



November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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

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



The Lord sits
as King
for ever.
Psalm 29:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the last week in Ordinary Time and next Sunday we begin Advent. Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We share in the kingship of Christ through baptism. How many times we have seen Jesus reigning in our world, especially over sin, the most important aspect of this sovereignty? Jesus' power is unlike that of the kings of the earth. He rules with love and mercy. Since He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, His kingdom comes among us through Word and Sacrament, where He reigns within our hearts and souls.

Today's Gospel reminds me of Jesus' reign within the lives of Christians. Servant of God Dorothy Day encountered Jesus' mercy through the forgiveness of her sins and her life took a new direction, in helping the poor. Servant of God Jérôme Lejeune cared for his Down Syndrome patients with immense love. St. Teresa of Calcutta served the poorest of the poor. Venerable Aloysius Schwartz left the United States and served the poor in Korea and the Philippines.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Brothers in Christ, brothers in the human family, brothers all. This is how Pope Francis wants us to see those around us. It is also our Christian call to serve others with love. As Catholics, we have the seven corporal works of mercy and the seven spiritual works of mercy that help us encounter Christ in the poor. It is not so much as us earning points or badges of honor for the good we do but knowing that the grace of God moves us into loving action. We *do* for the glory of God and not for ourselves. That is why it is also humble service, like Jesus, who gave all the glory to his Father.

"...through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good." The conclusions of both the third and fourth Eucharistic Prayers reminds us that it is God who grants us the grace to do good. That is what the meaning of Jesus reigning in our hearts is all about. That is how we live fully human lives, united with God and one another through love. This love reigns in our hearts and can only bring forth more love.

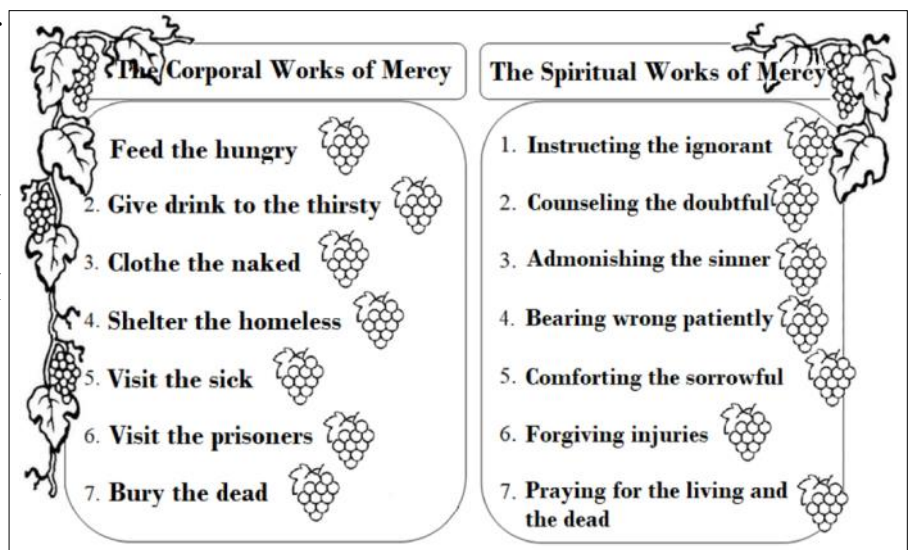
The battle for our souls is at stake. United to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we understand St. Paul's words: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:35-39).

May the Peace and Love of Our Lord Jesus Christ reign in your hearts now and forever!!!

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasovich



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, November 27, 2023:	Weekday	
<i>Dn 1:1-6,8-20/Lk 21:1-4</i>		9:00am - Christ the King - Cletus Goettl†
Tuesday, November 28, 2023:	Weekday	
<i>Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11</i>		8:00am - Greg Salmonsens†
Wednesday, November 29, 2023:	Weekday	
<i>Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19</i>		8:00am - Dylan Lattery†
Thursday, November 30, 2023	St. Andrew, Apostle	
<i>Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22</i>		8:00am - Mark Mullally†
Friday, December 1, 2023	Weekday	
<i>Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33</i>		9:00am - Christ the King - Irene Jaymalin†
Saturday, December 2, 2023	Weekday	
<i>Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36</i>		8:00am - Joseph Lai Nguyen†
Sunday, December 3, 2023	First Sunday of Advent	
<i>Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7</i>	12/02/23	4:00pm - Marie Warner†
<i>1 Cor 1:3-9</i>	12/03/23	8:00am - Holy Souls in Purgatory†
<i>Mk 13:33-37</i>	12/03/23	10:00am - Parishioners



November 26 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "... whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

When you prepare and serve meals for Vincent's table, donate furniture and make financial contributions to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love. Vincent's Table provided meals to 158 individuals on Tuesday evening.

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

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule
December 2/3, 2023**

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Tim Vogt
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Alexandra Nylund
Greeters: Katherine Rypka

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Martha Kearin, Diane Kaplan
Lector: Pat Rose
Sacristan: Rita Goodnature
Ushers: Dave Goodnature, Mark Kearin
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora
Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Ellyn Jardine, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Lee Jardine
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Molly Bailey, 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 stjosephwatonna.org. (click on Liturgical Protocol & Schedules) or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times

Thursday December 7

Christ the King, Medford - 5:30pm
Sacred Heart Church - 5:30pm

Friday December 8

Sacred Heart Church - 7:00am
St. Joseph Parish - 8:00am
Sacred Heart Church - 8:10am (SMS Mass)
St. Joseph Parish - 12:10pm
St. Joseph Parish - 6:30pm



**Patriotic Rosary Novena
Mondays • 6:30pm –7:30pm
Sacred Heart Church**



Please join us as we pray for peace and unity in our nation and in the world. Especially for the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine/Russia.

Renewal Reminder!

Don't miss an issue of the Magnificat! Your current subscription will end with the December issue.

The cost is still \$29.95! Checks can be made payable to: St. Joseph

Parish (please note "Magnificat" on the envelope or memo line of the check.)

Checks can be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or mailed to St. Joseph Parish Office.

New subscribers are welcome!

If you plan to order a subscription for family members out of town through St. Joseph Parish, there is an additional fee of \$3.92 per issue to cover the media mailing cost.



In Loving Memory

**Gladys Emily Tupy
November 15, 2023**

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



**Keeping Christ in Christmas!
Parish Christmas Cards are back!**



A pack of 25 cards for \$25

St. Joseph Parish Card

featuring the beautiful mosaic of St. Joseph and the Holy Family

Sacred Heart Church Card
featuring the beautiful renovation of Sacred Heart Church

Both cards can be purchased in the parish office.

Proceeds from the sales of these cards assist the Knights of Columbus with their charitable work.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT**

10/31/2023 (July 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023)

	Last Year <u>2022</u>	This Year <u>2023</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Regular Giving	168,926.53	170,683.81	1,757.28
Other Operating Income	<u>10,768.32</u>	<u>12,966.64</u>	<u>2,198.32</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$179,694.85	\$183,650.45	\$3,955.60
Non-Operating Income	<u>6,816.83</u>	<u>15,120.10</u>	<u>8,303.27</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$186,511.68	\$198,770.55	\$12,258.87
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Operating Expense	187,510.20	201,939.92	14,429.72
Capital Expense	47,139.20	26,509.18	-21,101.34
Non-Operating Expense	<u>5,724.52</u>	<u>678.50</u>	<u>-5,046.02</u>
	\$240,373.92	\$229,127.60	-\$11,246.32
GAIN/(LOSS)	-\$53,862.24	-\$30,357.05	
GAIN/(LOSS) W/O CAPITAL	-\$6,723.04*	-\$3,847.87*	

*Slight losses expected until Christmas giving is realized



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



Toys for Tots & Family to Family of Steele County work together

to provide a Christmas for needy children, age 15 & younger and families in Steele County. You can help this year by taking an Angel tag from the tree and return it with an unwrapped gift to the Toys for Tots drop box in the Gathering Hall or Parish Office. **The final day for toy donations is Thursday, Dec. 14th!**



If you would like to apply to receive toys, applications are available in Joseph Hall by the bulletin board. **Application deadline is Wed. Nov. 29, 2023.**

If you would prefer to donate money, please send a gift card or check to:
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Thank you for your generosity!

Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for Catholic Daughters of the Americas & Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival
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Tickets are available in the Parish office.



We welcome...

Luciana Anaiya Mendez & Catalina Rose Wetzstein

Baptized on **November 18, 2023**

Child of Destiny Trevino & Brandyn Wetzstein

Charles Michael Rappe

Baptized on **November 19, 2023**

Child of Nick & Emily (Gebur) Rappe

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

November Funeral Chairpersons

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

The Night of Knights Auction is looking for your support, they are hosting a Pampered Chef Party. Up to 15% of the proceeds will go to the Night of Knights Auction. Items make great Christmas Gifts.

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www.pamperchef.com/party/stmarysfundraiser



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Employment Opportunities

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is currently accepting resumes for opportunities at the Pastoral Center in Winona, MN. These positions will be based out of Rochester, MN once construction of a new Pastoral Center in the spring of 2024. Positions available are as follows:

Administrative Support: Candidates typically have a minimum of a High School Diploma (Associate's Degree preferred) along with a minimum 3 years in an administrative support role. Experience in Church and/or legal work also desired. Position openings currently available:

Administrative Assistant – Finance/Human Resources
Administrative Assistant/Notary – Tribunal

Director, Youth Ministry & Faith Formation: Candidates typically have a Bachelor's degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Youth Ministry, etc. and 5 years of experience in a youth ministry role. This position requires that the incumbent be a practicing and knowledgeable Roman Catholic with a strong knowledge and desire to promote Catholic teachings and catechesis.

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9. Participating in Junior High events and other Student Council planned events
10. Being part of a Junior High School environment, but still seeing familiar faces, enjoying small class sizes, and continuing to grow through Catholic values

Family Holy Hour | December 3, 2023
Sacred Heart Church | 4:00 - 5:00pm
Open to all ages and demographics - single, married, and with or without children.
Presided by Monsignor Thomas Cook
Free Event | Dinner will follow

Order The Praying Family Advent Pack by either purchasing a pack at this event, or ask you local Faith Formation Coordinator to fill out The Praying Family Order Form.



Learn more about this Diocesan Initiative here: theprayingfamily.weekly.com/advent.html

Seven Sisters Apostolate



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

St. Joseph Parish has formed with Sacred Heart a Seven Sisters group who are praying for Father Jim, Monsignor Cook, and Father Parrott. We are looking for women to commit to pray one Holy Hour each week, on a specific day for them. 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. **We are in need of women willing to pray on Saturdays and Sundays.** 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. Jim, Monsignor Cook, and Fr. Parrott is our prayer! Won't you join us?

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