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# The Ascension of The Lord

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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)

Confession

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Ascension of Our Lord

Today is the Solemnity of the **Ascension of Our Lord** in heaven. Exactly forty days after His resurrection, (Acts 1:3) Our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father where He lives forever to make intercession for us. (*cf.* Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25) "Where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in Hope." (Collect for the Solemnity of the Ascension) All the Catholic Provinces in the USA (except Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia) have transferred the Solemnity of the Ascension to today – the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

Last Friday marked the beginning of the **Novena before Pentecost**. The word "novena" comes from the Latin word *nova* meaning "nine;" the first novena in the Church was the nine days of prayer that Our Blessed Mother and the Apostles prayed between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday (*cf.* Acts 1:14). You might want to pray the following prayer every day through May 18 in preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This prayer was written by St. Augustine; Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta prayed it every day after receiving Holy Communion:

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be Holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be Holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is Holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is Holy. Guard me then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be Holy.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers! I pray that through the intercession of Mary, Our Heavenly Mother, the Lord will send a special blessing upon all of our mothers, both living and deceased. "O most loving Mother! O most compassionate Mother! Be thou ever blessed; and ever blessed be God, who has given thee to us for our Mother, and for a secure refuge in all the dangers of this life." (St. Alphonsus Liguori, The Glories of Mary)

Today the second collection is for the work of **Catholic Charities** in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. 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 and refugees, unwed mothers and their unborn children – regardless of race, age, gender, creed, or ability to pay. A special envelope/brochure should have arrived in your mailbox this past week. You can mail this envelope directly to the Catholic Charities office, or you can use the envelope already in your envelope packet and place it in the collection basket.

107 years ago tomorrow, on May 13, 1917, the **Blessed Virgin Mary** appeared to three children – Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco – in **Fatima**, Portugal; she would appear to them six different times in 1917. Our Lady reminded them of the importance of praying the rosary and making sacrifices for sinners. She taught them to include this prayer after each decade of the rosary: "O My Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy Mercy." Pope Saint John Paul II publicly credited Our Lady of Fatima with saving his life during his assassination attempt on May 13, 1981. We give thanks to Almighty God for the abundant graces we receive from Him through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

Everyone is invited 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 offering a Funeral Mass (our most important Spiritual Work of Mercy for the souls of the faithful departed), as well as the Catholic Church's teaching on cremation, and our Corporal Work of Mercy to bury our beloved dead with dignity. I will also hand out materials in order to pre-plan the readings from Sacred Scripture, music, and other aspects for the Funeral Liturgy. Please reserve your time by calling the Brick-Meger Funeral Home at 507-451-1457.

Tuesday, May 14, is the **Feast of St. Matthias**. St. Matthias was chosen by the Holy Spirit as one of the Twelve Apostles to replace Judas (Acts 1:20-26). He was a witness to the resurrection of Christ, and suffered martyrdom at Colchis (located in modern day Georgia).

Wednesday, May 15, is the Feast of **St. Isidore the Farmer**. We ask St. Isidore for his special intercession and blessing upon our farmers, fields, and this year's spring planting.

Please mark your calendars: everyone is cordially invited to join Bishop Barron for a special **Corpus Christi Sunday Mass** at the Civic Center in Rochester on Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m. *Continues on Page 5* 

# Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13, 2024 Easter Weekday - Our Lady of Fatima *Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33* 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17.20-26/Jn 15:9-17 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 Easter Weekday - St. Isidore *Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19* 8:00am - Leo Klinkner†

Thursday, May 16, 2024 Easter Weekday

\*\*Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 8:00am - Bob Duenes†

Friday, May 17, 2024 Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 9:00am - Christ the King - Vernon, Gladys, Allen & John Flood†

Saturday, May 18, 2024 Easter Weekday - St. John I, Pope and Martyr *Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Jn 21:20-25* 8:00am - Gladys Tupy†

Sunday, May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

 Acts 2:1-11
 05/18/24
 4:00pm - Julio Letona Sr.†

 Gal 5:16-25
 05/18/24
 5:30pm - Christ the King - Mary Alice O'Connor†

 Jn 15:26-27:16:12-15
 05/19/24
 8:00am - Dick Thamert†

05/19/24 8:00am - Dick Thamert† 05/19/24 10:00am - Parishioners



## May 12 - The Ascension of the Lord:

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. Vincent's Table served 165 meals on Tuesday.

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. Our phone is 507-676-5508.

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## Liturgical Ministers Schedule May 18/19, 2024

## Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Rose Ann Rypka, Volunteer, Volunteer

Lector: Linda Strand Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins, Mark Stradtherr, Volunteer Altar Servers: Volunteer, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteer

### Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Linda Huffington, Lynn Lattery, Volunteer

Lector: Mark Cashman Sacristan: Joan Salmonsen

Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam, & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Volunteer **Sunday - 10:00am** 

EMHC: Vickie Skala, Kay Oberle, Volunteer

Lector: John Connor Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens,

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Carson Skala, Samantha Kriener

Greeters: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

# 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 defeat this war on life.

# You are the Light of the World

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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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Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Monday, May 19th at 6:30pm Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish. Refreshments will be served, followed by The Rosary and meeting. The Guest speaker will be Julie Anderson from Steele County Transitional Housing in Owatonna. Women 18 and older from the Catholic community are invited to join. Come and see what the Catholic Daughters are all about. Bring a flower for the May Crowning as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary.

### This is the last weekend!

There is still time to get a Mother's Day spiritual bouquet card after all the Masses this weekend. A \$5 donation is requested for each card. **Prayers will be offered during the month of May.** All proceeds will go to Rachel's Light, the women and children shelter in Steele Co.

# Jerome Gefre April 30, 2024

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



# Monsignor Cook's Corner Continued from Page 2

As this bulletin goes to print, we have received \$32,440 toward the St. Joseph Parish goal of \$50,880 for Bishop Barron's 2024 annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you to the 107 donors who have helped us achieve almost 64% of our goal. If you have not yet given to the appeal, I encourage you make a financial gift before Memorial Day; extra envelopes and brochures are available in the narthex. You can mail your contribution directly to the diocese, or put your envelope in the collection basket during any weekend Mass. If our parish exceeds its goal, the Bishop has agreed to return to our parish 100% of any amount over the goal.

Do you remember how your heart burned within you, listening to the talk about the St. Serra Club? We pray for more Priests, Deacons, Nuns and Sisters, and support those we have. These prayers bring us closer to God.

We have a great program at each of our gatherings. This month, on Monday, May 13th, we will show a YouTube video of Dr. Scott Hahn, a convert to Catholicism and a gifted speaker and author. He says this about himself: "All we have to do is open the Word and be open to learning about it, about Him. My work has been focused on helping you to that end." The title of the video is: "Going on Vocation: Faithful Disciples, Fruitful Apostles." You are all invited to come to watch the video, a half hour presentation from a great speaker.

You can join us for our 5pm Holy Hour in the Community Chapel, our 6pm light meal in Joseph Hall, and at 6:45pm our program. Hope to see you there!



Diocese of Winona-Rochester -Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dowr.org.

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

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# **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



# Be Our Guest

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

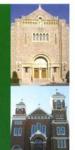
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OR

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 Litury, 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

PAR 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





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# We welcome...

Sebastian Thorfinn Burke Baptized on May 5, 2024

### Child of Michael & Heather Burke

"A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit" - Psalms 51:12

### 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.

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### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS





# SMS 6th Graders Take Their Learning on the Road

Thanks to the generosity of the Owatonna Bus Company, St. Mary's 6th graders get a hands-on learning experience as we learn about Minnesota's history. This year we were able to attend the Big Island Rendevous, the Minnesota History Center, Biztown, the State Capital, Fort Snelling, James J. Hill House, and morel. Each trip gives students a chance to see and experience what we have been learning about in the classroom. We also had a fun field trip to celebrate Catholic Schools Week - this year we went retro and tested our roller skating skills at Skateville in Burnsville... admittedly, the teachers outskated the students.:)















Save the Date! Baccalaureate Mass Sunday, June 9th 10 AM Mass

We will proudly acknowledge our OHS Graduating Seniors! The graduates are asked to wear their graduation gown (no cap) and sit together in the front pews. They will receive a special blessing from Father before the Final Blessing at Mass.

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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.









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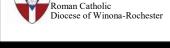
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