



November 19, 2023

## Thirty – third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

# ST. JOSEPH

## P A R I S H

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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



THE PARABLE OF  
THE TALENTS  
MATTHEW  
25:14-30

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On November 13, a baby girl named Indi passed to the heavenly Father. She died because the British legal system prevented her from traveling to Rome to be treated at the Vatican pediatric hospital, Bambino Gesù (Baby Jesus). The parents are not Christian, but the father, Dean Gregory, stated, “I am not religious, and I am not baptized, but when I was in court, I felt like I had been dragged to hell. I thought that if hell exists, then heaven must also exist... It was as if the devil was there. I thought that if the devil exists, then God must exist... I’ve seen what hell is like and I want Indi to go to heaven.” Mr. Gregory had been impressed by the Christian “witness” as he and his wife went through this ordeal. This is the style of evangelization that the last few Popes have been emphasizing that will bring others to Christ. A Christian volunteer at the hospital told Mr. Gregory that “baptism protects you and opens the door to heaven for you.” Mr. Gregory is now seeking to be baptized.

This is a sad story but also an important one. There is truth in those words about baptism for his little baby, but now for Mr. Gregory, what will that mean for him?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 1213 sums it up: Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: “Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water and in the word.”

United to Jesus Christ and as a member of the Church, all the baptized are “made sharers in her mission”. Every baptized person shares in the mission to save souls! We are truly taking on the role of Jesus Christ himself: to save souls!

I would encourage everyone to reflect on The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Section Two, Article 1, The Sacrament of Baptism (numbers 1213 -1284). Baptism is often misunderstood and sometimes perceived as individualistic, a personal saving grace only, and missing the communal aspect, uniting us to Jesus and one another, thus becoming witnesses, like the Christian who helped the Gregory family. CCC 1270: “Reborn as sons of God, [the baptized] must profess before men the faith they have received from God through the Church” and participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God.

**May you and your families have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!!**

God Love You!!!

*Fr. Jim Starasovich*



## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, November 20, 2023:	Weekday
<i>1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/ Lk 18:35-43</i>	9:00am - Christ the King - Pat Kuhlman†
Tuesday, November 21, 2023:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10</i>	8:00am - Harlan Kern†
Wednesday, November 22, 2023:	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
<i>2 Mc 7:1,20-31/ Lk 19:11-28</i>	8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen† and family
Thursday, November 23, 2023	Weekday - St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
<i>1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44</i>	8:00am - Karen Ann Hohrman†
Friday, November 24, 2023	St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companion, Martyr
<i>1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59/Lk 19:45-48</i>	9:00am - Christ the King - Irene Jaymalin†
Saturday, November 25, 2023	Weekday - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
<i>1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40</i>	8:00am - Leo Klinkner†
Sunday, November 26, 2023	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
<i>Ez 34:11-12,15-17</i>	11/25/23 4:00pm - Mark Mullally†
<i>1 Cor 15:20-26,28</i>	11/26/23 8:00am - Parishioners
<i>Mt 25:31-46</i>	11/26/23 10:00am - Joseph Lisowski†



**Consider joining SVdP!**

**Membership - We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:edwacek46@gmail.com).**

**Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

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**Parish Website**– [www.stjosephowatonna.org](http://www.stjosephowatonna.org)

**Facebook**– <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephParishOwatonna/>



**Liturgical Ministers Schedule  
November 25/26, 2023**

**Saturday - 4:00pm**

EMs: Julio Letona, 2 Volunteers  
Lector: Linda Strand  
Sacristan: Julio Letona  
Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins  
Volunteer, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer  
Greeters: Volunteer

**Sunday - 8:00am**

EMs: Linda Huffington, 2 Volunteers  
Lector: Colleen Possehl  
Sacristan: Joanne Evans  
Ushers: Dave Goodnature, Doug Phillips  
Volunteer, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam & Jacob Dulas  
Greeters: Volunteer

**Sunday - 10:00am**

EMs: Kay Oberle, Vickie Skala, Volunteer  
Lector: Tim Rice  
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley  
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Walt Spindler  
Volunteer, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
Greeters: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

**Help is needed in all the ministries.**

Consider sharing your God given talents at the Mass. You can sign up on the parish website at [stjosephowatonna.org](http://stjosephowatonna.org). (click on Liturgical Protocol & Schedules) or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times**

*Thursday December 7*

Christ the King, Medford - 5:30pm  
Sacred Heart Church - 5:30pm

*Friday December 8*

Sacred Heart Church - 7:00am  
St. Joseph Parish - 8:00am  
Sacred Heart Church - 8:10am (SMS Mass)  
St. Joseph Parish - 12:10pm  
St. Joseph Parish - 6:30pm



**Apostle Paul In the Modern Day**

I imagine the Apostle Paul today, having a cell phone and computer, with YouTube, Facebook, Google, or Twitter, he could be a dynamic recruiter.

Many would be called to the Catholic faith, he'd reach millions with his teachings. They'd accept Jesus as their personal savior, Paul's letters would be more outreaching.

But Paul is no longer writing letters, nor preaching to the Gentiles and the Jews. Let us go find lost sheep for the Shepherd, then we can celebrate their good news.

The good news for our salvation, Jesus gave his life so we might live, crucified upon that rugged cross, by his death, our sins He did forgive.

Bud Peka 11/6/23

**Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas Memorial Service  
Monday, Nov. 20th at 5:30pm  
in St. Joseph Parish.**



We will honor our deceased members from this past year - *Mary Trenda, Mary Van Den Hemel, Sr. Nadine Touhey, Lois Dardis, Sr. Cecile Schueller, Jean Zamboni, and Dorothy Diekmann.* A light supper will be served after the Memorial Mass followed by our Court meeting.

**Keeping Christ in Christmas!  
Parish Christmas Cards are back!**



**A pack of 25 cards for \$25**

St. Joseph Parish Card

featuring the beautiful mosaic of St. Joseph and the Holy Family

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Sacred Heart Church Card  
featuring the beautiful renovation of Sacred Heart Church

**Both cards can be purchased in the parish office.**

Proceeds from the sales of these cards assist the Knights of Columbus with their charitable work.

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Our next Donut Sunday will be December 10th after the 8am & 10am Masses. If you would like to help with clean up, please contact the Parish Office at 451-4845. Thank You!



### **Patriotic Rosary Novena** **Mondays • 6:30pm –7:30pm** **Sacred Heart Church**



Please join us as we pray for peace and unity in our nation and in the world. Especially for the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine/Russia.

### **Renewal Reminder!**

Don't miss an issue of the Magnificat! Your current subscription will end with the December issue.

*The cost is still \$29.95! Checks can be made payable to: St. Joseph*

*Parish (please note "Magnificat" on the envelope or memo line of the check.)*

*Checks can be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or mailed to St. Joseph Parish Office.*

*New subscribers are welcome!*

*If you plan to order a subscription for family members out of town through St. Joseph Parish, there is an additional fee of \$3.92 per issue to cover the media mailing cost.*



### **Turkey Bingo at Litomysl** **Sunday, Nov. 19th • 7:00pm**

Everyone is invited for an evening of Turkey Bingo at Holy Trinity Church in Litomysl. **20 Games for \$5.00!** Door prize for one turkey! Catholic United Financial will be bring extra prizes! Pop and popcorn will be available for purchase. **The youth will have a bake sale!** Invite your family and friends and join us for a fun filled family event at Holy Trinity Church, Litomysl!



The Night of Knights Auction is looking for your support, they are hosting a Pampered Chef Party. Up to 15% of the proceeds will go to the Night of Knights Auction. Items make great Christmas Gifts. Visit

[www.pamperedchef.com/party/stmarysfundraiser](http://www.pamperedchef.com/party/stmarysfundraiser).



SCAN ME

### **St. Mary's School Third Grade is thankful for:**

*Adalynn Scheeler*

"I am thankful for my family because they love me."

*Emma Gromelski*

"I am thankful for Jesus and my family."

*Gram Haggerty*

"I am thankful for my warm house that keeps me safe at night. I am thankful for my family because they love me."

*Emerik Harris*

"I am thankful for The Dukes of Hazzard and food like potatoes."

*Huxley Sorensen*

"I am thankful for my brother, my family, and my animals. Phoenix is my cat and he is little and only like 4 weeks old."

*Leyten Miller*

"I am thankful for my family and my chickens. My chickens are funny and they give food to us."

*Lila Van Osdale*

"My family is what I am thankful for because they are so nice to me. Sometimes they don't give me chores and they make me food."

*Gracie Lynch*

"I am thankful for nature because it is beautiful."

*Layne Olinger*

"I am thankful for my mom because she takes care of me."

*Bennett Rauwen*

"I am thankful for the outside because it is fun to play outside."

*McKenna Clark*

"I am thankful for my God, my family, and my papa because they make me feel good and loved."

*Peyton Herz*

"I am thankful for my life because I just LOVE my life!"

*Charlie Knutson*

"I am thankful for God because his is always there for me."



Thank You, LORD!



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](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org)

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Linda Huffington (507)456-5274 (leave message) or [lindamwhuffington@gmail.com](mailto:lindamwhuffington@gmail.com)

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

**Homebound Ministries** – Vickie Skala (507)456-2230, [vskala9174@gmail.com](mailto:vskala9174@gmail.com)

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**Ushers** – Pat Rose (507)456-1146 [rosepatp@gmail.com](mailto:rosepatp@gmail.com)

**Thanksgiving Day Mass Times  
Thursday November 23, 2023**

St. Joseph Parish - 8:00am  
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00am



Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



**November Funeral Chairpersons**

**Dave & Rita Goodnature  
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Contact the parish office if you would like to help with funeral luncheons. 451-4845



**Toys for Tots & Family to Family of Steele County**

work together to provide a Christmas for needy children, age 15 & younger and families in Steele County. You can help this year by taking an Angel tag from the tree and return it with an unwrapped gift to the Toys for Tots drop box in the Gathering Hall or Parish Office. **The final day for toy donations is Thursday, Dec. 14th!**



**If you would like to apply to receive toys**, applications are available in Joseph Hall by the bulletin board. **Application deadline is Wed. Nov. 29, 2023.**

**If you would prefer to donate money, please send a gift card or check to:**  
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*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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:

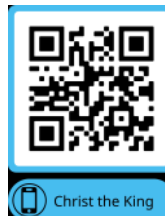
<https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html>

Pre – Cana Dates for 2024:

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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## Employment Opportunities

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is currently accepting resumes for opportunities at the Pastoral Center in Winona, MN. These positions will be based out of Rochester, MN once construction of a new Pastoral Center in the spring of 2024. Positions available are as follows:

**Administrative Support:** Candidates typically have a minimum of a High School Diploma (Associate's Degree preferred) along with a minimum 3 years in an administrative support role. Experience in Church and/or legal work also desired. Position openings currently available:

Administrative Assistant – Finance/Human Resources  
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**Director, Youth Ministry & Faith Formation:** Candidates typically have a Bachelor's degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Youth Ministry, etc. and 5 years of experience in a youth ministry role. This position requires that the incumbent be a practicing and knowledgeable Roman Catholic with a strong knowledge and desire to promote Catholic teachings and catechesis.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to view our website at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org). Please send resume, cover letter, references and salary requirements to [hr@dowr.org](mailto:hr@dowr.org)

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection Sunday, November 19, 2023



*"The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. The money you give to CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people*

*participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out. 25% of the funds collected each year go to local anti-poverty programs. In 2023, the CCHD collection helped fund three local initiatives. The funds enabled uninsured families in Worthington to receive free, high-quality medical care through the Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic. They also equipped low-income families in the Hayfield area with essential cleaning supplies, toiletries, and hygiene products through the Hayfield Community Food Pantry. Lastly, the funds empowered immigrant families throughout Southeastern Minnesota to obtain legal representation and avoid family separation through Southeastern Minnesota Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense. Please give generously to help provide a hand up for those in poverty in our community and across the country!"*

## Family Holy Hour | December 3, 2023

### Sacred Heart Church | 4:00 - 5:00pm

Open to all ages and demographics - single, married, and with or without children.

**Presided by Monsignor Thomas Cook**

Free Event | Dinner will follow

### Order The Praying Family Advent

Pack by either purchasing a pack at this event, or ask you local Faith Formation Coordinator to fill out The Praying Family Order Form.



Learn more about this Diocesan

Initiative here: [theprayingfamily.weekly.com/advent.html](http://theprayingfamily.weekly.com/advent.html)

Seven Sisters Apostolate



### *A Seven Sister: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer*

St. Joseph Parish has formed with Sacred Heart a Seven Sisters group who are praying for Father Jim, Monsignor Cook, and Father Parrott. We are looking for women to commit to pray one Holy Hour each week, on a specific day for them. Without our wonderful priests to celebrate Holy Mass, distribute the Eucharist, hear Confessions, Anoint the Sick and dying, and a multitude of other religious works priests are called to do as ordained men of God—we would be lost souls. **We are in need of women willing to pray on**

**Saturdays and Sundays.** If you can commit to praying one Holy Hour per week on a given day, please contact Bridget Kluesner at [kluesner.bb@usfamily.net](mailto:kluesner.bb@usfamily.net) or 612-867-2673. Men are welcome to serve as substitute prayer warriors. The greatest gift we can give Fr. Jim, Monsignor Cook, and Fr. Parrott is our prayer! Won't you join us?

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