

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

Good Thunder

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The Catholic  
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Winona-Rochester

March 9, 2025

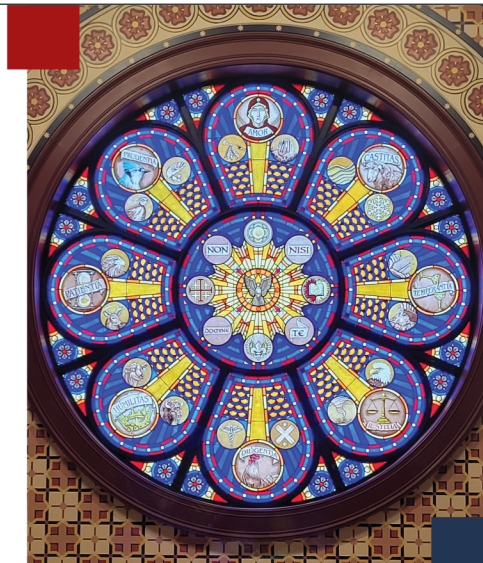
*The 1st Sunday of Lent*



Diocese of Winona-Rochester  
MINNESOTA

# Synod

ON EVANGELIZATION & VOCATIONS



His Excellency Bishop Robert Barron has convoked a Diocesan Synod focused on the themes of evangelization and priestly vocations. This event aims to inspire and equip our community to share the joy of the Gospel and respond to God's call in their lives. As Pope Francis reminds us, we have a duty to share the Gospel with all whom we meet as we strive to be witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

The preparatory phase of the Synod will begin on March 2, 2025. During this phase, consultation will take place across the Diocese in order to aid the deliberations of the Synod assembly in August, on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. We invite every member of the local church to participate in this preparatory phase by completing the survey on evangelization and vocations, which can be accessed by visiting our Synod website, or by scanning the code below.

SCAN HERE TO  
TAKE THE SURVEY



MARY, QUEEN OF THE NEW  
EVANGELIZATION,  
MOTHER OF PRIESTS,  
PRAY FOR US!

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# Lent



We are now into the great season of Lent. It is important for us to realize that our life is a journey, a movement towards God and to prepare ourselves to receive him fully. That we are pilgrims on the journey is what Lent is all about. During the season of Lent, the church invites us to examine our lives, to repent of our sins and do penance. By means of fasting, penance and prayers, the faithful

obtain strength they need to overcome the sinful tendencies. The purpose of Lent is to provide that purification by weaning human persons from sin and selfishness through self-denial and prayer, by creating in them the desire to do God's will and to make his kingdom alive by making it first come into their hearts. The real aim of Lent above all else, is to prepare Christians for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The better the preparation for this day, the more effective the celebration will be. One can effectively re-live the mystery only with a purified mind and heart. The Church invites all to repent from evil ways and return to the Lord who is eagerly waiting for each one to come to him. Hence Paul in the second reading tells us that it is necessary for us and for our salvation to believe in Jesus and witness to him.

In a time of crisis, will I remain true to my principles, no matter the cost? The first and third readings on this Lenten Sunday pose this challenging question. The selection from Deuteronomy is a presentation prayer. Recalled are the experiences of slavery in Egypt and of victory in the Promised Land where the Israelites settled down to farming. The prayer was recited as the first fruits of the harvest were offered. The reading urges the Israelites to preserve their values and principles against the false gods of the Canaanites who also inhabited the land. Luke shows how Jesus succeeds in his desert experience, in contrast to Israel. Jesus would not be bought off by Satan's offer of political power in the second temptation. Jesus' ultimate victory against evil will come in the passion.

Fr. Swamy

## Pastoral Care



### For these we pray:

Mary Sue Sohre, Kirsten Becker,  
Jim & Ginger Stadther, Lois Gau,  
Jason Dickie, Ann Marie Jensen,  
Jay Hiller, Everett Finch, Corey Jaeger,  
Mike Caven, Amy Robbins, Alex Sirba,  
Richard FitzSimmons, Carol Webb, Alex Merritt,  
Karl Tischer, Neal Wallace, Judy Bach,  
Reise Hanson, Lisa Larson, and Linette Ziegler

## Mass Readings, Saints & Intentions

### Monday- March 10

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 • Psalm 19:8-10, 15  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Tuesday- March 11

Isaiah 55:10-11 • Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19 • Matthew 6:7-15  
**8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa** *Barb Yunker Larson*

### Wednesday- March 12

Jonah 3:1-10 • Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 • Luke 11:29-32  
**8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa** + *Craig Lloyd*

### Thursday- March 13

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 • Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8  
Matthew 7:7-12  
**7:30 am Adoration at St. Teresa**  
**8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa** + *Bob Fleming*

### Friday- March 14

Ezekiel 18:21-28 • Psalm 130:1-8 • Matthew 5:20-26  
**8:30 am Mass at St. Teresa** + *Kris Miller*  
**10:30 am Mass at MCH**

### Saturday- March 15

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 • Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8  
Matthew 5:43-48  
**5:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph-W** + *Gerald Stencel*

### Sunday- March 16

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14  
Phillipians 3:17—4:1 • Luke 9:28b-36  
**8:00 am Mass at St. Teresa** *Pete & Mary Becker*

## Save the Date:

### Scholarship Supper

sponsored by MR Dollars For Scholars

**March 18th, 5-7 pm @ St. Teresa Church**

## Ministry Schedule

### **Sunday, March 16** **St. Teresa - 8:00 am**

**Lector:** Shelly Holt  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brenda Carey, Alice Geramo, and Mary Ellen Larson  
**Hospitality & Gifts:** Jeff and Amber Cole  
**Sacristan:** Karen Langworthy  
**Altar Servers:** Christian Reuter, Bria & Ryler Cole  
**Altar Linens:** Judy Bach - March  
**Money Counters:** Tammy Schmidt & Jan Sonnek

### **Sunday, March 16** **St. Matthew - 10:00 am**

**Lector:** Neil Majeski  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Justin Davis and Darla Graf  
**Hospitality & Gifts:** Lucas and Heather Bunde  
**Altar Servers:** Brynn Davis and Hallie Heins  
**Money Counters:** Darla Graf and Wendy Bennett

## **Mission Quilting @ St. Teresa Church**

**Wednesday, March 12th**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Quilters are needed on this day of quilting.**  
**During that time you will make a difference by**  
**doing simple quilt-making tasks.**  
**(No Experience Required. You will work with The Pros.)**  
**Come for the day or come for a couple of hours.**  
*(Bring a sack lunch if you like.)*

## **Lenten Opportunities**

Lenten Study Groups for any adults and high school students begin on March 9th. **RESTORE** is the reflection book we will use, which is now available at the office.

Join a group at the time convenient for you:

- Sundays after 8am mass with Steve
- Mondays at 6pm with Becca @ St. Teresa
- Tuesdays at 9:15am with Shelly @ St. Teresa
- Wednesdays @ 11:30 am with  
When Women Pray @ St. Joseph-GT

Stations of the Cross are offered each Friday:

- 5:00 pm at St. Teresa  
A light supper will follow the Stations
- 6:30 pm at St. Matthew  
Bars & refreshments to follow the Stations

## Events & Meetings

- **Sunday, March 9**  
4:30 pm CGS @ St. Joseph-Good Thunder
- **Tuesday, March 11**  
6:00 pm QP Pastoral Council Meeting @ St. Teresa
- **Wednesday, March 12**  
11:30 am When Women Pray @ St. Joseph-GT  
Family Formation - See times below
- **Friday, March 14**  
5:00 pm Stations of the Cross @ St. Teresa  
Followed by a complimentary light supper  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross @ St. Matthew  
Followed by bars and refreshments
- **Sunday, March 16**  
4:30 pm CGS @ St. Joseph-Good Thunder

## **FAMILY FORMATION**



### **Wednesday, March 12th**

**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:

**Matthew Edens**

This Month's Topic:

**The Clean Sweep:  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation**





## Quad-Parish Mass Schedule March 2025

3/8	5:00 pm	SJW	1st Sunday of Lent
3/9	8:00 am	ST	1st Sunday of Lent
3/9	10:00 am	SJGT	1st Sunday of Lent
3/15	5:00 pm	SJW	2nd Sunday of Lent
3/16	8:00 am	ST	2nd Sunday of Lent
3/16	10:00 am	SM	2nd Sunday of Lent
3/22	5:00 pm	SJW	3rd Sunday of Lent
3/23	8:00 am	ST	3rd Sunday of Lent
3/23	10:00 am	SJGT	3rd Sunday of Lent
3/29	5:00 pm	SJW	4th Sunday of Lent
3/30	8:00 am	ST	4th Sunday of Lent
3/30	10:00 am	SM	4th Sunday of Lent

# PANCAKE Supper

March 9, 2025

4 pm - 7 pm

FREE WILL DONATION

\*ALL YOU CAN EAT MENU INCLUDES\*  
Plate of pancakes, sausage patties,  
applesauce, and beverage.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GOOD THUNDER, MINN

Fill up on delicious pancakes and fellowship!  
Proceeds go to St. John Benevolence Fund to  
benefit congregation and community members

## Maple River Loaves & Fishes 2025 March Campaign

It's time to gear up for the largest statewide food and fund drive to help restock MN food shelves. The MN FoodShare March Campaign is the annual food and fund drive involving the 300 food shelves around the state. **The 2025 March Campaign will run March 1st, 2025 to April 6th, 2025.** The March Campaign is the only statewide food and fund drive that raises more than half the food distributed by the 300 food shelves.

The March Campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March. **Remember, for every dollar you donate, we can buy \$10 worth of food** using our network which includes Second Harvest, Kilty's Foods and other organizations. 100% of your money stays in the Maple River area, and 95% goes directly to food.

As a reference, 46% of our clients are from Mapleton, 21% Amboy, 18% Good Thunder, and 10% from MN. Lake. Did you know hunger is still a problem in Minnesota? Feeding America reports that 537,890 Minnesotans are facing hunger. 34% of these individuals are under the age of 18.

Minnesotans made an estimated record-breaking 9 million visits to food shelves in 2024.2 This is up 20% from the previous record of 7.5 million set in 2023. Annual visits to food shelves are now 150% higher than they were prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

95% of contributions go towards Local hunger relief.

### What to collect:

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

**Cash Donations** – Easier to collect and deliver. Cash also gives us more flexibility to acquire perishable items like fresh produce, meat and dairy products.

### How to give:

Maple River Loaves and Fishes  
PO Box 227 Mapleton, MN, 56065  
(envelopes available in the back of church)

Thank you!

Jon Klenk,  
Board of Directors Chairman  
Maple River Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

