



February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



In addition to my assignment as Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, Bishop Barron has appointed me Parochial Administrator at St. Joseph Parish and Christ the King Parish, until July 1, 2024, by which time, hopefully, a new pastor will be assigned. I am grateful to our Parochial Vicar, Father Parrott, and to our dedicated staffs, as we work together to provide for the sacramental and pastoral needs of the faithful at all three of our parishes. We are honored to serve, and also ask for your patience during the next five months as we minister with one less priest in the Owatonna area. As a general rule, I will be offering the weekend Masses at St. Joseph and Christ the King Parishes every other weekend until a new pastor arrives. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Father Starasinich for serving as a faithful shepherd for our parishes for the past five years and seven months. He is a good man and a holy priest, and I will miss his wise counsel and collaboration, especially at St. Mary's School and our combined Faith Formation Program. Please pray that Bishop Barron will send a new pastor after Our Lord's own heart: *"I will appoint for you shepherds after My own Heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently."* (Jeremiah 3:15)

In order to allow Father Parrott and me to take a "day away" for rest and prayer, unfortunately it will not be possible to offer Mass at Christ the King Parish on Monday mornings, nor at St. Joseph Parish on Tuesday mornings. There will, however, be Masses at Sacred Heart Parish at 7:15 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday mornings. This revised schedule will allow the weekday morning Masses to remain with as few changes as possible for all three parishes. (Most parishes in our Diocese where a Parochial Administrator has been appointed do not have any Masses whatsoever during the week.) I am grateful for the sacrifices that St. Joseph and Christ the King Parishes are making in the absence of a resident pastor, and we fervently pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood within our Diocese. In the year 2009, we had 115 priests serving in our Diocese; in 2022, the number was sadly reduced to 77. Our Lord reminds us: *"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Master of the harvest to send our laborers for his harvest."* (Matthew 9:37-38)

On Saturday, February 10, at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, 34 of our young people will be making their **First Confession** as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion in April. Please pray for them as they prepare for this powerful first experience of the Lord's Mercy.

Next Sunday, February 11, is the 32nd **World Day of the Sick**. Pope St. John Paul II designated this feast on February 11, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, because of the many healings that have taken place at the miraculous spring at Lourdes, France, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous. The theme for this year's Day of the Sick is *"It is not good that man should be alone"* (Gen 2:18): *Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships*. In his message on this occasion, Pope Francis writes: "Brothers and sisters, the first form of care needed in any illness is compassionate and loving closeness. ... Let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us and help us to be artisans of closeness and fraternal relationships."

Next Sunday, February 11, is **World Marriage Day**. In today's modern world, which often attacks the dignity of a life-long marriage between one man and one woman, we honor all of those married couples who are faithful to each other until death, and open to the gift of children. We especially honor those Catholics who faithfully follow the guidelines of the Church regarding marriage. The Lord gives these married couples special graces in the Sacrament of Matrimony to live their vocation and to love each other as Christ loves His bride, the Church.

This year Ash Wednesday is February 14. According to the *Roman Missal*, the ashes blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday are made from the palm branches that were blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year. Over the course of the next ten days, you can bring your **blessed palms** to the parish office; the palms will be burned for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for your contributions for the **Church in Latin America**. Last weekend, we collected \$335.00. Contributions to this collection support the training of priests, religious, and lay leaders; the education of youth; and other pastoral projects that bring people more fully into the life of the Catholic Church in 23 impoverished countries.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, February 5, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56</i>	Weekday - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30/Mk 7:1-13</i>	Weekday - St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Ed Jenkins family living & deceased
Thursday, February 8, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30</i>	Weekday - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 8:00am - Dick Thamert†
Friday, February 9, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 11:29-32,12:19/Mk 7:31-37</i>	Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - John Hager†
Saturday, February 10, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 12:26-32,13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10</i>	St. Scholastica, Virgin 8:00am - Bernadene Rypka†
Sunday, February 11, 2024 <i>Lv 13:1-2,44-46</i> <i>1 Cor 10:31-11:1</i> <i>Mk 1:40-45</i>	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 02/10/24 4:00pm - Parishioners 02/11/24 8:00am - Dorry Kenney† 02/11/24 10:00am - Bob Hannum†



February 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness, and dread.

On Tuesday we served 128 meals at Vincent's Table.

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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Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 10/11, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Alexandra Nylund, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Sue Heller, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Annika Slacter

Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Joel & Rhynda Dulas

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora

Greeters: Buz & Cea Grass

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Holzerland, Lee Jardine, Volunteer

Lector: Ryan Heydon

Sacristan: Ellyn Jardine

Ushers: Jerry & Dina Atkinson

Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Volunteer

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. or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

Goodbye Father Jim

Vaya con Dios, Padre Diego,
I really hate to see you leave,
you came just over five years ago,
your many blessings I've received.

Your arrival here was a joyful time,
the homilies have been inspiring,
I began sending you my simple rhymes,
now from that task I'll be retiring.

At St Pius X you'll see Deacon Pat,
please say hello to him,
I had no idea where he was at,
I remember his big Irish grin.

I send to both of you
this Old Irish Blessing:
"May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the winds fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

Thank you, Father Jim. May God give you
a long and healthy religious life.
A pastor, servant, and shepherd,
leading your flock toward God's Kingdom.
Bud Peka 1/28/2024

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are missing 3 Eucharistic Minister crosses on gold chains from the sacristy. Please check your coat pockets, junk drawers, or rosary boxes to see if they were accidentally taken home after Mass. They were a gift to the parish so returning them would be appreciated.



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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary's School was busy this week celebrating Catholic Schools week. Here is what we did each day as a school to celebrate. What a fun week it was! This is a week that students and staff look forward to each year.



Catholic Schools Week

Dress Up Days

January 29-February 2

Monday

Future Career Day
dress up as your dream job!

Tuesday

Patriotic Day
honor our nation by dressing up in patriotic colors!
(red, white, and blue)

Wednesday

Dress Your Best
dress up in your Sunday best for Mass!

Thursday

Favorite Sports Team
support your favorite sports team by wearing their attire!

Friday

School Spirit Day
wear your favorite SMS attire

Catholic Schools Week

Schedule of Events

January 28- February 2, 2024

Sunday

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast
in our SMS cafeteria
~8:00am-12:00pm~
Open House
~9:30am-12:00pm~
Student Led Masses
St. Joe and Sacred Heart Parishes
~10:00 AM~

Monday

Celebrate Our Community

Drop Everything and Read
(each teacher can decide when this works best for their class)

Food Drive
bring in food all week long to support our local food bank!

Tuesday

Celebrate our Nation

School Wide Bingo
9:00 in Gym
There will be a short presentation prior to honor our local veterans

Boys Basketball Game vs St. Dominic @ 4:30

Wednesday

Celebrate Vocations

School Mass
prepared by the 6th grade
8:10

Talent Show
1:00-2:15
5-8 students will perform

Thursday

Celebrate our Students

Class Activity or Field Trip Day

Come cheer on our Boys and Girls basketball teams
vs Trinity-Jamesville @ 4:15
Chuck a Duck et Hallie's put on by Home & School

Friday

Celebrate our School

Winter Carnival
12:45-1:30
1:35-2:20

See Back for Dress Up Days.

“Traveling Vocations Crucifix Ministry”

Beginning March 2nd, 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, diaconate 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 beginning February 10th. 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

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

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

Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for KC Valentine Breakfast & OHS Robotics Team
Sunday, February 11th • 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 served with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee.
Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office during business hours.

Ash + Wednesday

Mass Times February 14, 2024

7:00am: Sacred Heart Church

8:10am: Sacred Heart Church (School Mass)

12:10pm: St. Joseph Parish

5:00pm: St. Joseph Parish

6:30pm: Sacred Heart (Faith Formation Mass)

6:30pm: Christ the King (Faith Formation Mass)

February Funeral Chairpersons

Charlotte Radtke 507-774-9103

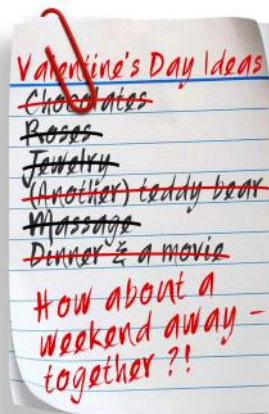
Rita Goodnature 507-444-4146

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

Ct. Owatonna CDA members will be selling KC Fish Fry tickets in the Gathering Hall after all the Masses next weekend for the Feb. 16th KC Fish Fry in the KC Hall.



Advance sale tickets are \$15, or \$17 at the door. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Daughters of the Americas! **Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office during business hours.**



It's time for a Valentine's Day gift you'll remember a year from now.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
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April 27-28



To apply or for more info, call (507) 227-8229 or visit **WWME.org**

Holy Trinity of Litomysl
 "Adult" Annual Valentine Dinner
 Saturday, February 17, 2024
 Social Hour is at 5:30pm!

Windsor Chop Dinner will be served at 6:30pm!
 Dinner music and many door prizes!

Tickets are \$25 and are available from:
 Mary Ann Rysavy @ 451-2564,
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 in Blooming Prairie, MN.

Ticket sales will close on Sunday, Feb. 11th, 2024 or
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The "All you care to eat" dinner includes baked
 and fried fish, mashed potatoes with country gravy,
 vegetable, roll, coleslaw, coffee, and milk. Cost is
 \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door, with children
 under the age of 6 eating free. Presale tickets may
 be purchased from the beneficiaries, at he the
 Church offices or the Columbian Center. *Please
 join us in helping these organizations help others!*

The beneficiaries of the dinners this year are:

- Feb. 16 Court Owatonna CDA
- Feb. 23 Medford KCs & Ct. St. Anne CDA
- Mar. 1 Owatonna KC Council 945 & SVdP
- Mar. 8 Exchange Clubs of Owatonna
- Mar. 15 KC 4th Degree Assembly
 Grandparents for Education, and
 West Hills Commons (Senior Place)
- Mar. 22 Izaak Walton League

Pre-Cana is an opportunity for
 engaged couples to prepare for
 the Sacrament of Matrimony.



They will learn about the beauty
 of Marriage as a sacrament and about how they can
 be an effective sign of Christ's presence to each
 other, to their future children and to those around
 them.

Pre-Cana is a full day event that takes place on a
 Saturday through the Diocese of Winona-
 Rochester. For more information and for
 registration, please visit the Office of Life, Marriage
 & Family's website:

[https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/
 marriage-preparation.html](https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html)

Pre - Cana Dates for 2024:

- March 2, 2024 - St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles
- May 18, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

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