

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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February 22, 2015
**First Sunday
of Lent**



“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Mark 1:15

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

On this First Sunday of Lent I hope the first few days have been fruitful for you and these forty days will be filled with abundant grace. I love Lent as it serves as that intentional reminder of my need for God. I am not God and Lent reminds me of my littleness and dependence on Him.

This weekend kicks off the Diocese of Winona annual appeal called the Catholic Ministries Appeal as well as a new opportunity to give alms toward the diocese and the many functions and operations that they carry out to the benefit of the parishes and ministries in southern Minnesota. Thank you for your generosity and support of the many and varied ways you are asked to support our church. It is inspiring the goodness you display in supporting the mission of the Church. This year's appeal is entitled *Closer to Christ* and seeks to emphasize the ways in which our ministries bring us closer to Christ and help us to see beyond the need to just raise monies which is of course its own necessity.

In more personal news on our front, I will announce at all masses this weekend that I have been appointed by Bishop Quinn to cover for the duration of Fr. Tim Biren's absence the sacramental and ministerial needs at the St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato. Fr. Tim has been given the opportunity to go on a sabbatical (granted after a period of selfless work for the purpose of rest and renewal) and is leaving already this week. This means that practically speaking, effective immediately; I will be continuing in my role as pastor of our Tri-Parish in addition to filling the needs of priestly presence for the Newman Center at Minnesota State University. While I recognize this will indeed spread my presence thin, I am grateful to the Bishop for entrusting me with this opportunity to walk with college students in their journey of faith. Please pray for Fr. Tim, a beloved former pastor here, to be renewed in the peace of our Savior and for me, your unworthy pastor, to carry out these many duties while maintaining a healthy schedule as is possible. God grants many graces to those who abandon themselves completely to His care and that will be my only plan in these days ahead. While it is my goal to keep most everything stable in our Tri-Parish during this time, I was only made aware of this decision within a week's time and so have not had much time for planning ahead in regards to a prudent schedule. That being said, the only change that I currently plan to make is that I will need to move the mass at Mapleton Community home away from Thursday afternoon and move it to Friday morning at 10:30AM. I will no longer have a holy hour or morning mass at St. Teresa on Friday morning but all are welcome to attend Mass

Mass Intentions, Readings, & Saints

Monday, February 23 **St. Polycarp**
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8-10, 15;
Matthew 25:31-46
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Henry Stenzel and family*

Tuesday, February 24 **Lenten Weekday**
Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Fr Jerry Dorn*

Wednesday, February 25 **Lenten Weekday**
Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *Martin Graf*

Thursday, February 26 **Lenten Weekday**
Esther C:12,14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8;
Matthew 7:7-12
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Norbert Skluzacek*

Friday, February 27 **Lenten Weekday**
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-8; Matthew 5:20-26
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Tom Langworthy*

Saturday, February 28 **Lenten Weekday**
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Matthew 5:43-48
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Duane Diedrich*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew *Reparation for sins*

Sunday, March 1 **Second Sunday of Lent**
Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15-19;
Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph *People of the tri-parish*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Theresa Healy*

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Sundays during Lent 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
	Adoration at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters group at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Saturday, Feb. 28 9 a.m.	St. Matthew CCW meeting

at the community home. Once the school year at Minnesota State nears completion, I will reevaluate this change to the schedule. Thanks for your understanding and support during this time. May God be glorified in all things.



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

Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, Bill Barnard, Pat Borchert, Cathy Lentz, Jared Springer, Mavis Treanor, Maureen Springer, 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 Wednesday, Feb. 25.

First Reconciliation for all second graders will take place on Saturday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Teresa. Please pray for these young parishioners as they meet Jesus in this great Sacrament of forgiveness and love.

Permission slips for the Steubenville Conference, with mandatory attendance for all 9th and 10th graders, were sent home on Wednesday. **Please have them returned to the faith formation office or tri-parish office, along with a \$25 down payment, by March 1.**

Stations of the Cross will be led by Faith Formation students on the Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 25th.

At St. Joseph beginning at 6:30 p.m.
At St. Teresa beginning at 7:15 p.m.



All parishioners are invited to attend and pray with the youth.

St Matthew: Lenten Supper and Stations will be held three Wednesdays of Lent this year. On March 4, March 18, and March 25 there will be a supper served by a CCW circle at 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross for all parishioners will begin at 6:30 pm. All adults are encouraged to attend this Lenten devotion.

Faith Formation Class will be held at 6:30 – 7:00 pm on these Wednesdays. On February 25th class will be at the regular time.

Middle School Lock-in:
Beginning Saturday, March 14 at noon and ending at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 15.



There will be games, reflections, skits, talks, Reconciliation, service project, and Mass. A \$5 registration fee needs to be returned with the permission slip. Permission slips will be given out at faith formation class, or call the tri-parish office. For more information call Butch Bach at 524-4822 or the office at 524-3127.

Deacon Chris will be leading a Bible study during Lent on *The Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians*. This beautiful letter centers on the joy believers find in Christ even in the face of suffering and misfortune. It's a good choice to read during Lent as it calls us to reflect on how we are to live as Christians in the world. *Philippians* offers plenty of opportunity for us to take stock of our lives and to examine how well we are responding to Christ's call to follow him. The Bible study will take place on Wednesday evenings in Lent from 6:00 to 7:30. If you would like to participate, call the parish office so that we can have enough study materials available.

Thursday morning Bible Study will begin Thursday, February 19th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa. We will be looking at the life of St. Peter and learning from this great, but repentant, sinner. The book we are using is written by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the Bishop of NYC and a wonderful speaker and writer. Please plan to join us if you can! No commitment— give it a try!

Any adult that helps with any youth event or interacts with any youth at a parish event, including driving, must be VIRTUS trained. A **VIRTUS training** will be held at St. Teresa on Thursday, March 5 from 6 —8:30 p.m. **Please contact the tri-parish office for information on how to register for this training.**

Parish News

Mass times change next weekend.

Saturday 5 p.m. St. Matthew
Sunday 8 a.m. St. Joseph
Sunday 10 a.m. St. Teresa

The Magnificat Lenten Companion is available at all churches. There are daily Lenten reflections and ideas for penance. This is a great tool for increasing prayer during Lent.

St. Matthew: St. Margaret's Circle will serve supper after the 5 o'clock mass on Saturday, March 7. A free will offering will be collected. Please stay after mass for fellowship and food.

Tri-parish Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be Sunday, **March 1** at the St. Teresa gathering space. Anyone who would like, is encouraged to meet in the church at 6:10 for a time of prayer, including praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet; the meeting will then begin at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss the book Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited for a time of relaxation and interesting conversation.



New Ministry schedules for St. Joseph and St. Teresa Parishes are now available at each of these churches. If you are part of one of the Liturgical Ministries, please pick up a schedule. They are for March—May.

On each Friday during Lent, beginning February 20, Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be led by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30p.m. Except on March 6, there will be a soup supper following these devotions, at about 6:15p.m.



St. Teresa: Famous Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 6 from 5-7 p.m.

featuring all the Beer Batter Fried Fish you can eat, potato, salad, roll and beverage. If you are able to help with this fundraiser, please call Sara Wenner, 340-0382.

All are invited to attend!

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (February 15)

Weekly collection...	\$1811.98
Amount collected year to date...	\$105,187.45
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$104,422.00

St. Matthew (February 15)

Weekly collection.....	\$972.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$43,345.53
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$42,818.00

St. Joseph (February 14)

Weekly collection	\$716.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$32,437.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$37,290.00



Ministry Roles

February 28 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Wendy Bennett

Minister of Communion: Justin Davis,
Darla Graf

Hospitality: Tom Graf family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Kitty Cumbee, Maria Sanders

March 1 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Kevin FitzSimmons

Minister of Communion: John FitzSimmons,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Scott and Kim Kleven family

Gifts: Scott and Kim Kleven family

Servers: Taylor Hollerich, Ethan McGregor

Money Counters: Maureen Hollerich,
Rachel Depuydt

March 1 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Kris Miller

Minister of Communion: Sandy Miller,

Hospitality: John and Sandy Treanor,
Steve and Jo Trio

Gifts: Jason and Karen Langworthy

Servers: Adam Dickey, Lukas Trio, Nathan Trio

Money Counters: Kay Proehl, Marie Gartner

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



Please pray for our country!:

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."

--Saint Padre Pio

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

Faithfull practices during Lent:

Fasting and abstinence are spiritual practices that are vital to the Christian life. What are the rules for fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church?

In the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth." The USCCB also allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. Thus, the rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

-Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

-Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

-Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.

*We Adore You O Christ
and We Praise You*

The response in Advent of the Eucharistic Adoration offered on Sundays was great and many blessings came from this time in prayer. Therefore Fr. Kern will again have the opportunity for adoration available on the Sundays of Lent.



After the Sunday morning Mass at St. Teresa on each of the six Sundays in Lent, Fr Kern will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin a time of Adoration. Adoration will then continue until 5 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 the entire time that Jesus is exposed on the altar 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 being signed up.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

CRS Operation Rice Bowl incorporates all three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Operation Rice Bowl Prayer: We lift our prayers to you, God of Love, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need. As we learn about their struggles, our almsgiving comes to their aid; our fasting unites us in their hunger. You call us to be disciples for all nations. Bless us this Lenten season. Amen. Rice Bowl items are available at all churches.

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Tanzania, where a simple soy-bean is changing lives! What actions can you take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world?