

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

Weekdays: Please see Inside Bulletin

Holy Days See Inside Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass

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February 14, 2016 First Sunday of Lent



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1

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



From the Heart by Fr. Jason Kern

I have a family member who is big into some of the various survival shows on TV. I'm pretty sure he avoids the one where they have to survive in the buff but otherwise he finds these shows captivating even if they are sometimes falsified and made for TV. Surviving in the wilderness either alone or with others is a sort of fanciful topic that many think about or go and do at some point in their lives. Perhaps more men than women, but there is something in us that desires to escape from all the hustle and bustle of life and get down to the bare necessities. There is something in us that wants the challenge of making it on our own and finding our own way. We romanticize the challenge of having to build our own shelter, find materials and goods for tools, warmth, and food. Our modern camping trips tend to sort of emulate these survival tactics yet we generally bring enough food and tools to take care of a small army. Yet, when it comes down to it while we might get lost in a day dream after the boss has come down on us, most of us would much rather sit in our 70+ degree heated homes and watch the neighbor shovel himself out than survive an extended time in the wilderness. The wilderness is 'no-holds barred', vast, wild, and unpredictable. The Star Tribune ran a story about someone's dog getting mauled by a wolf off a trail in Duluth this week. Most of us sort of cower in the face of this type of reality.

Yet, here is Jesus, stripping Himself of every known comfort and pleasure and going to the vastness of the desert in this weekend's gospel for the first Sunday of Lent. It is crucial to look at Jesus' motivation in doing this. He doesn't go to learn better survival tactics or to figure out life's meaning in some romanticized way. He goes to be alone with His heavenly Father. He goes to deny Himself and make Himself available to our Heavenly Father. God isn't more present in the desert than the Temple in Jerusalem, yet Jesus goes away from there. He knows that He has to be alone with Himself—to experience Himself—in order to encounter the Father. He has to become aware of His deepest self—His own thoughts, feelings, and desires and inner movements so that he might relate them to the Father. In this experience of Himself, He also encounters temptations to rely on Himself. This is the danger of the wilderness, thinking that I can survive on my own and rely on no one else. Instead, Jesus turns to God and relies on Him and no worldly thing. This is the path of fulfillment and realization of self—the path where we come to know our purpose and meaning in life. This Lent as we rediscover Jesus, might we also more deeply discover ourselves and who we are and what we are made for. Might we wander into the wilderness in a spiritual way and find God there waiting to reveal Himself to us. Might this wandering lead us not to a discovery of self that leads to self-reliance, but instead lead us to our complete dependence on God's mercy and grace for our lives.

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, February 15 **Lenten Weekday**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8-10, 15;
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 16 **Lenten Weekday**

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15
Rosary for Vocations 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, February 17 **Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 18 **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 † *Dorothy and Bernard Landsteiner*

Friday, February 19 **Lenten Weekday**

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-8; Matthew 5:20-26
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Lucille Kunkel*

Saturday, February 20 **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 † *Anna Breiter*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, February 21 **Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 ; Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28-36

8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph † *Howard La Fleur*
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Paul Schmidt*

**The tri-parish office will be closed the following dates
due to the Belize Mission Trip:**

Thursday, February 18, Monday, February 22, Tuesday,
February 23, and Friday, February 26.

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m.	Quilters at St. Teresa
Wednesdays 4:15 p.m.	Rosary at St. Teresa
Tuesday, February 16 7 p.m.	St. Matthew Finance Council

"Look at His adorable face. Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds. Look Jesus in the Face. There, you will see how He loves us."
-St. Theresa of Lisieux



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

Hank Massop, Jim Carey, Kitty Cumbee, Tom Graf, Eugene Langworthy, Aubrielle Catherine Howley, Kelly (Wittrock) Howley, Bill O'Brien, Lloyd Mitchell,

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: Classes will meet this week, February 17th. Please see below for special Lenten information.

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on the following stations: KTOE 1420 AM, and on KEYC TV (also on their website)

Faith Formation stations for Lent:

St Matthew: Lenten Supper and Stations will be held three Wednesdays of Lent this year. On February 17, February 24, and March 16 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.



Regular Faith Formation Class will be held at 6:30 – 7:30 pm on these Wednesdays.

St. Joseph: Stations of the Cross will be led by Faith Formation students on the following Wednesdays in Lent:

February 17, Feb. 24, and March 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend and pray with the youth of the parish.

First Reconciliation for our second graders will take place Saturday, February 20 at 10 a.m. at St. Teresa. Please pray for these 19 students as they prepare for this great Sacrament of healing.

Parish News

Mission trip to Belize begins this week. Thank you for your amazing faith and generosity that has made this outreach possible! You can follow the progress of the mission work day to day by checking out our blog:

Belize2016.blogspot.com **SJSMST to Belize-2016**



Words cannot express the gratitude we feel towards those who organized and worked at the breakfast benefit for Aubrielle Howley. We are so afraid we will miss any names so to any business that helped with the food, all the people who gave of their time to work, and to all who attended the breakfast or sent caring thoughts and donations, we humbly thank you all. A medical account is in place for Aubrielle's care and all donations go to it. Please pray for continued recovery and strength for Aubrielle.

-Dustin, Kelly, Lilia, Aubrielle Howley

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.



St. Teresa: Breakfast to benefit Catholic education opportunities in our parish **Sunday, February 14, after 10 a.m. Mass** **Free will donation**



CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns and ham. Free will donations accepted. Matching funds will be provided by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Family Faith Formation Night in Lent

Father Kern and the Pastoral Councils are planning an awesome event to come together as a tri-parish and enrich our lives and bring us closer to really knowing and loving Jesus Christ this Lent. The event will take place on Wednesday, March 9 beginning at with dinner served 5:30—6:30 p.m., 6:30—7:30 a speaker for high school age—adult and faith formation activities for K-8 grade, 7:30-8:30 p.m. a social, discussion hour and class for high school students. Everyone in the tri-parish is encouraged to attend. This will be the faith formation for the students that evening and a chance for parents to enter into faith learning as a family. Watch for more details next week.

On each Friday during Lent, beginning February 12, Stations of the Cross will be lead by Fr. Kern or Deacon Chris at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30p.m. There will be a soup supper following these devotions, at about 6:15p.m. Replacing the soup supper on one Friday will be the famous Fish Fry.



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.

Notice to anyone attending Mass at St. Teresa Church: We have been asked by the Mapleton Police to remind anyone parking on Central Ave for Mass to make sure you are not blocking any part of a driveway. They have received complaints from some of our neighbors. We want to be good neighbors and not cause anyone hardship. Thank you for your attention to this.

Community News

St. John the Baptist, Minnesota Lake

Holy Name Society **LENTEN FISH FRY**
FRIDAY, February 26, 2016 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Serving "All you can eat Fish", Rosemary's Salmon Loaf Baked Potato, Creamed Peas, Cole Slaw and Beverage
All are Welcome

The Minnesota Lake Ambulance Soup and Pie Supper will be held on Sunday, February 21. We will be serving four delicious soups and the best homemade chili, pie and cheesecake you can find. Serving from 4 –7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa: (February 7)

Weekly collection...	\$2660.20
Amount collected year to date...	\$107,999.71
Amount budgeted year to date ..	\$101,250.00

St. Matthew (February 6)

Weekly collection.....	\$863.30
Amount collected year to date...	\$41,721.72
Amount budgeted year to date...	\$42,624.00

St. Joseph (February 7)

Weekly collection	\$684.00
Amount collected year to date...	\$32,757.95
Amount budgeted year to date	\$36,032.00



Ministry Roles

February 20 St. Matthew 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Minister of Communion: Brad Lanoue,
Wendy Bennett

Hospitality: Lucas Bunde family

Servers: Chloe Cumbee, Lilly Majeski

Money Counters: Maria Sanders, volunteer

February 21 St. Joseph 8:00 a.m.

Reader: John Hollerich

Minister of Communion: John FitzSimmons,
Paul FitzSimmons

Hospitality: Lee and Linda Hiller

Gifts: Lee and Linda Hiller

Servers: Ella Sohre, Kyle Sohre

Money Counters: Shellie Grover,
Paul FitzSimmons

February 21 St. Teresa 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Shelly Holt

Minister of Communion: Tony Bach,
Debbie Reuter

Hospitality: Lois Gau, Jan Sonnek,
Joel and Mary Ellen Larson

Gifts: Ted Landsteiner, Sam Passer

Servers: Adam Dickey, Kayla Rigdon,
Jacob Rigdon

Money Counters: Kay Proehl, Sandy Miller

Ministry schedules are available on the web-site: sjsmst.org

Our Catholic World



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Women's Bible Study will meet at **6:15 p.m.** on Wednesdays in the club room at St. Teresa. We will be studying God Is Love by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Men's Bible Study - Encyclical "God is Love" - Pope Benedict XVI
Facilitator: Neil Majeski - St Matthews

Where: Neil's shop - outside of Amboy

When: 8:30 am to 10 am - on the Saturdays noted below
2/20 2/27 3/5 3/12 3/19

What: Study the encyclical and follow with shop time

bring a project for shop time or exchange tips on talents

Call: Neil - 507-327-3559 if you are interested or have questions

Thursday morning Bible Study We meet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa. A light breakfast is served. This session we will be using Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn.

Monday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, a study by Jeff Cavins. The study consists of a 30 min. video talk and then discussion. It is not too late to join!

*We Adore You O Christ and
We Praise You*



Beginning at noon 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 with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany. Adoration will then continue until 10 p.m.

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?"

Diocese of Winona Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 12 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

at St. Joseph Church, 512 South Elm Ave, Owatonna

Retreat will be led by Amanda Teixeira, former FOCUS missionary.

She will inspire with God's take on money, the importance of prayer, and the every day real life experience of adoption.

Join us for a day of true spiritual renewal! To register contact the parish office or go to www.dow.org. Fee is \$20-\$30 depending on how soon you register.

Called to be Catholic speaker series presents:

Are you a young parent or have children still at home or have ever had children? Then this presentation is for you! Laura Kelly Fanucci, a Twin Cities author, blogger, and mother of 2 with twins on the way, will give an entertaining and lively talk on **"Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting"** on Sunday, Feb. 21, 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Owatonna. No charge (free will offering suggested). **Child care provided.**