



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

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(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

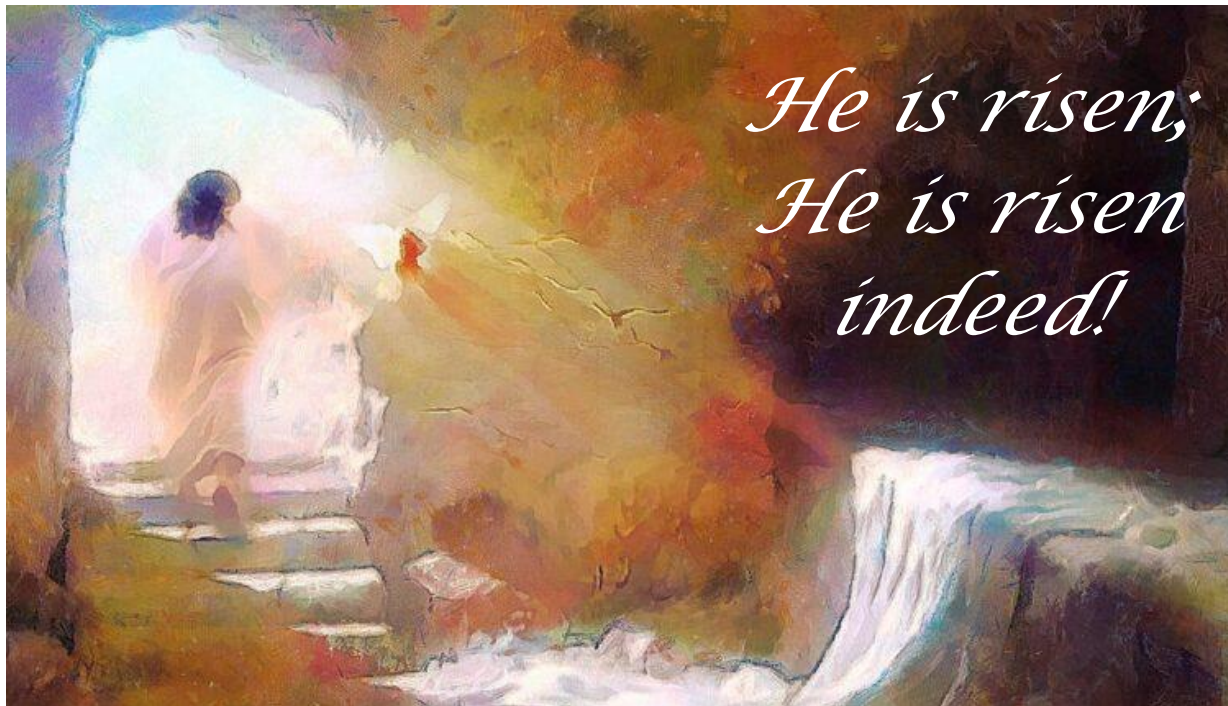
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



As we celebrate Our Savior's glorious **Resurrection** from the dead, I pray that the Risen Lord will fill your souls with joy and new life! Because Easter is the most important day of the year, the Church celebrates Mass every day this week as if it were Easter Sunday morning. We celebrate the Lord's resurrection for eight days (the Easter Octave); daily Mass will be longer like a Sunday Mass and will include the *Gloria*. The Easter Octave concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Next Sunday, April 7, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish, six of our young people will be receiving their **First Holy Communion**. Practice for the First Communion will take place in St. Joseph Church this Saturday, April 6, at 9:30 a.m. Our seven First Communion candidates and at least one parent are required to attend this rehearsal. At this practice, the first communicants will have an opportunity to confess their sins before receiving the Lord's Body and Blood for the first time.

Next Sunday, April 7, is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. In Poland in 1931, Jesus appeared to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (+5 October 1938) and asked her to promulgate Divine Mercy Sunday on the first Sunday after Easter. According to Our Lord: "*On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open.... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.... Let no soul fear to draw near me, even though his sins be as scarlet.*" (Diary, #699) Therefore, let no one be afraid to "draw near" to the Lord in the Sacrament of Penance; Christ promises not only complete forgiveness of sins but also complete removal of the temporal punishment caused by our sins!

We will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** at St. Joseph Church from 3:00 until 6:30 p.m. We will begin at the "Hour of Mercy," 3:00 p.m., by venerating the Image of Divine Mercy. Then I will expose the Blessed Sacrament and join in the prayerful singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. During Adoration, I will hear confessions from 3:30-5:45 p.m. and someone will lead the rosary. At 6:00 p.m. we will pray the *Regina Caeli* and sing Solemn *Vespers*; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow *Vespers*.

The **Novena of Divine Mercy** began on Good Friday and continues through this week. The novena prayers are available in a red-colored pamphlet – *Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet* – located in the narthex.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for a beautiful Lenten season:

- Thank you to those people who came to the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Meditating on the suffering and death of Our Lord is my favorite Lenten devotion.
- Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to make a good confession before Easter. I was inspired by all the many confessions.
- Thank you to everyone who helped make our Sacred Triduum Liturgies so beautiful: our parish staff, musicians, choir members, readers, servers, ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, oil bearers, decorators, and sacristans. You all helped to give honor and glory to God.
- Thank you for giving so generously to our various Holy Week collections.
The amounts that we collected should be available for next week's bulletin.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1, 2024 <i>Acts 2:14,22-33/Mt 28:8-15</i>	Monday within the Octave of Easter 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 <i>Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18</i>	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 <i>Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35</i>	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 8:00am - Ernie & MaryAnn Betlach†
Thursday, April 4, 2024 <i>Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48</i>	Thursday within the Octave of Easter 8:00am - Harry Appel family, living & deceased
Friday, April 5, 2024 <i>Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14</i>	Friday within the Octave of Easter 9:00am - Christ the King - Joyce Pribyl†
Saturday, April 6, 2024 <i>Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15</i>	Saturday within the Octave of Easter 8:00am - Katie Cashman†
Sunday, April 7, 2024 <i>Acts 4:32-35</i> <i>1 Jn 5:1-6</i> <i>Jn 20:19-31</i>	Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy 04/06/24 4:00pm - Paul Illg† 04/06/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Lynette Maas† 04/07/24 8:00am - Parishioners 04/07/24 10:00am - James Grundman†



March 31 - Easter Sunday:

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

As you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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.

Parish Staff

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule April 6/7, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Rose Ann Rypka, Volunteer, Volunteer
Lector: Tim Vogt
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer
Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Diane Kaplan, Courtney Keller, Volunteer
Lector: Colleen Possehl
Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips,
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Henry Seykora, Stella Seykora
Greeters: Buzz & Cea Grass

Sunday - 10:00am First Communion

EMHC: Kay Oberle, Ryan Heydon, Stacey Ginskey
Lector: John Connor
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Walt Spindler,
Nolan Ginskey, Jacob Ginskey
Altar Servers: Lucas Ginskey, Macey Ginskey
Greeters: Wayne & Betty Kubicek



**The offices at St. Joseph Parish
will be closed on Monday,
April 1st. We wish you all a
very HAPPY EASTER!**

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Knights of Columbus Service and Awards Banquet April 5, 2024

KC Hall, Owatonna MN.

5:30pm Social Hour

6:30pm Dinner with program to follow

Meal will be smoked beef tips in mushroom gravy
over noodles, fruit cup, salad and dessert. Cost is
\$20 per plate.

Guest speaker will be Sgt. Ben Johnson,
commander of the SCDIU task force.

Please join us for a fun and informative evening.

**RSVP by Monday April 1: bfandel94@hotmail.com
or by phone 507-456-4161.**



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**

After Calvary

Happy Easter, Christ is risen,
now our sins can be forgiven.
He gave up His life for our redemption,
His role, since Virgin Mary's conception.

He truly is the Son of God.
The Pharisees claimed He was a fraud.
Millions of Christians from many nations,
pray to Him, and give humble adoration.

“Father forgive them,
for they know not what they do.”
Remember, He died for me,
He died for you.
His last words before He died,
“It is finished.”
our love for Jesus
remains undiminished.
Jesus is my personal Savior.
Have Him as yours also.
A Blessed Easter to all!
Hosanna in the highest!
Save us, we pray!

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WE ARE HIRING!
Join our SMS Family!

JOB POSITIONS:

- SCIENCE TEACHER
- SPANISH TEACHER
- ART TEACHER
- PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Please reach out with questions and resume.

Contact: Principal Jen Swanson
jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Women's Adoration Night **Monday, April 8th** **7:00-9:00pm.**

All women of the community are invited to **Divine Mercy Church in Faribault** for Women's Adoration Night. This evening will include praise & adoration, confessions, a short reflection, refreshments and sisterhood. Come! Be encouraged and refreshed!



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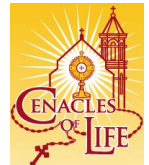


Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

Fridays in the Adoration Chapel
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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.



Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry

Sponsored by the St. Serra Club
of the Owatonna Area

Dates are still available for your family to sign up for the Traveling Vocations Crucifix. The one week commitment gives your family the opportunity to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Everything is provided in the kit. When your week is done, return the kit to the sacristy before the 4pm Mass so the next family can take the Traveling Crucifix home.

The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Hall.





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

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

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

Reminder!

First Communion at St. Joseph Parish
Sunday, April 7, 2024 • 10am Mass
Practice will be Saturday April 6 at
9:30am in St. Joseph Church

Donut Sunday is April 7th!

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!



April Funeral Chairpersons

Joan Salmonsén 451-5695

Terry Jensen 451-7062

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



Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service & Adoration

April 7, 2024

St. Joseph Parish

3:00pm - 6:30pm

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Keep your fingers crossed.




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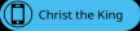


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