



November 5, 2023

## Thirty-first 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

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### Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm  
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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,

The Synod on Synodality concluded with Mass last Sunday, with plans to meet next year to finalize results from the discussions that took place. In the Spirit of the Liturgy of that Sunday, drawn from the Sacred Scriptures proclaimed, Pope Francis stressed two points: adoration and service. His words are worthy of reading and taking them to heart, in this time of Eucharistic Revival.

Brother Cardinals, Bishops and priests, men and women Religious, dear brothers and sisters, at the conclusion of this stage of our journey, it is important to look at the “principle and foundation” from which everything begins ever anew: by loving. Loving God with our whole life and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Not our strategies, our human calculations, the ways of the world, but love of God and neighbor: that is the heart of everything. And how do we channel this momentum of love? I would propose two verbs, two movements of the heart, on which I would like to reflect: *to adore* and *to serve*. We love God through adoration and service.

The first verb, adore. *To love is to adore*. Adoration is the first response we can offer to God’s gratuitous and astonishing love. The amazement of adoration, the wonder of worship, is something essential in the life of the Church, especially in our own day in which we have abandoned the practice of adoration. To adore God means to acknowledge in faith that he alone is Lord and that our individual lives, the Church’s pilgrim way and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of his love. He gives meaning to our lives.

In worshiping God, we rediscover that we are free. That is why the Scriptures frequently associate love of the Lord with the fight against every form of idolatry. Those who worship God reject idols because whereas God liberates, idols enslave... We are always at risk of thinking that we can “control God”, that we can confine his love to our own agenda. Instead, the way he acts is always unpredictable, it transcends our thinking, and God’s way of acting consequently demands amazement and adoration. Amazement is very important!

We must constantly struggle against all types of idolatry; not only the worldly kinds, which often stem from vainglory, such as lust for success, self-centeredness, greed for money – let us not forget that the devil enters “through the pockets”, the enticements of careerism; but also those forms of idolatry disguised as spirituality – my own spirituality: my own religious ideas, my own pastoral skills... Let us be vigilant, lest we find that we are putting ourselves at the center rather than him. And let us return to worship. May worship be central for those of us who are pastors: **let us devote time every day to intimacy with Jesus the Good Shepherd, adoring him in the tabernacle. May the Church adore: in every diocese, in every parish, in every community, let us adore the Lord!** Only in this way will we turn to Jesus and not to ourselves. **For only through silent adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in his presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!**

The second verb is to serve. *To love is to serve*. In the great commandment, Christ binds God and neighbor together so that they will never be disconnected. There can be no true religious experience that is deaf to the cry of the world. There is no love of God without care and concern for our neighbor; otherwise, we risk becoming pharisaic. We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church but let us remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, *that* is the great and perennial reform...

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, November 6, 2023:	Weekday
<i>Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14</i>	9:00am - Christ the King - Joyce Pribyl†
Tuesday, November 7, 2023:	Weekday
<i>Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24</i>	8:00am - Collette Mullenmaster†
Wednesday, November 8, 2023:	Weekday
<i>Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33</i>	8:00am - Brian Fisher†
Thursday, November 9, 2023	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
<i>Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17</i> <i>Jn 2:13-22</i>	8:00am - Bill & Joan Driessen †
Friday, November 10, 2023	St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
<i>Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8</i>	9:00am - Christ the King - Irene Jaymalin†
Saturday, November 11, 2023	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
<i>Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/Lk 16:9-15</i>	8:00am - Marie Vieng Nguyen†
Sunday, November 12, 2023	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
<i>Wis 6:12-16</i>	11/11/23 4:00pm - Bill Hannum†
<i>1 Thes 4:13-18</i>	11/12/23 8:00am - Paul Illg†
<i>Mt 25:1-13</i>	11/12/23 10:00am - Parishioners



### November 5 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!

**As you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them. Vincent's Table provided meals to 170 individuals on Tuesday evening.**

**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 11/12, 2023

### Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers  
Lector: Tim Vogt  
Sacristan: Matt Thurnau  
Ushers: Joan Erdman, Amador Rameriz  
Volunteer, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer  
Greeters: Cynthia Letona

### Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, 2 Volunteers  
Lector: Cindy Emanuelson  
Sacristan: Rita Goodnature  
Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips  
Volunteer, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam, & Jacob Dulas  
Greeters: Volunteers

### Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Kay Oberle, 2 Volunteers  
Lector: Vickie Skala  
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley  
Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens  
Volunteer, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Carson Skala, Cole Trom  
Greeters: Volunteers

#### 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.

#### 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  
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## Fall Bazaar & Holiday Bake Sale

Saturday Nov. 11, 2023  
8:30am - 1:30pm



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#### Craft Items



Holiday Cookies & Candy  
Homemade Baked Goods  
Bucket Raffle

#### Dine in or Take out Meals Available:

**Soups:** Wild Rice & Chicken Noodle  
**Sandwiches:** Pulled Pork & Egg Salad  
**Apple Crisp & Pumpkins Bars**  
Coffee & Milk



## In Loving Memory

Merlyn Madery

October 25, 2023

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



Knight of Columbus #945 Corporate Communion Mass  
Sunday, October 29, 2023 • St. Joseph Parish



**ASCENSION**  
The Faith Formation Leader

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary's PE students have enjoyed as much time as possible outside this fall for gym class. They have participated in pickleball, soccer, football, and other sports all while being able to enjoy the beautiful fall weather we have had.



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### Faith Formation Christmas Wreath Sale

Order your Christmas wreath or garland online at <https://shsjfaithformation.org/christmas-wreaths> by **Friday November 10th.**

You can also find on the St. Joseph Website. Click on Helpful Links, Click on Faith Formation, Click on Fundraisers.

**Pick up will be Saturday December 2nd at Sacred Heart parish center.**



### Veterans Day • November 11, 2023

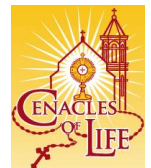


### Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

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!



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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)

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

**Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for St. Mary's Home & School**  
**Sunday, November 12th • 8am - 12pm**  
St. Mary's School Cafeteria  
**Advance tickets are \$9 or \$10 at the door (free under 6)**



Two sensational breakfast choices and table service!  
**KC Omelet Breakfast: 3 egg omelet selections**  
**KC Country Breakfast: eggs fried or scrambled, ham or sausage.** All served with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee.  
**Tickets available in the Parish office.**

# Family Holy Hour

**Church of the Sacred Heart, Owatonna**  
**December 3, 2023 | 4 - 5 p.m.**

810 South Cedar Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060

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 your local Faith Formation Coordinator to fill out The Praying Family Order Form.

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## November Funeral Chairpersons

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  - \* You want communion brought to your home.
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- Phone: 451-4845 or**  
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Mary Ann Kuharski and her daughter Angie with Father Jim. Mary Ann Kuharski is a founding member and Director of ProLife Across America, "The Billboard People" We were fortunate to have her visit and speak last Sunday, Oct. 29th closing out Respect Life Month.

The Knights of Columbus, Owatonna Council, collected over 150 pre-worn winter coats. THANK YOU! The parishioners of St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart always come through for our community here in Steele County to help others in need. The coats were donated to Community Pathways and the vast majority of coats donated for men, women, & children were in excellent condition and about 15 were new (tags still on the coats).



**St. Serra Club Meeting**  
**Monday, Nov. 13th 5pm-8pm**  
**Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish**



Father Jim will have a program about Fr. Emil Kapaun, Servant of God. A short film was made about his military service and imprisonment during the Korean War. Holy Hour of Adoration will be from 5-6pm in the Adoration Chapel. A light supper will be served before the presentation at 6:45pm. Father Jim will also talk about veterans, the military, and vocations. All are welcome!

**Pie and Dessert Bingo in the Parish Hall**  
**November 18th at 6:30pm - 8pm**

Christ the King CCW invites you to an evening of family fun benefiting our Faith Formation Program!



The event will be in Parish Hall basement.

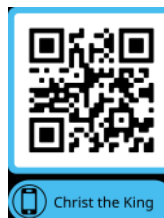


Bingo Cards - \$1 for 5 games with chances to win your Thanksgiving Pie. Choose from fresh or frozen!

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