

# 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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## August 30, 2015 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



...Be doers of the word and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is  
this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction  
and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:22, 27

### 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 am very excited to welcome to our Tri-Parish this weekend Bishop Bernard Harrington, the retired bishop of the Diocese of Winona. While

I am away covering a wedding this weekend, Bishop Harrington graciously agreed to be here to cover our weekend masses. Bishop Harrington was the bishop of our diocese the entire time I was in college seminary and served as an inspiring mentor to me. One of the highlights of being a seminarian under Bishop Harrington is that he would use the seminarians to drive him to Confirmation liturgies. It was always a privilege to be able to ride with him and serve for him. The primary reason he did this (in my understanding) was that it provided him an opportunity to get to know on a personal level the men studying for the priesthood while also alleviating him from the rigors of the extensive driving that was required of his service to the diocese. I have told Bishop before that after every trip with him I always left with a deeper desire to be a priest and was inspired from the day or weekend. Bishop Harrington is originally from Detroit, MI but has been in the Diocese of Winona since 1999. We are very blessed to have had him serve our local Church and shepherd us over the years. Bishop Harrington continues to assist Bishop Quinn with Confirmation liturgies and was in Mapleton last fall for our Confirmation Mass. Thank you for your gracious welcome of Bishop Harrington.

**September happenings:** Please note the rotation of mass times in September which will switch to Saint Joseph at 5:00PM; St. Teresa at 8:00AM; and St. Matthew at 10:00AM but then also the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> there will be no 5PM mass that Saturday as St. Joseph's will have their annual Festival in the Park following a noon mass on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your flexibility and attention to these details. The Festival in the Park is a lot of fun and a wonderful parish festival for St. Joseph so thanks for joining us and celebrating that afternoon with us! I hope many from our Tri-Parish will join the fun that day!

Also in September, the United States Church is preparing to welcome Pope Francis September 22-27<sup>th</sup>. We should join in prayer for this event as a papal visit offers special graces as the United States Church celebrates and rallies around our faith to welcome the Holy Father. The Pope will come from Cuba to Washington, D.C. and go on to New York and finally Philadelphia while he is in the United States. Pope Francis coincided his visit with the World Meeting of Families happening in Philadelphia which is a conference that is seeking to support the family as the basic cell of human society and encourage families in their journey of faith. The conference seeks to explore the critical role the family plays in society and gives families a chance to talk about the many challenges and blessings they are faced with in the modern world.



## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, August 31

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;  
Luke 4:16-30

### Tuesday, September 1

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Luke 4:31-37

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

### Wednesday, September 2

Colossians 1:1-8 ; Psalm 52:10-11; Luke 4:38-44

### Thursday, September 3

**St. Gregory the Great**

Colossians 1:9-14; Psalm 98:2-6; Luke 5:1-11

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

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

### Friday, September 4

Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † Larry Langworthy

### Saturday, September 5

Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54:3-4, 6, 8; Luke 6:1-5

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

**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Reparation for our sins*

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph** † *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

### Sunday, September 6

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146:7-10;

James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

**8 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *People of the tri-parish*

**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † *Cecil and Bernardine Dickey*

### **Mass times change next week.**

Beginning September 5th and 6th Mass times are

Saturday 5 p.m. St. Joseph

Sunday 8 a.m. St. Teresa

Sunday 10 a.m. St. Matthew

### Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

**Office closed Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day**

**Office will also be closed Wednesday, Sept. 8**

Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. Rosary at St. Teresa

Tuesday, Sept. 1 7 p.m. All parish Pastoral Council meeting at St. Matthew

While many Americans will travel to see the Pope in our nation, many of us here will be called to unite spiritually to this pilgrimage of faith and pray that many hearts might be converted in our nation by the witness and joy of Pope Francis that comes through his relationship with Jesus Christ!



**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, 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

On September 4 –5 the youth of the tri-parish will be running the brat stand at Dietz's in Mapleton to raise funds to cover the costs of the trips they have gone on this summer. Please come by and enjoy a brat or a hot dog and support our youth! Volunteers are still needed to work. If you can help, please contact the office, or Dan Kraft, Ceal Caldwell, or Jim Swanson.

**All Faith Formation Classes begin Wed., September 23rd**

To register your child/ren for class please call your FF Director or the office (524-3127)

St. Joseph, Connie Peters: 524-4511 or 420-3406

St. Matthew, Cindy Young: 549-3358

St. Teresa, Karen Langworthy: 524-4606

**St. Joseph** is in need of teachers for: K/1, 4th, and 6-8th grades.

**St. Teresa** is in need of elementary grade teachers

Contact the FF Director if you are interested.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to share your faith with the youth.

**There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday, September 16 for all students entering 9th or 10th grade and at least one parent. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.**

## Parish News

**St. Joseph:** Volunteers are needed to help out on our parish's days to work the Maple River Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. Help is needed on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2:30—6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 5, 8:30 a.m.—noon. We also need 2 volunteers to help at the Community Closet in Mapleton on Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m.—noon. Please contact Gina FitzSimmons with questions, or to volunteer. Please be generous with your time to those in need in our own communities.



Women's Book Club will begin its second year on Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the church at 6:10 p.m. We will be discussing the book Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers.

We will also plan the rest of the year. Please join us whether you are new to the group or were a part of it last year, whether you can attend every month or just a few a year. We would love to have you!

## St Joseph Festival in the Park ~ Sunday, September 13

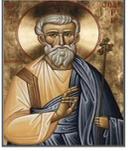
**Mass at Noon**, Family Fun until 3:00

**Live Music!** *Beyond Blue* offer a popular variety of easy listening, country, folk rock, jazz, and pop.

**Food!** Pork Patties, Beer, Maggie's potato salad. home made goodies, and more!

Free Will Offering

**Shopping!** Silent auction, Bake sale and fresh produce!



Come Worship with us and then enjoy...

Inflatables, kids games, great food, relaxation and great conversation!

Invite your family and friends to join in the festivities.

All are welcome! All the time.

**Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic?**

Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Join Father Jason Kern who will be teaching a course at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center Parish along with two campus ministers every Tuesday at 7pm. St. Thomas More is located on MSU campus at 1502 Warren Street. Sessions begin September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Fr. Kern at [frikern@hickorytech.net](mailto:frikern@hickorytech.net) or 507-390-5785 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

**St. Matthew:** If the free coffee and rolls is to continue after mass on Sundays at St. Matthews, we need more people to sign up to furnish and serve. Please, if you are willing to do so, the sign up sheet is in the dining hall on the counter.

**New ministry schedules** are available for St. Joseph and St. Teresa for September—November. If you are scheduled for any liturgical ministry, please pick up a schedule at your church. Thank you for your gift of your time.

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



Open house bridal shower for Tiana Woitas, fiancé of Eric FitzSimmons, on Saturday, September 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church hall, Good Thunder. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's, and Menards.

We joyfully welcome Mya Mae Bunde, daughter of Lucas and Heather Bunde, to the catholic family and to St. Matthew Parish. Mya was Baptized on August 16th at St. Matthew Church. Please pray for Mya and her family that they may live always close to Jesus Christ.



## Community News

The public is invited to help celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> year since the arrival of School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato with a Celebration of Prayer and Music at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. A reception with refreshments will follow the free concert.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa: (August 22)

Weekly collection...	\$3485.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$24,529.27
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$25,314.00

### St. Matthew (August 23)

Weekly collection.....	\$936.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$6242.75
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$10,656.00

### St. Joseph (August 23)

Weekly collection .....	\$1119.10
Amount collected year to date...	\$6449.10
Amount budgeted year to date	\$9008.00



## Ministry Roles

### September 5 St. Joseph 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Mary Caven

**Minister of Communion:** Dick FitzSimmons,  
Mary Beth Olson

**Hospitality:** Scott and Kim Kleven family

**Gifts:** Scott and Kim Kleven family

**Servers:** April Klecker, Amanda Hawkinson

**Money Counters:** Maureen Hollerich,  
Rachel Depuydt

### September 6 St. Teresa 8:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Arlene Swanson

**Minister of Communion:** Owen Dickey,  
Kevin Donovan

**Hospitality:** Emily Minkel, Sheryl Olson,  
Marla and John Trio

**Gifts:** Jeff and Shelly Holt

**Servers:** Nathan Trio, Lukas Trio, Kendall Wede

**Money Counters:** Tammy Schmidt,  
Ann Walters

### September 6 St. Matthew 10:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Cindy Young

**Minister of Communion:** Brad Lanoue,  
Devin Moline

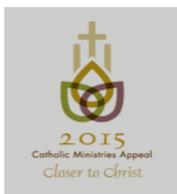
**Hospitality:** Rich Doyen family

**Servers:** Thomas Cooling, Henry Cooling

**Money Counters:** Wendy Bennett, Char Schuch

**Ministry schedules are available on the website:** [sjsmst.org](http://sjsmst.org)

## Our Catholic World



Please be generous to the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal by sharing your gifts and prayers. Your contribution to the Appeal is a way of serving others throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus. Please consider your one-time or monthly gift as a reflection of your daily offering to

God. To give a gift, please fill out the pledge card sent to you and bring to Mass next week or mail in the envelope provided. Thank you for your generosity.

	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
St. Joseph:	13	\$1,970	\$4,560	43
St. Matthew:	13	\$3,020	\$5,800	52
St. Teresa:	59	\$9,848	\$14,140	70

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. **If you have not yet given to this campaign, or if you feel you can give an extra amount at this time, please prayerfully consider doing so.** Envelope are available at each church.

Stewardship means respecting and sharing our resources as an expression of gratitude to God. It reminds us that we are the administrators, not the owners, of our assets. Christian stewardship can be identified by several meaningful characteristics, the most important is that it strengthens our relationship with God. It is a way of life. Stewardship calls us to share a portion of our time, talent, and treasure so that the Good News of Jesus Christ may be shared with those who do not know Him.

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see [Isaiah 29:13](#)). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see [Matthew 5:17](#)).

The law, fulfilled in the gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us -- the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth.

By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor.

"Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service?