



January 7, 2024

## The Epiphany of The Lord

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(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



“We have seen his star in the East, and have  
come with gifts to adore the Lord” Matthew 2:2

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Epiphany is the celebration of Jesus' manifestation to the Magi (also known as wise men and kings), who represent the Gentiles or pagan peoples outside of Judaism. This is a solemnity of great importance in the Church, often associated with two other manifestations of the Lord Jesus: the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan and the Wedding at Cana.

The visit of the three wise men represents that salvation has come not only for the Jewish people who awaited the Messiah but also for all peoples. Jesus has become "a light for revelation to the Gentiles", as Simeon prophesied (Luke 2:32). Jesus is made known by the Father's voice from heaven during his baptism (Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22). Lastly, Jesus works his first miracle at "Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory" (John 2:11).

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the conclusion of the Christmas Season. Tuesday begins Ordinary Time. I hope this was a grace-filled time for you and your families. I am happy that a native son, Fr. Raphael Christianson, OP, was able to celebrate Mass here last week and also this weekend. Please keep him in your good prayers as he is also moving from Washington D.C. to St. Louis to serve the faithful there.

It was certainly a surprise to receive a new assignment outside the regular transition period of July 1<sup>st</sup>. I will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Pius X Parish in Rochester. As I write this, we are still awaiting word on the new pastor for St. Joseph and Christ the King Parishes. Please keep this in your good prayers as well.

I am having the monstrance refinished (gold plating) at a cost of \$2,175.00. I am looking for any donors for this project. The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is approaching, and I was hoping to have the project for the Enthronement of the Word completed by then. It is getting near completion, as some have been asking, so let's pray we can see it completed before my departure.

I wish you and your families a Blessed Epiphany!

God Love You!!!

*Fr. Jim Starasovich*



## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8, 2024 <i>Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11</i>	The Baptism of the Lord 9:00am - Christ the King - Joyce Pribyl†
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 <i>1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Jerry Fix†
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 <i>1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Mk 1:29-39</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Donald Schlitz†
Thursday, January 11, 2024 <i>1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Pray for those suffering with mental challenges
Friday, January 12, 2024 <i>1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a/Mk 2:1-12</i>	Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Katherine Rypka (living)
Saturday, January 13, 2024 <i>1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a/Mk 2:13-17</i>	Weekday - St. Hillary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:00am - Bob Duenes†
Sunday, January 14, 2024 <i>1 Sm 3:3b-10,19</i> <i>1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20</i> <i>Jn 1:35-42</i>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 01/13/24 4:00pm - Harlan Kern† 01/14/24 8:00am - Dorry Kenney† 01/14/24 10:00am - Parishioners

### January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord:



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, please donate to St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided meals to 111 individuals.**

**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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**Facebook**– <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephParishOwatonna/>

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule January 13/14, 2024

### Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteers

### Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Martha Kearin, Courtney Keller  
Volunteer

Lector: Annika Slacter

Sacristan: Rita Goodnature

Ushers: Mark Kearin, Tyler Keller  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Volunteers

### Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Lee & Ellyn Jardine, Volunteer

Lector: John Connor

Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Volunteer

Greeters: Shannon Iocovino

### 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 [stjosephwatonna.org](http://stjosephwatonna.org). (click on Liturgical Protocol & Schedules) or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.



**Sunday, January 28** join us for supper in Joseph Hall as we gather to celebrate with Father Jim before he moves on to his next assignment at St. Pius X in Rochester, MN. We will have a catered dinner from 5:00 - 6:00pm with fellowship until 7:00pm. **Please RSVP** by calling the parish office at 451-4845 by **Monday January 22** if you plan to attend.

Our next Donut Sunday will be January 14th 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!



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are missing 4 Eucharistic Minister necklaces from the sacristy. Please check your coat pockets or junk drawers at home to see if they were accidentally taken after Mass. They were a gift to the parish so returning them would be much appreciated.

Thank you! St. Joseph Parish

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### January Funeral Chairperson

**Val O'Neill 451-8746**

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

### *In Loving Memory*

Renee Marie Knutson

December 27, 2023

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



### **Save the Date for the 18th Annual Chili Cook-Off**

The 18th Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held once again at the Owatonna National Guard Armory from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on January 27, 2024. This will also be the last year of the Chili Cook-off that will benefit that Scholarship Fund. Come and enjoy almost 40 different chilies from past champions, restaurants, and newcomers. Beverages, desserts, hot dogs and chips and salsa are also featured.

### **18th Annual Chili Cook-Off**

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

**4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

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### **Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for**

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### **OWATONNA KC SHRIMP DINNERS ARE BACK!**

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To Volunteer, Contact Lee Jardine ([lee\\_j7@reagan.com](mailto:lee_j7@reagan.com) / 507-444-4088) and if you are not a Knight, ask me how to join in the fun!!

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**DATE: Sunday, January 28th, 2024  
TIME: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
PLACE: St. Mary's School**

**SCAN HERE!**

St. Mary's School is kicking off enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. Whether you are starting preschool or kindergarten, come and check us out. You can fill out an application on our website, [www.stmarys-owatonna.org](http://www.stmarys-owatonna.org). We also have an open house event on January 29th from 9:30-12:00. Please see the school website for more information on this event.



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Please join the rally to save the unborn. In 2023, Minnesota lawmakers passed legislation legalizing abortion-up-to-birth. They also repealed a newborn's right to lifesaving treatment. Even more anti-life measures are being considered for 2024. Now is the time to make clear to our elected officials that no child is forgotten, and that moms and babies deserve our protection.

As in the past, Owatonna Bus Company will provide a free coach bus to St. Paul. The bus will board at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot in Owatonna at 8:00 am on January 22 (leaving at 8:15). The bus will stop at the Speedway Travel Plaza in Faribault at 8:40.

At 10:00, we will be dropped off at the Cathedral of St. Paul for a prayer service. Then, we will walk to the capital for the March for Life which begins at noon. The bus will depart the capital at 1:30, returning to Owatonna at about 2:45 pm.

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