



**March 3, 2024**

## **Third Sunday of Lent**

**Parochial Administrator**  
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**Parochial Vicar - Fr. Gregory Parrott**  
(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)

### **Confession**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held several times each week. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these many opportunities to meditate on the suffering and death of Our Lord. One day during her Holy Hour, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, (+5 October 1938) saw Our Lord being scourged at the pillar. He told her: *“There are few souls who contemplate My Passion with true feeling; I give great graces to souls who meditate devoutly on My Passion.”* (Diary, #737) *“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 5	9:15 a.m.	Sacred Heart	<i>led by St. Mary’s School students</i>
Wednesday	March 6	7:30 p.m.	Christ the King	<i>led by the lay faithful</i>
Friday	March 8	5:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart	<i>followed by Benediction</i>
Friday	March 8	6:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart	<i>Spanish</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 8</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>	

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. 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.

Next Sunday, March 10, there will be a special collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. This collection provides funding for victims of natural disasters; it helps immigrants and refugees with legal counsel and material support; it provides agriculture assistance, water programs, and health care for poor communities around the world. Please use the envelope stapled to this week’s bulletin for next weekend’s Catholic Relief Services collection.

**ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR CONFESSION**

If you are unable to attend Communal Penance on March 21, 2024, confessions can be heard from 6pm—7pm on Friday March 22, 2024 before Stations of the Cross and Tuesday, March 26, 2024 from 4pm—7pm at St. Joseph Parish.

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, March 4, 2024 <i>2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/ Lk 4:24-30</i>	Lenten Weekday - St. Casimir 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 <i>Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35</i>	Lenten Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 <i>Dt 4:1,5-9/ Mt 5:17-19</i>	Lenten Weekday 8:00am - Bob Duenes†
Thursday, March 7, 2024 <i>Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23</i>	Lenten Weekday - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen†and family
Friday, March 8, 2024 <i>Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34</i>	Lenten Weekday - St. John of God, Religious 9:00am - Christ the King - Lloyd Kern†
Saturday, March 9, 2024 <i>Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14</i>	Lenten Weekday - St. Frances of Rome, Religious 8:00am - Gallea & Keller families living & deceased
Sunday, March 10, 2024 <i>2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23</i> <i>Eph 2:4-10</i> <i>Jn 3:14-21</i>	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 03/09/24 4:00pm - Rose Gorman† 03/10/24 8:00am - Parishioners 03/10/24 10:00am - Mildred Doherty†



### March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?"

Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

**Thank you for blessing others through your donations and through the hours of service given as you prepare and serve meals to those who are hungry. On Tuesday we served 166 meals at Vincent's Table.**

**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 edwacek@gmail.com Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

### Parish Staff

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**Parish Website**– [www.stjosephowatonna.org](http://www.stjosephowatonna.org)

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

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule  
March 9/10, 2024**

**Saturday - 4:00pm**

CMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers  
Lector: Tim Vogt  
Sacristan: Matt Thurnau  
Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins  
Mark Stadtherr, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Alexander Nylund, Volunteer  
Greeters: Volunteer

**Sunday - 8:00am**

CMs: Linda Huffington, Courtney Keller,  
Volunteer  
Lector: Annika Slacter  
Sacristan: Joanne Evans  
Ushers: Joel & Rhynda Dulas  
Tyler Keller, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora  
Greeters: Buzz & Cea Grass

**Sunday - 10:00am**

CMs: Vickie Skala, Lee Jardine, Volunteer  
Lector: Ryan Heydon  
Sacristan: Ellyn Jardine  
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Walt Spindler  
Volunteer, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
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](http://stjosephowatonna.org). or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

Vatican International Exhibition  
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**March 1-3, 2024**

*The exhibit features accounts of several Eucharistic Miracles that have been recorded throughout the Church's history. Come and witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested Himself throughout the centuries and how this proves He is totally present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.*



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- All faiths welcome
- Free admission

**Friday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
*Mass at 8:30 a.m.*  
*Adoration available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*  
**Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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**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 served with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee.  
**Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office during business hours.**

**Reveal Christ's Love • March 10, 2024 CRS collection**

Next weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please consider making a donation next weekend by using the envelop stapled to the back of the bulletin. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

### Library/Makerspace at St. Mary's School

St. Mary's School has a wonderful space for library, media, and makerspace. Kindergarten readiness through sixth grade go to the library for one of their specialist classes. During library class, students get to listen to great read-alouds, check out books to read, do book talks, do fun writing/drawing activities, do technology, makerspace, and more! In the makerspace room, students get to create and build things using various materials. Here are some pictures to recap what we have going on in the library this school year.



**Attention Liturgical Ministers!** Sign-up sheets for the Holy Week Masses are in the Gathering Hall. Thank you for your service to the Liturgy!

### “Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry”

Beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org)

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Linda Huffington (507)456-5274 (leave message) or [lindamwhuffington@gmail.com](mailto:lindamwhuffington@gmail.com)

**Greeters** – Wayne & Betty Kubicek (507)451-8683, [bj-n-me@hotmail.com](mailto:bj-n-me@hotmail.com)

**Homebound Ministries** – Vickie Skala (507)456-2230, [vskala9174@gmail.com](mailto:vskala9174@gmail.com)

**Lectors** – Linda Strand (507)363-2596, [strand619@gmail.com](mailto:strand619@gmail.com)

**Music Ministry** – Carol Hodapp (507)213-6981, [carolhodapp@gmail.com](mailto:carolhodapp@gmail.com)

**Sacristans** – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, [leej7@reagan.com](mailto:leej7@reagan.com)

**Ushers** – Pat Rose (507)456-1146 [rosepatp@gmail.com](mailto:rosepatp@gmail.com)

## 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 8**, 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 **Exchange Club for Family Unity** member or Bruce Kubicek at 507-456-7670 or the **KC Hall**, 820 S Elm Ave. Owatonna. *Tickets are available in the parish office during business hours.*



“During this lent, let us all ask the Lord:

‘Make our hearts like your own’  
... a heart which is firm & merciful,  
attentive & generous, a heart which is not closed ...”

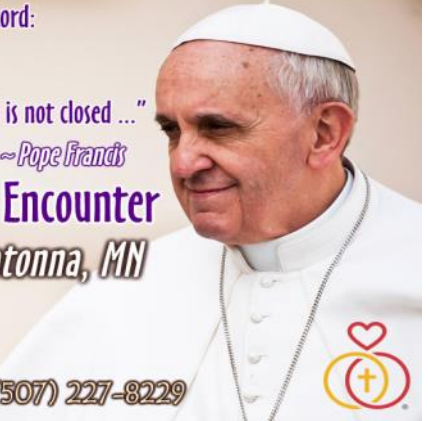
~Pope Francis

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

St. Mary's School - Owatonna, MN

April 27-28

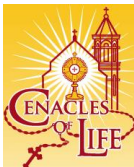
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## Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

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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!



Communal Penance for Catholic Community  
Thursday March 21, 2024 • 6:30pm  
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## March Funeral Chairpersons

**Jan McDonald 507-451-5174**

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

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- \* 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  
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*Open Hearts* 2024

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***We welcome...***

**Louretta Elizabeth Abbott**  
Baptized on *February 25, 2024*

**Child of Michael & Hanna Abbott**

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

***Faith Formation***

"Join us this summer for opportunities for all ages with Totus Tuus, Steubenville, and/or Camp Summit. Totus Tuus is a week-long summer camp held at Sacred Heart for those entering grades 1st-12th. Steubenville is a Friday-Sunday conference in Rochester, MN for entering ages of 9th-12th grade, and Camp Summit is a 4 day, 3 night overnight camp in Lanesboro, MN for those entering 6th-8th grade with volunteer team opportunities for grades 9-12th. We do have scholarships available. Please contact Brittany Boubin at [shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org](mailto:shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org) for questions and information."

**Rosary Leaders needed for the 10am Sunday Mass**

If you would like to lead The Rosary one Sunday a month at the 10am Mass, please contact the Parish office at 451-4845. We are currently looking for 4 people (a commitment of one Sunday a month). The Rosary can be prayed from your pew and would begin at 9:30am ending by 9:50am.

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
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