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The 3 Parables of Matthew 13:44-52

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor - Fr. James Starasinich
Parochial Vicar - Fr. Pasala Dharmendra
(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)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The wisdom of Solomon, or I should say, the wisest words Solomon ever uttered is this prayer that we hear in today's first reading: "O Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this people of yours?" Let us listen to God's reply: "Because you have asked for this—not for long life for yourself, nor riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested."

God gifts us, as we see in his response to Solomon's prayer. Prayer is powerful when it is invoked with faith and trust in God. A humble prayer moves God's heart. Solomon prays not for himself or his wants and desires but for others and for the responsibility that weighs on him, in taking care of the people entrusted to him as leader and king.

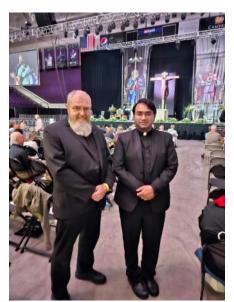
God is King. Jesus speaks about what the kingdom of heaven is like. It is a place of happiness and joy. It is a place where everyone is welcome but there will be a reckoning between the wicked and the righteous at the end of the age.

God the Father brought the kingdom of heaven down to earth in the person of his beloved Son, Jesus. Jesus reigned from the cross, destroying sin and death, conquering evil on that cross. He instituted the Church, promising that He would be with us always, until the end of the age. He is the One who justifies us, who welcomes us as we are, and then grants us transformative grace, to live a new life in Him. We do not follow the ways of the wicked, we denounce sin and accept the freedom of being a child of God. We experience interiorly that kingdom spoken of today, that joy that makes a new creation.

This is the message we are called to live and share. Jesus lived for others, not for himself. Solomon's prayer is the prayer that leads to the kingdom of heaven. May we discover the joy of the kingdom of heaven through Jesus' Presence every day, in the Word proclaimed and in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and in our brothers and sisters.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich



Thank you Father Dharma, for your service to all of us here in Owatonna, at both parishes - Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's - and in Medford at Christ the King.

Be assured of our prayers for you in your new assignment.

You will be missed!!!!



Fr. Dharma's new address: Fr. Dharmendra Pasala St. Gabriel Church 309 West Lake Avenue Fulda, MN 56131



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, July 31, 2023: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:00am - Christ the King - NO MASS Ex 32:15-24.30-34/Mt 13:31-35

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

8:00am - NO MASS Ex 33:7-11, 34-5b-9,28/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 2, 2023: Weekday - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46 8:00am - NO MASS

Thursday, August 3: 2023: Weekday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53 8:00am - John Luecke†

Friday, August 4, 2023: St. John Vianney, Priest

9:00am - Christ the King - NO MASS Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 5, 2023 Weekday - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00am - John Navins† Lv 25:1. 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 6, 2023: The Transfiguration of The Lord

08/05/23 4:00pm - Bernadene Rypka† Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

08/05/23 8:00am - John Baptist Han & Vieng Nguyen† 2 Pt 1:16-19

08/06/23 10:00am - Parishioners Mt 17:1-9



July 30 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

Throughout May and June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 87 adults and 73 children, providing \$2540 for utility assistance, \$4689 for rent bills, \$920 for gas, \$1120 in car repairs, \$280 for furniture, \$775 for groceries, and \$100 for Salvation Army. Thank You! Tuesday evening we served 152 meals at St. 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.

Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. James Starasinich (507) 451-4845 pastor@stjosephowatonna.org

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Parish Website- www.stjosephowatonna.org

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule Aug 5/6, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Amador Rameriz, 3 Volunteers Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Cynthia Letona

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Lynn Lattery, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Mark Cashman Sacristan: Joan Salmonsen

Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips, 2 Volunteers Altar Servers: Sam, Jacob, & Charlie Dulas

Greeters: Dona Mussman

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Kay Oberle, Ellyn Jardine, 1 Volunteer

Lector: Vickie Skala Sacristan: Ruth Broumley Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens

Altar Servers: Carson Skala, Cole Trom

Greeters: Bob & Pat Matejcek

Help is needed in all the ministries.

Prayerfully consider sharing your God given talents at the Mass.

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*excluding Labor Day



51st Litomysl Summer Festival Sunday, July 30th

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Join us on a pilgrimage to Ireland & Scotland



You are invited to join
Fr. Joe Pete on a pilgrimage to Ireland and Scotland. The tour highlights are Dublin, Wexford, Cashel, Killarney, Ring of Carey, Galway, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. The dates are October 17-31 roundtrip from Minneapolis. The cost is \$4999 (double occupancy) cash/check discount: all-inclusive except lunch. Information and registration are at www.holylandtc.com or call 402-315-1435.

Space is still available!

Faith Formation registration begins August 1st for grade 1 through Confirmation. Faith Formation

Please register at https://shsjfaithformation.org/rep-registration.

General information will be emailed to all that are registered for the year. Faith Formation Family Mass will be September 6th at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart. Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation Meeting: Wednesday Sept. 13th @ 6:30pm at Sacred Heart. Parents and students are expected at this meeting. There will be a 2nd grade parent meeting Wednesday Sept. 20th @ 6:30pm at Sacred Heart.

"We had a group of students attend the Steubenville Conference in Rochester this month. The conference is geared towards high school students to help them grow in their faith with Mass, Adoration, Confession, praise and worship, great speakers, fellowship and more! Please continue to

pray for our youth as they continue to encounter



Science Teacher, 6th-8th grade, (1.0 FTE) -- St. Mary's School, Owatonna, MN

St. Mary's School is seeking a full-time Middle School Science teacher, preferably of the Catholic faith, for the 2023-2024 school year. The teacher should possess a love of learning, be enthusiastic, have a focus on learning, possess good classroom management skills, be collaborative, have the ability to integrate technology into instruction, and believe that all children can learn. The candidate must support the school's mission and philosophy, and have the desire to support and help the children grow in mind, body, and spirit through Catholic values. Please send a cover letter, resume, teaching license, and three letters of recommendation to Jen Swanson, Prin. (iswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org).

(jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org). Position is opened until filled.



Educational Assistant, Preschool St. Mary's School, Owatonna, MN

St. Mary's Catholic School is seeking to hire a part-time Educational Assistants, preferably of the Catholic faith, for our preschool program for the 2023-2024 school year. The position would be in our 3-day program on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:45 am to 12pm. There is the potential for a second position in our 5-day program. The duty day would be Monday-Friday from 10:45am to 2:30pm. The ideal candidates should enjoy working with preschool aged children, be energetic, be dependable, have a love for learning, be a positive role model, be collaborative, and support the school's mission and philosophy. Candidates would need to undergo a background check and Virtus training. Please send a letter of interest, resume, and two letters of recommendation to Jen Swanson, Principal

(jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org). Position is open until filled.



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 lindamwhuffinaton@amail.com

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

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

August Funeral Chairperson Barbara Leverty 451-9654

Contact the office 451-4845 if you are able to help

We welcome...

Emmett Timothy Clark Baptized on July 23, 2023

Child of Peter & Madisen (Ziebell) Clark

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



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Dear Friends of Jean Zamboni at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna this past July 6...

I, Sister Edith, want to thank you for your attendance at



the Memorial Mass for my twin, Jean, and for the numerous memorials that you have offered in her memory at the various places she loved: the Owatonna Arts Center, Steele County History Center, and St. Joseph Church, among them. At 98 I don't feel up to sending individual thank you's, but I want you to know that I greatly appreciated your coming to the visitation before the Mass. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU who served in any way; did the dishes, cleared the tables, set up the displays, sang. Each of you knows what you did. I didn't even get to shake a hand or give a hug to some of you who may still have been waiting in line. The Megers, who were so helpful, propelled me into the procession so the liturgy could begin.

I was so pleased that Father McGrath could be such a thoughtful celebrant with Father Jim having had to be elsewhere. With Deacon Pat also at the altar, it felt like old times.

I am at Assisi Heights in Rochester where I anticipate being for the rest of my life. I, too, will be donating my body to Mayo. I anticipate that both of our cremains will then be buried near the ZAMBONI stone at Forest Hill Cemetery where the rest of our family members already are.

My prayer of gratitude is that the Peace of Jesus be with you and every one of us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Edith Zamboni, OSF

Mass times for The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Tuesday, August 15, 2023 8:00am and 6:30pm at St. Joseph Parish

Bishop Robert Barron will be celebrating Mass in Christ the King Church, Medford at 12:10pm.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH IS DONUT SUNDAY!

It is hard to believe, but we are already gearing up for SMS Bingo at the SCFF (August 15th-20th)!

SMS Fair Bingo helps generate between \$7000 and school \$8000 each year that is used by Home and School for marathon T-shirts, classroom party money, birthday books, End of the Year waterpark admission, Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, along with other family social events that happen year round. Without the money raised at the Bingo tent each year these events would not happen. These events benefit our entire school, so we strongly encourage every family to help out by taking at least one shift. We could not make this event happen without all of your support and generosity of time!



- **HOURS** Tuesday 4pm-9pm, Wednesday and Thursday 11am to 9pm, Saturday 11am to 9:30pm, and Sunday 11am to 7:30pm volunteer shifts average 2 hours in length.
- 5th GRADERS can now volunteer! Must sign up with a parent.
- 6th-8th GRADERS We prefer that they also sign up with a parent and they can work a max of 2 shifts/day - This is a great way to earn required Power Hours for next year!
- INCENTIVES
 - Students 6th-8th graders can earn Power Hours for next year
 - Adults work one shift and get entered to win second row seats to the Christmas concert (1 winner)

BINGO ROLES:

BANKER (Adult–must be 18) – records game number, manages cash box, fills in winner amounts, makes sure following shift workers show up (calls any volunteer that fails to show up)

CALLER (Adult–must be 18) – calls bingo numbers (crowd entertainment optional)

BINGO FLOOR WORKER (Adults and Students) – collect money for each game, pay out winnings, keep tables clean

To sign up - simply click on this https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4dadac23a3fa7-bingo#/ Choose your role & enter your name, email and phone number. A reminder will be sent from Sign-Up Genius a day or two before your scheduled shift.

This is a great opportunity for us to not only raise some money, but to also promote our school! Thank you for doing your part to help out.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact . . .

Jen Swanson- 507-446-2300 or jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org
Connie Lembke - 507-446-2300 or jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org
Jonathon Scheeler- 507-446-2300 or jssknanson@stmarys-owatonna.org

St. Mary's School Enrollment Assistance

St. Mary's School has had an anonymous family that would like to help increase enrollment. If your family has been on the fence about St. Mary's School because of tuition being a barrier, please call the school office at 507-446-2300. Whether your family is starting Kindergarten or looking to transfer from 1st through 8th grade, it is not too late to enroll!

Changes in the Mass schedule 7/31-8/11 During the transition with the new Parochial Vicar Father Gregory Parrot, and Father Jim's trip to World Youth Day, daily Masses will be cancelled 7/31,8/1, 8/2, 8/4, and 8/7. Father Parrot will celebrate daily Mass at St. Joe's on Thurs. Aug. 3 & Sat. Aug. 5 at 8am, and at Christ the King on Friday August 11 at 9am.





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