.m. Mass.



### St. Joseph: Saturday, April 21

All are invited to dinner after the 5 p.m. Mass. We will be honoring the three students making their First Holy Communion at St. Joseph Church that evening.

**St. Matthew:** There will be a dinner after Mass on Saturday, April 14th. St. Elizabeth's Circle will be serving. Everyone is invited to attend!

## Divine Mercy Sunday April 8



Jesus spoke to St. Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**\*[our emphasis] On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ..."

...the Lord's desire for the Feast includes the solemn, public veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy by the Church, as well as personal acts of veneration and mercy. The great promise for the individual soul is that a devotional act of sacramental penance and Communion will obtain for that soul the plenitude of the divine mercy on the Feast. The image of Divine Mercy will be on display near the altar at St. Teresa all day on Sunday. Stop by to venerate and pray for mercy.

Two additional opportunities in the area to observe Divine Mercy Sunday are:

**A Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour will be held at St. Casimir Church, Wells, on Sunday, April 8 at 3 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. During the Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed.**

**Sts. Peter and Paul, Mankato, will have Eucharistic Adoration and confession available 2:15—4 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed during that time.**

The tri-parish current job opening:



Tri-parish Faith Formation and Youth Minister: We are looking for someone to administer and grow the religious education programs for our tri-parish youth, and to offer programs for youth ministry and adult faith development. An ideal candidate will be someone vibrant who knows that education, evangelization, and relational ministry go hand in hand; someone able to work well with both youth and adults and be present in the church and community.

For more information or to apply for this job contact the tri-parish office or Fr. Vogel.



New material in the kiosk at St. Teresa! There are new booklets on death, science and religion, and the sacraments. Also a couple of new books, including Arise from Darkness, When Life Doesn't Make Sense. This Easter season spend some time deepening your understanding of life and faith with these and other options in the kiosk. And don't forget the wonderful resource of the "library" in the St. Teresa gathering space where there are great books to borrow!

### Vernon Center Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 8

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. All you care to eat pancakes, sausage, eggs at the Fire Hall Free will donation.





## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (April 1)

Weekly collection	\$3603.50
Amount collected year to date	\$136,954.57
Amount budgeted year to date	\$131,360.00

### St. Matthew (March 31)

Weekly collection	\$602.00
Amount collected year to date	\$34,790.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$49,080.00

### St. Joseph (April 1)

Weekly collection	\$2301.00
Amount collected year to date	\$41,443.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$43,880.00



## Ministry Roles

### April 14      **St. Matthew**      **5 p.m.**

**Reader:** Brad Lanoue

**Ministers of Communion:** Maria Sanders,  
Char Schuch, Tony Wendlandt

**Hospitality:** Jeff Butson Family

**Servers:** Layne Davis, Joseph Bennett

**Money counters:** Wendy Bennett, Maria Sanders

### April 15      **St. Teresa**      **9 a.m.**

**Reader:** Debbie Reuter

**Ministers of Communion:** Gloria Langworthy,  
Jim Swanson, Arleen Swanson

**Hospitality:** Jeff and Vicki Kunkel family,  
Jim and Jackie Landsteiner

**Gifts:** Karmen Bartholomew, Sylvia Becker

**Servers:** Dawson Schmidt, Dalton Schmidt,  
Nathan Trio, Jackson Walters

**Sacristan:** KC Reuter

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

**Ministry Schedules are available on the web-  
site: [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org)**

Let us understand that God is a physician, and that suffering is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for damnation.  
---St. Augustine of Hippo

## Our Catholic World



### **2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal** Renew Faith   Extend Mercy   Inspire Hope

Results so far for the  
2018 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

	# of donors	Amount given	Parish goal	% of goal
St. Joseph	8	\$3675	\$5,030	73
St. Matthew	4	\$1020	\$4,260	24
St. Teresa	10	\$1150	\$14,980	8

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Appeal thus far. If you have not given, please consider a gift this week. Your gifts will help many people across the Diocese as well as our own parishes.

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever."

Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see [John 19:34](#)), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church—through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit (see [1 Corinthians 15:45](#)) and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see [Acts 2:42](#)).

We encounter Him as the apostles did—in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's day (see [Acts 20:7](#); [1 Corinthians 16:2](#); [Revelation 1:10](#)). There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers (see [Daniel 10:19](#); [Judges 6:23](#)). He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord."

Isn't this what happens in the Mass—where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.