



October 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and
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Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

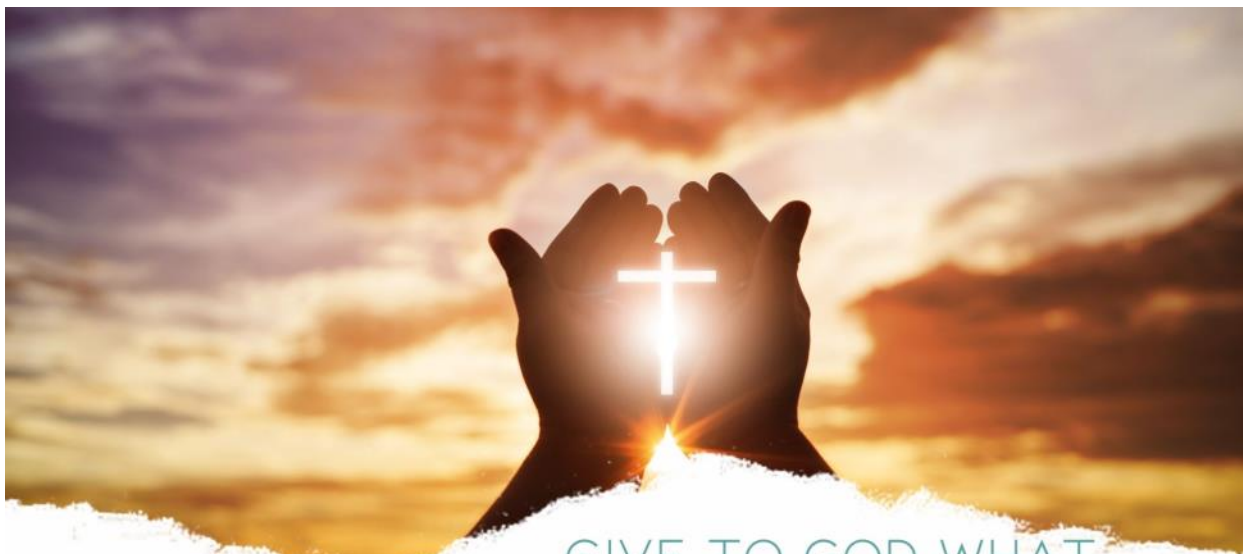
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



GIVE TO GOD WHAT
BELONGS TO GOD.

MATTHEW 22:21.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday, October 15, was the Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila, also known as St. Teresa of Jesus. We did not celebrate her because Sunday is always the Day of the Lord. Even when we celebrate the life of a saint on the weekdays, it is always about Jesus, whom the saints loved, thus drawing all their strength and guidance from the Good Lord. Pope Francis released on that very day a beautiful apostolic exhortation entitled, “*C’est la confiance*” (“It is confidence”), “On confidence in the Merciful Love of God for the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face”. I believe this work helps explain the pontificate of Pope Francis and his contribution to the new evangelization.

The Holy Father references previous apostolic exhortations, revealing the trouble with Pelagianism or even neo-Pelagianism, which he has observed in some Catholics today. I hope we can all find the time to read this wonderful new document on St. Therese, who is a Doctor of the Church! I would ask all of you then to return to those documents that refer to Pelagianism and Gnosticism, some of the current errors that can be found among today’s Catholics. As I mention this, I hope we can examine our own consciences and ask sincerely if we, too, may have fallen into these false concepts of Christianity. I would refer all of us to go to his apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et exsultate*, the subtitle *New pelagians*, and paragraphs 57-59 to aid us in our examen; add also the reference to *Evangelii Gaudium* paragraph 94. (Pope Francis writes in his new work: “In *Evangelii Gaudium*, I urged a return to the freshness of the source, in order to emphasize what is essential and indispensable. I now consider it fitting to take up that invitation and propose it anew.”)

Let me just offer some quotes from this new work on St. Therese.

17. ...In place of a Pelagian notion of holiness, individualistic and elitist, more ascetic than mystical, that primarily emphasizes human effort, Therese always stresses the primacy of God’s work, his gift of grace. As a result, she could say: “I always feel, however, the same bold confidence of becoming a great saint, because I don’t count on my merits, since I have *none*, but I trust in him who is Virtue and Holiness. God alone, content with my weak efforts, will raise me to himself and make me a *saint*, clothing me in his infinite merits”.

47. This Exhortation on Saint Therese allows me to observe that, in a missionary Church, “the message has to concentrate on the essentials, on what is most beautiful, most grand, most appealing and at the same time most necessary. The message is simplified, while losing none of its depth and truth, and thus becomes all the more forceful and convincing”. The luminous core of that message is “the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead”.

Another passage to pray and reflect upon in sincerity is paragraph 52. There are short lines beginning, “In an age...” and “At a time...” worth pondering in our own heart and soul, honestly asking if we have fallen into these traps.

If we want to get to know the heart and soul of who Pope Francis is, this apostolic exhortation is it. St. Therese and her “little way” is spiritual food for everyone. How blessed we are to have a first-class relic of her as well as her statue, which graces the old baptistry in the back of the church. Her relic is in her actual shrine that Our Lady of Lourdes sits atop. I hope one day to return Therese to her rightful spot and create another appropriate shrine for Our Lady of Lourdes. Let’s pray about this as we continue our prayers for peace among all nations and peoples, especially Russia, Ukraine, Palestine, and Israel. Thank you to all who participated in the day of prayer this past Tuesday, despite a last-minute proposal. Thirteen hours of prayer offered before our Sacramental Lord!!!

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasovich

Attention: Email/Phone Scam! If you receive an email or text from Fr. Jim asking you to help him with gift cards, money, etc, PLEASE DISREGARD. Fr. Jim, and St. Joseph Church, would never make requests like these to parishioners or anyone else. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

<p>Monday, October 23, 2023: <i>Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21</i></p>	<p>Weekday - St. John of Capistrano, Priest 9:00am - Christ the King - Francis & Georgette Maas†</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 24, 2023: <i>Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21/Lk 12:35-38</i></p>	<p>Weekday - St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop 8:00am - Cheryl Bastyr†</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 25, 2023: <i>Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48</i></p>	<p>Weekday 8:00am - Ray Pirk†</p>
<p>Thursday, October 26 <i>Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53</i></p>	<p>Weekday 8:00am - Bernadene Rypka†</p>
<p>Friday, October 27, 2023 <i>Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59</i></p>	<p>Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Lloyd Kern†</p>
<p>Saturday, October 28, 2023 <i>Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16</i></p>	<p>St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles 8:00am - Harlan Kern†</p>
<p>Sunday, October 29, 2023 <i>Ex 22:20-26</i> <i>1 Thes 1:5c-10</i> <i>Mt 22:34-40</i></p>	<p>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/28/23 4:00pm - Parishioners 10/29/23 8:00am - Donald Schlitz† 10/29/23 10:00am - Lanny Huemann†</p>



October 22 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God. Vincent's Table provided 150 meals to those who are hungry 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.
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Liturgical Ministers Schedule October 28/29, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Dianne Unruh, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Sue Heller, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Pat Rose

Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Joel & Rhynda Dulas
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Vickie Skala, Katie Holzerland, Vol.

Lector: Lee Jardine

Sacristan: Ellyn Jardine

Ushers: Jerry & Dina Atkinson
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. (click on Liturgical Protocol & Schedules) or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

The Knights of Columbus, Owatonna Council 945, will be having their membership drive on October 28-29.



The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to their parish, communities, families, and young people. Please consider joining our "Double Star" council.

The Annual board meeting of the Sacred Heart Cemetery will be October 24, 2023 at 5pm at Sacred Heart Church in parish center.

KC WINTER COAT DRIVE



"Knights of Columbus, Owatonna Council 945, will again have its Pre-Worn Adult Winter Coat Drive. Last year between both parishes, we collected 150 pre-worn winter coats. The coats are given to Community Pathways for distribution to Steele County residents. Coats can be placed in large boxes and can be found at the entrances of both parishes. The final pick-up will be **Thursday, October 26th. Thank you!**"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! October is Respect Life Month

St. Joseph Parish will feature Guest Speaker Mary Ann Kuharski on Sunday, October 29th in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish • 11am– Noon. She is a founding member and Director of Prolife Across America. A wife and mother of 13 children, six of whom are adopted and of mixed race with "special needs".

Refreshments will be served.



PROLIFE
Across AMERICA



See the Pro-Life Table in the Gathering Space. All items are educational and free! Help yourself to the materials!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS



The St. Mary's School Marathon and Service Day took place on Friday, September 29th. The First graders spread cheerfulness throughout the school by creating colorful posters with uplifting messages. These messages included phrases such as "Smile, God loves you!", and "You are Awesome!". It was a good reminder to all who participated to add cheerfulness to your day.

2023 St. Serra Great Promise Awards

Students from St. Joseph, Sacred Heart, Holy Trinity and Christ the King Parishes received the Great Promise Award, sponsored by the St. Serra Club of Owatonna Area, on Saturday 10/14 and Sunday 10/15. The recipients are: Julia Anhorn, Lanie Chambers, Laura Herget, Hailey Kubicek, Ben Laughlin, Elliot Schiller, Colin Schultz and Emery Zak. Congratulations!! This award is presented to our youth who through their example of service, generosity, and leadership show great promise as future Catholic leaders.

The award consists of a certificate, a You Cat (Youth Catechism) and a handmade blue rosary that was made by Pete Connor. The St. Serra Club of Owatonna Area promotes and prays for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, married and single life. Bishop Barron has requested that each of us pray even more for the increase of priests, especially within our Diocese.





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

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.

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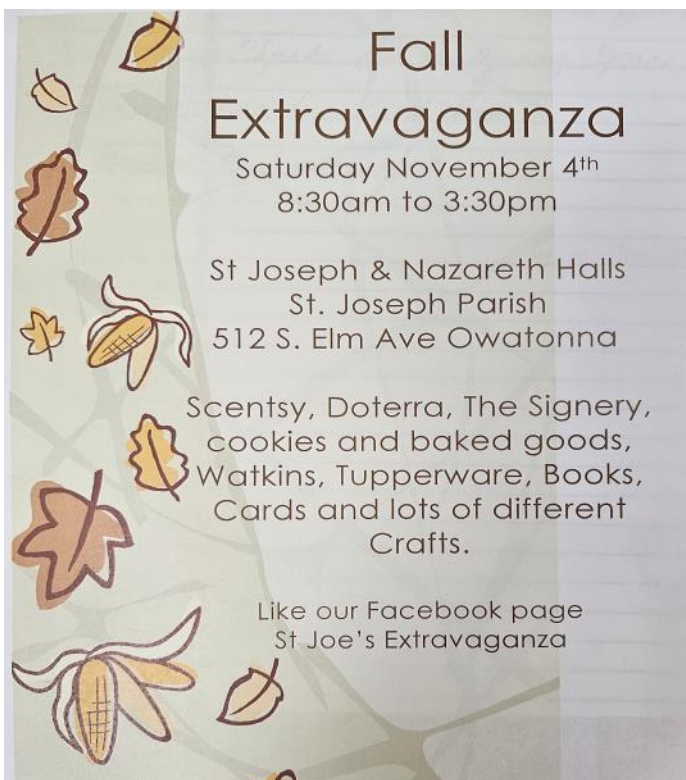

Fall Extravaganza

Saturday November 4th
8:30am to 3:30pm

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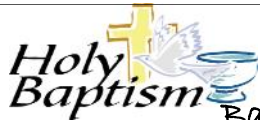
Envelopes are in the Gathering Space too!

St. Joseph Parish Mass Times for All Saints
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023

8:10am St. Mary's School Mass
 followed by the students
 Saints Presentation in
 St. Joseph Parish.
 12:10pm and 6:30pm



Christ the King Church, Medford - 6:30pm



We welcome...

Micah William Adams

Baptized on **October 14, 2023**

Child of Mason & Allysa Adams

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters would like to thank you for supporting the GUMMI BEAR fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. This will be the last weekend to pick up gummi bears in the Gathering Space for a small donation after Mass.



World Mission Sunday, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on Oct. 22nd this year. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.



October Funeral Chairpersons

Ellyn Jardine: 507-444-4088
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