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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

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,

"Whoever has ears ought to hear." Jesus explains the parable of the Sower, again stating the importance of hearing, of listening. The Lord speaks to us in Isaiah: "Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, ... so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Jesus says that "the one who hears the word and understands it" is rich soil, receiving the seed that then "bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Listening is crucial. How many times people have said to me, "Father, I could not hear you. I missed what you said. Can you repeat that?" It is hard to stay engaged, to pay attention, to not get distracted. Someone may cough and drown out several words that give meaning to the message. A baby cries and some will say in their hearts, "Please repeat what you just said. I have missed the point. This is important."

That's a good listener, the one who is captivated and is receiving and is understanding and then, BOOM, is interrupted and wants the message completed. A good listener will seek out those words he missed because it will be efficacious for his life. The Greek words we use, like catechism, emphasize an important teaching that should go through the ears and to the heart, where it will "resound" or "echo" into the depths of our being. "Formed by divine teaching", we hear before praying the "Our Father" at Mass. The root word for catechism is katekeo or katecheo in Greek ($\kappa\alpha\tau\eta\chi\epsilon\omega$), which means "resound", as well as "to teach orally", "to instruct". Oral teaching means one must listen well. When listening attentively, news or new information brings an enlightenment, as we often use the expression that "a light bulb has just gone on" when we understand.

This is why faith comes from listening, as St. Paul mentions (see Romans 10:17). Mary is the greatest example of listening and how it applies to our faith. The word of God was delivered to Mary by an angel, a "messenger" of God. It was no ordinary word but a word that would produce within her the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ! Mary's dialogue with the angel Gabriel concludes with her words that will change the course of history: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." The fruit of her womb, Jesus, is born through a word. Jesus is born in us through a word, explained through another Greek word, kerygma (κήρυγμα), which means proclamation or preaching.

The Liturgy of the Word is the first part of the Mass, in which the Word of God is proclaimed, to resound within us and bring life within us, just as Mary received a new life within her. This is the action of the Holy Spirit and one of the gifts of the Spirit is understanding. From the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, twelve fruits are produced. We cannot claim these gifts and fruits as our own but know, as Mary did, that everything comes from God. God spoke and creation came about. After the Fall of Adam and Eve, God did not stop speaking or creating but our heavenly Father continues to speak to us in the Church every time the Word is proclaimed. We are continually being formed through proclamation of the Word and worthily reception of the Eucharist because

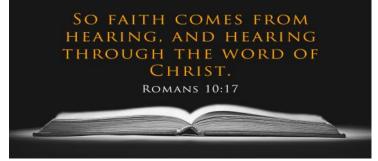
"creation awaits with eager expectation the

revelation of the children of God."

Are we listening? Did we hear that?

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, July 17, 2023: Weekday

Ex 1:8-14,22/Mt 10:34-11:1 9:00am - Christ the King - Lillian & Norbert Arnold†

Tuesday, July 18, 2023: Weekday - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24 8:00am - Mark Mullally†

Wednesday, July 19, 2023: Weekday

Ex 3:1-6,9-12/Mt 11:25-27 8:00am - Marianne Warner†

Thursday, July 20: 2023: Weekday - St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30 8:00am - Donald Schmidt Sr.† & Donald Schmidt Jr.†

Friday, July 21, 2023: Weekday - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Gn 46:1-7,28-30/Mt 10:16-23 9:00am - Christ the King - Lloyd Kern†

Saturday, July 22, 2023 St. Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-14 8:00am - Jerry Fix†

Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Sunday, July 23, 2023: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 07/22/23 4:00pm - Parishioners

Rom 8:26-27 07/23/23 8:00am - John Baptist Han Nguyen†

Mt 13:24-43 07/23/23 10:00am - James Wiggins†



July 16 –Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by donating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred-fold.
Tuesday evening we served 148 meals at St. Vincent's Table.

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 22/23, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Dianne Unruh, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch, 2 Volunteers Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Courtney Keller, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Cindy Emanuelson Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Tyler Keller, 3 Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Holzerland, Vickie Skala, 1 Vol.

Lector: Lee Jardine Sacristan: Ellyn Jardine

Ushers: Jerry & Dina Atkinson, 2 Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers Greeters: Volunteers

Help is needed in all the ministries. Prayerfully consider sharing your God given

talents at the Mass.

Contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

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The St. Joseph Parish bulletin is distributed to our parishioners and guests weekly and is also posted to our parish website, www.stjosephowatonna.org.

(Which averages over 1700 views per month!)

If interested, please contact the office at 507-451-4845 or parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org.

Also, a big thank you to our current bulletin advertisers! With your help, we are able to keep our bulletin current and available to all!



Catholic Fair Booth

If you have any items to donate to the Catholic Fair booth, they can be dropped off at the office at St. Joseph's through August 1. Generally speaking, we take Catholic items, jewelry, rosaries, pamphlets, statues, artwork, books, etc. The most popular items are usually figurines and statues. We are also looking for volunteers (families are welcome) to staff the booth. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, call or email

Deb McManimon dmcmanimon72@gmail.com or 507-271-1737, Thanks!

July Funeral Chairperson Nancy Jensen 455-1467 or 213-3811

Contact the office 451-4845 if you are able to help



We welcome...

Beckett Riley Liverseed Baptized on July 9, 2023

Child of Aaron & Molly (McGurran) Liverseed

"A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit" - Psalms 51:12

Divine Mercy Lawn signs available in the office for \$5.00 (Sign only)





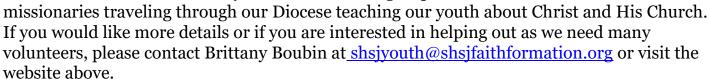
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https://shsifaithformation.org/student-registration

This is for grades 1-12 from July 23rd-July 28th at Sacred Heart Parish. Like last year, we will have a group of



"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."



Pre-Cana

Diocese of Winona-Rochester What is it?

"On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign—at his mother's request—during a wedding feast. (John 2:1-11) The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sing of Christ's presence." (CCC1613)

Pre-Cana is an opportunity for engaged couples to

prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. They will learn about the beauty of Marriage as a sacrament and about how they can be an effective sign of Christ's presence to each other.



to their future children and to those around them. Pre-Cana is a full day event that takes place on a Saturday through the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. For more information and for registration, please visit the Office of Life, Marriage & Family's website: https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/ marriage-preparation.html

Pre - Cana Dates for 2023-2024:

October 14, 2023 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato January 27, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato March 2, 2024 - St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles May 18, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato



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Summer Camp for Catholic Youth

Cooperative appeal for CASFA, a school for low-income children and youth in the outskirts of Bogota, Columbia. www.casfa.edu.co

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.



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

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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.

Have Furniture to Donate?

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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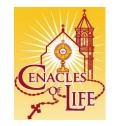
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*You wish to register your family with the Parish.

Phone: 451-4845 or email: parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org

Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

Fridays in the Adoration Chapel St. Joseph Parish Noon to 1pm



The Cenacles of Life are for renewing the

Spirit of Life - from within the Church. It is the graces from these Cenacles that will be used to transform the face of the earth and to defeat this war on life.

All are welcome to join in prayer in the Adoration Chapel!

Joining in God's Story September 9-10, 2023 Shalom Hill Farm Retreat Center Rural Windom



All adults are welcome to this prayer retreat for renewing and deepening our Christian walk. The focus of this retreat is learning and practicing lanatian contemplation - and if you know what this is and pray this way all the time, your are welcome. But you are also welcome if it is entirely new to you. St. Ianatius of Loyola (founder of the Jesuit order) offered this form of prayer in his Spiritual Exercises, and it focuses on reading and entering in Scripture imaginatively. The Lord does communicate through your mind and imagination if you dedicate it to prayer. Father Johnathan Fasnacht and Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust will be co-leading this retreat. We will teach how to do this, give a lot of time for practice, and offer Mass on Sunday. This is a semi-silent retreat.

Start: Saturday Sept. 9 at 10am (come to settle in at 9am)

End: Sunday, Sept 10 at 2:30pm

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