

# St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

Good Thunder

Vernon Center

Mapleton

The Catholic  
Diocese of  
Winona-Rochester

## **TRI-PARISH MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Teresa  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph (1st, 3rd, 5th)  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Matthew (2nd, 4th)

Weekdays: Please See Inside Bulletin  
Holy Days: Please See Inside Bulletin  
Eucharistic Adoration held before daily Mass.

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## **PARISH CONTACTS**

### **for Home Communion, Visits, Prayer**

St. Joseph: Connie Peters @ 507-420-3406  
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Should you or a family member be experiencing a medical or home bound situation, please let us know.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Owen Dickey (ST)  
Marty Bissonette (ST)  
Peg Breiter (ST)  
Karen Fox (ST)  
Wendy Bennett (SM)  
Brad Lanoue (SM)  
Neil Majeski (SM)  
Paul FitzSimmons (SJ)  
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Kim Kleven (SJ)

### **FINANCE COUNCILS**

John Jensen (ST)  
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George Leary (ST)  
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Lindsey Lanoue (SM)  
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Scott Kleven (SJ)  
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Christine Rahn (SJ)

## October 6, 2019

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.  
He is our God, we are the people he shepherds,  
the sheep in his hands.**

**Oh, that today you would hear his voice:**

**Do not harden your hearts . . .**

**Psalm 95:6-8**

### **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 to receive this sacrament.

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

One half hour before each weekend Mass, 8:00 a.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 All,

I was talking to Betsy this morning. I just want to say thank you to everyone who has helped make the start of the faith formation year a success. We are trying a lot of new things at once, so thank you especially parents, for making everything so smooth. I must say the food has been excellent. Selfishly it is nice to know I'll get a good home cooked meal every Wednesday evening. I love seeing the community come together during these meals. It makes my heart happy.

The Gospel today is a little odd, especially for our modern ears. Usually Jesus, especially in the Gospel of Luke, is about raising up the underdog. However in the parable for today, Jesus has the servant do his usual duties and then eat and drink after the master is done. There is nothing revolutionary about this story, about this idea. And that is Jesus' point. Serving others should be no big deal as a Christian. I think it is great when we hear stories of people, especially athletes or other famous people, going out of their way to help others. However in some ways I wish it was not such a big deal. I don't want to diminish what they do, but one of the reasons it is such a big deal is because this means it does not happen very often. As Christians, going the extra mile for someone, serving someone else, should be so common that it is not a big deal. In some ways it should just be expected of us, as it was expected of the servant to serve his master and only eat after the master was done. On the flip side though, it is still good to thank those who do help us. But we need to pray, ask, and discern how we can more readily serve those around us, to be servants to one another.

God bless,  
Father Vogel

**God did not give us a spirit of cowardice  
but rather of power and love and self-control.  
So do not be ashamed of your testimony  
to our Lord . . .  
bear your share of hardship for the Gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.  
2 Timothy 1:7-8**

The new **LIVING FAITH DEVOTIONALS** for October, November and December have arrived and are available at each parish! Please take a copy and enjoy this wonderful companion on your journey of faith.

## Mass Intentions, Readings, Saints

Monday, Oct. 7 **Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Jonah 2:3-5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct. 8  
Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 130:1-4, 7-8; Luke 10:38-42  
**8:30 a.m. Rosary at St. Joseph**

Wednesday, Oct. 9 **St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi**  
Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86:3-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct. 10  
Malachi 3:13-20; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 11:5-13  
**7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Dorothy Lindemann

Friday, Oct. 11 **St. John XXIII**  
Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Psalm 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16; Luke 11:15-26  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at MCH** † Jim Carey

Saturday, Oct. 12  
Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28  
**7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** † Keith Etherington  
**5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew** † Harry and Toos Roelofs

Sunday, Oct. 13 **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19  
**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa** *People of the Tri-Parish*

**TRI-PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Marcie: Tues/Wed/Thurs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Darla: Wed/Thurs/Fri from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Betsy: Varies with youth & evening activities.  
Call Betsy at 524-4606.  
*If you have a sacramental emergency, please use the sacramental emergency phone number listed on the front page of the bulletin.*

**Upcoming Tri-Parish Meetings & Events**  
Oct. 14: ST CCW Meeting @ 7 p.m.  
Oct. 16: NO FAITH FORMATION CLASS (MEA)  
Oct. 26: SM Supper after Mass by St. Ann's Circle  
Oct. 27: Youth Mass @ ST (2nd & 9th Grade)  
Oct. 27: Youth Breakfast @ ST following Mass  
Oct. 28: Area CCW Meeting @ ST at 7 p.m.  
Oct. 29: ST Finance Council @ 6:45 p.m.  
Nov. 13: Confirmation Practice 7 pm @ St. Casmir Wells  
Nov. 17: Mass @ ST at 8:00 a.m. (not 9:00 a.m.)  
Nov. 17: CONFIRMATION 10 am @ St. Casmir Wells  
Nov. 24: Belize Mission Trip Breakfast @ ST  
Dec. 7: Reconciliation Learning Centers @ SJ from 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
Dec. 14: FIRST RECONCILIATION @ ST at 10 a.m.

# 4 Habits Of Discipleship

## SECOND HABIT: SHOW UP!

**for Mass, Prayer, Sacraments, Daily Habits  
not just externally but in your interior self**

To view Father Mike Schmitz's video on the  
4 Habits of Discipleship go to:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fis29rZ2n\\_4&t=7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fis29rZ2n_4&t=7s)

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Our CCW's are participating in Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign in various ways throughout this month. Proceeds help Catholic Charities Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with babies through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies.



St. Joseph CCW—Free will supper proceeds on Oct. 5th and donations in the large baby bottle in the church entry throughout the month of October.

St. Teresa CCW—Baby bottles are available to pick up at church for your donations. Please return bottles to church by November 12th.

St. Matthew CCW—Free will supper proceeds on Oct. 26 will go to support the Baby Bottle Campaign.

## Faith Formation/Youth

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Thank you Paul and John FitzSimmons for your hard work expanding the CGS atrium. It looks great and we are so excited to offer this wonderful opportunity to more children this year! Please contact Betsy Landsteiner or Karen Langworthy to register your child for CGS this year.

**CGS begins this weekend! Sunday, October 6th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's in Good Thunder.**

### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE for 2019-20

1st through 5th Grades: 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

6th through 11th Grades: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Family Meal (free-will offering) from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

## Community News

### CARD PARTY FUNDRAISER at Mapleton Community Home

Come and play 500, Bridge or Pfeffer at the MCH on Tuesday, October 8th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the MCH Business Office. Lunch, beverages, and snack bar provided and there'll be door prizes throughout the afternoon and prizes for top score. Gather a group of 4 and come for a fun afternoon supporting a great, local cause!

### God, grant healing and peace to the sick and those having surgery who have requested our prayers:

Mary Langworthy, Sister Carmen Sonnek, Marie Kruegel, Sara Becker, Colleen Landsteiner Hoehn, Shorty Schoneck.



*If you or a member of your family would like our prayers, please call 524-3127. We would love to pray for you.*



We welcome Vincent James Landsteiner, son of Ted and Samantha Landsteiner, who was BAPTIZED at St. Teresa last Sunday, September 29th! May God bless and watch over you, Vinnie, as you grow in stature and faith.

**WELCOME** to Heather and Brett Winters, new members of St. Joseph's parish! Brett and Heather live in Good Thunder and are expecting their first child this winter. St. Joseph's family of faith and our Tri-Parish Catholic community welcome you.



### OCTOBER MASS COUNT

The annual diocesan Mass count at all parishes runs throughout the month of October. No one is quite sure what the diocese uses this information for, but all are encouraged to "SHOW UP!" for Mass.

### **THANKFUL HEARTS OF GRATITUDE!**

**St. Matthew's THANKS everyone who planned, set up, donated, worked at, and supported the turkey dinner and silent auction last Sunday. YOU ARE AMAZING!**

**The family of Cathy Lentz** would like to thank our church family and friends for all of the prayers, love and support that we have received these last few months. Special thank you to Fr. Vogel, Deacon Chris Walchuk and St. Joseph's Choir for the beautiful service and to all who helped with serving the lunch. Your love and support means so much to us during this difficult time.

**THANK YOU** to all who came or sent cards to celebrate our 50th anniversary! A special thank you to all who helped set up and serve the lunch and Maggie J's who catered it. It was an inspiration to hear from friends and relatives, to reminisce about the past and look forward to the future. Jim & Arleen

**THANK YOU** to all who donated items for the Haiti and Rochester Medical Mission! We took 76 boxes, 3 book shelves & 1 walker to the CCW Fall Convention! Special thanks to Alice Van Brunt & ladies at the Community Closet for many donations, the ladies who packed all these boxes, Jason Klein & the MR cross county team who loaded the trailer, Paul Landsteiner for the use of his trailer, and John & Deanna Shanahan for driving the trailer to Stewartville. It is absolutely wonderful to see so many pitch in for this worthy project! Blessings to all!!! Ceal

**THANK YOU** to our gifted ladies and all their helpers for the beautiful fall church decorations: Cassie Winters at St. Joseph, Jodi Roelofs at St. Matthew, and Jackie Landsteiner at St. Teresa! A special thanks to Bob Bissonette for growing and donating many pumpkins.







## Stewardship of Treasure

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

### St. Teresa (September 29)

Weekly collection	\$3,220.83
Amount collected year to date	\$39,568.96
Amount needed year to date	

### St. Matthew (September 28)

Weekly collection	\$854.00
Amount collected year to date	\$10,418.00
Amount needed year to date	

### St. Joseph (September 21)

Weekly collection	\$1,024.00
Amount collected year to date	\$16,346.00
Amount needed year to date	

## Ministry Roles

### Saturday, October 12 @ St. Matthew at 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Neil Majeski

**Communion:** Darla Graf, Sheila Lewis

**Hospitality:** Angie and Shawn Heins

**Servers:** Tyler Heins, Julianna Majeski

**Money Counters:** Wendy Bennett, Neil Majeski

**Sacristan:** Donna Kopischke, Dave Weir

### Sunday, October 13 @ St. Teresa at 9:00 a.m.

**Reader:** Shelly Holt

**Communion:** Arleen and Jim Swanson, Brenda Carey

**Hospitality:** Dan and Alice Germe,  
Jeff and Shelly Holt

**Servers:** Dalton and Dawson Schmidt,  
Ellie Braaten, Gracie Langworthy

**Sacristan:** Ceal Caldwell

**Donuts:** John Healy, Ken Rigdon, Steve Breiter

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

**Altar Linens for October:** Becky Anderson

## Church Employment

**TRI-PARISH MANAGER** position is open for St. Joseph, St. Matthew and St. Teresa parishes. This will be a fulltime position. Qualifications and a new job description are in the process of being created for this position to serve current and future needs of the Tri-Parish. For more information talk with Father Vogel or these Pastoral Council members: (SM) Neil Majeski, (SJ) Paul FitzSimmons, (ST) Owen Dickey or Marty Bissonette.



## REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS by Scott Hahn

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38). We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20). The world, though, can seem to us as 7th century Judah seemed to the prophet Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us, Israel forgot God's mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice may seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith and will stir to flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel, with a strength that comes from God alone. Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.



**Lord, increase our faith.**

**Jesus replied,**

**If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,  
you would say to this mulberry tree,  
"Be uprooted and planted in the sea,  
and it would obey you."**

**Luke 17:5-6**