



February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

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Parochial Vicar - Fr. Gregory Parrott
(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

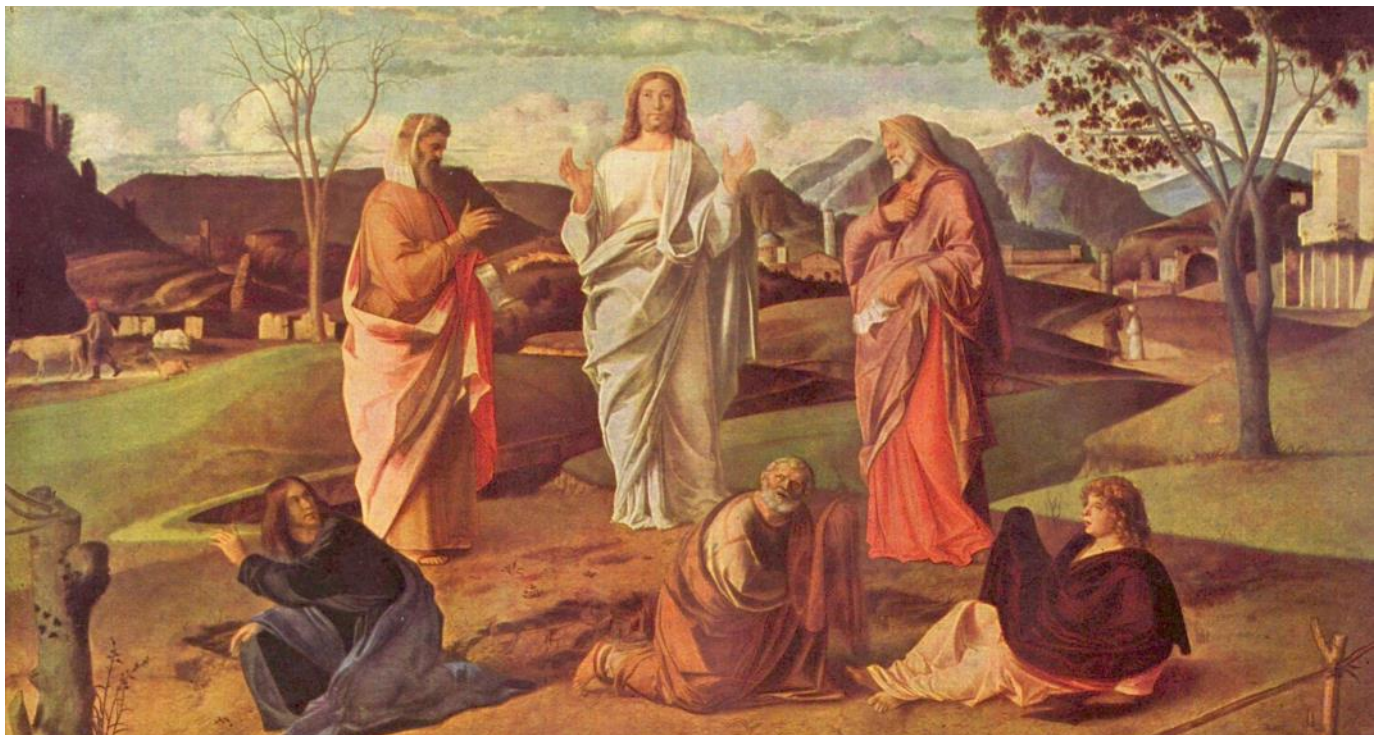
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" Matthew 17:5

Stations of the Cross will be held several times each week. Everyone is welcome to attend these many opportunities to meditate on the suffering and death of Our Lord. The prayers for the **Way of the Cross** published by St. Alphonsus Liguori in 1761 are among the most well-known. In his brief introduction to this devotion he wrote: *“The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside Our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude.”* *“A plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross under the usual conditions of confession, communion, and a prayer for the Pope’s intentions.”* (Handbook of Indulgences, #63)

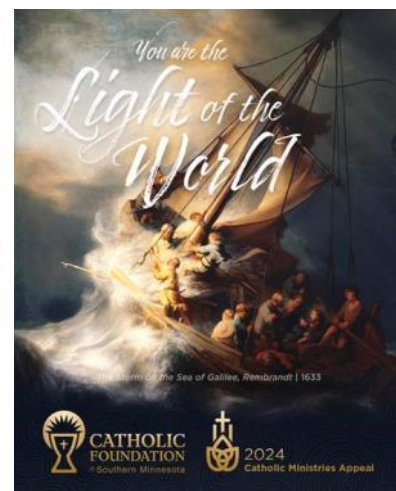
Stations of the Cross

Tuesday	February 27	1:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart	<i>St. Mary’s School students</i>
Wednesday	February 28	7:30 p.m.	Christ the King	
Friday	March 1	5:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart	<i>followed by Benediction</i>
Friday	March 1	6:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart	<i>in Spanish</i>
Friday	March 1	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph	

At all of the Masses this weekend February 24-25, I will be inviting you to prayerfully consider what financial gift you can sacrifice to support Bishop Barron’s 2024 **Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Every registered parishioner should have received in the mail a brochure, a pledge card, and a return envelope. If you have not received a personal pledge card, extra envelopes and brochures are available at the entrances of the Church.

Please return your gift before Easter. You can mail your contribution directly to the diocese, or put your envelope in the collection basket during any weekend Mass. The **Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal** supports Bishop Barron’s Catholic ministries throughout our diocese including: Catholic Schools; Marriage and Family Life; Faith Formation (including RCIA and our two Newman Centers); Vocations and Seminarians; Youth Ministry; Hispanic Ministry; Lay Formation; and Communications (including the *Courier* and the televised Sunday Mass). The Bishop has set a goal of **\$50,880** for St. Joseph Parish. If this amount is not raised by the end of the 2024 calendar year, the Bishop requires that the remaining amount is paid in full by the general operating budget of our parish. If a parish exceeds its goal, the Bishop has agreed to return to the parish 100% of any amount over the goal.

Thank you for your contributions to the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. On Ash Wednesday we collected \$2,273.00.



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, February 26, 2024 <i>Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38</i>	Lenten Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 <i>Is 1:10,16-20/Mt 23:1-12</i>	Lenten Weekday - St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 <i>Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28</i>	Lenten Weekday 8:00am - Mary Ann & Richard Haberman†
Thursday, February 29, 2024 <i>Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31</i>	Lenten Weekday 8:00am - Ed & Eleanor Beckman†and family
Friday, March 1, 2024 <i>Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Mt 21:33-34,45-46</i>	Lenten Weekday (World Day Of Prayer) 9:00am - Christ the King - Bob and Pat Matejcek family
Saturday, March 2, 2024 <i>Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Lk 15:1-3,11-32</i>	Lenten Weekday 8:00am - Gladys Tupy†
Sunday, March 3, 2024 <i>Ex 20:1-17 I Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25</i>	Third Sunday of Lent 03/02/24 4:00pm - Parishioners 03/03/24 8:00am - Gallea family 03/03/24 10:00am - Dorry Kenney†



February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent:

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please give them the phone number (507-676-5508) to call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, so that together we can be a sign of God’s love to the suffering and poor. On Tuesday we served 175 meals at Vincent’s Table. Thank for your assistance in feeding those who are hungry.

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
February March 2/3, 2024**

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Julio Letona, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Cynthia Letona

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Sue Heller, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Mark Cashman

Sacristan: Linda Huffington

Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam, Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Clubb, Katie Holzerland, Volunteer

Lector: Vickie Skala

Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Jerry & Dina Atkinson

Volunteer, Volunteer

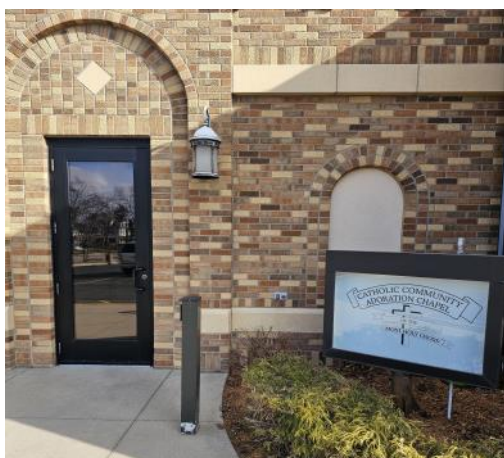
Altar Servers: Porter Bonilla, Carson Skala

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. or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

**Owatonna Catholic Community Adoration
Chapel of the Most Holy Cross**



"You could not keep watch with me for one hour?"

During this season of Lent consider spending an hour with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel at St. Joseph Parish. Now is a good time to update the "log in sheets". If you want to change your time or WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP for the first time, the Adoration "log in" sheets are in the Gathering Hall. The Adoration Chapel is available 24/7 with the use of a key fob for your security. Key fobs are available for \$10 in the parish office.

Vatican International Exhibition
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March 1-3, 2024

The exhibit features accounts of several Eucharistic Miracles that have been recorded throughout the Church's history.

Come and witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested Himself throughout the centuries and how this proves He is totally present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.



- 100+ photographic historically documented Eucharistic miracles from various countries since the Last Supper.
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- All faiths welcome
- Free admission

Friday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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The Adoration Chapel

I sit alone in this Holy Place,
in total silence, with the Holy Spirit,
in this most serene Adoration Chapel,
restoring my soul and giving me peace of mind.
Alone? Not really, for I am in God's presence,
truly a warm and loving peace do I find.

Kneeling here in silent, solemn prayer,
I'd rather spend an hour here, than anywhere.
I came here again today in prayer and meditation,
for my ultimate departure from my time on earth,
time spent here in silent adoration,
will be time well spent in preparation,
for my long life's inevitable termination.

Please join me for one hour. Jesus asked,
"Do you not have one hour to spend with me,"
I pray your happiness will never cease,
May God love you,
and give you eternal peace!
Bud Peka 9/7/17

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS



St. Mary's Mardi Gras Marketplace

Items varied in cost from \$.50-\$2.50 and the 7th/8th graders worked hard planning, promoting, producing and selling their items. This is always the “last hurrah” before the time of fasting since many of our students give up sweet treats and/or video games during the 40 days of Lent. Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving are the 3 pillars of Lent and this is a way for students to be introduced to Almsgiving as well.

This year the 7/8th grade students raised \$1,779.00. The proceeds will benefit the OHS Husky Pantry for food, clothing, hygiene and school supplies for OHS students who qualify for homelessness, or are just in great financial need.

“Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry”

Beginning March 2nd, our St. Joseph's family is making a dedication to pray for vocations through our new “Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry”. The Crucifix travels each week to a different home in our community. While in the home, the Crucifix is displayed and prayers are offered daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Inside the box, is the Crucifix, a simple prayer guide, a journal if you'd like to share a reflection or experience from your week, and a prayer calendar for our diocese which includes the names of our seminarians, priests and deacons. **When you return the box with the Crucifix to the Sacristy at St. Joseph's Church before the 4pm Mass the following Saturday, it will then be ready for the next family to pick up at the Mass they attend that weekend.**



Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Space beginning February 10th. Check your calendars to decide when you will be able to participate in this Ministry.

Your prayers are essential for raising up vocations in our Church. It is also essential that religious vocations be encouraged and supported within each family home. As we begin this new ministry, let us recall the words of our Lord: “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest.” (*Matthew 9:37-38*)

This “Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry” Kit is being provided by the St. Serra Club of the Owatonna Area.



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

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

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

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

February Funeral Chairpersons

Charlotte Radtke 507-774-9103
Rita Goodnature 507-444-4146

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

Our next Donut Sunday will be March 3rd after the 8am & 10am 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!



Register at eucharisticcongress.org

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Knights of Columbus Benefit Lenten Fish Dinners



The Knights of Columbus Lenten benefit fish dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. **Friday, March 1**, at the KC Hall. The “All you care to eat” dinner will be served in the KC Hall and in the Lounge and features baked and fried fish, whipped potatoes with country gravy, vegetable, roll, coleslaw, coffee and milk. Cost is \$15.00 in advance and \$17 at the door, with children under the age of 6 eating free. Advance tickets can be purchased from these groups:

KC Council 945 - Grady Strand 507-456-1788

SVdP Society - Joanne Evans 507-213-0068

or the **KC Hall**, 820 S Elm Ave. Owatonna.

Tickets are available in the parish office during business hours.

“During this lent, let us all ask the Lord:

‘Make our hearts like your own’

*... a heart which is firm & merciful,
attentive & generous, a heart which is not closed ...”*

~Pope Francis

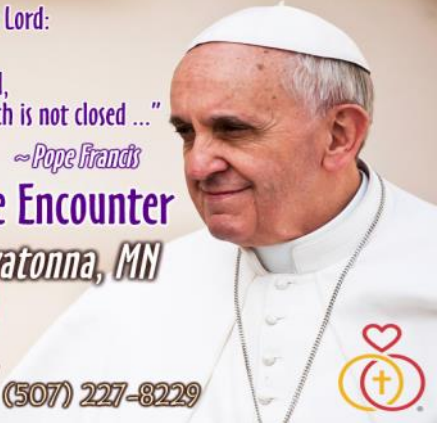
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Communal Penance for Catholic Community
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St. Joseph Parish 512 S. Elm Ave. Owatonna

March Funeral Chairpersons

Jan McDonald 507-451-5174

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Please Contact the Parish Office If...

- * A member of your family is in the hospital.
- * You want communion brought to your home.
- * Your address, phone, email has changed.
- * You wish to register your family with the Parish.

Phone: 451-4845 or

email: parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org

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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 5 people (a commitment of one weekend a month). The Rosary can be prayed from your pew and would begin at 9:30am ending by 9:50am.

Stations of the Cross schedule
Fridays during Lent
5:15pm - Sacred Heart Church
7:00pm - St. Joseph Parish

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota offers respectful, compassionate, and professional Mental Health Clinical Counseling services to help individuals, couples and families deal with a variety of concerns. We accept most insurances or offer a sliding fee. For more information call 507-287-2047.



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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