



# ST. JOSEPH

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# Laetare Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### **Parochial Administrator**

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Cook

Parochial Vicar - Fr. Gregory Parrott
(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and
Christ the King Church)

# **Office Hours:**

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)

Confession

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

4th Sunday of Lent

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is *Lætare Sunday*. *Lætare* is the Latin word for "rejoice"; it is the first word of this Sunday's Entrance Antiphon from Isaiah 66:10, "*Rejoice Jerusalem!*" Today we wear rose-colored vestments, which reflect our joyful anticipation of Easter – now only 21 days away!

Today, Sunday, March 10, we will take up a collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. This collection provides funding for victims of natural disasters; it helps immigrants and refugees with legal counsel and material support; it provides agriculture assistance, water programs, and health care for poor communities around the world. Please use the special envelope stapled onto last week's bulletin for this collection.

Stations of the Cross will be held several times each week. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these many opportunities to meditate on the suffering and death of Our Lord. In private revelations, Our Lord told St. Faustina, a Polish nun who died on October 5, 1938: "There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My Sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood." (Diary, #369) "A plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross under the usual conditions of confession, communion, and a prayer for the Pope's intentions." (Handbook of Indulgences, #63)

		<u>S1</u>	tations of the Cross	
Tuesday	March 12	1:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart	led by St. Mary's School students
Wednesday	March 13	7:30 p.m.	Christ the King	led by the lay faithful
Friday	March 15	5:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart	followed by Benediction
Friday	March 15	6:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart	Spanish
Friday	March 15	7:00  p.m.	St. Joseph	-

Over the course of the next two weeks, Father Parrott and I will be interviewing the *confirmandi* – "those about to be confirmed" by Bishop Barron next month on Wednesday, 17 April, at the Church of St. Joseph. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to be "sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit" in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On Ash Wednesday we heard from the Old Testament Prophet Joel: "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.... For gracious and merciful is He – slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment." (Joel 2:12-13) Lent is our opportunity to return to the Lord by humbly confessing our sins in the **Sacrament of Penance**. Whether you have been away from confession for one month or several years, now is the time to receive the Lord's mercy and forgiveness in this beautiful Sacrament. On **Thursday**, **March 21**, at **6:30 p.m.**, St. Joseph Parish will host a **Communal Penance Service**. Several priests will be hearing confessions; this Penance Service will be the only opportunity that our parishioners will have to make a confession to visiting priests. However, there will be other opportunities over the next three weeks to immerse yourselves in God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance.

Please prayerfully consider what financial gift you can sacrifice to support Bishop Barron's 2024 Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. Every registered parishioner should have received in the mail a brochure, a pledge card, and a return envelope. If you have not received a personal pledge card, extra envelopes and brochures are available at the entrances of the Church. Please return your gift before Easter. You can mail your contribution directly to the diocese, or put your envelope in the collection basket during any weekend Mass. The Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal supports Bishop Barron's Catholic ministries throughout our diocese including: Catholic Schools; Marriage and Family Life; Faith Formation (including RCIA and our two Newman Centers); Vocations and Seminarians; Youth Ministry; Hispanic Ministry; Lay Formation; and Communications (including the Courier and the televised Sunday Mass). The Bishop has set a goal of \$50,880 for St. Joseph Parish, and a goal of \$10,631 for Christ the King Parish. If these amounts are not raised by the end of the 2024 calendar year, the Bishop requires that the remaining amount is paid in full by the general operating budget of our parishes. If a parish exceeds its goal, the Bishop has agreed to return to the parish 100% of any amount over the goal.

#### ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR CONFESSION

If you are unable to attend Communal Penance on March 21, 2024, confessions can be heard from 6pm—7pm on Friday March 22, 2024 before Stations of the Cross and Tuesday, March 26, 2024 from 4pm—7pm at St. Joseph Parish.

### Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11, 2024

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15, 2024

Wis 2:1a,12-22/Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17, 2024

*Jer 31:31-34* 

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

Lenten Weekday

7:15am - Sacred Heart Church

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8:00am - Dick Thamert†

Lenten Weekday

8:00am - Larry Lockner†

Lenten Weekday

9:00am - Christ the King - Merlyn Madery†

Lenten Weekday

8:00am - Maria Do†

Fifth Sunday of Lent

03/16/24 4:00pm - Geraldine Ginther†

03/17/24 8:00am - Maurice LaFond†

03/17/24 10:00am - Parishioners



### March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your donation of any amount, nickel, dime, quarter or dollar, is multiplied by donations from others to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Membership - We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### **Parish Staff**

**Pastor**– Msgr. Thomas Cook (507) 451-4845 pastor@stjosephowatonna.org

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Parish Website- www.stjosephowatonna.org

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#### Liturgical Ministers Schedule March 16/17, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Amador Ramirez, Joan Erdman

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteer **Sunday - 8:00am** 

EMHC: Lynn Lattery, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Cindy Emanuelson Sacristan: Joan Salmonsen

Ushers: Pat Rose, Dave Goodnature

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Volunteers

**Sunday - 10:00am** 

EMHC: Katie Holzerland, Ellyn Jardine,

Volunteer Lector: Vickie Skala Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey

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.* or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

### **Attention Liturgical Ministers!**

Sign-up sheets for the Holy Week Masses are in the Gathering Hall. Thank you for your service to the Liturgy!

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity Mass •



Tuesday, March 19th 6:30pm
St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Parish 512 S. Elm Ave.



# Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast

**for** St. Mary's Music Boosters

Sunday, March 17th ● 8am - 12pm

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

Advance tickets are \$9

or \$10 at the door.

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KC Omelet Breakfast: 3 egg omelet selections KC Country Breakfast: eggs fried or scrambled, ham or sausage. All serve with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office during business hours.

# Ham BINGO at Holy Trinity, Litomysl Sunday, March 24 at 7:00pm.

Everyone is invited to attend!

**20 games for only \$5.00!** 

A ham will be given for a door prize. Pop and popcorn will be available to purchase. The youth will have a BAKE SALE! Come for an enjoyable evening. Invite your friends and relatives!

# Holy Trinity, Litomysl to Host Bishop Barron's Seminarian Lectors' Installation

At Holy Trinity, Litomysl, they will be hosting a Mass for the installation of Lectors by Bishop Robert Barron for 5th year Seminarians Gabriel Rysavy (from Litomysl), Alex Peters, and John Vrchota. The date will be this coming Saturday, March 16th at 11 am.

All are most welcome to come and support these seminarians and to enjoy a lunch following the Mass.

#### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary's Kindergarten students spent the week learning about colors and how they change. They spent time doing a color mixing investigation. They had fun learning about primary and secondary colors.









#### Reveal Christ's Love

Thank you for your support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not to late to give. Just visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief for more information.



"Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry"

Beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>, our St. Joseph's family is making a dedication to pray for vocations through our new "Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry". The Crucifix travels each week to a different home in our community. While in the home, the Crucifix is displayed and prayers are offered daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, deaconate and religious life. Inside the box, is the Crucifix, a simple prayer guide, a journal if you'd like to share a reflection or experience from your week, and a prayer calendar for our diocese which includes the names of our seminarians, priests and deacons. When you return the box with the Crucifix to the Sacristy at St. Joseph's Church before the 4pm Mass the following Saturday, it will then be ready for the next family to pick up at the Mass they attend that weekend.

Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Space. Check your calendars to decide when you will be able to participate in this Ministry.

Your prayers are essential for raising up vocations in our Church. It is also essential that religious vocations be encouraged and supported within each family home. As we begin this new ministry, let us recall the words of our Lord: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

This "Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry" Kit is being provided by the St. Serra Club of the Owatonna Area.



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

Communion Ministers – Linda Huffington (507)456-5274 (leave message) or lindamwhuffington@gmail.com

**Greeters** – Wayne & Betty Kubicek (507)451-8683, <u>bj-n-me@hotmail.com</u>

**Homebound Ministries** – Vickie Skala (507)456-2230, <u>vskala9174@gmail.com</u>

**Lectors** – Linda Strand (507)363-2596, strand619@gmail.com

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Sacristans – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, lee j7@reagan.com

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



## Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

Fridays in the Adoration Chapel
St. Joseph Parish • Noon to 1pm
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 to
defeat this war on life.

#### Knights of Columbus Benefit Lenten Fish Dinners

The Knights of Columbus Lenten benefit fish dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 15, at the KC Hall. The "All you care to eat" dinner will be served in the KC Hall and in the Lounge and features baked and fried fish, whipped potatoes with country gravy, vegetable, roll, coleslaw, coffee and milk. Cost is \$15.00 in advance and \$17 at the door, with children under the age of 6 eating free. Advance tickets can be purchased from the following benefactors.

<u>Grandparents for Education -</u> Linda Breyer at 507-390-4468

KC 4th Degree Assembly 2300 -Tim Chicos at 507-438-5937 or Laverne Klecker at 507-456-6738 or the KC Hall, 820 S Elm Ave. Owatonna. Tickets are also available in the parish office.

### Holy Thursday Adoration in St. Joseph Parish

The Adoration Chapel will be closed for the Triduum. After Holy Thursday Mass, there will be Adoration in the Church. **Open until Midnight,** the 4th Degree KC Honor Guard will keep watch at the side altar under the Joseph statue. There will not be a procession down to Joseph Hall after the Mass. **ONLY the circle drive door will be open from 8pm—Midnight for Adoration.** Please sign up in the Gathering Hall. **We need at least 2 people to cover each hour.** 

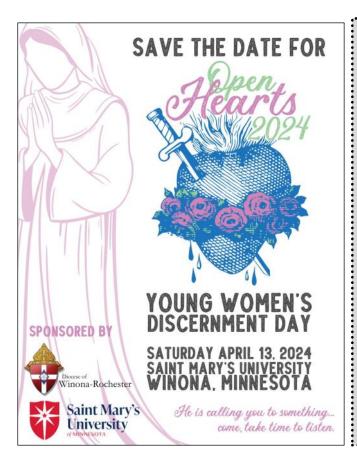
# March Funeral Chairpersons Jan McDonald 507-451-5174

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

#### 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: <a href="mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org">parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org</a>

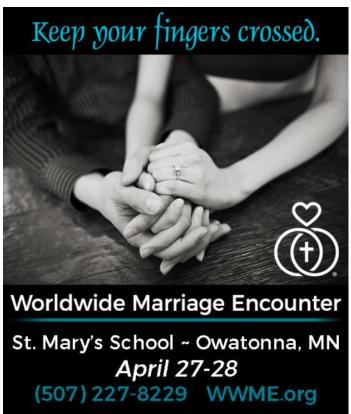




# 3rd ANNUAL MARIAN CONFERENCE THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

The Shrine of Our Lady of Champion is the site of the only approved Marian Apparition site in the United States. They are holding their 3rd Annual Marian Conference with wonderful guest speakers, a rosary walk, prayer time, and masses.

Pick up a flyer in the gathering space or go to "championshrine.org/marian-conference/" for more information. KC Council 945 is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Conference and is paying for the bus. Make your Conference and Hotel reservation ASAP and then let Lee know if you will be on the bus. If you have questions, contact Lee Jardine at lee j7@reagan.com or call 507-444-4088 and leave a message. Conference registrations are filling fast! Please call ASAP.





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Please contact Brittany Boubin at <a href="mailto:shsjfaithformation.org">shsjfaithformation.org</a> for questions and information."

Communal Penance for Catholic Community
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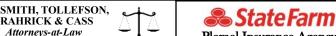
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