



April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and
Christ the King Church)

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Mass Schedule:

Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, may we all find ourselves within the Passion story. Jesus' mission is to save all humanity and that also means us. How is he saving you and me? Do we grasp and understand the words that we hear prayed after the "Our Father": "...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ"? What are you and I hoping for? What is it that you and I are dealing with this very day – what struggles, temptations, situations, problems, etc. – in other words, what cross are we bearing now? We all have a cross, as Jesus reminds us: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

The cross each of us carries is for our salvation and will also lead others to salvation, to Jesus Christ. We have been brought into union with Jesus and His mission through our baptism. Jesus is with us and those words, "the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ", are true – Jesus is always **coming** to us who cry out to Him! Yes, "**we await the blessed hope**" and persevere carrying that daily cross because it leads us to something much greater. Let us pray this week the wonderful Psalm 27 that concludes in these words: "Wait for the Lord, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the Lord!"

The Paschal Triduum begins the evening of Holy Thursday. May these holy days be lived well in our homes and among family. Let us respect silence and avoid all unnecessary tasks and contemplate the Lord Jesus through pray, fasting, and reflection. While attending the Liturgy on these three days, remember to respect the silence upon leaving the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. You may spend time in Joseph Hall to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 PM Thursday evening. We respect the silence upon entering the church for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. During the Adoration of the Holy Cross, do not take this gesture in a sentimental way but bring your cross and unite it to Jesus' saving cross, asking for the grace to persevere in carrying your daily cross. Thank the Lord for your cross because it is, for each of us, our way to salvation. Upon conclusion of both the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies, there is no formal dismissal with the sign of the cross. We silently depart both liturgies and I encourage us to help each other by respecting this silence. God wants to speak to us through this silence! Let us listen in the silence for the Lord desires to speak to each of us in our hearts. Holy Saturday is a somber day of preparation for the Paschal Vigil. May we continue to avoid unnecessary works and live that day in prayer and fasting as well. Jesus is **coming** and may we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Victory that concludes the Triduum.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasich

P.S. I hope you will all take time to read this wonderful letter from the Nordic Bishops' Conference (comprising the Catholic bishops from Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, and Iceland), entitled *Pastoral Letter on Human Sexuality*. I am happy to say that one of the representatives from Finland, acting as Apostolic Administrator in Helsinki, Finland, Fr. Marco Pasinato, was a seminarian who spent time in Estonia on mission while I served there from 2001-2003.

He loved John Paul II's teaching on *Theology of the Body*!

<https://coramfratribus.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/NBK-Pastoral-Letter-Lent-2023-EN.pdf>



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, Apr 3, 2023: <i>Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11</i>	Monday of Holy Week 9:00am - Christ the King - Norbert Arnold†
Tuesday, Apr 4, 2023: <i>Is 49:1-6 / Jn 3:21-33,36-38</i>	Tuesday of Holy Week 8:00am - “Hearts and Minds of Expectant Parents” in memory of Dorothy Moent† 12:10pm - Marie Roeker†
Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023: <i>Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25</i>	Wednesday of Holy Week 8:00am - Marianne Warner† 12:10pm - Otto Havelka†
Thursday, Apr 6, 2023: <i>1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15</i>	Holy Thursday 8:00am - No Mass 6:30pm - Katie Cashman†
Friday, Apr 7, 2023: <i>Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42</i>	Good Friday 9:00am - Morning prayers in St. Joseph Church 12:10pm - The Passion of the Lord
Saturday, Apr 8, 2023 <i>Gn 1:1-2:22/ Gn 22-18/ Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-16,32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11</i>	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 9:00am - Morning prayers in St. Joseph Church 3:00pm - 5:00pm Confessions Only - NO 4:00pm Mass 8:30pm - Parishioners
Sunday, Apr 9, 2023: <i>Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28 1-10</i>	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8:00am - Marie Vieng Nguyen† 10:00am - Mary Hannum†



April 2 – Palm Sunday:

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain. Vincent's Table was able to serve 122 meals on Tuesday evening.

Membership - We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at **6:30 p.m.**, at **St. Joseph's Church**. **If you would like further information on growing your spiritual life and serving those in need in our community**, please join us at a meeting or contact Ed Wacek at edwacek46@gmail.com
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**Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Holy Week**

Holy Thursday - 6:30pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Cindy Emanuelson, Kay Oberle
Lector: Lee Jardine
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: David Goodnature, Gary Hawkins, 2 Volunteer
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Lucas & Macey Ginskey
Greeters: Volunteer

Good Friday - 12:10pm

EMs: Julio Letona, Rose Ann Rypka, Volunteer
Lector: Cindy Emanuelson (N), Pat Rose (V)
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Dave Goodnature, Gary Hawkins, 2 Volunteers
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Lucas & Macey Ginskey
Greeters: Volunteer

Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

EMs: Lee Jardine, Linda Huffington, Rose Ann Rypka
Lector: Linda Strand, Cindy Emanuelson, Pat Rose,
Ryan Heydon, Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Pat Rose, 3 Volunteers
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Volunteers
Greeters: Volunteer

Easter Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Doug Phillips, Martha Kearin,
Anna Marie & Tom Brick
Lector: Pat Rose
Ushers: Dave Goodnature, Joan Erdman,
Doug & Cindy Phillips
Sacristan: Rita Goodnature
Altar Servers: Sophie & Brianna Harinen
Greeters: Volunteer

Easter Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Kay Oberle, Dianne Unruh, Lee Jardine
Lector: Lee Jardine
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Jerry & Dina Atkinson,
Gary Hawkins, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey
Greeters: Volunteer

April Funeral Chairpersons

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ANNUAL HAM BINGO AT LITOMYSL

Everyone is invited to the Annual HAM Bingo at Holy Trinity Church, Litomysl on **Sunday, April 2nd at 7pm. 20 games for \$5** and a free Door Prize. Pop and popcorn will be for sale. The youth will have a Bake Sale. Come for an enjoyable evening and invite your friends and relatives.



For Lent For Life

Rice Bowl donations can be returned at the Holy Thursday 6:30pm Mass on April 6, 2023. Rice Bowls are still available in the Gathering Area if you or your family would like to fill one.

To sign up for home delivery of **The Courier**, email nreller@dowr.org or send mailing information to DOW-R The Courier 55 W. Sanborn St. Winona, MN 55987.

The Courier's April 2023 issue is now available online:

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Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dowr.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the 2nd Annual Marian Conference at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI on May 19-21. We will leave Friday Morning May 19 at 8:00 AM and return about 5:00PM Sunday May 21.

The Owatonna KC Council is covering the cost of the bus.

Pilgrims will need to go to the shrine web site (www.championshrine.org/marian-conference) to make the Conference reservation. The cost is \$120/person.

Pilgrims will need to call the Green Bay Comfort Suites to reserve a room. The cost for 2 nights is \$268/room. The phone number is 920-499-7449. Contact Lee Jardine at 507-444-4088 (leave a message) or email lee_j7@reagan.com if you have any questions and to reserve your space on the bus.



Time For Preparation

Let us take a penitential journey,
to put our hearts and minds at ease.

For a happy future in eternity,
let us all pray, down on our knees.

Forty days of spiritual preparation,
to celebrate that miraculous day,
Christ our Savior's, Easter Resurrection,
We fast, repent, give alms, and pray.

Holy Thursday, the Lord's Last Supper,
the first Eucharist and Holy Mass,
Good Friday makes me shudder,
Jesus' intense pain, I cannot grasp.

Christ gave His life so we all might live.
His death gave us eternal life with Him,
God gave His Son; so much love to give.
Now prepare our souls to die without sin.

Bud Peka 2/26/2023

Knights of Columbus Benefit Lenten Fish Dinners

The Owatonna KC 4th Degree Assembly will be serving benefit fish dinners every Friday during Lent from 5 to 7pm in the KC Hall at the Columbian Center 820 S. Elm Ave. Owatonna, MN



The "All you care to eat" dinner includes baked and fried fish, mashed potatoes with country gravy, vegetable, roll, coleslaw, coffee, and milk. Cost is \$15 in advance, \$16 at the door, with children under the age of 6 eating free. Presale tickets may be purchased from the beneficiaries, at the Church offices or the Columbian Center. *Please join us in helping these organizations help others!*

The beneficiaries of the dinners this year are:
April 7 The Izaak Walton League





Please consider becoming a Liturgical Minister at St. Joseph Church. There's something for everyone! See contact info. below:

Altar Servers – Parish Office (507)451-4845, parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org

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Saturday, April 29: 2PM—8PM
 Sunday, April 30: 11AM—8PM
 Monday - Wednesday, May 1-3: 9AM—8PM
 Thursday, May 4: 9AM—8PM
 contact Bridget Kluesner at kluesner.bb@usfamily.net

LEARN MORE AND SEE UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE
EUCHARIST.DOWN.ORG/EVENTS/

Holy Week Mass Schedule



St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna

4/6/23 Holy Thursday 6:30pm

4/7/23 Good Friday - 12:10pm

4/8/23 Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

4/9/23 Easter – 8:00am, 10:00am

Christ the King, Medford

4/6/23 Holy Thursday - 6:30pm

4/7/23 Good Friday - 3:00pm

4/9/23 Easter Sunday - 9:00am

Traveling Eucharistic Miracles Display

April 29 - May 4 • St. Joseph Parish Volunteers are needed to assist with the display. If you would like to help, please contact Bridget Kluesner at kluesner.bb@usfamily.net or 612-867-2673.

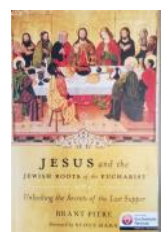
If you would like to sign up to be a caretaker, the schedule is on the table in the Gathering Area.



*“Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist”
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St. Mary's School News

In their classes, the fourth graders have been working very hard! Preparing for Lent, learning about and using their new Bibles, reading the Sarah, Plain and Tall series, fractions, the planets, and learning about the Southeast region's environment are some of the subjects we are now studying. Additionally, they are doing research papers about one of the states. This is their biggest paper that they write during their 4th grade year. They will get to design a poster of their state after their paper is finished, and we will learn some songs. Afterwards we will welcome parents and visitors inside to share our songs and information with them. Their dedication to these tasks is helping them prepare for their upcoming 5th-grade year.



Bishop Robert Barron Invites You to:
This Is My Body
Our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Come and Join thousands of Catholics as we rejoice in the Lord through the Eucharist!

The Eucharistic Congress for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will be held **June 10th** Mankato Civic Center Grand Hall beginning at 9am. The day will include a Eucharistic Procession, Mass Speakers, Music, and more. Bishop Barron will be the keynote speaker.

Register at eucharist.dowr.org - **\$40/adults, \$20/students** There is a limited number of scholarships for St. Joseph students who would like to attend, for information contact Bridget Kluesner at kluesner.bb@usfamily.net

The Owatonna Bus Company will have a tour bus available for those needing a ride. It is free and will load at 7:30am at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot. **The bus will stay in Mankato until the congress event ends.** Please contact the parish office at 451-4845 if you would like to reserve a seat on the bus.



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There are financially challenged individuals & families in our community who may be able to afford a new apartment but who have little or no furniture. If you have gently used furniture you are willing to donate, contact **Furnishing Hope** at **507-676-1324** or on their website: www.furnishinghopeowatonna.org. Furnishing Hope accepts donations of limited furniture items - **beds, mattresses, kitchen tables & chairs, dressers, love seats, sofas & upholstered chairs** -that meet quality standards. Furnishing Hope will store these items and make them available at no cost to qualifying individuals/families. Optional pickup and delivery service is available -for a fee - for both donors of furniture and recipients.



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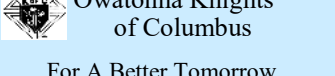
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