

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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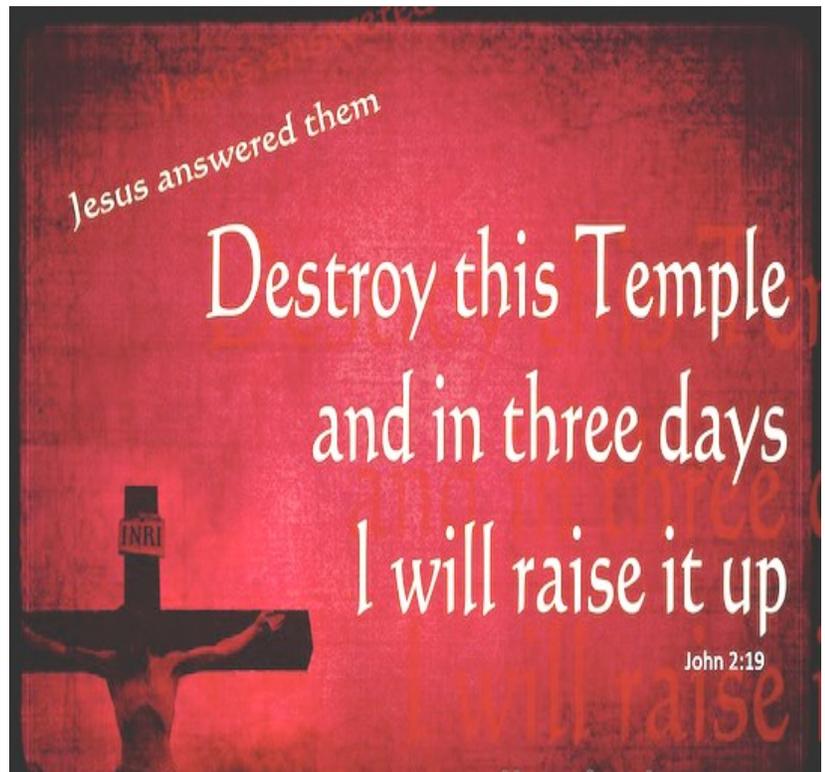
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March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent



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. Vogel

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,

I'm finally back and plan on being around until this summer. I had a great retreat. I feel closer to Jesus, but especially closer to Mary. I prayed for you and for me while I was on retreat. It looks like things went well while I was gone. It looks like the parishioners in Belize had a successful trip.

This weekend Jesus is pretty hard on the money changers and the people who sold oxen, sheep, and doves. Jesus desires the Jewish temple to be a place of worship. John, the Gospel writer, recalls the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal for God's house? Do we have zeal for bringing about the Kingdom of God in the world?

We are the Body of Christ. Thus we die with Christ, but more importantly, we rise with Christ. When Jesus says He is going to raise up the temple in three days, He is talking about His Body at the Resurrection. Jesus lived that He might take on our humanity. Jesus died that we might take on His divinity.

In preparation of this great celebration, we continue to hunker down in our fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. How are your Lenten penances going? Have you already given up? Don't. Start over. Try, try again. God understands. We must continue to grow our will so that we are in charge of bodies instead of our bodies in charge of us. Do not lose heart.

Take care and God bless,
Father Vogel

Next week our tri-parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in Disguise**.

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME." (MT 25:40)

Beginning the week of March 11 the study will begin reading the New Testament. This would be a great time to join the study! There will be 6 lessons in the New Testament. Please feel free to join any of the times listed

The Great Adventure Bible Study: The Bible Timeline, the story of salvation: a video series with Jeff Cavin
Current sessions: Sunday 10 a.m. at St. Teresa
Tuesday 9 a.m. at St. Teresa
Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Mapleton Library

Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, March 5 **Lenten Weekday**
2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 6 **Lenten Weekday**
Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35
8:30 a.m. Rosary for vocations at St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 7 **St. Perpetua and Felicity**
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 8 **St. John of God**
Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Luke 11:14-23
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benedict
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Marcella Johnston*

Friday, March 9 **St. Frances of Rome**
Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34
10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH † *Lucille Kunkel*

Saturday, March 10 **Lenten Weekday**
Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14
7:30-8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benedict
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Deb Wallace*
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew *People of the tri-parish*

Sunday, March 11 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
2 Chronicles 16:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-6;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Irene Massop*

Tri-parish office will be closed Monday, March 5

Meetings and Events in the tri-parish

Wednesdays 1 p.m. Quilting will begin again Feb.28
Tuesday, March 6 6:30 p.m. All Pastoral Councils at
St. Joseph Church
Monday, March 12 7 p.m. St. Teresa CCW

A Lent to Remember

This week: Session 3

Embraced in Mercy— the Rite Explained

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite--what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.

It's not easy to admit when we've done something wrong— or failed to do something right. But when we learn to trust in God's mercy, we don't have to be afraid to face our sins.



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

Kitty Cumbee, Mary Jo Gregor, Bernie Kunkel, Jim Kohout, Huxley FitzSimmons, Craig Etherington, Terry Hassing, *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

Classes will meet this week, March 7

Reminder: In case of bad weather, faith formation class closings and Mass cancellations will be announced on KTOE 1420 AM and will be posted on our tri-parish website: sjsmst.org

Parish News

Each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Teresa beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Lenten supper following these devotions. Replacing the supper on one night will be the famous Fish Fry.

Come and take part in this traditional devotion.

St Matthew: Lenten Supper and Stations
Wednesdays during Lent:

There will be a supper served at 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Meal will be provided by:

March 7 Men's group

March 14 St. Ann Circle

Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 pm.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Lenten devotion.



Resources for your Lenten Journey:

The **Magnificat Lenten Companion:** There are daily Lenten reflections and ideas for penance. This is a great tool for increasing prayer during Lent.

Lent– Keep It Simple Pamphlets Information and suggestions for making a meaningful journey this Lent.

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

The idea is to deprive yourself of something— a favorite snack, a meal out, meat for a few days— and put the money you saved into the Rice Bowl. Pray for those less fortunate who never have the ability to have those things. At the end of Lent you take all the money you have sacrificed for and give it to the starving poor.

Rice Bowl items are available at all churches.



Everyone is invited to attend supper after 5 p.m. Mass at **St. Matthew's Church on Saturday, March 10.** The supper will be sponsored by St. Margaret's Circle. Plan to join us for fellowship and great food!

Next week members of our tri-parish will embark on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Please pray for these pilgrims that God truly blesses them and inspires them on their journey. Several of them are traveling in honor of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph Parish.



A four week

Tri-parish wide study :

Two ways to participate!

1. At home, whenever it works for you: To watch the videos at home go to

sjsmst.formed.org. Register with a user name and password and you can log on to watch the video each week. Study points and questions will be in the bulletin each week.

2. At church with others— watch the video and spend some time in discussion.

Times available for group study:

Wed. at St. Matthew Church after stations (about 6:45 p.m.)

Thurs. at St. Teresa Church after Mass (9:15 a.m.)

Fri. at St. Teresa after stations and supper (about 6:30 p.m.)

Need something to inspire you this Lent? Go to one of these sites and sign up for a daily email message. A few minutes a day can renew your soul!

www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever;

www.lentseries.com <http://www.lentreflections.com/>

Father Andrew Vogel, Pastor for the parishes of St Joseph/ Good Thunder, St Matthew/Vernon Center, and St Teresa/ Mapleton, as well as the St Thomas More Newman Center at MSU-Mankato, will speak on **"Are Catholics Required to Give Full Assent to Everything the Church Teaches?"** at 3:00 pm, Sunday, March 11, at St Joseph Parish Hall in Owatonna. This is part of "The Call To Be Catholic" speaker series, now in its 14th successful year. Open to the public; no charge (free-will offering suggested). Child care provided.

Community News

Caregiver Support Group—This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next support group will be March 6, 3:00-4:00 PM, at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. No charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call Sister Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

The MN FoodShare March Campaign is the annual food and fund drive involving the 300 food shelves around the state. The dates are Feb. 26th – April 8th.

The March campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March.

Food Donations – Food shelves need all types of food, personal hygiene and cleaning products.

Cash Donations – Cash also gives us more flexibility to acquire perishable items.

Maple River Loaves and Fishes, P.O. Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065

Odd Fellows Pancake Breakfast "Pancakes with a Purpose" will be held on Sunday, March 11th from 10:00-12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Mapleton.

All proceeds will go to help sponsor our local youth's attendance at Camp FaHoCha, (Faith, Hope, & Charity).

St. John Lutheran of Good Thunder is having their Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper on Sunday, March 11th, serving from 4:00 7:00 pm. A Free Will Offering will be accepted.

Stewardship of Treasure

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



St. Teresa (Feb. 25)

Weekly collection	\$3233.56
Amount collected year to date	\$124,647.93
Amount budgeted year to date	\$114,940.00

St. Matthew (Feb. 24)

Weekly collection	\$1453.00
Amount collected year to date	\$30,738.00
Amount budgeted year to date	\$42,945.00

St. Joseph (Feb. 17)

Weekly collection	\$1637.00
Amount collected year to date	\$36,926.32
Amount budgeted year to date	\$37,298.00



Ministry Roles

March 10

St. Matthew 5 p.m.

Reader: Tony Wendlandt

Ministers of Communion: Tony Wendlandt,
Wendy Bennett, Justin Davis

Hospitality: Kevin Schulz family

Servers: Henry Cooling, Thomas Cooling

Money counters: Char Schuch, Wendy Bennett

March 11

St. Teresa

9 a.m.

Reader: Peg Breiter

Ministers of Communion: Tony Bach,
Brenda Carey, Ted Landsteiner

Hospitality: Doug and Tammy Schmidt,
Shawn and Sara Wenner

Gifts: Mike and Jan Samuelson

Servers: Anthony Kunkel, Jon Kunkel,
Nick Wooldridge, Nathan Trio

Sacristan: Cliff and Marci Anderson

Money counters: Jan Sonnek, Kay Proehl

Donut team: Bill Drager, Billy Vait, Jeff Cole

Ministry Schedules are available on the web-
site: 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



*We Adore You O Christ and
We Praise You*

"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Special prayer time during Lent will be available: beginning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Teresa on each of the six Sundays in Lent, Fr Vogel will expose the Eucharist on the Altar and begin a time of Adoration which will continue until 10:00 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?"

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.



Last weekend kicked off the Catholic Ministry Appeal for 2018. You should have received a mailing from the Bishop explaining the appeal and giving you an idea of where the money raised goes. There was also an insert in the bulletin with some of this information. This appeal constitutes about one third of the budget for the diocese and is the funding for much of the Diocesan outreach programs.

Each year the Diocese sets a goal for each parish. Following are the goals for our parishes:

St. Joseph	\$5,030
St. Matthew	\$4,260
St. Teresa	\$14,980

If a parish does not reach its goal the difference must come from general funds. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal.

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."

~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta