



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

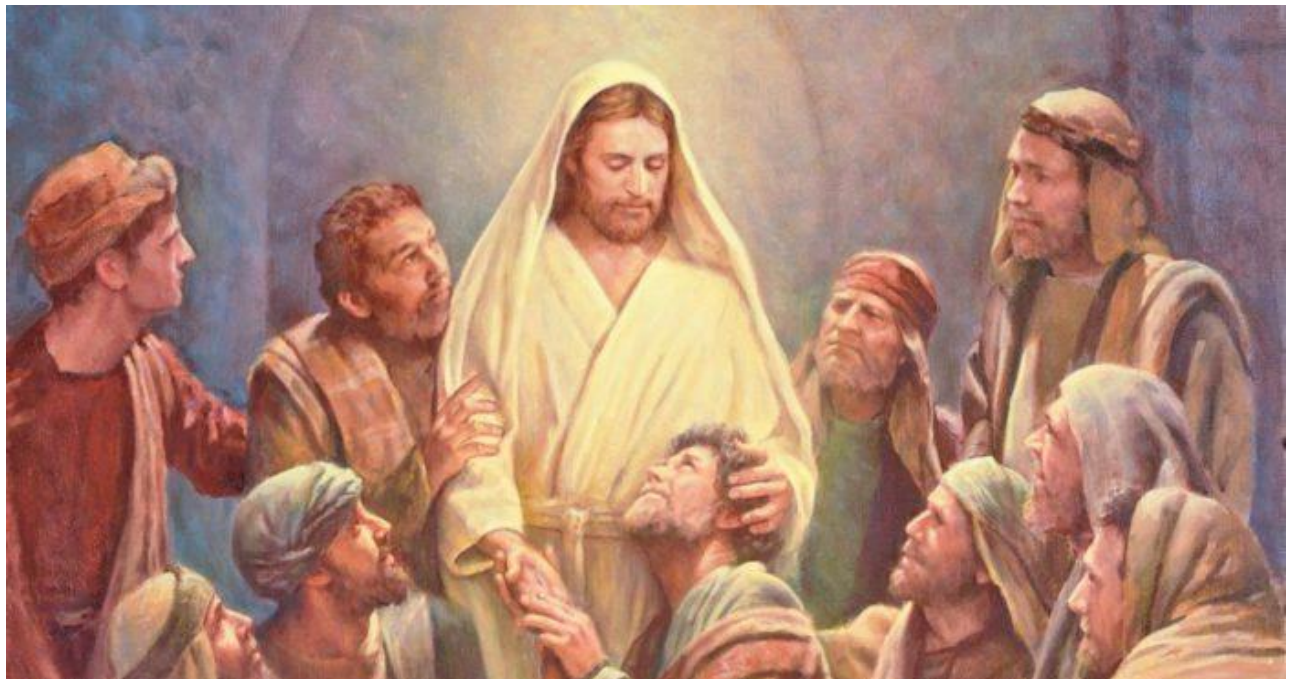
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. *John 15:12*

"May is Mary's month ..." began Gerard Manley Hopkins in his famous poem *The May Magnificat*. In this month of May, I pray that Our Blessed Mother will continue to lead us to Christ. St. Louis de Montfort wrote: "God, the Inaccessible, drew near to us and united himself closely, perfectly and even personally to our humanity through Mary without losing anything of his majesty. So it is also through Mary that we must draw near to God and unite ourselves to him perfectly, intimately, and without fear of being rejected." (*Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, paragraph 157)

This Wednesday, May 8, at 8:10 a.m., all the students from St. Mary's School will be participating our annual **May Crowning**. This is NOT a Mass, but a prayer service. All of the children will be bringing up flowers to place by a statue of Our Blessed Mother as an early Mother's Day gift. Those who love and follow Christ are promised: "the crown of righteousness" (2 Timothy 4:8); "the crown of life" (James 1:12); "the unfading crown of glory" (1 Peter 5:4). The Latin phrase over the sanctuary at St. Joseph's Parish is taken from Revelation 2:10: "Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." It serves us well, therefore, to crown Our Lady with beautiful adornment; she has received the ultimate crown of glory, righteousness, and life from her Son.

There will also be **May Crowning**, on Saturday, May 11, during the 5:30 p.m. Mass at Christ the King Parish in Medford, and on Sunday, May 12, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish – a fitting time to honor Our Blessed Mother on Mother's Day weekend.

On Saturday, May 11, at 9:00 a.m., in St. Joseph Church, everyone is invited to attend the Knights of Columbus **Silver Rose Prayer Service**. The Knights of Columbus have eight silver roses that travel along different North American routes, eventually making their way to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. It is a happy act of Divine Providence that one of the silver roses will be in Owatonna during the month of May and on Mother's Day weekend. This Silver Rose Prayer Service – which will be in English and Spanish, and includes the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Litany of Our Lady of Loreto – fosters devotion to Our Blessed Mother, especially under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Empress of the Americas.

All the Catholic Provinces in the USA (except the Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia) have transferred the **Solemnity of the Ascension** to the 7th Sunday of Easter (this year on May 12). Therefore, there is NO obligation to attend Mass in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester this Thursday, May 9, because the Solemnity of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 12.

Next Sunday, May 12, we will take up a Second Collection for **Catholic Charities** in the Diocese of Winona. Last year our contributions helped Catholic Charities provide assistance to thousands of people living here in southern Minnesota. Catholic Charities helps children, families in crisis, vulnerable adults and senior citizens, immigrants, refugees, the poor, and the unborn – regardless of race, age, gender, or creed.

You should have received in the mail last week an invitation to attend one of two **Funeral Seminars** on Tuesday, May 14: (1) at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish, or (2) at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish. I will reflect on the importance of offering a Funeral Mass (our most important Spiritual Work of Mercy for the souls of the faithful departed), our Corporal Work of Mercy to bury our beloved dead with dignity, as well as the Catholic Church's teaching on cremation. I will also hand out materials helpful in pre-planning the Funeral Liturgy, including suggested readings from Sacred Scripture and appropriate music. Please reserve your time by calling the Brick-Meger Funeral Home at 507-451-1457.

How Well Do You Know Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota?



For over 75 years, we have been the social services arm of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, answering God's call to serve others. We offer programs that help build families through adoption, and shelters that welcome the people of our communities that struggle with homelessness, but we are so much more! We invite you to learn more about us at www.ccsomn.org. Please help us put our faith into action and consider supporting our mission on **May 11th and May 12th** for the **Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Mother's Day Weekend**. Your support makes all the difference in our local communities!

*All donations stay in our diocese.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

<p>Monday, May 6, 2024 <i>Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26-16:4a</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 7, 2024 <i>Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 8, 2024 <i>Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen† and family</p>
<p>Thursday, May 9, 2024 <i>Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday 8:00am - Jeffery Adelman†</p>
<p>Friday, May 10, 2024 <i>Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday—St. Damien de Veuster, Priest 9:00am - Christ the King - Joyce Pribyl†</p>
<p>Saturday, May 11, 2024 <i>Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday 8:00am - Harlan Kern†</p>
<p>Sunday, May 12, 2024 <i>Acts 1:1-11</i> <i>Eph 1:17-23</i> <i>Mark 16:15-20</i></p>	<p>The Ascension of the Lord 05/11/24 4:00pm - Geraldine Ginther† 05/11/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Bev Hertel† 05/12/24 8:00am - Parishioners 05/12/24 10:00am - Dylan Lauwers†</p>



May 5 - Sixty Sunday of Easter:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.

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 May 11/12, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Matt Thurnau, Volunteer, Volunteer
Lector: Nancy Janke
Sacristan: Matt Thurnau
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Alexandra Nylund, Volunteer
Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Doug Phillips, Volunteer, Volunteer
Lector: Anika Slacter
Sacristan: Joanne Evans
Ushers: Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Henry Seykora, Stella Seykora
Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 10:00am

EMHC: Katie Holzerland, Ellyn Jardine, Stacey Ginskey
Lector: Lee Jardine
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson,
Nolan Ginskey, Jacob Ginskey
Altar Servers: Lucas Ginskey, Macey Ginskey
Greeters: Shannon Iacovino



Christ the King Church will host the Council of Catholic Women Area meeting **Monday, May 6th at 6pm** in the church basement.
The Guest speaker will be Shelly Holt, Diocesan CCW President.

All women from the Owatonna/Waseca Area Catholic community are invited!

Refreshments will be served at 5:30pm.

Women serving God through our Church and Community



The Magnifikid is back! Copies will be available for children at both parishes; Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's beginning the weekend of May 4th/5th. The monthly Magnifikid will be available every weekend at Mass throughout this year.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards



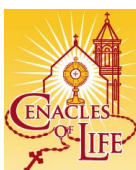
Court Owatonna CDA #1180 will be offering cards after every Mass in the Gathering Hall:
May 4-5th, May 11-12th.



Prayer intentions for loved ones (living & deceased) will be offered during the month of May. A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each card, with all the proceeds going to support Rachel's Light, the women's shelter in Steele Co.

Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

Fridays in the Adoration Chapel
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Current Balance: \$29,640.00

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Envelopes are available in the Gathering Hall, Church entrances and Parish Office for mail in donations.

Your gift supports men discerning vocation to the priesthood and diaconate, priests serving and retired priests. Your gift helps to sustain Catholic schools, religious education, ministerial formation and initiatives for life peace and justice.



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Come Celebrate! The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Monday, May 13
Holy Mass at 5:30 pm
Divine Mercy Church

Followed by an inspiring teaching about Our Lady!

a light dinner will be served



Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast
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KC Omelet Breakfast: 3 egg omelet selections **KC Country Breakfast: eggs fried or scrambled, ham or sausage.** Served with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee.



Rosary Leaders needed for the 10am Sunday Mass If you would like to lead The Rosary one Sunday a month at the 10am Mass, please contact the Parish

office at 451-4845. We are currently looking for 4 people (a commitment of one Sunday a month). The Rosary can be prayed from your pew and would begin at 9:30am ending by 9:50am.

Be Our Guest

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph Parish
512 S Elm Ave
Owatonna, MN 55060

OR

6:00 p.m.

Church of Sacred Heart
810 Cedar Ave
Owatonna, MN 55060

To RSVP, please call 507.451.1457.



We're hosting a program at the churches for adults of all ages, and we'd like you to join us. Relax with your neighbors, enjoy some refreshments, and learn about the many spiritual, emotional, and financial benefits of making important decisions in advance. Find out what you can do to assist your parents with planning ahead or how you can make things easier on your own children or family members with a little advance planning.

Everyone who attends will receive a FREE Funeral and Cremation Planning Folder, free planning assistance, and light refreshments.

Featuring Local Experts



CATHOLIC FUNERALS

Monsignor Thomas Cook, Pastor of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes, will speak about the beauty of the Catholic Funeral Liturgy. Come learn about the gifts the Church has to offer at the end of life and the meaning and power of what we do at a Funeral Mass.



GRIEF, GIFTING, & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Pat Zalusky, Laker Planning Service, will discuss Medical Assistance and the 5-year "look back" period, which makes it even harder to protect your assets from nursing home costs. He will also touch on two other topics: 1) how you can help others through a time of grief and 2) the value of gifting to the church.

FUNERAL AND CREMATION OPTIONS

Glen Meger, Michael Meger, and Brett Meger will explore options for funeral and cremation planning. They will also provide information and options regarding local cemeteries.



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The seminar date is quickly approaching, so make your reservation TODAY! If you cannot attend the seminar but would like to receive the FREE information, call us at the number listed above.

The mailing of this invitation was prepared several weeks in advance. Please accept our sincere apology if it has reached your home at a time of bereavement. Every effort was made to correctly address each envelope. Please bring any mistakes to our attention. Thank you.



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

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

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

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

Donut Sunday is May 12th!

After the 8am & 10 am Masses, join us in Joseph Hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship! If you would like to help with clean up, please contact the Parish Office at 451-4845. Thank You!



May Crowning Mass

Sunday, May 12th at 10AM

All First Communicants are invited to present roses to our Blessed Mother Mary at the start of Mass. Parents, call or email the parish office if your child is able to participate. We will supply the flowers.

May is the month of Mary!

451-4845/parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Prayer Service

May 11, 9:00AM at St. Joseph Parish



Our Lady told Juan Diego, "Am I not here, I, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing else worry you."

The Knights of Columbus sends out eight Silver Roses celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe all across Canada at the beginning of every year. The roses travel down through Canada and the United States making stops at Councils along the way. Then the Silver Roses cross into Mexico and make their way to Guadalupe Mexico for the celebration mass on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

The intentions and prayers gathered during the parish prayer services are presented at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Mass. Council 945 is hosting the Silver Rose prayer service on May 11th at 9am at St. Joseph Parish. All are welcome. Join us for prayers to Our Lady.

May Funeral Chairpersons

Linda Beede 507-475-0624
Deb Hebel 507-451-6046

Contact the parish office if you would like to help with funeral luncheons. 451-4845

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

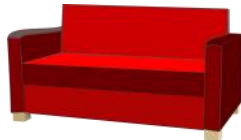


On Wednesday, April 17 the St. Mary's 2nd graders led the school mass to celebrate First Communion. They received the sacrament of the Eucharist at St. Joe's and Sacred Heart the prior weekends. We led the mass with a procession and prepared all the readings. Every student had a part in the mass, and it is always such a special way to highlight this momentous occasion in their faith. We thank Oldenburg Photography for taking photos after the mass. We celebrated by receiving gifts of devotional books from Home and School and special gift bags from our 6th grade reading buddies. It was a beautiful and special day for them!

Furniture to Donate? Furnishing Hope, a subsidiary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) in

Owatonna, is a great place for you to donate your gently-used beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, upholstered chairs, and recliners. (We are especially in need of full-size and queen-size beds!) Curbside or garage pickup service available (\$50 fee); or drop off at our warehouse (no charge). Call 507-676-1324 to set an appointment. Your

donated furniture is made available (free of charge) to needy families who are referred to Furnishing Hope by SVDP, other nonprofits and social service agencies.



Faith Formation

"Join us this summer for opportunities for all ages with Totus Tuus, Steubenville, and/or Camp Summit. Totus Tuus is a week-long summer camp held at Sacred Heart for those entering grades 1st-12th. Steubenville is a Friday-Sunday conference in Rochester, MN for entering ages of 9th-12th grade, and Camp Summit is a 4 day, 3 night overnight camp in Lanesboro, MN for those entering 6th-8th grade with volunteer team opportunities for grades 9-12th. We do have scholarships available. Please contact Brittany Boubin at shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org for questions and information."

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