



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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(For St. Joseph, Sacred Heart & Christ the King Parishes)

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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)

Confession

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.”

Because the Gospel on the Fourth Sunday of Easter is always about Jesus who says, “*I am the Good Shepherd,*” today is called **Good Shepherd Sunday**. Today is also **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this Day of Prayer is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to “*pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into His harvest*” (Matthew 9:38; Luke 10:2).

Since becoming the Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester in July 2022, Bishop Barron has made his most important priority encouraging men to discern a vocation to the priesthood. The Bishop challenges all of us to ask young men to consider going to the seminary. Without priests we could not have the Eucharist or the Sacraments of Confirmation, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick. The Lord promises: “*I will give you shepherds after My own Heart.*” (Jeremiah 3:15) We give thanks to God for the 23 men of our Diocese who are being formed to be priests after the Lord’s own Heart. God willing, three men will be ordained deacons this year on May 25, and three men will be ordained priests on June 8. It has been a special grace to have two of our seminarians assigned to our parishes once a month as a part of their priestly formation: **Riley Becher** (at St. Joseph and Christ the King Parishes) and **Gabriel Rysavy** (at Sacred Heart Parish).

I am grateful to the Serra Clubs of our diocese, especially our own **Owatonna Area Serra Club**, for their many prayers and sacrifices so that more of our children and grandchildren will respond generously to the Lord when He calls them to serve the Church. If you have not already done so, please take a *Vocations Daily Prayer Calendar* (available at the entrances of the Church), and pray, by name, for the priests and seminarians of our Diocese.

Thursday, April 25, is the **Feast of St. Mark**. The author of the second Gospel, St. Mark was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write about the Divinity of Jesus. His Gospel begins with the words: *The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God* (Mark 1:1), and his Gospel ends with the confession of the Roman Centurion having witnessed the death of Christ on Mt. Calvary: “*Truly this man was the Son of God!*” (Mark 15:39) St. Mark was a close friend and associate of St. Peter. St. Irenaeus testifies that after St. Peter’s martyrdom in Rome in the year 64 A.D., “*Mark, the disciple and interpreter of St. Peter, transmitted to us in writing what St. Peter had preached.*” Hence, St. Mark’s Gospel is often called the “Gospel of St. Peter” because he was inspired to record what he heard St. Peter preach. The readings from Sacred Scripture at Sunday Mass follow a three-year cycle. This year is Sunday Cycle-Year B, and we are hearing predominately from the Gospel of St. Mark.

It was a joy to see so many of you last night at the **Night of Knights Auction**, our annual fundraiser, benefiting St. Mary’s School. May you receive abundant blessings from the Lord in thanksgiving for your generosity and the many sacrifices that allow our students to receive an outstanding Catholic Education.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Bishop Barron’s 2024 **Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal**. As this bulletin goes to print, we have received **\$18,520** toward our goal of **\$50,880** for St. Joseph Parish. I am very grateful to the 76 donors who have helped us achieve almost 36% of our goal. We have received **\$8,160** toward our goal of **\$10,631** for Christ the King Parish; 29 donors have helped us achieve almost 77% of our goal. If you have not yet given to the appeal, I encourage you make a financial gift during this Easter season; extra envelopes and brochures are available in the narthex. You can mail your contribution directly to the diocese, or put your envelope in the collection basket during any weekend Mass. If our parish exceeds its goals, the Bishop has agreed to return to our parish 100% of any amount over the goal.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22, 2024 <i>Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10</i>	Easter Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 <i>Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30</i>	Easter Weekday - St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert Bishop & Martyr 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 <i>Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50</i>	Easter Weekday - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr 8:00am - Joan & Bill Driessen†
Thursday, April 25, 2024 <i>1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20</i>	St. Mark, Evangelist 8:00am - Dorry Kenney†
Friday, April 26, 2024 <i>Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6</i>	Easter Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Neil O'Connor†
Saturday, April 27, 2024 <i>Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14</i>	Easter Weekday 8:00am - Frank W. Spindler†
Sunday, April 28, 2024 <i>Acts 9:26-31</i> <i>1 Jn 3:18-24</i> <i>Jn 15:1-8</i>	Fifth Sunday of Easter 04/27/24 4:00pm - Parishioners 04/27/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Lloyd Kern† 04/28/24 8:00am - Bob Duenes† 04/28/24 10:00am - John Navins†



April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

As you donate to St. Vincent de Paul to assist those in need, you demonstrate Jesus' care and show his love for all. Vincent's Table served 150 meals on Tuesday.

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 April 27/28, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Rose Ann Rypka, Volunteer, Volunteer
 Lector: Linda Strand
 Sacristan: Julio Letona
 Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins
 Volunteer, Volunteer
 Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer
 Greeters: Katherine Rypka

Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Lynn Lattery, Linda Huffington, Volunteer
 Lector: Mark Cashman
 Sacristan: Linda Huffington
 Ushers: Pat Rose, Doug Phillips,
 Cindy Phillips, Volunteer
 Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora
 Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 10:00am

EMHC: Lee Jardine, Katie Clubb, Volunteer
 Lector: Ellyn Jardine
 Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
 Ushers: Brad Fischer, Volunteer,
 Volunteer, Volunteer
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 Greeters: Volunteer



Christ the King Church will host the Council of Catholic Women Area meeting **Monday, May 6th at 6pm** in the church basement.
The Guest speaker will be Shelly Holt, Diocesan CCW President.

All women from the Owatonna/Waseca Area Catholic community are invited! Refreshments will be served.
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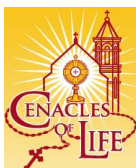
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The Magnifikid is back! Copies will be available for all children at both parishes; Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's beginning the weekend of May 4th/5th. The monthly Magnifikid will be available every weekend at Mass throughout this year.

Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

Fridays in the Adoration Chapel
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 The Cenacles of Life are for renewing the Spirit of Life - from within the Church.
 It is the graces from these Cenacles that will be used to transform the face of the earth and defeat this war on life.



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Court Owatonna CDA #1180 will be offering cards after every Mass in the Gathering Hall:
April 27-28th, May 4-5th, May 11-12th.
 Prayer intentions for loved ones (living & deceased) will be offered during the month of May. A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each card, with all the proceeds going to support Rachel's Light, the women's shelter in Steele Co.



You are the Light of the World

Appeal Goal: \$51,028.00

Current Balance: \$18,520.00

Give online: catholicfsmn.org

Envelopes are available in the Gathering Hall, Church entrances and Parish Office for mail in donations.

Your gift supports men discerning vocation to the priesthood and diaconate, priests serving and retired priests. Your gift helps to sustain Catholic schools, religious education, ministerial formation and initiatives for life peace and justice.



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**



Easter Flower Memorials



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Sunday, April 21st, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



Pope Francis speaks eloquently about this celebration. Here is the beginning of the message of the Holy Father for the 61th World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness.

The St. Serra Club will also be speaking at all the Masses about the St. Serra Club. We pray for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, and to respond to God's call in our own lives.

April Funeral Chairpersons

Joan Salmonsén 451-5695
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Contact the parish office if you would like to help with funeral luncheons. 451-4845

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2:00 PM
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4:00 PM
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