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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and
Christ the King Church)

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

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, Amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, to produces much fruit."

John 12: 23-24

5th Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, March 19, is the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**. According to St. Bernadine of Siena, "St. Joseph exceeds in grace and blessing all of the patriarchs, prophets, St. John the Baptist, Saints Peter and Paul, the Apostles, holy martyrs, and doctors of the Church. Following Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is the greatest saint in heaven." Pope John Paul II called St. Joseph The Guardian of the Redeemer, recalling "into whose custody God entrusted His most precious treasures." St. Joseph is the patron saint of many things, including: the Universal Church, fathers, families, workers, seminarians, and a happy death; in the Litany of St. Joseph, he is invoked as "the terror of demons." Given the importance of St. Joseph in the life of the Church, Mass at Sacred Heart Parish will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19. Furthermore, because the Solemnity of St. Joseph is the patronal feast of St. Joseph Parish, there will be a special Mass at St. Joseph Parish at 6:30 p.m. I invite everyone to make a special effort to attend one of these Mass and to pray for St. Joseph's powerful intercession.

Many of you might remember the term "Easter Duty." A Catholic's "Easter Duty" referred to the obligation to go to confession and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. This obligation is still in effect! "Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season." (Code of Canon Law, no. 920) "The Faithful are obliged to confess grave sins at least once a year. It is recommended that venial sins also be confessed." (Code of Canon Law, no. 988-989) Therefore, I encourage everyone to make a good confession before receiving Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. This Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Parish will host a Communal Penance Service. Several priests will be present; this is the only time that other priests will be hearing confessions at our parishes. In addition to our regular, daily confession times, there will be other opportunities to receive the graces of the Sacrament of Penance before Easter:

CONFESSIONS

Thursday Friday Friday Friday Saturday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday	March 21 March 22 March 22 March 23 March 26 March 26 March 27	6:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 4:00-5:05 p.m. 6:00-6:50 p.m. 3:00-4:45 p.m. 4:00-7:00 p.m. 4:00-7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Christ the King Sacred Heart St. Joseph Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St. Joseph St. Joseph	Penance Service (5 priests) Confessor: Monsignor Cook Confessor: Father Parrott Confessor: Monsignor Cook Confessor: Father Parrott Confessor: Monsignor Cook Confessor: Father Parrott Confessor: Father Parrott
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Wednesday	March 27	5:30-8:00 p.m.	Christ the King	Confessors: Monsignor Cook Father Parrott

This is the last week that **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed publicly in our parishes. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these many opportunities to meditate on the suffering and death of Our Lord. According to Pope Benedict XIV, "The Way of the Cross is one of the best means for converting sinners, stirring up fervor in the hearts of the lukewarm, and leading virtuous souls on to perfection." (Father John Hardon's Catholic Prayer Book, 56) "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)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday	March 19	9:15 a.m.	Sacred Heart	led by St. Mary's School students
Wednesday	March 20	7:30 p.m.	Christ the King	"Living Stations"
Friday	March 22	5:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart	followed by Benediction
Friday	March 22	6:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart	Spanish
Friday	March 22	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph	
Saturday	March 23	7:00 p.m.	Christ the King	"Living Stations"

Please note that Palm Sunday Mass will begin at 5:45 p.m. at Christ the King Parish on Saturday, 23 March.

Many people have asked why are the crosses and statues covered in the church. According to the rubrics of the Roman Missal, **crosses and statues are covered** during the last two weeks of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. In his book, *A Handbook on the Liturgy*, Rudolf Peil writes: "On the Fifth Sunday of Lent the crosses in the church are covered with veils. The historical reason for this practice is that in early Christian times these crosses were richly decorated with jewels and precious stones; these were veiled because they were not in harmony with the spirit of the season." Father P. Henry gives a more scriptural interpretation of this custom in his book, *The Liturgical Year*. "Jesus does not appear openly among the people as he did formerly; He remains in hiding: 'Jesus hid Himself' John 8:59. Hence, the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called *Repus Sunday* meaning 'Hidden Sunday.' Our Lord was compelled to remain hidden; His Divinity was hidden; His images are hidden." The great liturgist Dom Prosper Guéranger, O.S.B., gives this reason: "In order to excite the faithful to a livelier sense of penance, they are deprived of the consolation which the sight of these holy images bring to the soul." In other words, we "fast" from the sight of these holy images during the last two weeks of Lent.

Please prayerfully 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 Barron'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, March 18, 2024 Lenten Weekday - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:15am - Sacred Heart Church Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am - Sacred Heart Church 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16/Rom 4:13,16-18,22

6:30pm - John Navins† Mt 1:16.18-21.24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Lenten Weekday Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00am - Dylan Lattery† Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42

8:10am - Harold McGregor (SMS Mass at Sacred Heart)

Thursday, March 21, 2024 Lenten Weekday

8:00am - Timothy Hill† Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22, 2024 Lenten Weekday

9:00am - Christ the King - Mary Alice O'Connor† Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Lenten Weekday - St. Turibus of Mogrovejo, Bishop Saturday, March 23, 2024

Ez 31:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 8:00am - Mass of Thanksgiving Bud Peka family & Steve Wendt

Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

03/23/24 4:00pm - Rose Ann Rypka Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11 03/23/24 **5:45pm** - Christ the King - Parishioners

8:00am - Dick Thamert† 03/24/24 Mk 14:1-15:47

03/24/24 10:00am - Jardine family

.March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will

my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

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.

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule March 23/24, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Julio Letona, 2 Volunteers

Lectors: Linda Strand (Welcome/Readings/Petitions)

Tim Vogt (The Narrator) Pete Connor (The Voice)

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Martha Kearin, Diane Kaplan, Vol. Lectors: Cindy Emanuelson (Welcome/Readings/Petitions)

Pat Rose (The Narrator) Mark Cashman (The Voice)

Sacristan: Linda Huffington Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMHC: Katie Clubb, Ellyn Jardine, Volunteer Lectors: Lee Jardine (Welcome/Readings/Petitions)

Tim Rice (The Narrator) Ryan Heydon (The Voice)

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Jerry & Dina Atkinson
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Cole Trom

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

Ham BINGO at Holy Trinity, Litomysl Sunday, March 24 at 7:00pm.

Everyone is invited to attend! **20 games for only \$5.00!**

A ham will be given for a door prize. Pop and popcorn will

be available to purchase. The youth will have a BAKE SALE! Come for an enjoyable evening. Invite your friends and relatives!



Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast

for St. Mary's Music Boosters

Sunday, March 17th ● 8am - 12pm

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

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

Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office during business hours.

April 5 - April 14th The Church of St. Pius X in Rochester, MN. is excited to host a moving and informative mobile exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. The centerpiece is a full length canvas replica of the Shroud. The exhibit also contains display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud. If you have any questions call the parish office at 507-288-8238 or email church@piusx.org.

THE MAN OF THE SHROUD

The exhibit will be on display in Founders Hall.
Please use the North entrance of the church to access the stairs or elevator.

Parking is available in the surface lot on the north side of 14th St.

Public Viewing Schedule

Friday, April 5th W 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, April 10th 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, April 6th 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Thursday, April 11th 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday April 7th 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM Friday, April 12th 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Monday, April 8th 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM Saturday, April 13th 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, April 9th 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM Sunday April 14th 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Church of St. Pius X 1815 12th Ave NW Rochestr, MN

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Once a week, St. Mary's 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to take a learning lab class. This year, students got to choose 2 of the 4 options (1 per semester):

Mock Trial - Students gain a better understanding of the law, practice critical thinking, and gain greater confidence with public speaking by assuming the roles of attorneys and witnesses in fictional criminal or civil trials.

Service & Leadership - Students secure a service experience that they can participate in on-site at SMS helping a particular teacher or staff member, or it can be off-site in the community for the whole semester.

Art I - Students work with acrylic paint, colored pencils, watercolor paints, chalk pastels and have the opportunity to express themselves through art by creating one-of-kind pieces.

Ukelele - Students explore the ukulele's history and basics and will play music together, learn group and individual songs, and gain interactive experience with popular music, ukulele chords, and tabs.









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Communion Ministers – Linda Huffington (507)456-5274 (leave message) or lindamwhuffington@gmail.com

Greeters – Wayne & Betty Kubicek (507)451-8683, <u>bj-n-me@hotmail.com</u>

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

Lectors – Linda Strand (507)363-2596, strand619@gmail.com

Music Ministry – Carol Hodapp (507)213-6981, <u>carolhodapp@gmail.com</u>

Sacristans – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, lee j7@reagan.com

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



Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish. Refreshments will be served, followed by The Rosary and meeting. The Guest speaker will be Nancy Williams from the Owatonna High School Husky Pantry. Women from the Catholic community are invited to join. Come and see what the Catholic Daughters are all about.

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, March 22, 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 any member of the Izaak Walton League or Randy Balausky at 507-213-9862; the Medford KCs and Court St. Anne CDA, Medford.

Tickets are available in the St. Joseph parish office during business hours or at the KC Hall, 820 S. Elm Ave. Owatonna.

Holy Thursday Adoration in St. Joseph Parish

The Adoration Chapel will be closed for the Triduum. After Holy Thursday Mass, there will be Adoration in the Church. **Open until Midnight,** the 4th Degree KC Honor Guard will keep watch at the side altar under the Joseph statue. There will not be a procession down to Joseph Hall after the Mass. **ONLY the circle drive door will be open from 8pm—Midnight for Adoration.** Please sign up in the Gathering Hall. **We need at least 2 people to cover each hour.**

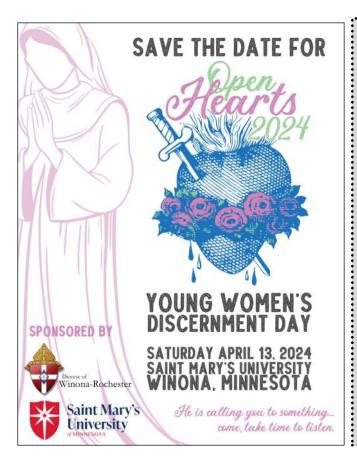
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Contact the parish office if you would like to help with funeral luncheons. 451-4845

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.

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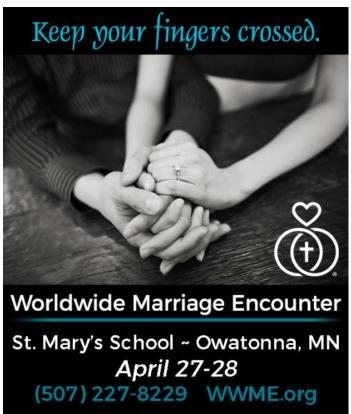




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The Shrine of Our Lady of Champion is the site of the only approved Marian Apparition site in the United States. They are holding their 3rd Annual Marian Conference with wonderful guest speakers, a rosary walk, prayer time, and masses.

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Please contact Brittany Boubin at shsjfaithformation.org for questions and information."

Communal Penance for Catholic Community
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