

St. Joseph + St. Matthew + St. Teresa

Good Thunder

Vernon Center

Mapleton

The Catholic
Diocese of
Winona-Rochester

TRI-PARISH FALL MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday @ St. Joseph (1st & 3rd)
5:00 PM Saturday @ St. Matthew (2nd & 4th)
9:00 AM Sunday @ St. Teresa

TRI-PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-4 pm
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Mass Times: See inside for schedule

TRI-PARISH STAFF

Father Andrew Vogel, Pastor

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Darla Graf, Bookkeeper

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Merissa Roth, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Outreach

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Faith Formation, and other times as required to
serve youth.

*Please note email addresses of each staff person and
direct emails to correct person.*

*Bulletin announcements are due by Thursday at 9
am. Thank you!*

PARISH CONTACTS

for Home Communion, Visits, Prayer

St. Joseph: Connie Peters @ 507-420-3406
St. Matthew: Mary Lewis @ 507-674-3798
St. Teresa: Deanna Shanahan @ 507-524-4963

CEMETERY BOARD HEADS

Jay Winters—St. Joseph
Donna Kopischke—St. Matthew
Jason Klein—St. Teresa

October 25, 2020 **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Love God. Love Others. The rest are details.

~JESUS (Matthew 22:34-40)

FINANCE COUNCILS

John Jensen (ST)
Joel Larson (ST)
George Leary (ST)
Gina Massop (ST)
Lindsey Lanoue (SM)
Art Schuch (SM)
Larry Caven (SM)
Scott Kleven (SJ)
Dean Sohre (SJ)
Jim Wieseler (SJ)
Christine Rahn (SJ)

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

TRI-PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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 re-
ceive this sacrament.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Call Fr. Vogel @ 524-4628 for private appointment.

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.



Dear People of God,

This past week has been hard in that we have lost two beloved souls from our communities. Karl Reuter passed away last Friday (October 16) and Mary Graf passed away Tuesday (October 20). Please pray for the repose of their souls. "Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them." Pray also for their families as they go through the grieving process.

Our national elections are coming up. Our country seems more divided than ever. I'm reminded of the Gospel from last Thursday. Jesus says, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided..." We must be willing to love people those who have a differing opinion. We sometimes say, "Love the sinner; hate the sin." We need to love those who disagree with the Truth of Jesus Christ, but still not water down the Truth. Peace, as nice as it is, is not a good goal unto itself. Catholic moral teaching says that we have a duty to follow our conscience, but we have a prior duty to correctly form our conscience. If we disagree with the teachings of the Catholic Church, we are to spend time to investigate why the Church teaches what she teaches. The Catholic Church has been studying the human condition for 2000 years. We are created in the image and likeness of God. That means that some things are good for us and some things are not good for us. This includes things that society tells us are good and pleasurable. Human beings are such beings that deserve to be treated with love and never treated as a means to an end. Pleasure is not a good in and of itself. And if we do not have the virtue of temperance, we will wind up addicted to pleasure and we will not be able to be the best version of ourselves. Trying to legalize vices and sin, does not make it any less sinful or harmful to our dignity and well-being.

Human life is precious from conception to natural death. Thus we must fight against not just abortion, but starvation and euthanasia. I would argue that neither the Democratic or Republican party is the Catholic party. However, the killing of innocent babies in the womb is barbaric and horrific. It must end! It would be safer for the mother to kill the child outside of the womb. But so far, most people recognize this as repugnant and evil. Killing innocent babies in the womb should be just as repugnant to us. Yes, we need to elect people who will fight for the good of all human life from conception (not birth) to natural death, but we must especially fight for those who cannot fight for themselves, the human persons among us still in the womb of their mothers.

There are many issues facing our country. However, having those issues is predicated on being alive. Millions of people are being denied the right to live.

WELCOME to Mass!

We are so happy to have you celebrate together again. Invite your family and friends to join us.

Please note that you can attend any of the Masses in the Tri-Parish that are convenient for you! Come pray and receive Jesus at any of the Masses at St. Joseph, St. Matthew or St. Teresa!!!

TRI-PARISH FALL MASS SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available for 30 minutes prior to any Mass.

7:30 am Thursday Eucharistic Adoration followed by

8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa (when Fr. Vogel is here)

7:30 am Saturday Eucharistic Adoration followed by

8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa (when Fr. Vogel is here)

5:00 PM Saturday Mass (St. Joseph 1st, 3rd & 5th and St. Matthew 2nd & 4th Saturdays)

6:00 PM Youth Adoration (St. Joseph 1st, 3rd & 5th and St. Matthew 2nd & 4th Saturdays)

9:00 AM Sunday Mass at St. Teresa

Mass Readings, Saints, Intentions

Monday, October 26

Ephesians 4:32--5:8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 27

Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalm 128:1-5:9; Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude

Ephesians 2:19-22; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 29

Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10; Luke 13:31-35

7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Ed & Catherine Kack*

Friday, October 30

Philippians 4:1-6; Psalm 111:1-6; Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31

Philippians 1:18-26; Psalm 42:2-3, 5; Luke 14:1, 7-11

7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa † *Deb Wallace*

Saturday/Sunday, October 31/November 1 - All Saints

Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew † *John Graf*

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa People of the Tri-Parish

Fr. column continued...

I truly believe and pray that we will one day look back on abortion as we now look back on slavery.

May God bless you and keep you during these unusual times,

Father Vogel

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 31 @ St. Joseph at 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Caven
Communion: Father Vogel or celebrant only
Hospitality: Dan and Teresa Sohre
Servers: None at this time
Sacristan: Mary Caven
Money Counters: Dan Sohre and Kim Kleven

Sunday, November 1 @ St. Teresa at 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Shelly Holt
Communion: Father Vogel or celebrant only
Hospitality: Jodi Kunkel family
Servers: None at this time
Sacristan: KC Reuter
Money Counters 11/1 & 8: Jodi Kunkel & Tammy Schmidt
Altar Linens for November: Becky Landsteiner
Donuts: Joel Larson, Jon Welle, Joel Schmidt

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FALL/WINTER were mailed to all ministry volunteers. Please find your own substitute and let the office know.

Calendar of events and meetings

- ⇒ **Sunday, October 25:**
4:30-6 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Joseph
- ⇒ **Tuesday, October 27:**
6:30-7:45 pm Adult Bible Study at St. Teresa
- ⇒ **Wednesday, October 28:**
1-4 pm Mission Quilting Group at St. Teresa
6-7:15 pm Faith Formation grades 6-Confirmation at St. Teresa
- ⇒ **Saturday, October 31:**
Youth Adoration after Mass for all middle and high school students from 6:30 -7:30 pm at St. Joseph with food and fellowship to follow.

Pastoral Care



God, grant healing and peace to those who have requested our prayers:

Pat Borchert, Clarice Germa,
Jerry Etherington, Lavonne Miller, Mary Langworthy, Sister Carmen Sonnek, Marie Kruegel

This coming week Shelly will be calling families on list to determine status. For new requests call 524-3127 or email sjsmst@gmail.com

Parish News & Events

Employment opportunity: Positions open in the Tri-Parish are: Tri-Parish Administrator, Tri-Parish Accountant and Tri-Parish Faith Formation/Adult Outreach Coordinator. These could be full-time or part-time positions depending on an applicant's area of interest, qualifications and time availability. For more information talk with Father Vogel, a member of the Tri-Parish Pastoral Council, or call the Tri-Parish office at 524-3127. Job descriptions are posted on the Tri-Parish website at www.sjsmst.org.



Helen (Billie) Caven will be **100** on October 28. Help her celebrate by sending a card to:

Billie Caven
100 Dublin Road, Apt. 1001
Mankato MN 56001

Council of Catholic Women



The Baby Bottle Campaign for Catholic Charities will end next weekend. Please put your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked Baby Bottle Campaign at your parish or send your donation directly to Catholic Charities, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987-0379.



Welcome to the Weekend Wonder

a weekly reflection from
your NCCW Executive Director
Andrea Cecilli

As we navigate the uncertain times that surround us, I have been thinking about a Christian/Catholic fad of the 1990s, WWJD, "What Would Jesus Do?" Many of you may remember people, especially youth and young adults, of the late 1990's wearing silicon bracelets of various colors with WWJD embossed on them. They were worn to remind the wearer to act and respond to situations as Jesus would have done. This is a tool that would be really useful for us today with the many questions and decisions we have to make regarding our lives, health and political affiliations. How simple it really is to ask ourselves what would Jesus do if He were faced with this decision, how would He react in this situation...?

Let us pray:

When faced with a moral dilemma...what would Jesus do?
When I see my neighbor in distress...what would Jesus do?

As I struggle to follow the rules...what would Jesus do?

When confronted with someone who disagrees with me...what would Jesus do?

Lord help me to be like You.

~Amen

Financial Update

TRI-PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Teresa

October 4 and 11	\$4,167.00
Amount Collected YTD	\$46,320.91
Amount Needed YTD	\$49,410.00

St. Matthew

October 10	\$1,392.00
Amount Collected YTD	\$11,324.00
Amount Needed YTD	\$17,355.00

St. Joseph

October 17	\$1,077.00
Amount Collected YTD	\$10,271.00
Amount Needed YTD	\$18,000.00

For those not ready to attend Mass, church support may be given in the following ways:

1. Mail your envelope to the Tri-Parish Office at PO Box 305, Mapleton, MN 56065.
2. Online <https://catholicismn.org/parish-donations> select your parish from the drop down menu. Catholic Foundation of Southern MN will send your donation to the parish you selected.
3. Sign up to begin an automatic monthly contribution.

Thank you for supporting your parish.

2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal Update

Parish	2020 Goal	Rec'd	% of Goal
St. Joseph	\$5,000	\$3,175	63.50
St. Matthew	\$4,175	\$3,475	83.23
St. Teresa	\$14,300	\$7,430	51.96

*Thank you to all who have contributed so far. Each parish in the diocese is responsible for their goal. **If donations are not received to meet the parish goal, the remaining balance will be paid from that parish's general funds.***

Diocesan Special Collection

Thanks for your participation!

Thank you for answering, "Here I Am, Send Me" to your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday! If you forgot, please put your envelope marked "Propagation of the Faith" in the collection basket. Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!!

Faith Formation/Youth Outreach

Contact Merissa Roth 524-4646 or email sjmsst.faith@gmail.com



Eucharistic Adoration is offered for middle and high school students on Saturdays after the 5 pm mass from 6:00-7:30 pm. Adoration will be held at the same parish as Mass. Each week there will be food and fellowship following adoration; an activity, praise and worship are included! Parents and grandparents encourage your youth to attend!!

Other Diocesan and Community News

On Fridays at Noon-1:00 pm through November 20, Susan Windley-Daoust will facilitate the **Revive Parishes Evangelization** mini-course, featuring Chris Stefanik. This is free and for **ALL** who are curious, interested, and want conversation as to why and especially how we need to embrace sharing Jesus Christ with those who do not know Him. Please contact Rosalie Beyer rbeyer@dowr.org to sign up. You **ARE** welcome!!



Mankato Life Chain 2020: Sunday, Nov. 1st, 1:00 -

2:00 PM - Join thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada in a peaceful and prayerful public witness. Together, we will remember

the babies whose lives have been lost to abortion, witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, and pray for those who are facing an unexpected pregnancy. **Signs will be available in the parking lot of Elevate Church on Sunday, November 1st at 12:45 PM. We will line the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, along Victory Drive, from 1:00-2:00 PM.**

The event will take place rain (or snow) or shine. Please bring a lawn chair if needed. For more information, visit lifechain.org



Message from Brother Ryan Anderson of St. Teresa.

I hope everyone is surviving Covid well, I know God will guide all of us, and know of my daily prayers for all of you. Mapleton is still home, and all of you still hold a special place in my heart and life.

I am writing to you to consider ordering a tin of our famous Ocean Tides cookies. (Well, famous in Rhode Island!) Ocean Tides, the school I currently serve at, is a residential treatment facility in Narragansett, Rhode Island. It serves children and families on the margins of society, facing poverty and other challenges daily, including our students, many of whom come to us through the criminal justice system. Ocean Tides gives our students access to the tools and skills to rebuild their lives, helps them catch up in school, many of whom have never had a teacher who believes in them, tools to navigate difficult life situations such as getting out of gang life, and to find successes they have never seen before. We are truly doing God's work by transforming the lives of these young men. I am asking you to aid us in this amazing ministry by buying a box of home made cookies from our kitchen, and helping fund special programming for our students. Proceeds from the sale of each box of cookies goes directly to Ocean Tides student programming, giving them access to these services.

When we say yes to helping others, we say yes to God's will in our life and the world.

Link to place order: <https://www.oceantides.org/support-us/>

Thank you so much and God bless all of you!"