



January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

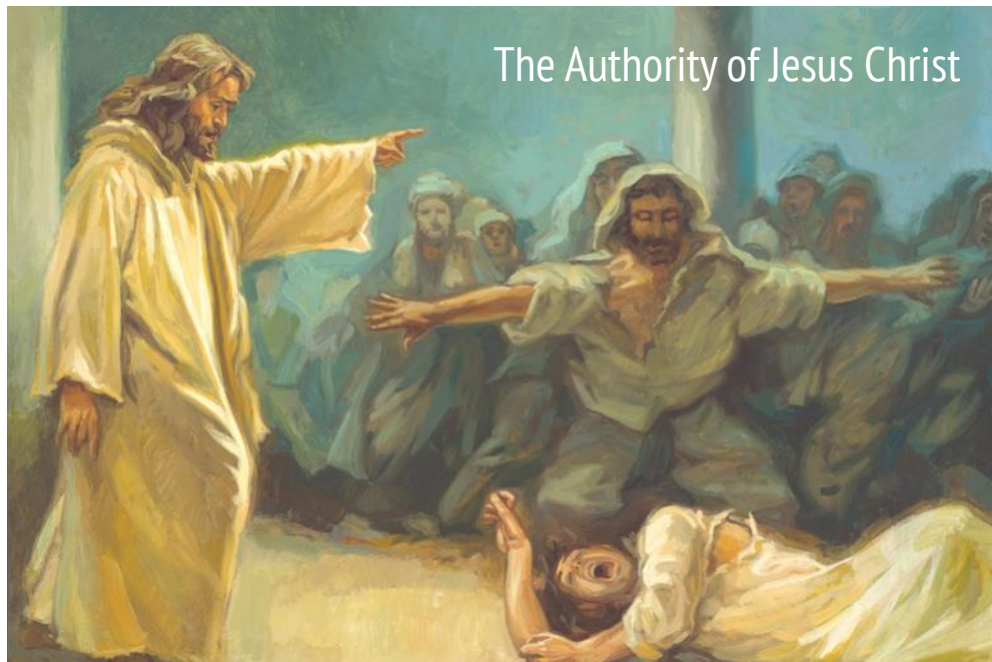
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm



"He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been a wonderful five years and seven months here in Steele County serving as pastor of St. Joseph and Christ the King Parishes and the Oratory of Corpus Christi in Deerfield. I now must heed the call to serve at St. Pius X Parish in Rochester.

I remember receiving two letters of welcome from Owatonna before I left my last parish assignment in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. That really laid the foundations for that time of transition and now I am finding the same from St. Pius X in a letter and emails welcoming me there.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you as I continue prayers for all the people and parishes I have been privileged to serve over the years. I am so grateful for your good prayers over these years and for the time I have spent in prayer in the peaceful Catholic Community Adoration Chapel of the Most Holy Cross. That has been truly a gift for me!

We survived COVID together, keeping the church open throughout for prayer (except when I had the dreaded virus and we had to shut down our St. Joseph facilities!) and encouraging the homebound with our rosary walks. I have been blessed in many ways during these years and I thank God for those blessings.

I thank God for all of you. Let me especially thank the Faith Formation volunteer teachers and catechists; the teachers, staff, families and students of St. Mary's School; the Knights of Columbus Council 945 of Owatonna; Knights of Columbus Council 4909 of Medford and Deerfield; the Catholic Daughters of America 1180 Court Owatonna; the Catholic Daughters of America 1840 Court St Anne (Medford); Council of Catholic Women (CCW); the St. Serra Club of Owatonna Area; the St. Vincent de Paul Society; the Third Order Carmelites; the neo-catechumens; the St. Paul Street Evangelizers; the Compassionate Friends; the Seven Sisters Apostolate (who pray for us priests!!!); Funeral Hospitality Volunteers; and all of you who serve in some capacity as choir members and musicians; ushers and greeters, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; the office staff; and everyone in the St. Joseph and Christ the King Parish communities. May the Good Lord continue to bless all of you! If you are ever in Rochester, please stop by St. Pius X Parish and say "hello".

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasovich



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

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| Monday, January 29, 2024 <i>2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20</i> | Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Bev Hertel† |
| Tuesday, January 30, 2024 <i>2 Sm18:9-10,14b. 24-25a,30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43</i> | Weekday 8:00am - Brian Shea† |
| Wednesday, January 31, 2024 <i>2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Mk 6:1-6</i> | St. John Bosco, Priest 8:10am - Sacred Heart SMS Mass - Darlene Gathje† |
| Thursday, February 1, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/Mk 6:7-13</i> | Weekday 8:00am - Deceased members of the Ray Willmott family† |
| Friday, February 2, 2024 <i>Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40</i> | The Presentation of the Lord 9:00am - Christ the King - Lloyd & Doris Kern† |
| Saturday, February 3, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34</i> | Weekday - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop 8:00am - Harlan Kern† |
| Sunday, February 4, 2024 <i>Jb 7:1-4,6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39</i> | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 02/03/24 4:00pm - Ladimer Rypka† 02/04/24 8:00am - Jack & Katie Cashman† 02/04/24 10:00am - Parishioners |



January 28 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? On Tuesday we served 170 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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Maintenance– Dave Oman

Parish Website– www.stjosephowatonna.org

Facebook– <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephParishOwatonna/>

Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 3/4, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Amador Rameriz, Joan Erdman
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Brianna Harinen
Sophia Harinen

Greeters: Cynthia Letona

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Courtney Keller, Vol.

Lector: Cindy Emanuelson

Sacristan: Linda Huffington

Ushers: Doug Phillips, Tyler Keller
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam, & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am Scout Sunday

EMs: Kay Oberle, Ellyn Jardine, Volunteer

Lector: Vickie Skala (Welcome & Petitions)
Scout member (Readings only)

Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteers

Help is needed in all the ministries.

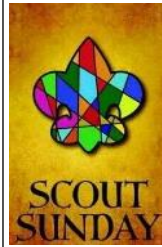
Consider sharing your God given talents at the Mass. You can sign up on the parish website at stjosephowatonna.org. or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

Scout Sunday Feb. 4, 2024

10am Mass

St. Joseph Parish

We are pleased to celebrate Mass with the Scouts and their families from our Catholic community!



More Moments with Father Jim



Catholic Charities job opening: Child and Family Services Social Worker

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is seeking a bilingual (Spanish/English) Licensed Social Worker in the Worthington, MN area for the Unaccompanied Migrant Children program. This position will work with individuals identified by the Office of Refugee Resettlement to be sponsors of unaccompanied minor children, typically family members. The social worker will assess the suitability and safety of the proposed sponsor and provide education to prepare the individual for a successful sponsorship. Once home studies are approved, this position will provide culturally appropriate case management and community referrals, continue to ensure safety and stability during immigration proceedings, empower sponsors to provide long-term care, and utilize a strengths-based approach in all interactions.

Application details at www.ccsomn.org

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.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary's 1st Grade

St. Mary's First Graders are learning all about penguins. Did you know that there are 17 different species of penguins? Did you know that not all penguins live where it is cold? Students will be choosing a penguin to learn more about. They will also be painting life-sized penguins. Different species of penguins range in size from 15 to 48 inches. This is our favorite unit each year in first grade.



Our next Donut Sunday will be February 4th after the 8am & 10am Masses. Join us in Joseph Hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship! If you would like to help with clean up, please contact the Parish Office at 451-4845. Thank You!



St. Mary's Catholic Schools Week and Open House

St. Mary's School invites your family to join us for our upcoming Open House and kick off for Catholic Schools Week! We invite your family to join us on January 28th between 9:30 am and 12:00 pm. We are taking applications for preschool through eighth grade for the 24-25 school year. We will have a pancake breakfast in the cafeteria. A kids carnival in the gym. Preschool and Kindergarten informational sessions at 9:30 and 11:15 am. You can meet teachers and take a school tour. You can RSVP for this event on our website and learn more from our flyer.

www.stmarys-owatonna.org

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LAUNCHING 2.24.24





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, lee_j7@reagan.com

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

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. Starting Feb. 1 thru June 2024, there will be a slight change in the **Daily Mass schedule.**

Monday and Tuesday Daily Mass: 7:15am

Sacred Heart Church, Owatonna

Wednesday, Thursday, & Saturday

Daily Mass: 8:00am

St. Joseph Parish.

Friday: 9am Daily Mass at Christ the King.

Feel free to contact the Parish office if you have any questions 451-4845.

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)

Father Jim's new address in Rochester

**Rev. James Starasinich
St. Pius X Catholic Church
1315 12th Ave NW
Rochester, MN. 55901**

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

OWATONNA KC SHRIMP DINNERS ARE BACK!

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EVERYONE WELCOME: Owatonna KC Council 945 is offering our famous Shrimp Dinners every Friday from January 5 - February 9. Take-out available.

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Enjoy a great meal and support our KC Council to help us raise funds for the May Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion.

To Volunteer, Contact Lee Jardine (lee_j7@reagan.com / 507-444-4088) and if you are not a Knight, ask me how to join in the fun!!

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,
Carol Holman @ 583-2966, MBT Bank in
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in Blooming Prairie, MN.

Ticket sales will close on Sunday, Feb. 11th, 2024 or
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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>

Pre - Cana Dates for 2024:

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May 18, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

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