



July 2, 2023

Thirteenth 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)

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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,

Blaise Pascal was born in 1623 and this marks the fourth centenary of his birth. Pope Francis issued on June 19th, the day of Pascal's birth, an Apostolic Letter, *The Grandeur and Misery of Man* that is not long but filled with wisdom and knowledge pertinent for our society today. To read it, go to:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20230619-sublimitas-et-miseria-hominis.html

When Pascal had died, found sewn inside his jacket lining was the following:

By Blaise Pascal. The year of grace 1654, Monday, 23 November, feast of St. Clement, pope and martyr, and others.

From about half past ten at night until about half past midnight, FIRE. GOD of Abraham, GOD of Isaac, GOD of Jacob not of the philosophers and of the learned. Certitude. Certitude. Feeling. Joy. Peace. GOD of Jesus Christ. My God and your God. Your GOD will be my God. Forgetfulness of the world and of everything, except GOD. He is only found by the ways taught in the Gospel. Grandeur of the human soul. Righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I have known you. Joy, joy, joy, tears of joy. I have departed from him: They have forsaken me, the fount of living water. My God, will you leave me? Let me not be separated from him forever. This is eternal life, that they know you, the one true God, and the one that you sent, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ. I left him; I fled him, renounced, crucified. Let me never be separated from him. He is only kept securely by the ways taught in the Gospel: Renunciation, total and sweet. Complete submission to Jesus Christ and to my director. Eternally in joy for a day's exercise on the earth. May I not forget your words. Amen.



These words that capture an event in his life have become known as the “night of fire”. Pascal has become famous for his sayings that were collected and compiled into a book years after his passing, entitled *Pensées*. He saw the balance between faith and reason, of which Pope St. John Paul II would refer to in his encyclical, *Faith and Reason*. I highly recommend that we take some time this summer delving into some of these great writings offered to us from the Church and the many great works of the saints. Please make use of FORMED as well, filled with so many resources, especially in video format, films and documentaries and other tools that help us grow in the faith and love of Jesus Christ. How I wish we all would have these special moments of grace like Blaise Pascal and allow the love of God to overwhelm us!!!

Wishing everyone a safe and restful 4th of July!

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasovich

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Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, July 3, 2023: <i>Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29</i>	St. Thomas, Apostle 9:00am - Christ the King - Joyce Pribyl†
Tuesday, July 4, 2023: <i>Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27</i>	Weekday - Independence Day 8:00am - John Navins†
Wednesday, July 5, 2023: <i>Gn 21:5,8-20a/Mt 8:28-34</i>	St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, St. Elizabeth of Portugal 8:00am - LaVonne Schmidt†
Thursday, July 6, 2023: <i>Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8</i>	Weekday - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr 8:00am - Harold McGregor†
Friday, July 7, 2023: <i>Gn 23:1-4,24:1-8,62-67/Mt 9:9-13</i>	Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Luella & Bernard Heim†
Saturday, July 8, 2023 <i>Gn 27:1-5,15-29/Mt 9:14-17</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Ken Sieberg†
Sunday, July 9, 2023: <i>Zec 9:9-10</i> <i>Rom 8-9,11-13</i> <i>Mt 11:25-30</i>	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 07/08/23 4:00pm - Marie Roeker† 07/09/23 8:00am - Joseph Lai Nguyen† 07/09/23 10:00am - Parishioners



July 2 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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 July 8/9, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Matt Thurnau
Ushers: Larry Geottl, Gary Hawkins, 2 Vol.
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer
Greeters: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Colleen Possehl
Sacristan: Linda Huffington
Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips, 2 Volunteers
Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora
Greeters: Buz & Cea Grass

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Kay Oberle, 2 Volunteers
Lector: John Connor
Sacristan: Andrew Bonilla
Ushers: Brad Fischer, 3 Volunteers
Altar Servers: Macie & Lucas Ginskey
Greeters: Volunteer

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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If you, or someone you know, owns a business, please consider placing a business ad in our parish bulletin. Your purchase of an ad in our bulletin helps defray publishing costs and is an excellent advertisement resource for you.

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!

Holy Trinity Litomysl will be taking orders for our July 15th baking. We will be making prune, poppyseed and apricot and they are \$12 a dozen.



You may contact Jean Kiefer @ 507-456-6782 or Jo Spinler @ 507-456-8084.



The offices at St. Joseph Parish will be closed Tuesday, July 4th!



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



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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."



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Pre-Cana

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 sign 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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Mission Cooperative Appeal July 15/16

This year's opportunity for us to participate in global mission is by supporting the Rochester Franciscan Sisters and their **Colegio Anexo San Francisco de Asís (CASFA)**, a school for low-income children & youth in the outskirts of Bogotá, Colombia.

This year, Sisters Tierney Trueman and Carolina Pardo, both who have served many years ministering in Bogota, will share about this marvelous project in great need of your support. We are counting on your generous response in helping with this unique

educational venture which is making a significant difference toward a better future for hundreds of children, their families and their local communities. (Learn more via CASFA's webpage at www.casfa.edu.co)

Please consider making a meaningful contribution to this cause through your participation in our parish's Mission Cooperative second collection.

THANK YOU for your part in this concrete way of offering hope and solidarity!





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@stjosephwatonna.org

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Ushers – Pat Rose (507)456-1146 rosepatp@gmail.com

Faith

Faith provides a shining light, which brightens up my darkest night. When life brings my mood down low, faith lifts my spirits, that I know.

Keep the faith my friends, I say, we all need God, to him we pray. Thank Him for being at our side, if we ask in prayer, He will provide.

To the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, offer fervent prayer and He will hear it. If we had faith the size of a mustard seed, we could do great things, yes indeed.

Bud Peka 6/19/2023

In Loving Memory

Rosemary Clare Gallagher

June 23, 2023

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.




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SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 14TH, 2023



The 3rd Annual Pathways Palooza will be held on Friday, July 14th starting at 4pm at the Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden. This year's family-friendly bash will feature Melissa Schulz Music, food from Foremost Brewing Co-Op, sweet treats from Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream Company by Old Town Bagels and unique brews from Mineral Springs Brewery and Foremost Brewing Co-Op. There will be a silent auction and cash raffle. Tickets will be available at Community Pathways or at the door for just \$10. Come for a great night of food, music, and fun. Help Community Pathways continue their mission to assist individuals and families meet their basic needs by providing resources in a healthy and caring environment.

Organ Recital
Scott Turkington
 Sunday, July 9, 2023 3:00 pm
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Garden Party at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake



On **Sunday, July 9 from 1 to 3 PM** the Friars of Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake will share refreshments and fellowship as visitors stroll the assorted garden and prairie areas and visit with the gardeners themselves. This is also an opportunity for those of you who have visited the retreat center only during the winter to experience the retreat center during summertime.

Come on your own, with family or to “reminisce with your old friends.” Enjoy all of our 60 acres of trails, trees and prairie. Leashed pets are welcome too. There is no charge for this event. Registrations are not required but are appreciated; call 952-447-2182 or email secretary@franciscanretreats.net.



In Loving Memory

Darlene Kay Gathje

June 23, 2023

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Divine Mercy Lawn signs are available in the office at St. Joseph Parish
Cost is \$5.00 for sign only.



Joining in God's Story
September 9-10, 2023
Shalom Hill Farm
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All adults are welcome to this prayer retreat for renewing and deepening our Christian walk. The focus of this retreat is learning and practicing Ignatian contemplation - and if you know what this is and pray this way all the time, you are welcome. But you are also welcome if it is entirely new to you. St. Ignatius 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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