

St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

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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. Teresa
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Matthew
Sunday 10:00 am at St. Joseph

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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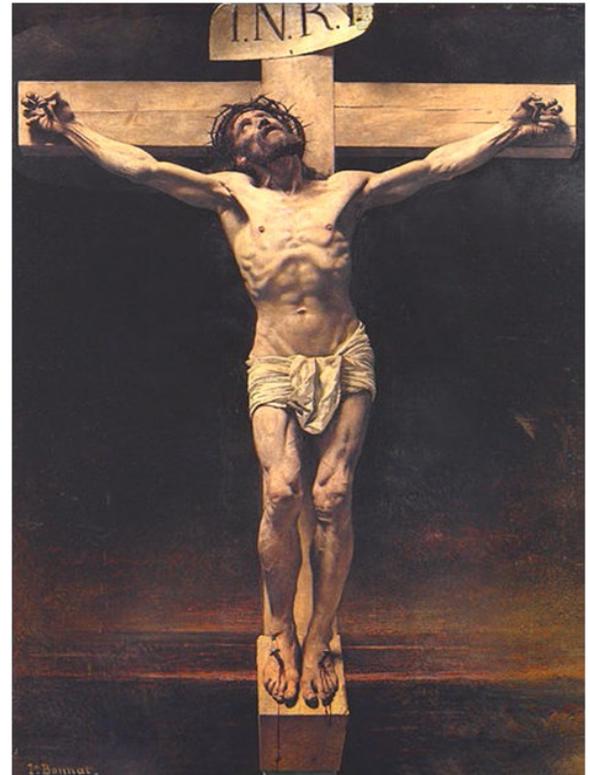
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July 5, 2015 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9

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

I personally have declared this month: A month dedicated to loving and serving the youth! After a great week of Totus Tuus, I am rekindled in my excitement for the upcoming events this July. On the weekend of July 10-12 our Tri-Parish will have 26 of our high school aged youth (along with 5 adult chaperones and me) attending the Steubenville North Conference in Rochester, MN. It will be a powerful encounter with grace and a great opportunity to experience God's love and the Church in a way that has never been experienced before. Additionally, the week of July 19th-25th I will travel with 10 (and 3 adult chaperones) of our 8-12th graders on a mission trip to Detroit Lakes, MN in hopes of extending ourselves to those in need but also opening ourselves to love as Christ loved and coming to know His love for each of us is truly unique and powerful. This will be a great month! Please join me in praying for our youth and asking every grace, blessing, and protection upon us as we travel and seek to avail ourselves to God's enduring love.

The following is a prayer written by Saint Pope John Paul II to Christ the Good Shepherd for youth:

Good Shepherd, teach the young people of the world the meaning of "laying down" their lives through vocation and mission. Just as You sent the apostles to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, so now challenge the youth of the Church to carry on the vast mission of making You known to all those who have not yet heard of You! Give these young people the courage and generosity of the great missionaries of the past, so that, through the witness of their faith, and their solidarity with every brother and sister in need, the world may discover the truth, the goodness, and the beauty of the life You alone can give. Teach these young people the proper use of their freedom. Teach them that the greatest freedom is the fullest giving of themselves. Teach them the meaning of the words: "He who loses his life for My sake will find it." (Mt. 10:39) For all of this, Good Shepherd, we love You. The young people love You because they love life, the gift of the Creator. They love their human life as the path through this created world. They love life as a task and as a vocation. And they love that other life which, through You, the eternal Father has given us: the life of God in us, Your greatest gift to us! You are the Good Shepherd! And there is no other. You have come that we may have life—and that we may have it abundantly: life, not only on the human level, but in the measure of the Son—the Son in Whom the Father is eternally pleased. Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You. All the young people of the world cry out: "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, July 6 **St. Maria Goretti**
Genesis 28:10-22; Psalm 91:1-4, 14-15; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 7
Genesis 32:23-33; Psalm 17:1-3, 6-8, 15; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 8
Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24; Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 9 **St. Augustine Zhao and Companions**
Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Psalm 105:16-21; Matthew 10:7-15
7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † Ed Becker

Friday, July 10
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Matthew 10:16-23
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † Irma Bach

Saturday, July 11 **St. Benedict**
Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-7; Matthew 10:24-33
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa People of the tri-parish

Sunday, July 12 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85:9-14; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13
8 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew † Charlene Wallace
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Poor Souls in Purgatory

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa
Thursday, July 16 7 p.m. St. Joseph Finance Council

Tri-parish Adult Mission Trip to Belize

We are planning a trip to Belize City to encounter Christ in the poor who live there and make a positive impact on their lives—and ours. The dates for the trip are February 13—20 or 21, 2016. If you would like more information please contact Carol at the tri-parish office.

"The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in the lives of the poor, who are at the center of the Church's pilgrim way, just as Pope Francis has indicated from the start of his pontifical ministry: I want a church that is poor and for the poor. We are called to find Christ in them, lend our voice to their cause, and also be their friends." Bishop Bernabe' Sagastume, OFM Cap



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

Mavis Treanor, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley Don Shubert, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell, Bernie Kunkel, 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



Thank you to everyone who so generously brought in shoes for the youth to take to the Steubenville Conference next week-end! Over 300 pairs have been collected!

At the conference they will work to sort the shoes and get them ready to be used to help out God's children that have less material goods than we do here. May God bless you for your kindness.



All youth entering grades 6—8 next fall— don't forget to get your registrations turned into the church or office soon for Camp Summit. Registrations were mailed out last week. If you did not receive one, call the office 524-3127. Camp Summit is a great opportunity for fun and learning at Eagle Bluff.

Parish News



Many thanks to the ladies who worked so hard to accomplish some extra cleaning in the office/rectory (all the windows are clean!) and St. Teresa Church and church kitchen. Your work is much appreciated!

St. Matthew: St. Margaret Circle will be having a Cash Breakfast for June. Please give your \$10 donation to Judy Pentico or Nita Looft in the next few weeks. Thank you for

St. Matthew: Free coffee and rolls served after mass this summer. Please join us for food and fellowship. All are welcome.



Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. the Rosary is prayed by the residents of the Mapleton Community Home. One of our parishioners leads the rosary each week. Due to a variety of reasons we are down on the number of leaders and are asking for volunteers to come once a month or less to help with this beautiful ministry. Do not be afraid— you can use a "cheat sheet" if you want! Please let Fr. Kern or the office know if you would be willing to help. Is Jesus calling you to do this??

Birthingright, a pro-life pregnancy help center in Mankato, needs more caring volunteers to help women make the decision of life for their babies. Birthingright is planning a training session for new volunteers during July. For information and to volunteer, call the Birthingright office at 387-7818

Challenge Yourself to End Hunger

Please accept the 2015 Food Shelf Challenge from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless and Maple River Loaves and Fishes this July.

You can make a difference for hungry families in our community. We see an increase in child visits during the summer. When school is out for summer vacation, many children miss out on free school meals and their families turn to us for support.

Help a hungry family today by making a donation.

Make a bigger impact on hunger in our community this July Every day, Minnesota food shelves serve 9,000. Last July Maple River Loaves and Fishes had 115 families visit. You can make a difference this year, by donating throughout the month of July.

The more you donate, the larger our food shelf's grant from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will be. The challenge funds will proportionally match your donation. Your donation will go farther due to our buying power. For every \$1 you donate, we can purchase \$10 worth of food from our food bank. Thank you Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless and Hunger Solutions Minnesota. Hunger Solutions Minnesota (HSM) has coordinated this matching grant opportunity since 2010. HSM works to end hungry via the Minnesota Food HelpLine and by advancing fair public nutrition policies on behalf of hungry Minnesotans. HSM connects Minnesota's food shelves with funding and technical assistance to support the 9,000 daily food shelf visits.

You can help in a number of ways:

- 1) Mail a donation to: Maple River Loaves and Fishes, PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065.
- 2) Stop by our food shelf, which is located in the back of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mapleton. Our hours are Tuesdays from 3-6pm and Saturdays from 9-noon.
- 3) Volunteer your time. Ask for the board member at your local church.

Reboot! Live! Mankato- With Chris Stefanick

Outreach Team Meetings and Webinar Evangelization Seminars

If you have a desire to be part of an event that will leave a lasting impact on our community- than this Outreach Team is for you! Meetings are being held (Sundays) July 19th, August 16th, and September 13th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Upper Room of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Mankato.

These will offer the strategic planning for this Reboot! Live! event and also Evangelization Training via Jim Beckman.

Jim is a dynamic speaker of national renown in his own right and has 30 years of ministry experience. This is a tremendous opportunity for personal growth for all who attend and the continuing growth of our parish as we learn more about the New Evangelization.

Reboot! Tickets are selling fast online for Mankato's Sept 30th Event! Purchase yours today for family, and friends at www.reallifecatholic.com **Questions may be directed to:** Beverly Miller at 507-514-2425 or ssppyouth@hickorytech.net



Open House Bridal Shower honoring Kati Hiller bride to be of Jace Rossow on Saturday, July 11th 10am to noon at the Mapleton Leisure Center. The couple is registered at Kohls and Target.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (June 27)

Weekly collection...	\$1291.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$168,418.11
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$164,538.00

St. Matthew (June 28)

Weekly collection.....	\$360.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$59,335.00
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$68,259.00

St. Joseph (June 28)

Weekly collection	\$483.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$50,706.55
Amount budgeted year to date	\$58,760.00



Ministry Roles

July 11 St. Teresa 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Lois Gau

Minister of Communion: Jim Langworthy,
Gloria Langworthy

Hospitality: Joel and Mary Ellen Larson,
Tom and Gina Massop

Gifts: Tony A Bach, Karmen Bartholomew

Servers: Will Stencil, Cole Stencil,
Jackson Walters

Money Counters: Marie Gartner, Ann Walters

July 12 St. Matthew 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Wendy Bennett

Minister of Communion: Tony Wendlandt,
Darla Graf

Hospitality: Steve Young family

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money Counters: Linda Anderson,
Wendy Bennett

July 12 St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Maureen Hollerich

Minister of Communion: Leah Davis,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Jay and Cassie Winters

Gifts: Jay and Cassie Winters

Servers: Kelsey Sohre, Ella Sohre

Money Counters: Dan Sohre, Maureen Hollerich

Ministry schedules are available on the website: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



To the Faithful of the Diocese of Winona: Commit to Faith in Christ Jesus and Our Daily Relationships

Last week on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States of America announced, that same sex marriage is legal in every state. This decision has far-reaching consequences for our culture and is very divisive and disappointing. The Church, however, will continue to teach and uphold the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman for the procreation and raising of children. At the same time, the Church will always welcome and reach out to those who are same-sex attracted.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans 12:12, he reminds the people "to rejoice in hope," because the victory of Christ over sin and death is definitive and cannot be reversed. Our hope for a future, that is rooted in God's plan for creation and redemption, will one day be accomplished.

The Diocese of Winona stands in solidarity with Catholic dioceses across the United States as well as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). As Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the USCCB, stated, "I encourage Catholics to move forward with faith, hope, and love: faith in the unchanging truth about marriage, rooted in the immutable nature of the human person and confirmed by divine revelation; hope that these truths will once again prevail in our society, not only by their logic, but by their great beauty and manifest service to the common good; and love for all our neighbors, even those who hate us or would punish us for our faith and moral convictions."

I would extend that encouragement to all faithful of the Diocese of Winona to live our faith in hope, and love our spouses, children, brothers, sisters, and, our friends who have become much like family; and love especially to those who disagree with us.

Be not afraid, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, Christ has overcome the world (John 16:33). We are called to be holy, set apart for God in our daily lives. Love without hesitation regardless of another's treatment of you or our faith. And as is my bishop's motto, we must continue to *rejoice in hope!* for we are united in Christ. May God bless you and may God bless America!

Most Reverend John M. Quinn

Bishop of Winona



Happy Independence Day!

As we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy in this country, do not forget the men and women who have sacrificed much for this cause. Pray for Religious Freedom, that is being whittled away, and remember that although we do enjoy great freedom compared to much of the world, true freedom comes only from Jesus Christ. If we do not know Jesus and live under His guidance and follow His commandments, we are slaves to the ways of the world.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17) "I am the Truth, and the Truth will set you free." (John 8:32) "If the Son frees you, you will truly be free." (John 8:36)

