

# 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 (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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## July 16, 2017 The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



I consider that the sufferings of this present  
time are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

Romans 8:18

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-Baptism preparation is required. Please contact the office at least one month before the desired date.

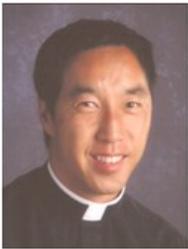
**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit.

### 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.



Hello.

Where is the summer going? How did it get to be mid-July already? This summer is going way too fast. I'm just starting to settle in. I feel like this past week was my first "normal" week. This week should be even more normal. By this I mean I get to meet some of the leadership councils and committees. However, my piles of boxes and stuff hasn't diminished yet. I need to get on that.

Continue to pray for my former parishioners to the south as no pastor has been named yet. I know the bishop is working hard to find a replacement. Also pray that they find a principal that can grow the Catholic school.

This weekend we hear the parable of Jesus about the sower and the seed. The sower is God who plants the seeds of faith and truth in different souls. The different souls are the different ways our souls accept God's gifts of faith and truth. God loves us each infinitely. What is different about the way we accept God's love and grace is our souls. Some souls have a greater capacity to accept God's love. Someone described it as a rain shower. Everyone around you has (roughly) the same amount of rain falling on them. However, some people, depending on what they are wearing get more or less soaked. The same is true of our souls. Some of our souls through natural disposition and how developed our relationship with Jesus is, absorb more of God's grace and love. The greatest souls ever created that can absorb God's love is Mary. Just read her canticle that she spoke right after her fiat, her "yes" to God (Luke 1:46-55). So we must not compare who is loved by God more or who can love God better. Rather we should strive to be the good soul. We should strive to receive God's love and grace to the best of our ability. If the return is 30 fold and someone else's is 100 fold, who cares. As long as we are praying, developing our relationship with Jesus, and growing in holiness to the best of our souls ability, that is enough. We don't need to compare who has more holiness. Now we can allow other people's lives to inspire us to greater holiness, but we must not use their lives to deflate our own efforts to grow in holiness.

Again, this weekend I'm gone at Steubenville Rochester hanging out with our youth and 2000 other high schoolers. Pray that they are all touched by God and grow in love of Jesus their Savior. I will be back next weekend.

Peace out,  
Father Vogel

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

### Monday, July 17

Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Psalm 124: 1-8; Matthew 10:34—11:1

### Tuesday, July 18

**St. Camillus de Lellis**

Exodus 2:1-15; Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;  
Matthew 11:20-24

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

### Wednesday, July 19

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalm 103:1-4, 6-7;  
Matthew 11:25-27

**4:15 p.m. Rosary for our country at St. Teresa**

### Thursday, July 20

**St. Apollinaris**

Exodus 3:13-20; Psalm 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;  
Matthew 11:28-30

**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † *Maurice Van Rossum*

### Friday, July 21

**St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

Exodus 11:10—12:14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18;  
Matthew 12:1-8

**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † *Karl Duncanson*

### Saturday, July 22

**St. Mary Magdalene**

Song of Songs 3:1-4 or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17;  
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9; John 20:1-2, 11-18

**7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *Susan Adams*

**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. St. Matthew** † *Cecil and  
Bernardine Dickey*

### Sunday, July 23

**Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;  
Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *People of the tri-parish*

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**

Thursday, July 20 6:30 p.m.                      St. Teresa

**Belize Adult Mission Trip** "He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' Matthew 25:45

The Bible admonishes us over and over to reach out to the poor, to see them, encounter them, help them. We have the opportunity to truly encounter Jesus in the poor in our mission trip to Belize. If you have been feeling called to go but are unsure—do not be afraid, take the leap and join us. You will not regret it.

Due to the price of airfare, the dates for the mission trip have been changed to February 24—March 3.



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

Terry Hassing, Mary Breiter, Bill Barnard, Dorothy Lindemann, Don Landsteiner, Ken Irvine, Bill Fleming, *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



**Save the date: Totus Tuus July 23—28**

Grades 1-6 Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Grades 7-12 Sun. -Thurs. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Held at St. Teresa

Registration forms have been mailed out. Please contact the office if you do not receive one and would like to register



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This fall, we will be implementing a new program for all the 3 year olds in our parish. The program is called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). CGS is a program that recognizes the unique relationship between God and young children and strives to draw upon that relationship through hands-on, Montessori style learning. In CGS, the adult teacher assists children in the lessons

while the Holy Spirit guides them. As we prepare to begin this program, we will be looking for parishioners to help with the building, creating, and gathering of materials that are needed. There is a list included in the bulletin with a list of supplies needed now. Please look for updates in the bulletin and listen for announcements in the weeks to come with different ways you may be able and willing to contribute!

## Parish News



**TriParish:** 12 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Joe Fogal, Fr Schneider, and Sr. Joyce Kolbet, in honor of St. Joseph's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Bethlehem – Mt. Beatitudes – Mt. Olives – Jerusalem – Jericho – Naza-

reth – and more!

More information and registration form available on [sismst.org](http://sismst.org) March 12 – 23, 2018

\$3,690 per person from Minneapolis (Includes: Round-trip air, first class hotels double occupancy, 2 meals a day, daily sight-seeing, all transportation, all tips to guides and drivers, and more!)

**Space is limited, sign up today!**

Contact Shelli Grover at [itshelli@gmail.com](mailto:itshelli@gmail.com) or 507-381-2454, or Fr. Schneider 507-469-9979.

**St. Teresa:** There are many abandoned bowls and pans in the club room. If you have donated food to a funeral or some other event, please stop downstairs to pick up your dish. Items not picked up soon will be given away. Thanks for your attention to this.

**Please welcome Father Patrick Collins who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach,** which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided next weekend if you wish to contribute to this worthy cause.



We pray for the soul of Maureen Springer, who passed to eternal life on Saturday, July 8th. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and Let perpetual light shine upon her.

### Catholic Charities Thanks You

Sending out heartfelt thanks for your support of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal! Because of your compassionate generosity, thousands of individuals will be served by our seventeen programs this coming year. Your generous support makes a life-changing difference for families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, and children in great need. Lives in southern Minnesota are transformed and hope is restored because of you!

Thank you and God bless.

Open House Bridal Shower- Honoring Sara Anderson, bride to be of Charlie Sieberg, will be held Saturday, July 22nd, 1:00 PM at the Lembke Building in Minnesota Lake. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's, and Nordaas American Homes.



**PARISH LADIES:** The July Area Council of Catholic Women (CCW) meeting will be held on July 24, 2017 at St. Mary's Parish in Madelia. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with a Memorial Service for our past members. Come spend some time with other inspiring women while we discuss and share the most recent information from our national leadership as well as other local parishes. Mark your calendars today, and look for additional information in future bulletins.

## Community News

### Litomysl Summer Festival Sunday, July 30

Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Litomysl, near Owatonna Festival begins at 11 a.m. and runs until 4:30 p.m. Games for all ages, outdoor food booths, filled biscuits (buchty), Live musical entertainment, silent auction, raffle, and country store.

Everyone is invited to come to the Czech community of Litomysl for a fun filled day!

### Mapleton Senior Nutrition M-F 11:30 a.m.

Come join us for a delicious meal at a great deal! Mapleton Community Center — Meals on Wheels available Call Jo Ann Krengel at 524-4868 for more information, a menu, or to order. (Order meals by 11:30 a.m. one day ahead). Menus available in the Maple River Messenger and on Facebook \$4 suggested donation for those 60+, full cost \$7.25 for those under 60.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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



### St. Teresa (July 9)

Weekly collection	\$1778.00
Amount collected year to date	\$3703.50
Amount budgeted year to date	

### St. Matthew (July 8)

Weekly collection	\$1627.00
Amount collected year to date	\$1627.00
Amount budgeted year to date	

### St. Joseph (July 1)

Weekly collection	\$686.00
Amount collected year to date	\$686.00
Amount budgeted year to date	



## Ministry Roles

### July 22 St Matthew 5 p.m.

**Reader:** Wendy Bennett

**Ministers of Communion:** Lynn Demuth, Darla Graf, Brad Lanoue

**Hospitality:** Justin Davis family

**Servers:** Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

**Money counters:** Neil Majeski, Maria Sanders

### July 23 St. Teresa 9 a.m.

**Reader:** Kris Miller

**Ministers of Communion:** Butch Bach, Judy Bach

**Hospitality:** Tom and Gina Massop,  
Loren and Diane Michael

**Gifts:** Gary Trio, Sydney Trio

**Servers:** Andrew Hoppe, Faith Hoppe,  
Kole Wenner, Natalie Wenner

**Money counters:** Tammy Schmidt,  
Lynn Caldwell

Ministry Schedules are available on the website:  
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



Results so far for the 2017 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal				
	# of donors	Amount	Goal	% of goal
<b>St. Joseph:</b>	11	\$2425	\$4,770	51
<b>St. Matthew:</b>	10	\$2585	\$4,830	54
<b>St. Teresa:</b>	37	\$6240	\$13,900	45

Thank you to everyone who has given thus far for your generosity. Each year our goals must be met and any shortfall must be made up through general funds of the parish. If you have not yet given to this mission of helping our Diocesan family, it is not too late. Envelopes are available at each church..

**"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together." - St. John Chrysostum**

Grow deeper in that love! A Marriage Encounter Weekend allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Nov 17-19, 2017 in Windom, MN and Feb 16-18, 2018 in Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.

-Pope Benedict XVI

## Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially.

Again we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in the which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see [John 7:38](#); [Revelation 22:1](#)).

The firstfruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see [Romans 5:5](#); [8:15-16](#)). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)), the firstfruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see [2 Peter 3:13](#)).

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see [Genesis 3:17-19](#); [5:29](#)). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see [Mark 4:29](#); [2 Peter 3:10](#); [Revelation 1:10](#))—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.