



July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parochial Vicar - Fr. Pasala Dharmendra
(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and Christ the King Church)

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Mass Schedule:

Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

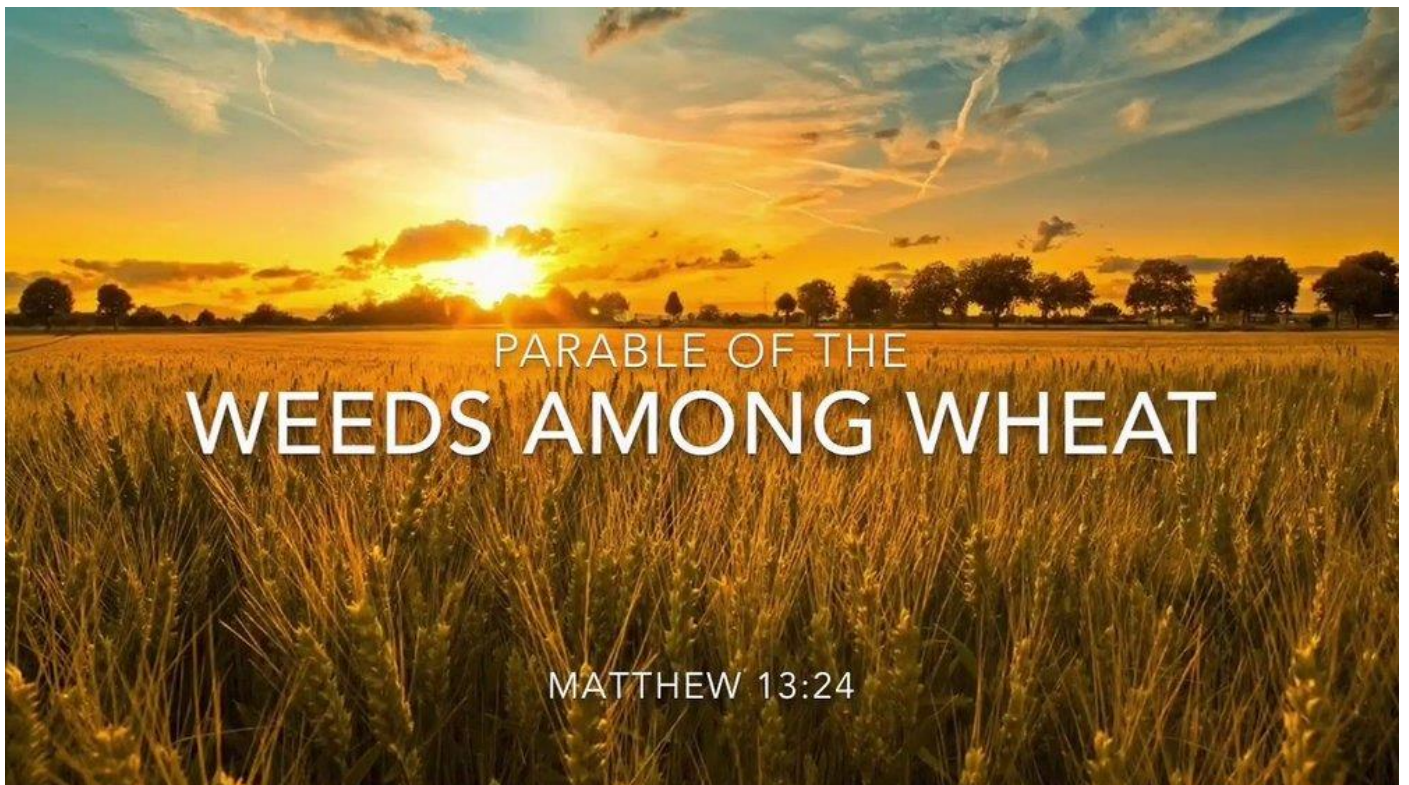
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This coming Saturday, July 29th, marks the one-year anniversary of the installation of our shepherd, Bishop Robert Emmet Barron. He will be attending World Youth Day (WYD) as will I, and we young pilgrims from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will meet in Portugal to celebrate Mass with our bishop. Perhaps you have come across some recent news about WYD and the Portuguese bishop whose statement raised eyebrows. Our bishop responded to that rather weak statement, in which the Portuguese bishop stated WYD is not about bringing others into the fold but to let the diversity of today's youth follow their respective paths in life. Respectively, that is fine but that is not what WYD is about; it is about encountering Christ! You can read our bishop's wonderful response:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/barron/world-youth-day-and-converting-everyone-to-christ/>

Let us ask ourselves some questions: What is our mission as Christians? Is it about showing respect only for others' beliefs, which is commendable, or to share our hope, joy, and love we encounter in Jesus Christ our Savior? Why are we afraid to give witness, not in a theological discourse and conversation with others, but simply about who we are as Christians, as Catholics? Is it because we feel inadequate, perhaps not fully formed in our faith? When have we encountered Christ in our lives, in some aspect that we can share because it really was an event of grace from God?

This will be the ninth time I have attended WYD. Granted, as I get older, I say this is for younger priests and not for me. Yet, I will come away with many graces because I am not doing my will. I am called to serve and be of service to the youth who are making a statement by their very presence at this event and who will also receive many graces. I will be rejuvenated in spirit by these young people, open to the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives. I recently saw an article about priests raising funds so that those without the means who want to attend can do so. Some of those priests had experienced the call of their vocations at WYD! They want to be a part of God's plan to touch the hearts and souls of youth searching for meaning, searching for God! These young people want to love and be loved; they are open to this encounter that certainly can change lives.

Please keep WYD in your prayers. We are blessed with a Bishop who is speaking boldly about Jesus because he is a witness as shepherd and teacher, leading us to Jesus through Word and Sacrament. Pray for our bishop. Pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who began his pontificate asking for a moment of silent prayer and then asking all of us to pray for him. It is not easy to be a follower of Jesus today, let alone being a bishop or the Pope. Social media has arisen many "pontiffs", some who are critics and others who seem to have all the answers. We have only one Holy Father, so let's pray for him, that the Holy Spirit will guide his every decision and safeguard the deposit of faith.

We can learn a lesson from today's Gospel. The patience of the field owner (God) allows time for conversion. Let us not be quick to take matters into our own hands and uproot the weeds, to try to eliminate evil by ourselves. Let us pray for the conversion of everyone, including ourselves, and continue the path of ongoing conversion.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, July 24, 2023: <i>Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42</i>	Weekday - St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest 9:00am - Christ the King - John Hager†
Tuesday, July 25, 2023: <i>2 Cor 4:7-15/ Mt 20:20-28</i>	St. James, Apostle 8:00am - Bill & Joan Driessen†
Wednesday, July 26, 2023: <i>Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/ Mt 13:1-9</i>	St. Joachim & St. Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00am - Mussman & Erding family
Thursday, July 27, 2023: <i>Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20/Mt 13:10-17</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen† & family
Friday, July 28, 2023: <i>Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23</i>	Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Lloyd & Doris Kern†
Saturday, July 29, 2023 <i>Ex 24:3-8/Jn 11:19-27</i>	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus 8:00am - Cheryl Bastyr†
Sunday, July 30, 2023: <i>1 Kings 3:5,7-12</i> <i>Rom 8:28-30</i> <i>Mt 13:44-52</i>	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 07/29/23 4:00pm - Mark Mullally† 07/30/23 8:00am - Parishioners 07/30/23 10:00am - Bob & Ramona Jardine†



July 23 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish. Tuesday evening we served 150 meals at St. Vincent's Table. Thank you to all that prepare and serve these meals. They are so greatly appreciated.

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.
Our phone is 507-676-5508.

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**Liturgical Ministers Schedule
July 29/30, 2023**

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Tim Vogt
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins, 2 Vols.
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer
Greeters: Cynthia Letona

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Sue Heller, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Colleen Possehl
Sacristan: Rita Goodnature
Ushers: Dave Goodnature, 3 Volunteers
Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora
Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Lee Jardine, Katie Clubb, 1 Vol.
Lector: Ellyn Jardine
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Brad Fischer, 3 Volunteers
Altar Servers: Molly Bailey, Porter Bonilla
Greeters: Volunteers

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dmcmanimon72@gmail.com or
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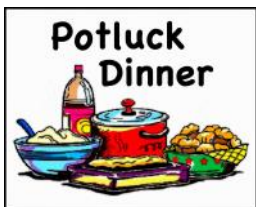
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Faith Formation

<https://shsjfaithformation.org/student-registration>

This is for grades 1-12 from July 23rd- July 28th at Sacred Heart Parish. Like last year, we will have a group of missionaries traveling through our Diocese teaching our youth about Christ and His Church. If you would like more details or if you are interested in helping out as we need many volunteers, please contact Brittany Boubin at shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org or visit the website above.



"Please join us on **Wednesday July 26th at 5:15pm** at the **Sacred Heart Parish Center** for a potluck. Everyone is invited! The Totus Tuus Missionaries would love to meet you all during their time in Owatonna that week."

St. Mary's School News



**Science Teacher, 6th-8th grade, (1.0 FTE)--
St. Mary's School, Owatonna, MN**

St. Mary's School is seeking a full-time Middle School Science teacher, preferably of the Catholic faith, for the 2023-2024 school year. The teacher should possess a love of learning, be enthusiastic, have a focus on learning, possess good classroom management skills, be collaborative, have the ability to integrate technology into instruction, and believe that all children can learn. The candidate must support the school's mission and philosophy, and have the desire to support and help the children grow in mind, body, and spirit through Catholic values. Please send a cover letter, resume, teaching license, and three letters of recommendation to Jen Swanson, Prin. (jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org). Position is opened until filled.

**Educational Assistant, Preschool
St. Mary's School, Owatonna, MN**

St. Mary's Catholic School is seeking to hire a part-time Educational Assistants, preferably of the Catholic faith, for our preschool program for the 2023-2024 school year. The position would be in our 3-day program on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:45 am to 12pm. There is the potential for a second position in our 5-day program. The duty day would be Monday-Friday from 10:45am to 2:30pm. The ideal candidates should enjoy working with preschool aged children, be energetic, be dependable, have a love for learning, be a positive role model, be collaborative, and support the school's mission and philosophy. Candidates would need to undergo a background check and Virtus training. Please send a letter of interest, resume, and two letters of recommendation to Jen Swanson, Principal (jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org). Position is open until filled.

St. Mary's School Enrollment Assistance

St. Mary's School has had an anonymous family that would like to help increase enrollment. If your family has been on the fence about St. Mary's School because of tuition being a barrier, please call the school office at 507-446-2300. Whether your family is starting Kindergarten or looking to transfer from 1st through 8th grade, it is not too late to enroll!





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

Eucharistic Ministers – Linda Huffington (507)456-5274 (leave message) or lindamwhuffington@gmail.com

Greeters – Wayne & Betty Kubicek (507)451-8683, bj-n-me@hotmail.com

Homebound Ministries – Vickie Skala (507)456-2230, vskala9174@gmail.com

Lectors – Linda Strand (507)363-2596, strand619@gmail.com

Music Ministry – Carol Hodapp (507)213-6981, carolhodapp@gmail.com

Sacristans – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, leej7@reagan.com

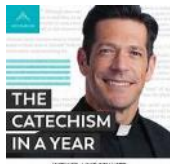
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Thank you, Father Dharma!

You are invited to attend a send-off dinner for Father Dharma,

Friday July 28, 2023,

6pm-8pm in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.

We thank Father Dharma for his service at St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church, and Christ the King Church and wish him well on his new assignment which has changed from Fairmont! He will now be the Parochial Vicar for six parishes in the Worthington Deanery - Fulda, Slayton, Westbrook, Currie, Lake Wilson and Iona. Father Dharma would appreciate your prayers for a smooth transition! **If you plan to attend the dinner, please RSVP at the parish office 451-4845 by Monday July 24!**



A word of gratitude from Fr. Dharma

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you all know, I am appointed as Parochial Vicar of St. Ann Parish in Slayton, St. Columba Parish in Iona, St. Mary Parish in Lake Wilson, St. Gabriel Parish in Fulda, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Currie, and St. Anthony Parish in Westbrook. It is time to express my gratitude to you all. I thank God always for His wonderful presence with me in my life and priestly ministry. "I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving". (Psalms 69:31)

I thank Fr. Jim, Fr. Swamy, Deacon Scot, Deacon Placido, the staff and all the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish in Owatonna, St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, and Christ the King Parish in Medford. Your warm welcome, concern, support and love for priests matters so much to me, and your extra touch of care gave me so much comfort and encouragement in my priestly ministry in Owatonna. I thank you for all the ways you have been so good. For all the times you have been so kind and thoughtful. I also thank the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, St. Serra Club, and St. Vincent de Paul Society for all your support, help and guidance in the priestly ministry and life in Owatonna. I assure you all my prayers and request that you all pray for me on this new assignment. I will be leaving Owatonna on the 29th of this month. Thank you and God bless you all and Owatonna.

Fr. Dharmendra Pasala



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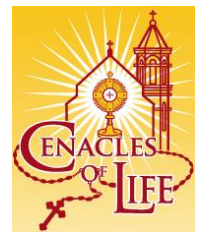
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