



September 3, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm
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Mass Schedule:

Weekends

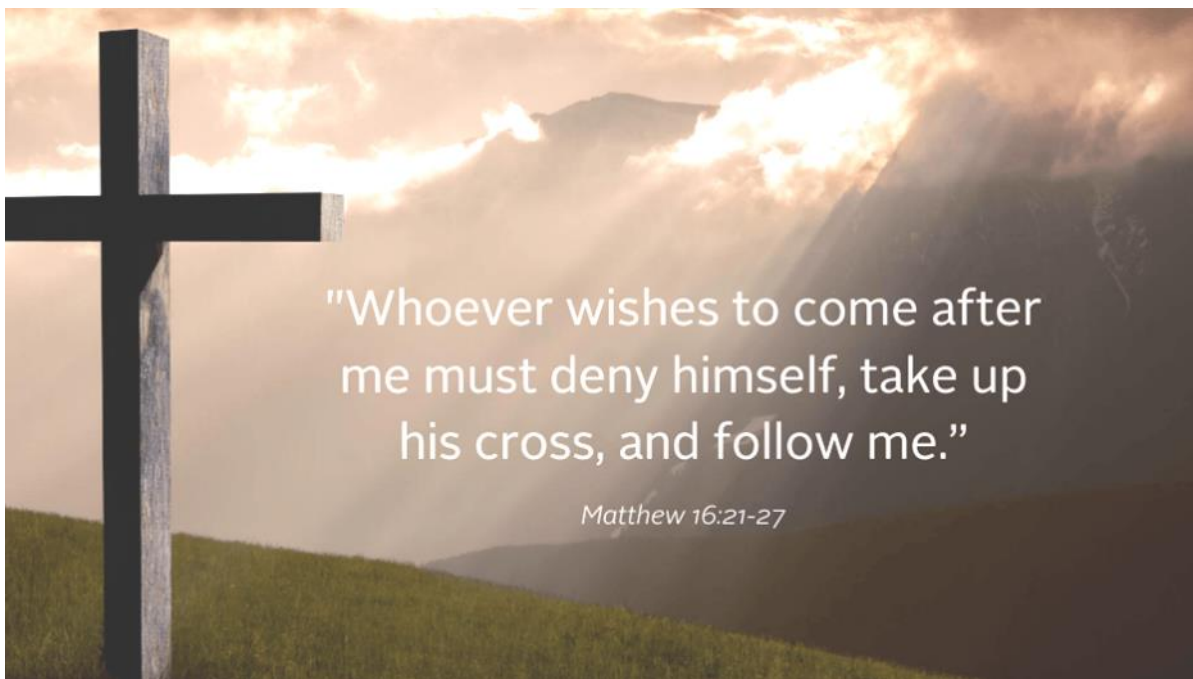
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, it is the Passion of Saint John the Baptist. Today's Gospel from Mark begins: "Herod was the one who had John the Baptist arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'" This is the sin of adultery, and John was calling Herod to conversion. The Gospel continues: "Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so." Interesting, how Herodias' attitude is that of King David's when he committed adultery. He had Uriah killed in battle purposely. Returning to the Gospel: "Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody. When he heard him speak, he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him." Herod's heart was still open to the truth while Herodias' heart seethed with anger. Herod would fall through affections, worried to please the people rather than God. That was his downfall.

We can learn much about ourselves from this story. St. Augustine, whom we celebrated this past week as well, sums up the truth: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Our hearts are moved by the truth. Lust, often confused for love, deceives and blinds. John the Baptist nearly won back the soul of Herod. Affections are dangerous because they rest more on feelings than truth. We want to be liked, admired, respected by others, sometimes at all costs. Such is the case of Herod. He loses because he has failed to keep God first. He tried but his own strength failed him. Only God can save us. And he can save us if we repent, even after we have failed, after we have fallen, after we have sinned. Take the case of Jeremiah in today's reading. The prophet says that "the word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day." He becomes "an object of laughter; everyone mocks me." "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more." Well, so much for following the Lord! We know in our hearts the truth, like Herod, but we are tempted to follow the ways of the status quo, to fit in like all the rest. We want to be liked by everyone, just like Herod. Our affections trap us.

Jeremiah is human and wishes his role was not so contentious. We all have had the experience of Jeremiah while on this journey of following the Lord. It's the cross Jesus announces in the Gospel. And that cross reveals the way, the truth, and the life, as Jeremiah again experiences: "But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." We can then say like Jeremiah, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed." The triumph of the cross! The way to salvation is through the cross!

Paul encourages us in the second reading: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, **what is good and pleasing and perfect.**" It pleases God that we desire the grace to do his will and become his instruments to share the good, the true, and the beautiful.

Pope Francis said it well at Mass on February 8, 2019, commenting on the martyrdom of John the Baptist (Mk 6:14-29): "Life has value only in giving it, in giving it in love, **in truth**, in giving it to others, in daily life, in the family." Jesus gave his life so that we may have life and life in abundance! Like Jeremiah, that life given within us is "a fire burning in [our] heart[s]". It moves us to share the truth in love and to desire the salvation of others, to be the living "sacrament of salvation" for the world.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Staranich

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

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| Monday, September 4, 2023: <i>1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30</i> | Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Joyce Pribyl† |
| Tuesday, September 5, 2023: <i>1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/Lk 4:31-37</i> | Weekday 8:00am - Jardine family living & deceased |
| Wednesday, September 6, 2023: <i>Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44</i> | Weekday 8:00am - Marianne Warner† |
| Thursday, September 7, 2023: <i>Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11</i> | Weekday 8:00am - Marie Roeker† |
| Friday, September 8, 2023: <i>Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16,18-23</i> | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00am - Christ the King - Martha & Leon Leeman† |
| Saturday, September 9, 2023 <i>Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5</i> | St. Peter Claver, Priest 8:00am - Jerry Fix† |
| Sunday, September 10, 2023: <i>Ez 33:7-9</i> <i>Rom 13:8-10</i> <i>Mt 18:15-20</i> | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/09/23 4:00pm - Parishioners 09/10/23 8:00am - Joseph Lai Nguyen† 09/10/23 10:00am - Dylan Lauwers† |



September 3 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

May God lead you to answer the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? There are several areas for which you can offer your services and talents. Last Tuesday we served 150 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 Sept. 9/10, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Linda Huffington, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Colleen Possehl

Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Pat Rose, Volunteer
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora

Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Vickie Skala, Lee Jardine, Volunteer

Lector: John Connor

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Brad Fisher, Walt Spindler
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Greeters: Volunteer

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

September Funeral Chairperson

LaRae Evans: 456-9416

Roberta Zak: 451-2041

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



In Loving Memory

Margie A. Graif

August 23, 2023

*May her soul and the souls of all
the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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Learn simple ways to transform your charitable giving and the help it can provide your Catholic community. You can learn tools and methods to turn a modest gift into a substantial legacy that will bless the Catholic parish or charity of your choice. Worried about debt or medical bills eating away your estate, leaving nothing left for charitable giving? Guest speaker Robert Heuermann of the Catholic United Financial Foundation will explain how to structure your plan, so your charitable intentions are protected.

Learn more **Sept. 18th at 5pm** in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.

Contact local Member Advisor Travis Schmitz for more details:

tschmitz@catholicunited.org or
call 1-800-441-9949.

National Day of Remembrance For Aborted Children Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 9:30am



Sacred Heart Cemetery

Priests for Life has established September 9th as the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. KC Council 945 is holding a **Rosary March** Saturday morning Sept. 9 at 9:30am at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Please give a few minutes of your day to pray for all of the aborted children and pray for the end of this barbaric act.

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**

Faith Formation registration has begun for Grade 1 through Confirmation!

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.



Faith Formation

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A GREETER!

Donate your **SMILE!**

No training necessary!

Greeters highly improve the Mass experience.



If you would like to arrive a few minutes early and greet parishioners and visitors to St Joseph Parish, a simple 'Good Morning' or 'Nice to see you today,' delivered with your best **SMILE**, will brighten any room,...and it's contagious. Give it a try! Sign up by calling the Parish office at 451-4845.

Faith Formation Catechists are needed for this year!

If you are interested in sharing your faith with the youth of our Catholic community, contact Britany Boubin shsjyouthshsjfaithformation.org.
or call 507-413-6544.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Joseph's Parish is planning to have a **Pro-Life table** of free information available during the month of October. If you are interested in helping organize this, please contact parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org or Bridget Kluesner at 612-867-2673 or email Kluesner.bb@usfamily.net by September 8th.



The offices of St. Joseph Parish will be closed Monday, September 4, 2023

Seven Sisters Apostolate



A Seven Sister: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer

St. Joseph's is uniting with Sacred Heart to get a Seven Sisters group together to pray for Fr. Parrott, who is the new Parochial Vicar at our parishes. We are looking for women to commit to pray one Holy Hour each week, on a specific day for him. Without our wonderful priests to celebrate Holy Mass, distribute the Eucharist, hear Confessions, Anoint the Sick and dying, and a multitude of other religious works priests are called to do as ordained men of God—we would be lost souls. If you can commit to praying one Holy Hour per week on a given day, please contact Bridget Kluesner at kluesner.bb@usfamily.net or 612-867-2673. Men are welcome to serve as substitute prayer warriors. The greatest gift we can give Fr. Parrott is our prayer! Won't you join us?

No meetings, no dues—you pick the place, time and day! Your reward will be eternal! You can read all about this world-wide apostolate at <http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org/>

We started with 7 groups of Seven Sisters in 2011 in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and now have over 3,500 groups worldwide.



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, leej7@reagan.com

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

Pre-Cana is an opportunity for engaged couples to prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.



They will learn about the beauty of Marriage as a sacrament and about how they can be an effective sign of Christ's presence to each other, to their future children and to those around them.

Pre-Cana is a full day event that takes place on a Saturday through the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. For more information and for registration, please visit the Office of Life, Marriage & Family's website:

<https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html>

Pre – Cana Dates for 2023-2024:

October 14, 2023 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

January 27, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

March 2, 2024 - St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles

May 18, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for Catholic Education Memorial Fund & SERRA CLUB

Sunday, September 17th ☪ 8am - 12pm
St. Mary's School Cafeteria

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KC Country Breakfast: eggs fried or scrambled, ham or sausage. All served with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee
Tickets are available in the Parish office.



Jesus and the Eucharist

Jesus and the Eucharist is a seven episode video series that draws viewers to a greater love of the source and summit of the Catholic faith—the Eucharist—using segments from *Presence* and *The Search*, two award-winning Augustine Institute series available on FORMED.org. **The series will officially release on September 14, 2023.** You can access on the St. Joseph website at stjosephowatonna.org

Marriage Anniversary Mass



09.09.23 | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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Envelopes are in the Gathering Space too!

Winona-Rochester Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women
**Fasting And A Daily Rosary:
The Greatest Weapons Against Satan**



Saturday, October 7, 2023
Queen of Angels Catholic Church
1001 E Oakland Ave.
Austin MN 55912

8am: Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits

8:30am: Rosary

9:30am: *The story of the National Shrine
of Our Lady of Champion*

11am: Mass **12pm: Lunch/Exhibits**

1pm: Peitra Fitness: Becoming the Human
Cathedral God created you to be physically,
mentally, spiritually

2pm: Purse raffle

3pm: Closing Prayer



Registration forms are in
the Parish office and Gathering Space.

**Reaching Through Time, History, Faith
and Culture in SW MN.**



What was daily life like on the prairie of southwestern Minnesota in the 1880s for Native American girls brought from Dakota Territory to a school in Avoca, Minnesota? What compelled Catholic sisters from a religious order in Pennsylvania to move to Avoca to serve at the school? The public is invited to hear the results of research into the school during a one-day event on **October 7 (10am-5pm) at St. Ann Catholic Church in Slayton, MN.** This Fall Social Concerns Day, hosted by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester Social Concerns Committee, will feature local historians, representatives from the religious order the sisters belonged to, displays of historical photos and documents, and performances of traditional Native American dance and music. **The public is invited but space is limited and advance registration is required. The registration fee is \$20 and includes Native American food for lunch.**

For more information and to register, contact Isaac Landsteiner at 507-848-8303, ilandsteiner@ccsommn.org

**Women's Mid-week Retreat
September 12-14, 2023**



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Experience the clarity of mind a retreat offers to restore your energy and outlook on life.

This retreat begins at 7:30 PM on Friday and concludes after Mass on Sunday morning.

Register online or by calling the office at 952-447-2182.

See entire calendar at www.franciscanretreats.net

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Across America an umbrella can be a lifesaver for these homeless individuals who must endure the hot sun.



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