

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

Good Thunder

Waldorf

Vernon Center

Mapleton

The Catholic
Diocese of
Winona-Rochester

QUAD-PARISH WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 pm Saturday - St. Joseph, Waldorf

8:00 am Sunday - St. Teresa

10:00 am every other Sunday - St. Joseph, Good Thunder

10:00 am every other Sunday - St. Matthew

(see January schedule on page 4)

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**Please note that the office will be closed
on January 1st.**

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December 29, 2024

*The Holy Family
of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*



TRI-PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism

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

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the office if you or a family member is in the hospital or homebound and would like to be anointed.

Reconciliation

Call Fr. Swamy for a private appointment. Also available 30 minutes prior to any Mass.

Marriage

All Catholics need to meet with the priest at least 6 months before being married.

Contact the office at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.



Today's feast is a celebration of family: that unique nucleus of society that gives us life, nurture and support throughout our journey on earth. Families are the first and best places for the love of God to come alive. In Matthew and Luke's stories of Jesus birth and childhood (which were later additions to those Gospels, drawn from the many stories about Jesus' life that were part of the early Christian oral tradition that had developed), life for the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus is difficult and cruel: they are forced from their home; they are innocent victims of the political and social tensions of their time; they endure the suspicions of their own people when Mary's pregnancy is discovered; their child is born under the most difficult and terrifying of circumstances; they experience the agony of losing their beloved child. And yet, through it all, their love and faithfulness to one another do not waver. The Holy Family is a model for our families as we confront the many tensions and crises that threaten the stability, peace and unity that are the joys of being a family. Jesus remains with us even when he seems most distant and farthest away, when he is nowhere to be found. He is with us in the love and compassion of family and friends, in the forgiveness we receive and give, in the generosity and healing we make happen even in the simplest and most hidden ways. With Jesus, we must be about "the Father's house," bringing the justice, reconciliation and compassion won by the cross into our families and communities.

Christmas Gifts: As the pastor of this cluster, I have experienced lots of love, care and concern through various gestures of yours during my time here. One of the profound experiences of your love was receiving cards and Christmas gifts from you last year. I really appreciate and thank you for all of that and I shared with you through my letter how that money was used to help the needy people in India. Since Christmas is the time to express your love through gifts, if you wish to give me a gift, please consider giving cash/check as a gift rather than gift cards which I don't need. This coming January I will be going to India on my vacation for 5 weeks. So, if you wish to give me a Christmas gift I would appreciate it, if it were in the form of cash or check which can be used to help the poor in India rather than gift cards.

Fr. Swamy

Pastoral Care



For these we pray:

**Ann Marie Jensen,
Everett Finch, Corey Jaeger,
Mike Caven, Amy Robbins,
Alex Sirba, Lisa Larson,
Carol Webb, Jason Dickey,
Jody Carey, Alex Merritt,
Karl Tischer, Neal Wallace,
Judy Bach, Jay Hiller, Reise Hanson,
Linette Ziegler, and Richard FitzSimmons**

Request Service for Visiting Priest:

January 18th, February 1st and 8th — We need hosts for a Saturday night meal to serve the visiting priest, Fr. Joe Pete (same as last year). Please contact the office to sign up for a date.

Thank you.

Mass Readings, Saints & Intentions

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| <u>Monday- December 30</u> | <i>Octave of Christmas</i> |
| 1 John 2:12-17 • Psalm 96:7-10 • Luke 2:36-40 | |
| <u>Tuesday- December 31</u> | <i>St. Sylvester I</i> |
| 1 John 2:18-21 • Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13 • John 1:1-18 | |
| 8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa | + w |
| <u>Wednesday- January 1</u> | <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> |
| Numbers 6:22-27 • Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 | |
| Galatians 4:4-7 • Luke 2:16-21 | |
| 8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa | + Gcel |
| <u>Thursday- January 2</u> | <i>St. Stephen</i> |
| 1 John 2:22-28 • Psalm 98:1-4 • John 1:19-28 | |
| 8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa | + Gcel |
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| <u>Friday- January 3</u> | <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> |
| 1 John 2:29—3:6 • Psalm 98:1, 3-6 • John 1:29-34 | |
| 8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa | + Iler |
| 10:30 am Mass at MCH | + Sker |
| <u>Sat.- January 4</u> | <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i> |
| 1 John 3:7-10 • Psalm 98:1, 7-9 • John 1:35-42 | |
| 5:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph-W | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| <u>Sunday- January 5</u> | <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> |
| Isaiah 60:1-6 • Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 | |
| Ephesian 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2:1-12 | |
| 8:00 am Mass at St. Teresa | <i>Ply</i> |
| 10:00 am Mass - St. Matthew | + Der |

Ministry Schedule

Wednesday, January 1 St. Teresa - 8:30 am

Lector: Gloria Langworthy
Sacristan: Father Swamy
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 5 St. Teresa - 8:00 am

Lector: Ann Langworthy
Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Swanson, Alice Germino and Gloria Langworthy
Hospitality & Gifts: Jason & Karen Langworthy
Sacristan: Gloria Langworthy
Altar Servers: Nick & Zach Wooldridge, & Eli Healy
Money Counters: Jodi Kunkel & Jan Sonnek
Altar Linens: Becky Anderson - January

Sunday, January 5 St. Matthew - 10:00 am

Lector: Linsey Lanoue
Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Bennett & Char Schuch
Hospitality & Gifts: Dennis & DeDe Peterson
Altar Servers: Hallie & Tyler Heins
Money Counters: Neil Majeski & Maria Sanders

Events & Meetings

- **Sunday, December 29**
4:30 pm **NO CGS** @ St. Joseph-Good Thunder
- **Wednesday, January 1**
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
8:30 am Mass @ St. Teresa
- **Thursday, January 2**
6:00 pm QP Pastoral Council Meeting @ St. Teresa
- **Sunday, January 5**
4:30 pm CGS @ St. Joseph-Good Thunder
- **Monday, January 6**
4:30-7:30 pm **Build up Belize** Fundraiser
@ Snowbird Event Center, Amboy

Quad Parish Family Formation



Wednesday, January 8th

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Family Meal
(free will offering accepted)

6:00 - 7:15 pm:

- ** Adult Formation Speaker
- ** K - 6 Grade Catechesis
- ** 7 - 12 Grade Youth Group

7:15 pm: Social & Snacks

Guest Speaker:

Melissa Scaccio

Melissa is a Three-Peat speaker for our parishes. You will enjoy this energetic gem, who comes to us from Rochester, MN. Melissa covers a wide array of Catholic topics, so you won't want to miss this talk.

This Month's Topic:

Marriage:

A Match Made In Heaven

Build Up Belize with the Buckholtz Brothers



Jan 6th, 2025
4:30-7:30pm
Snowbird Event Center
Amboy, MN

\$10/person
at the door
Chili Cookoff
& Bake Sale

Donate to
Belize building
mission:



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Financial Update

Quad Parish Contribution Income

St. Teresa Contributions

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| November | \$ 37,206.67 |
| Year to Date (Nov) | \$ 88,218.00 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 80,143.00 |

St. Matthew Contributions

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| November | \$ 6,292.00 |
| Year to Date (Nov) | \$ 34,045.00 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 25,849.00 |

St. Joseph - GT Contributions

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| November | \$ 4,035.00 |
| Year to Date (Nov) | \$ 17,437.00 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 27,546.00 |

St. Joseph - Waldorf Contributions

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|--------------------|--------------|
| November | \$ 2,965.00 |
| Year to Date (Nov) | \$ 13,917.00 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 24,102.00 |

***Year end contributions can be made to the parishes through Dec. 31st. Any contributions received after Dec. 31st will be 2025 contributions. Thank you for all the ways you give to the parishes.

Food Shelf Volunteers

Looking for volunteers to assist with coverage at the food shelf, which consists of about 4 times a year, either on a Tuesday (2:30-5 p.m.) or a Saturday (8:30 a.m. - Noon). We are also in need of volunteers to assist with unloading the weekly truck on Thursday mornings around 10 a.m. or picking up donations from Cub Foods on Friday mornings (rotating schedule).

I am also looking for one or two additional volunteers to work on Saturday at *The Closet*, twice a year in 2025.

Please contact Karen Langworthy (507-995-0988) if you would like to be added to the 2025 schedule, or can assist with unloading the truck or picking up from Cub Foods. Thank you for considering!

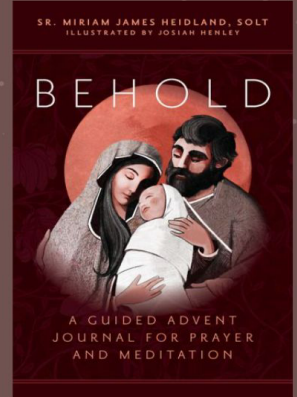
Advent Reflection Study

Please join us in praying together this Advent season! Everyone is invited to attend one or both of the reflection sessions. You can come every week, or just once or twice, but please take some time to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Mondays in December
6:30pm, St. Teresa

Wednesdays in December
9:15am, St. Teresa

We will have a limited number of books available for you to use!



NOTE: The BEHOLD study book is available to anyone who desires private study. There are extra copies. Contact the office if interested. The Monday study will finish Jan. 6. The Wednesday study will continue January 8 and 15. Join us at any time.

Quad-Parish Mass Schedule Dec 2024 - Jan 2025

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| 12/28 | 5:00 pm | SJW | The Holy Family of Jesus |
| 12/29 | 8:00 am | ST | The Holy Family of Jesus |
| 12/29 | 10:00 am | SJGT | The Holy Family of Jesus |
| 1/1/25 | 8:30 am | ST | The Solemnity of Mary |
| 1/4 | 5:00 pm | SJW | Epiphany of the Lord |
| 1/5 | 8:00 am | ST | Epiphany of the Lord |
| 1/5 | 10:00 am | SM | Epiphany of the Lord |
| 1/11 | 5:00 pm | SJW | Baptism of the Lord |
| 1/12 | 8:00 am | ST | Baptism of the Lord |
| 1/12 | 10:00 am | SJGT | Baptism of the Lord |
| 1/18 | 5:00 pm | SJW | 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time |
| 1/19 | 8:00 am | ST | 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time |
| 1/19 | 10:00 am | SM | 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time |
| 1/25 | 5:00 pm | SJW | 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time |
| 1/26 | 8:00 am | ST | 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time |
| 1/26 | 10:00 am | SJGT | 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time |