



October 8, 2023

Twenty-seventh 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

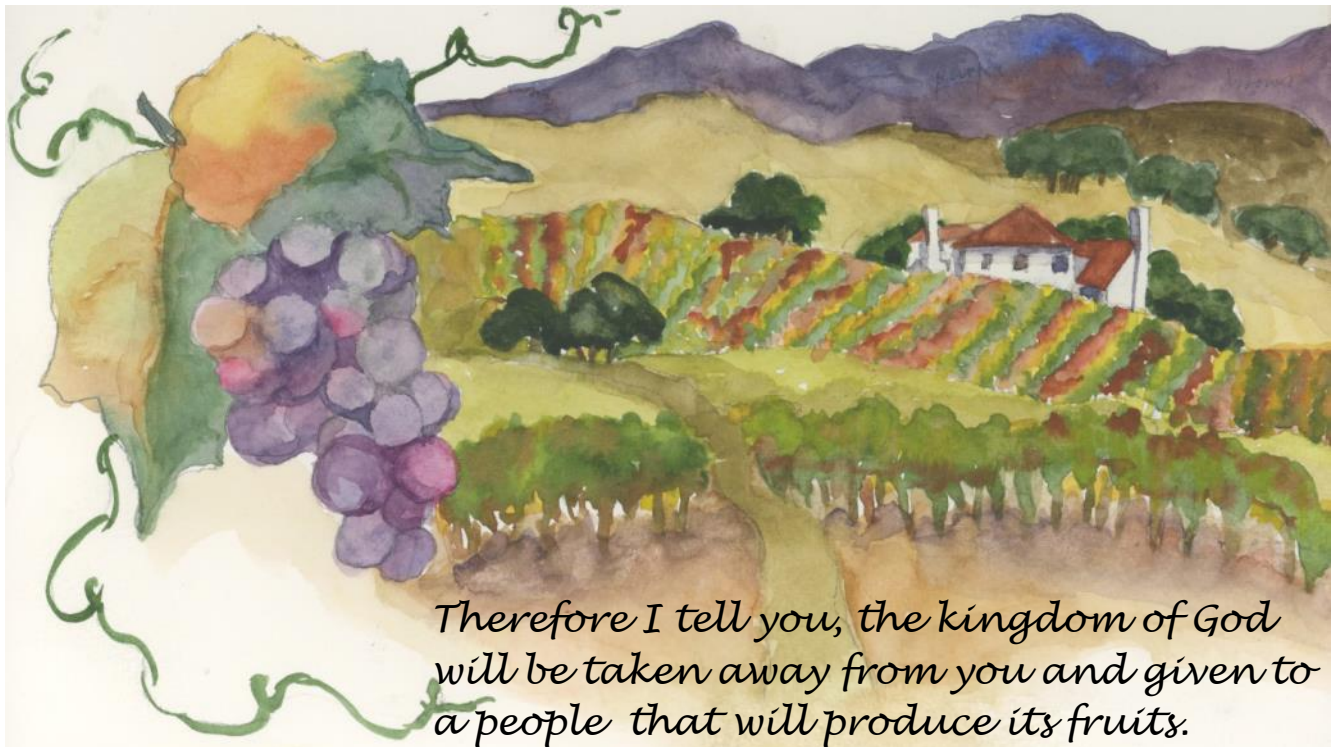
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



*Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God
will be taken away from you and given to
a people that will produce its fruits.*

Mt 21:43

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again, Jesus addresses the chief priests and the elders in today's Gospel. Spending time with them shows how much Jesus cares for them. Twice now Jesus has got them to answer correctly and yet do they see their answer as applying to themselves? The Word of God is God speaking to all of us. We are all under the Word of God and not above it. When Scripture is proclaimed, we should all ask ourselves, "Where I am in this Word?"

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). The Word of God encourages us, and it also challenges us; it calls us to conversion, to get on the path of God. Once again, just because they are the chief priests and the elders does not exempt them from listening to God's voice through the Scriptures. That goes for us priests and deacons, bishops and cardinals, even the Pope! "When he is dealing with the arrogant, he is stern, but to the humble he shows kindness" (Proverbs 3:34). "And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for: 'God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble.' So, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:5-7).

The Synod on Synodality is underway and Bishop Barron has asked us to keep him and all the Synod participants in our prayers. Please pray the prayer recommended by Bishop Barron himself. Copies of the prayer are available on the table in the gathering space, and you can find the prayer on the parish website as well.

I believe the Synod on Synodality should begin with a reflection on God's call and Jesus' words, beginning with the chosen people. Why did God choose a people, the Hebrews? He wanted to use them to bring the truth that there is only one true God in the world, revealed through the Hebrew people whom the Almighty has chosen. They were truly the least of all peoples (see Deuteronomy 7:6-7), underdogs among the rest of the tribes and nations. Revelation – (who is God?) – shown through the chosen people (read Exodus) and the fullness of Revelation shown to us in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son. As God chose the Hebrews, so Jesus chooses also: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you" (John 15:16).

We have been chosen through baptism, and this puts every baptized person on **mission**, God's **mission**. Zechariah (8:22-23) gives a glimpse of this **mission**, beginning with the chosen people: "Many peoples and strong nations will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to implore the favor of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten people from nations of every language will take hold, yes, will take hold of the cloak of every Judahite and say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

By the grace given freely by God to us at Baptism and nurtured and sustained through the sacraments of Confession and Eucharist, we live a virtuous life and bring hope to others who do not know the true God but who follow, often unknowingly, false gods. Thus, we become a light to the peoples, to the nations. We have a **mission** to be a presence of God in the world, through grace. As Jesus says, as a service to others and not for our own edification and personal sanctification. A **mission** to shine God's light upon others, in loving service to God and neighbor.

If we fail to understand that the ultimate **mission** of the Church is the salvation of souls, then what is there to discuss? The real problem, as I see it, is the loss of the sense of sin and the loss of the meaning of our baptismal call. It is to put the Second Vatican Council into practice and re-evangelize, starting with us who are in the pews.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Staranovich

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

<p>Monday, October 9, 2023: <i>Jon 1:1-2,11/Lk 10:25-37</i></p>	<p>Weekday - St. Denis, Bishop & Comp, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest 9:00am - Christ the King - The 25th Anniversary of Very Rev. Miguel Gonzalez - NCCW Spiritual Director</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 10, 2023: <i>Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42</i></p>	<p>Weekday 8:00am - Ernie & MaryAnn Betlach†</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 11, 2023: <i>Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4</i></p>	<p>Weekday - St. John XXIII, Pope 8:00am - Harlan Kern†</p>
<p>Thursday, October 12, 2023: <i>Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13</i></p>	<p>Weekday 8:00am - Dorry Kenney†</p>
<p>Friday, October 13, 2023: <i>Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26</i></p>	<p>Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - John Hager†</p>
<p>Saturday, October 14, 2023 <i>Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28</i></p>	<p>Weekday - St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr 8:00am - NO MASS</p>
<p>Sunday, October 15, 2023: <i>Is 25:6-10a</i> <i>Phil 4:12-14,19-20</i> <i>Mt 22:1-14</i></p>	<p>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/14/23 4:00pm - Mark Mullally† 10/15/23 8:00am - Parishioners 10/15/23 10:00am - James Wiggins†</p>



October 8 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned. On Tuesday at Vincent's Table, we provided 150 meals to those needing nourishment and fellowship.

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 14/15, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Matt Thurnau
Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Sophie Harinen, Volunteer
Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, 2 Volunteers
Lector: Colleen Possehl
Sacristan: Linda Huffington
Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora
Greeters: Buz & Cea Grass

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Kay Oberle, 2 Volunteers
Lector: John Connor
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Walt Spindler
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey
Greeters: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

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.

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



Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Monday Oct. 16th at 6:30pm in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.



Coffee and treats will be served, followed by
praying the Rosary and the meeting. Catholic
Daughters of the Americas has motivated
thousands of women to meet the challenges of
our world today.

Our Motto, “Unity & Charity” inspires us to
work together for those less fortunate and in
need of our support. Are you a Catholic
woman at least 18years old? If so , the
Catholic Daughters are looking for you! Come
and see what we are all about!

The Catholic Education Memorial Fund (CEMF) has been supporting Catholic

education in Steele County for almost 50
years. Founded in 1974 as a perpetual
endowment, the CEMF distributes income
from the invested principal to St. Mary’s
School and the Religious Education
Program. While some growth in the
principal is expected from investment
appreciation, real growth cannot be
achieved without contributions to the fund
from the Catholic community. To find out
more about the CEMF and how you can
support Catholic education in Steele County
for decades to come, please visit the website
at cemfowatonna.com – or contact any of
the current Board members: Jane Kubista,
Brian Haggerty, Tim McManimon, Dean
Velzke, Ron Kubicek, or Stephen Nelson.



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



Last week St. Mary's School celebrated their 16th annual marathon! The marathon is an awareness of non-public education and the financial support needed to help private schools. Did you know? Tuition covers about 55% of the cost of a child's education. Our marathon is an act of service to our local community. Students in all grade levels participated in some way from Preschool through 8th grade. Here is a list of what different grades did to help give back. Students made thank you cards for first responders, thank you posters for vet clinics, Halloween door signs for nursing homes, picking up trash at the fairgrounds, helping to clean at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's, reading children books, words of encouragement in chalk out on the sidewalks, and playing bingo at a senior living center! These students were busy and got a lot accomplished!

If you would like to make a donation to our Marathon and help us reach our goal of \$35,000 you can do so by mailing or dropping off a check to St. Mary's School.

You could also donate on-line at <https://www.stmarys-owatonna.org/marathon-2023>.



Sister Edith "DeDe" Zamboni will be celebrating her 99th birthday on Oct. 21st! You can send her a "Happy Birthday!" and best wishes by mailing a card to:

Sister Edith Zamboni
Assisi Heights
1001 NW 14th St.
Rochester, MN 55901



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 Monday, Oct. 30th
Thank you!"





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 – Elyn 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.

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.



Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for Faith Formation & Junior Achievement Sunday, October 15th 8am - 12pm

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

Advance tickets are \$9 or \$10 at the door (free under 6)

Two sensational breakfast choices and table service!

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 available in the Parish office.



It's that time of year!

With fall comes the Gummi Bear fundraiser, raising money for Habitat for Humanity.



Habitat for Humanity provides an opportunity for Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) to raise money to help with construction of these homes.

This year's build is in St. Charles, MN! CDA Court Owatonna #1180

will be fundraising before and after each Mass - **October 7/8; October 14/15 (CDA Sunday); and October 21/22**, at St. Joseph's & Sacred Heart Church and Holy Trinity (Litomysl). Please consider a donation to this worthy cause. Thank you!




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

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 **2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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Appeal Goal: \$51,028.00
Current Balance: \$30,218.48

Give online: catholicfsmn.org

Envelopes are in the Gathering Space too!



Enliven your faith and family and have some fun in the process.

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake, MN is offering a **Family Retreat, Oct 20-22, 2023**, titled: **God Is Near: Knowing God-with-Us.**

The retreat will focus on the nearness of God through prayer, the sacraments, saints, and the Bible. Families will have an opportunity to work together to develop deeper cohesiveness while also doing some activities by age group. **Elements of the retreat include Mass, prayers, arts/crafts, skits, a bonfire, and spiritual input.** Come enliven your faith and family and have some fun in the process.

Arrive Friday between 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Depart Sunday by 12:30.
Suggested offering: \$50 deposit per family; \$190 per adult; \$50 for kids; children five/under free.

Register by clicking the calendar tab on our website @ www.franciscanretreats.net or call 952.447.2182 (Tues-Fri 9:00am -4pm).

Early Bird Registration through Oct 15 - \$40. After Oct. 15 - \$50
Learn more and register at www.dowr.org



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

November 11, 2023 | Church of the Resurrection, Rochester

October Funeral Chairpersons

Ellyn Jardine: 507-444-4088
Ruth Broumley: 602-432-4352

Contact the parish office if you would like to help with funeral luncheons.
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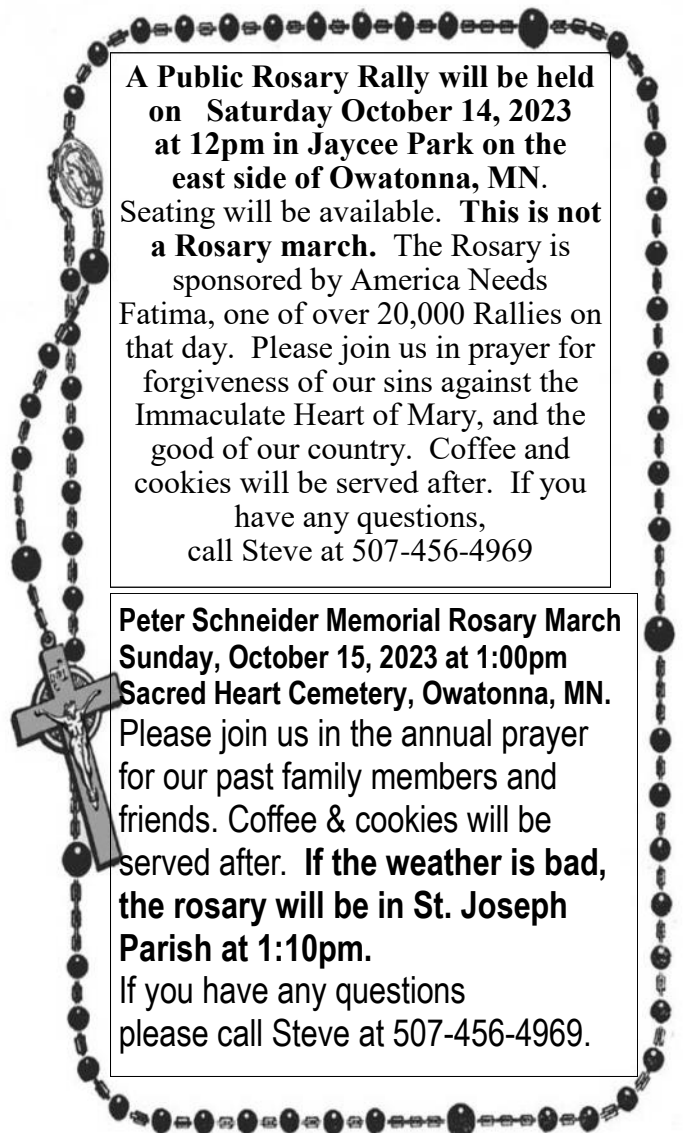
Catholic Charities 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign



Help Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to new and expectant parents through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by donating during the month of October.

Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. Catholic Charities assists more than 150 women with financial assistance each year. *Please mail your donation directly to:*
**Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign
PO Box 379
Winona, MN 55987**

OR give online at:
www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section.



A Public Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday October 14, 2023 at 12pm in Jaycee Park on the east side of Owatonna, MN.

Seating will be available. **This is not a Rosary march.** The Rosary is sponsored by America Needs Fatima, one of over 20,000 Rallies on that day. Please join us in prayer for forgiveness of our sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the good of our country. Coffee and cookies will be served after. If you have any questions, call Steve at 507-456-4969

Peter Schneider Memorial Rosary March Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 1:00pm Sacred Heart Cemetery, Owatonna, MN.

Please join us in the annual prayer for our past family members and friends. Coffee & cookies will be served after. **If the weather is bad, the rosary will be in St. Joseph Parish at 1:10pm.** If you have any questions please call Steve at 507-456-4969.

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