



January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

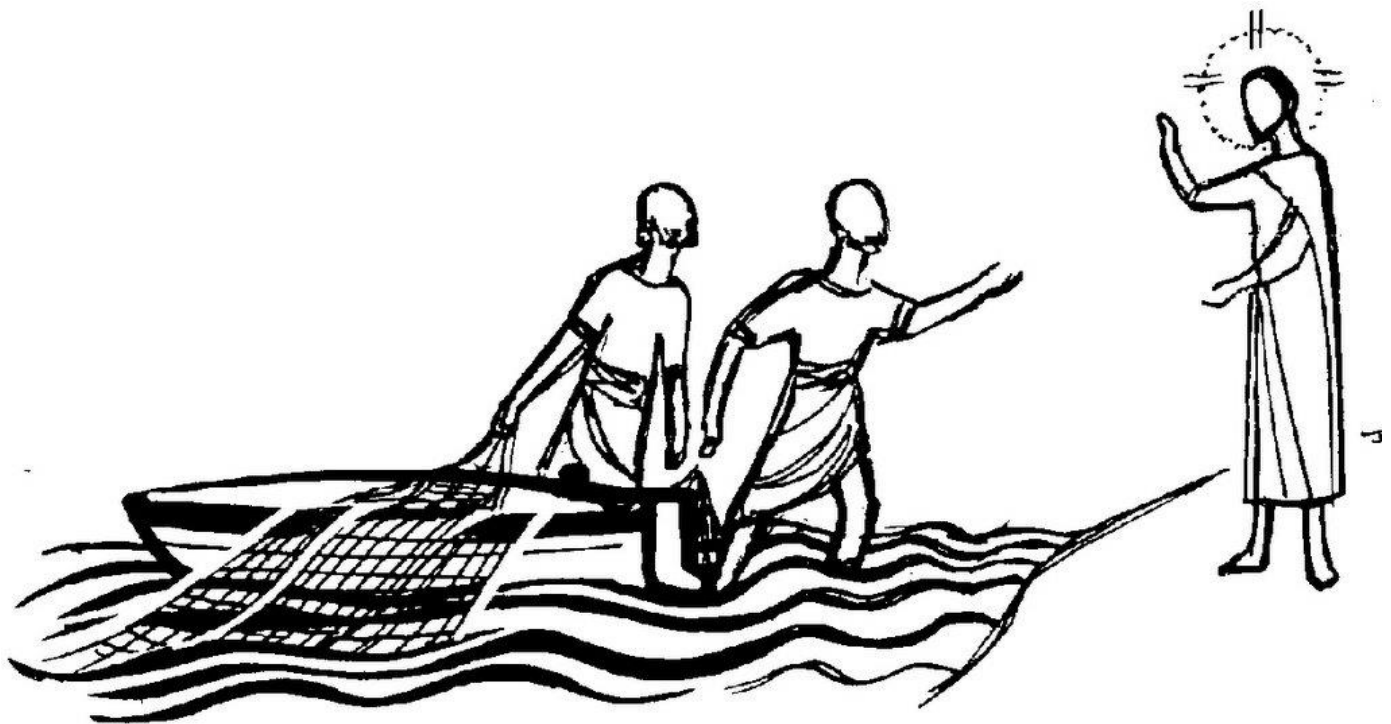
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“This is the time of fulfillment.” Jesus’ words that begin his public ministry. **“But when the fullness of time had come,** God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption” (Galatians 4:4-5). “In him we have redemption in his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavishes upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as **a plan for the fullness of times,** to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth” (Ephesians 1:7-10).

“Anno Domini” means “In the Year of the Lord”, thus A.D. would be written after the current year. We are in the year of our Lord 2024. The secular world, removing any recognition of Christianity calls it C.E., the Common Era. “B.C. E.” simply means “before the common era”. Yet, it is based on the coming of the fullness of time in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Whether one uses A.D. or B.C.E., the truth is that the current calendar is based on the birth of Jesus.

What a wonderful passage from St. Paul: “to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.” He comes to save the world, everyone on the planet!

Today’s first reading shows the humility of the gentiles (pagans) in Nineveh. “Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing, ‘Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,’ when the people of Nineveh **believed God**; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.” This moved God to be merciful and compassionate for those people because “they turned from their evil way”.

Jesus tells the people in Galilee: “The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” The “gospel” is “good news”, as shown by God in the first reading. God is love, mercy, compassion.

“For the world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). “Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life, is not from the Father but from the world. Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever” (1 John 2:15-17).

Let us be grateful for the gift of our faith and for the salvation Jesus brings. Let us be his instruments of love, mercy, and compassion in this generation.

God Love You!!! *Fr. Jim Staranich*



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, January 22, 2024 <i>2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30</i>	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 9:00am - Christ the King - John Hager†
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 <i>2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19/Mk 3:31-35</i>	Weekday - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr 8:00am - Geraldine Ginther†
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 <i>2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20</i>	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder, & Doctor 8:00am - For the S.I. Zamboni family living & deceased
Thursday, January 25, 2024 <i>Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18</i>	The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle 8:00am - Mussman & Erding family
Friday, January 26, 2024 <i>2 Tim 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34</i>	St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops 9:00am - Christ the King - Merlyn Madery†
Saturday, January 27, 2024 <i>2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Mk4:35-41</i>	Weekday - St. Angela Merici, Virgin 8:00am - Colette Mullenmaster†
Sunday, January 28, 2024 <i>Dt 18:15-20</i> <i>1 Cor 7:32-35</i> <i>Mk 1:21-28</i>	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 01/27/24 4:00pm - Donald Schmidt Sr.† 01/28/24 8:00am - Parishioners 01/28/24 10:00am - Dylan Lauwers†



January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

When you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are continuing God's work on earth. Thank you for caring for those who are less fortunate! On Tuesday we served 170 meals at Vincent's Table.

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
January 27/28, 2024**

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins
Mark Stadtherr, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Katherine Rypka

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Lynn Lattery, Linda Huffington,
Volunteer

Lector: Mark Cashman

Sacristan: Rita Goodnature

Ushers: Dave Goodnature, Pat Rose
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am St. Mary's School Mass

EMs: Lee Jardine, Katie Clubb, Volunteer

Lector: SMS Student

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Brad Fischer, Walt Spindler
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Porter Bonilla, SMS Student

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 stjosephwatonna.org. (click on Liturgical Protocol & Schedules) or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are missing 3 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

Thank you Father Jim!

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. (free will offering accepted) **Please RSVP** by calling the parish office at 451-4845 by **Monday January 22** if you plan to attend.



If you are interested going with the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, register online at eucharistic.dowr.org/eucharistic-revival/national-congress/ Click on the red "I'm interested".

Fill out the requested info then click on the green: Sign Me UP button



Catholic Charities job opening: Child and Family Services Social Worker

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is seeking a bilingual (Spanish/English) Licensed Social Worker in the Worthington, MN area for the Unaccompanied Migrant Children program. This position will work with individuals identified by the Office of Refugee Resettlement to be sponsors of unaccompanied minor children, typically family members. The social worker will assess the suitability and safety of the proposed sponsor and provide education to prepare the individual for a successful sponsorship. Once home studies are approved, this position will provide culturally appropriate case management and community referrals, continue to ensure safety and stability during immigration proceedings, empower sponsors to provide long-term care, and utilize a strengths-based approach in all interactions. Application details at www.ccsomn.org

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**SAVE THE DATE
OPEN HOUSE**

APPLY FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Date: Sunday, January 28th, 2024
Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Place: St. Mary's School

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS:
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN @ 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary's School Open House & Catholic Schools Week:

St. Mary's School invites your family to join us for our upcoming Open House and kick off for Catholic Schools Week! We invite your family to join us on January 28th between 9:30 am and 12:00 pm. We are taking applications for preschool through eighth grade for the 24-25 school year. We will have a pancake breakfast in the cafeteria. A kids carnival in the gym. Preschool and Kindergarten informational sessions at 9:30 and 11:15 am. You can meet teachers and take a school tour.

You can RSVP for this event on our website and learn more from our flyer.

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LAUNCHING 2.24.24

Scout Sunday Feb. 4, 2024
10am Mass St. Joseph Parish
 We are pleased to celebrate Mass with the scouts of our Catholic community!
 Join us in Joseph Hall for Donut Sunday after the 8am & 10am Masses!

Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for St. Mary's School Open House

Sunday, January 28th • 8am - 12pm

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

Free will donation accepted at the door!

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KC Omelet Breakfast: 3 egg omelet selections
KC Country Breakfast: eggs fried or scrambled, ham or sausage. All served with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee.



The Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America ante the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more about how your gifts make a different visit www.usccb.org/latin-america



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

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 – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, lee_j7@reagan.com

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

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

William Edward Regan

January 9, 2024

May his 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

Owatonna National Guard Armory



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

January 29 - February 4

#CSW2024

Sunday, January 28, 2024 • 10am Mass

Students from St. Mary's School will help celebrate Mass at St. Joseph Parish to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Also plan to attend the Open House at St. Mary's School and Pancake breakfast served by the KC Council 945 from 8am until noon!

OWATONNA KC SHRIMP DINNERS ARE BACK!

Serving from 6:00-7:30 at the KC Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME: Owatonna KC Council 945 is offering our famous Shrimp Dinners every Friday from January 5 - February 9. Take-out available.

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4 JUMBO COLOSSAL SHRIMP, MASHED POTATOES WITH COUNTRY STYLE GRAVY, COLESLAW, AND ROLL - \$13.00

BURGER BASKETS W/ MAC & CHEESE - \$10.00

Enjoy a great meal and support our KC Council to help us raise funds for the May Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion.

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

Holy Trinity of Litomysl
"Adult" Annual Valentine Dinner
Saturday, February 17, 2024
Social Hour is at 5:30pm!

Windsor Chop Dinner will be served at 6:30pm!
Dinner music and many door prizes!

Tickets are \$25 and are available from:
Mary Ann Rysavy @ 451-2564,
Carol Holman @ 583-2966, MBT Bank in
Blooming Prairie, & Hometown Insurance
in Blooming Prairie, MN.

Ticket sales will close on Sunday, Feb. 11th, 2024 or
after the limit of 200 is sold.

This is open to ALL, singles, couples, groups, etc.
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Free Coach Bus Ride to State Capital on January 22

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.

If you would like to reserve a seat on the bus, please call Peggy Nelson at: 455-0881.

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