



**February 18, 2024**

## **First Sunday of Lent**

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

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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### **Office Hours:**

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

Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

### **Mass Schedule: Weekends**

Saturday 4:00pm

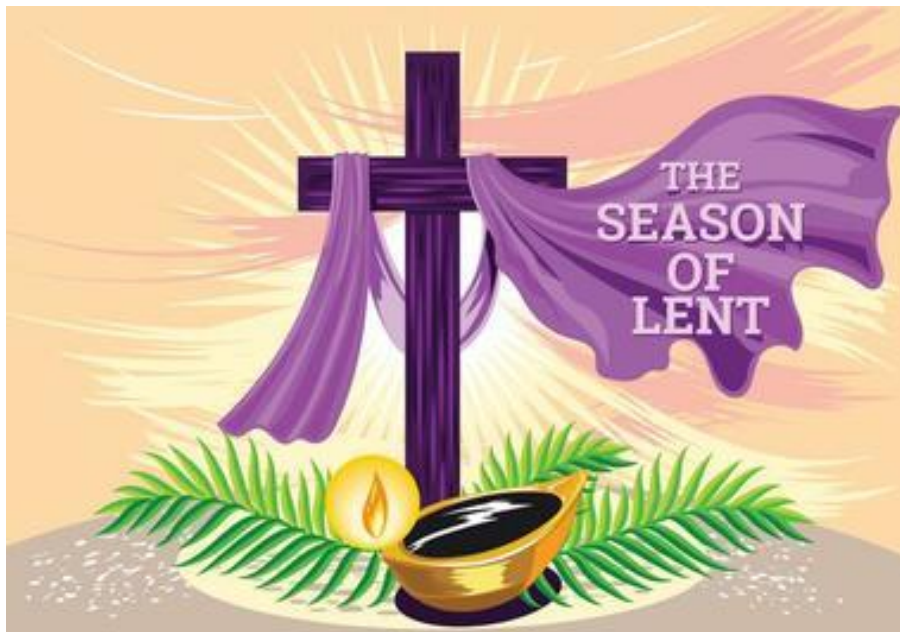
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

### **Weekdays and Holy Days**

(See schedule in the bulletin)

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Prayer • Fasting • Almsgiving

Today, on this First Sunday of Lent, February 18, at 3:00 p.m. at Queen of Angels Church in Austin, Bishop Barron will celebrate the **Rite of Election** and the **Call to Continuing Conversion** with the catechumens and candidates of the Diocese of Winona who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as the catechumens prepare to be baptized, and as both catechumens and candidates prepare to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and receive the Lord's Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

The Season of Lent began last week on Ash Wednesday. During this holy season, we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus through our works of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. If you haven't already done so, this First Sunday of Lent is a good time to consider what prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy you will be doing for the next forty days.

Thursday, February 22, is the **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**. The chair (*cathedra* in Latin) is an ancient symbol of authority. The Pope, as the successor of St. Peter, has the authority from Christ (c.f. Matthew 16:13-19) to teach infallibly on matters of faith and morality.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday evening during Lent at:

5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart

7:00 p.m. St. Joseph

Everyone is welcome to attend these many opportunities to meditate on the suffering and death of Our Lord. *"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)

Either before or after Stations of the Cross, everyone is invited to attend the Knights of Columbus **Fish Fry** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Columbian Center.

Christ the King in Medford will have Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

There are several **Rice Bowls** and copies of *The Magnificat Lenten Companion* available at the entrances of the church. Please take these items home and use them as a way to come closer to Christ during this Lenten season through **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**.

Next Sunday at all the weekend Masses, I will be inviting you prayerfully to 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 Quinn'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, and a goal of **\$10,631** for Christ the King Parish. If these amounts are 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 parishes. If a parish exceeds its goal, the Bishop has agreed to return to the parish 100% of any amount over the goal.

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19, 2024 <i>Lv 19:1-2,11-8/Mt 25:31-46</i>	Lenten Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 <i>Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15</i>	Lenten Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 <i>Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32</i>	Lenten Weekday - St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:00am - Darlene Gathje† 8:10am - Sacred Heart - SMS Mass - Dick Thamert†
Thursday, February 22, 2024 <i>1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19</i>	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 8:00am - Bernice Klinkner†
Friday, February 23, 2024 <i>Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26</i>	Lenten Weekday - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr 9:00am - Christ the King - Merlyn Madery†
Saturday, February 24, 2024 <i>Dt 26: 16-19/Mt 5:43-48</i>	Lenten Weekday 8:00am - Joyce Pribyl†
Sunday, February 25, 2024 <i>Gn 22:1-2, 9a 10-13,15-18</i> <i>Rom 8:31b-34</i> <i>Mk 9:2-10</i>	Second Sunday of Lent 02/24/24 4:00pm - Parishioners 02/25/24 8:00am - Dylan Lattery† 02/25/24 10:00am - John Navins†



### February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your almsgiving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. On Tuesday Evening we served meals to 154 individuals.

**We were overwhelmed at your generosity in donating to SVdP as a result of our pulpit presentations. May you feel God's love and peace as a response to helping those who are less fortunate. God bless you.**

**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 February 24/25, 2024

### Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Amador Ramirez, 3 Volunteers

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Katherine Rypka

### Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Martha Kearin, Diane Kaplan, Volunteer

Lector: Pat Rose

Sacristan: Rita Goodnature

Ushers: Mark Kearin, Dave Goodnature  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora

Greeters: Volunteers

### Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Ryan Heydon, Ellyn Jardine, Volunteer

Lector: Tim Rice

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Volunteer

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). or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

Owatonna Catholic Community Adoration  
Chapel of the Most Holy Cross

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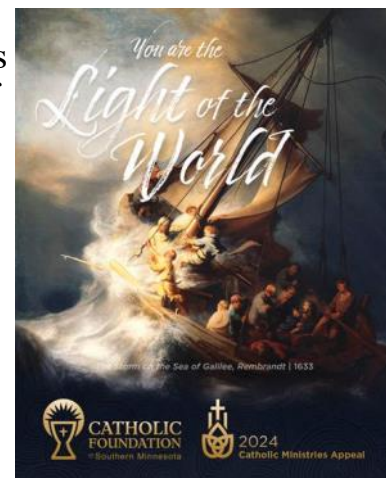
## Knights of Columbus Benefit Lenten Fish Dinners



The Knights of Columbus Lenten benefit fish dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. **Friday, February 23**, 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: **Medford Knights of Columbus & Medford Catholic Daughters**  
Contact: Don Novak at 507-649-2059,  
Mary Wencil at 507-338-0967,  
or the **KC Hall**, 820 S Elm Ave. Owatonna

*You Are the Light of the World!* The 2024 CMA Appeal kicks off next weekend!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand ministries in the parishes, Catholic schools, Newman Centers, Catholic Charities and programs, and departments of the diocesan church.



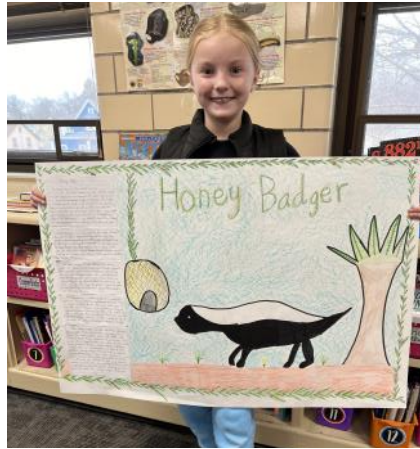
Watch for your mailing at home or give online at: <https://catholicfsmn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal>  
Envelopes will also be available in the parish and can be dropped in the collection basket.

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.



## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary's third graders started their endangered animals unit by reading lots of books about endangered animals and choosing an animal they would like to find out more about. They researched topics like what the animal eats, where it lives, its habitat, why it is endangered, and of course how people are trying to help the animal. They used those notes to write a five paragraph paper! Finally they presented all the information they learned to their families and the second graders who will do it next year.



### "Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry"

Beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](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)

**Lectors** – Linda Strand (507)363-2596, [strand619@gmail.com](mailto:strand619@gmail.com)

**Music Ministry** – Carol Hodapp (507)213-6981, [carolhodapp@gmail.com](mailto:carolhodapp@gmail.com)

**Sacristans** – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, [leej7@reagan.com](mailto:leej7@reagan.com)

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

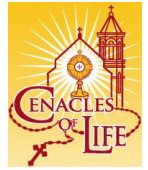
### **Past and Present Eucharistic Ministers**



We are missing 3 Eucharistic Minister crosses with gold chains from the sacristy. Please check around your home, junk drawers, or rosary boxes to see if they were accidentally taken home after Mass. They were a gift to the parish so returning them would be appreciated. Thank you! St. Joseph Parish

### **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!



### **SAVE THE DATE FOR**

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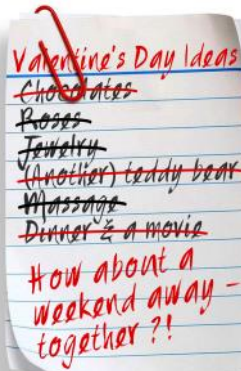
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**Stations of the Cross schedule  
Fridays during Lent  
5:15pm - Sacred Heart Church  
7:00pm - St. Joseph Parish**



**3rd ANNUAL MARIAN CONFERENCE  
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The Shrine of Our Lady of Champion is the site of the only approved Marian Apparition site in the United States. They are holding their 3rd Annual Marian Conference with wonderful guest speakers, a rosary walk, prayer time, and masses. Pick up a flyer in the gathering space or go to "[championshrine.org/marian-conference/](http://championshrine.org/marian-conference/)" for more information. KC Council 945 is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Conference and is paying for the bus. Make your Conference and Hotel reservation ASAP and then let Lee know if you will be on the bus. If you have questions, contact Lee Jardine at [lee\\_j7@reagan.com](mailto:lee_j7@reagan.com) or call 507-455-4430 and leave a message.



The NEXT event scheduled for 2/24/24 at the St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato MN has been CANCELLED. Registration fees will be refunded.



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.



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