



February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

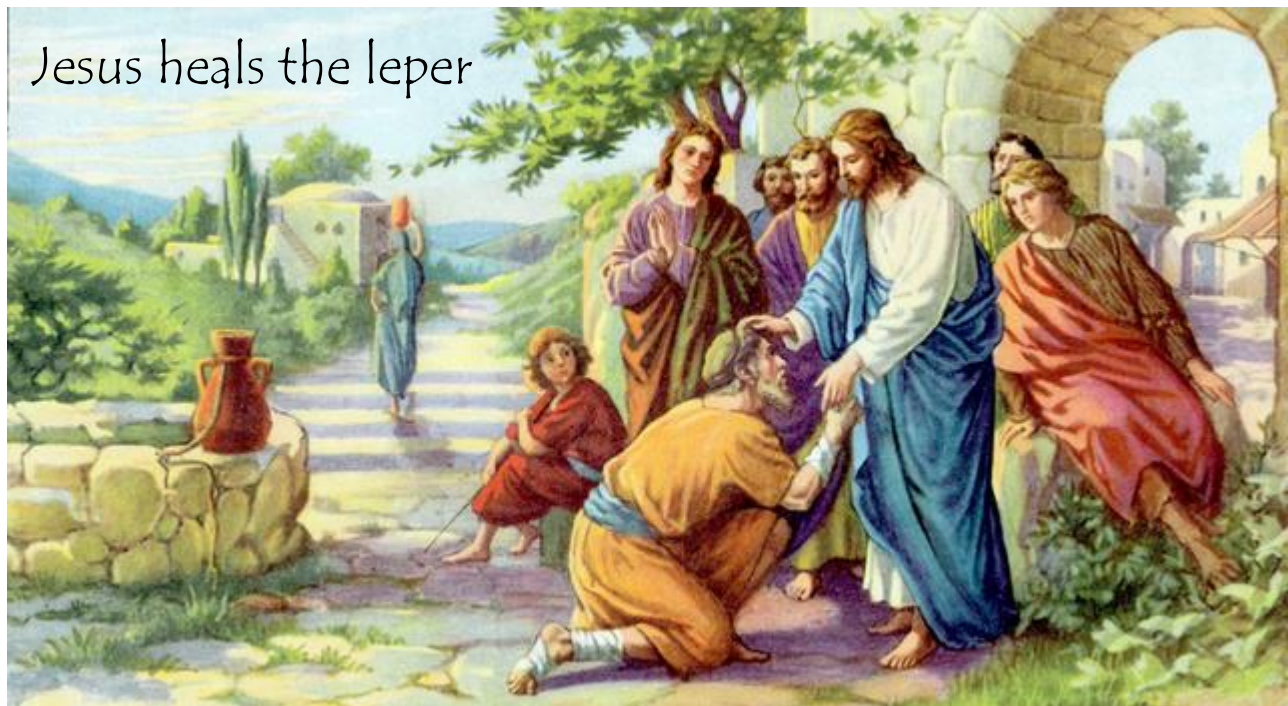
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Jesus heals the leper

"I do will it. Be made clean."

Monsignor Cook's Corner

11 February 2024

6th Sunday of the Year

Today, Sunday, February 11, is the 32nd **World Day of the Sick**. Pope St. John Paul II designated this feast on February 11, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, because of the many healings that have taken place at the miraculous spring at Lourdes, France, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous.

As noted by the Catholic Health Association of the United States, **World Day of the Sick** has three consistent themes: (1) It reminds the faithful to pray intensely and sincerely for those who are sick. At every Mass we always offer a general "Prayer of the Faithful" for our sick family members and friends; let us also continue to include them in our personal prayers. (2) World Day of the Sick invites Christians to reflect on and respond to human suffering. "*If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it.*" (1 Corinthians 12:26) "*I was sick and you visited me.*" (Matthew 25:36) (3) This day also recognizes and honors all persons who work in health care and serve as caregivers.

Today, Sunday, February 11, is also **World Marriage Day**. In today's modern world, which often attacks the dignity of a life-long marriage between one man and one woman, we honor all of those married couples who are faithful to each other until death, and open to the gift of children. We especially honor those Catholics who faithfully follow the guidelines of the Church regarding marriage. The Lord gives these married couples special graces in the Sacrament of Matrimony to live their vocation and to love each other as Christ loves His bride, the Church.

The Season of **Lent** begins this week on **February 14** with **Ash Wednesday**. Masses and the imposition of ashes will be at:

7:00 a.m. Sacred Heart	
8:10 a.m. Sacred Heart	<i>School Mass</i>
12:10 p.m. St. Joseph	
5:00 p.m. St. Joseph	
6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart	<i>Faith Formation Mass</i>
6:30 p.m. Christ the King	<i>Faith Formation Mass</i>

During this holy season, we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus through our works of **prayer**, **fasting**, and **almsgiving**. Now is a good time to consider what prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy you will be doing for the next forty days.

Ash Wednesday is a **Day of Fast and Abstinence**. All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. "Fasting" means eating only one full meal. If it is necessary to maintain strength, Catholics may eat two smaller meals that are not equal to the one full meal. We also fast from eating between meals. All Fridays of the year are **Days of Abstinence** from meat. (*Code of Canon Law, #1251*) All Catholics who are 14 years old and older are required to abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year. (Outside of Lent the Bishops of the United States have given Catholics permission to substitute another penance in place of not eating meat.) "Parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance." (*Code of Canon Law, #1252*)

On Ash Wednesday there will be a collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Your gifts will help to rebuild Catholic churches, schools, seminaries, and convents in Eastern Europe that had been destroyed by the atheistic communist government.

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. 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 on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

There are several copies of *The Magnificat Lenten Companion* available in the Gathering Hall. This booklet contains meditations for each day of Lent. I invite everyone to take a copy home with them; please use these readings as one way to become closer to Christ during Lent.

Rice Bowls and a **Home Calendar** will also be available. Your daily sacrifices during Lent will be used by Catholic Relief Services to feed the hungry around the world. **[Rice Bowls will be collected at Mass on Holy Thursday evening.]**

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12, 2024 <i>Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13</i>	Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 <i>Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21</i>	Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 <i>Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18</i>	Ash Wednesday 12:10pm - Joe Leverty† 5:00pm - Jean Zamboni† 6:30pm - Christ the King - Pat Kuhlman†
Thursday, February 15, 2024 <i>Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25</i>	Thursday after Ash Wednesday 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen family†
Friday, February 16, 2024 <i>Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15</i>	Friday after Ash Wednesday 9:00am - Christ the King - Bev Hertel†
Saturday, February 17, 2024 <i>Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32</i>	Saturday after Ash Wednesday 8:00am - Sheila Connor†
Sunday, February 18, 2024 <i>Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15</i>	First Sunday of Lent 02/17/24 4:00pm - Judith Ginther Williams† 02/18/24 8:00am - Parishioners 02/18/24 10:00am - Trom family



February 11 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

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 17/18, 2024**

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Matt Thurnau
Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins
Mark Stadtherr, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer
Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Linda Huffington, Lynn Lattery, Vol.
Lector: Colleen Possehl
Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén
Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam, & Jacob Dulas
Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Kay Oberle, Vickie Skala, Volunteer
Lector: Tim Rice
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner
Ushers: Brad Fisher, Walt Spindler
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Volunteers
Greeters: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

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.



We welcome...

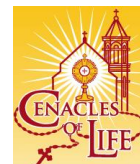
Elliana Rose Skala
Baptized on February 4, 2024

Child of Shadarik & Michala (Wiese) Skala

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

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!



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**LAUNCHING
2.24.24**



**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, Feb. 16**, 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 **Owatonna Catholic Daughters** (Linda Strand 507-363-2596) or the **KC Hall**, 820 S Elm Ave .





**Scout Sunday Mass
2/4/2024**

“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

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Homebound Ministries – Vickie Skala (507)456-2230, vskala9174@gmail.com

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a busy classroom for the fifth graders! As we read *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan, we are practicing inferencing, flashbacks, and foreshadowing. We are also drafting friendly letters and working with fractions. In science we can't wait to begin our new Astronomy lesson, which begins with a visit to the science museum! We are also looking forward to leading Stations of the Cross during Lent. There are so many exciting things to come!



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.

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

Ct. Owatonna CDA members will be selling KC Fish Fry tickets in the Gathering Hall after all the Masses this weekend for the Feb. 16th KC Fish Fry in the KC Hall.



Advance sale tickets are \$15, or \$17 at the door. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Daughters of the Americas! *Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office during business hours.*

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

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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Ash Wednesday Collection: Restore the Church • Build the Future

This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

You can find more information at www.usccb.org/cceb

Ash  *Wednesday*

Mass Times February 14, 2024

- 7:00am: Sacred Heart Church
- 8:10am: Sacred Heart Church (School Mass)
- 12:10pm: St. Joseph Parish
- 5:00pm: St. Joseph Parish
- 6:30pm: Sacred Heart (Faith Formation Mass)
- 6:30pm: Christ the King (Faith Formation Mass)

**Stations of the Cross schedule
Fridays during Lent**

- 5:15pm - Sacred Heart Church
- 7:00pm - St. Joseph Parish



Court Owatonna Catholic
Daughters of the Americas will
meet Saturday Feb. 17th at 9am
in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.

**Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for
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