

September 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and
Christ the King Church)

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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



The Kingdom of
heaven is like a
landowner who
went out at dawn to
hire laborers for his
vineyard.
Matthew 20:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I ask your good prayers for all of us priests of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester as we begin Presbyteral Days this week, beginning this Sunday evening. It was wonderful to see the seminarians at the diaconal ordination in Waseca two weeks ago. Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was present along with several other military chaplains, one being an old classmate from my seminary days in New Jersey. This military chaplain preached the homily at the Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun's much delayed funeral back in 2021.

Who is Fr. Emil Kapaun? For those of Czech/Bohemian ancestry, Fr. Kapaun was the son of immigrant Czech parents who settled on a farm in Pilsen, Kansas. He served as a military chaplain in Burma and India during World War II and returned to serve in his local Diocese of Wichita, including his home parish. He asked to return to the military and was granted release to minister to the soldiers in the Pacific. War broke out between North and South Korea, where Fr. Kapaun would spend the last days of his life. He was captured by the Chinese and detained in a prisoner of war camp. He uplifted the spirits of the freezing and starving prisoners, giving them a will to live amidst great hardships. Fr. Kapaun would die from mistreatment and poor health, buried in a shallow grave dug by the hands of his fellow soldiers – without the aid of shovels or digging implements. It was May 23, 1951. When news reached his home Diocese of Wichita several weeks later, a Memorial Mass was offered for his soul at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita.

Word began to spread immediately about the heroic deeds of this young priest. A short film was made about his military service and imprisonment. Time passed and he was forgotten but not by the good people of Pilsen and the Diocese of Wichita. Three cases of possible miracles have been attributed to Fr. Kapaun's intercession. His remains were thought to have been in some unmarked grave in North Korea.

In 2003, ten years after the Church had granted the title Servant of God upon this chaplain, more came to light about his burial and the possibility that he was moved to an unmarked grave on the Hawaiian island of Oahu and the Punchbowl Cemetery (National Memorial of the Pacific Cemetery in Honolulu). This happened in 1954, when over 800 unknown soldiers were unearthed from North Korean graves and brought for burial on U.S soil. A moving ceremony at the White House on April 11, 2013 conferred the Medal of Honor posthumously upon Fr. Kapaun for his heroic service, with some of his fellow prisoners present. In 2021, his remains were identified through forensic studies and DNA testing. Fr. Kapaun's skeletal remains, almost completely intact at 95%, were ceremoniously honored from Hawaii to Pilsen to Wichita, worthy of a military hero. His funeral Mass was celebrated and broadcast live on EWTN on September 29, 2021. He rests in a tomb open to the faithful to pray and ask the Servant of God's intercession in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita.

This coming Veterans Day (November 11) we will remember our veterans and pay tribute to them with a special presentation on the life of the Servant of God Fr. Kapaun. Stay tuned to this bulletin for more details on this upcoming event.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasini



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25, 2023: <i>Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18</i>	Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - NO MASS
Tuesday, September 26, 2023: <i>Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20/Lk 8:19-21</i>	Weekday - Sts. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs 8:00am - NO MASS
Wednesday, September 27, 2023: <i>Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6</i>	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest 8:00am - NO MASS
Thursday, September 28, 2023: <i>Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9</i>	St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz, Companions & Martyrs 8:00am - Cheryl Bastyr†
Friday, September 29, 2023: <i>Dn 7:9-14or Rv 12:7-12/Jn 1:47-51</i>	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels 9:00am - Christ the King - Pat Kuhlman†
Saturday, September 30, 2023 <i>Ze 2:5-9,14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45</i>	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8:00am - Marie Warner†
Sunday, October 1, 2023: <i>Ez 18:25-28</i> <i>Phil 2: 1-11 or 2:1-5</i> <i>Mt 21:28-32</i>	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/30/23 4:00pm - Harriet & Leon Landon† 10/01/23 8:00am - Paul Illg† 10/01/23 10:00am - Parishioners



September 24 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! On Tuesday we served 136 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 Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Alexandra Nylund

Greeters: Cynthia Letona

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Linda Huffington, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Pat Rose

Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén

Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora

Greeters: Dona Mussman

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Lee Jardine, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Ellyn Jardine

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Brad Fischer, Walt Spindler
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Greeters: Shannon Iocavino

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.

Diocesan Year of Eucharistic Revival Reception of Holy Communion

In this time of Eucharistic Revival, we are seeing that Holy Communion is the incomparable fruit of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, namely, the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

Lest we profane the Body and Blood of Our Lord, proper disposition for the reception of Holy Communion requires that the communicant:

- Be in full communion with the Catholic Church, participating regularly in Sunday Mass, and living in accord with her teachings.
- Be in a state of grace, that is, not conscious of having committed grave sin which has not been forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance.
- Have fasted from food and drink, (except for water and medicine), for at least one hour.
- Our bodily demeanor, including our manner of dress and our gestures, should reflect fully our faith in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- If receiving on the hand, make a throne of left hand under right hand, receiving on the left hand, then using right hand to partake of the Blessed Sacrament. If left-handed, do the opposite.

Any question regarding the proper disposition to receive Holy Communion should be addressed with a priest before coming forward to receive Our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament.

Even if you are not able to receive Holy Communion now, you are invited to pray a Spiritual Communion: **"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally at this time, come spiritually into my soul. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you."**

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.



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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!"



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS



Our St. Mary's 7th graders enjoyed the beauty of Eagle Bluff, an environmental learning center in Lanesboro, MN, on September 13-15. During their time there, they learned to be stewards of our environment and earned the Eagle Eye Award for excellence in conserving our natural resources. They participated in a Root River hike, a Pond Study class, Group Challenges, and a high ropes course. Night activities included a campfire and a night hike. St. Mary's students are blessed to start their 7th grade year with this 3-day, overnight trip!

PARISH fundraiser

Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Carson's Pillow Cleaning Service will be in the Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 26. Bring your pillows to be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed. Custom-made new pillows and comforters are also for sale. Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Church!

Access the St. Joseph website by scanning the QR Code! Get all the parish information plus links to St. Mary's School, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Faith Formation, and more! Simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera!



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 9:00-4:00).

September Funeral Chairperson

LaRae Evans: 456-9416

Roberta Zak: 451-2041

October Funeral Chairperson

Ellyn Jardine: 507-444-4088

Ruth Broumley: 602-432-4352

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



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@stjosephwatonna.org

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

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Sacristans – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, leej7@reagan.com

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

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>

Pre – Cana Dates for 2023-2024:

October 14, 2023 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

January 27, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

March 2, 2024 - St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles

May 18, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

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 \$3.65 per issue to cover the media mailing cost.



This weekend we celebrate Priesthood Sunday, a day to thank our priests. Thank you for saying yes to God's call to be a priest and our pastor, for celebrating the mass, bringing us the Eucharist, providing the Sacraments, and bringing us into relationship with Jesus by word and action.

A Serran Prayer for priests you could offer for Father Jim & Father Parrott this week:

Father, You have appointed your Son Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest. Guide those he has chosen to be Ministers of the Word and Sacraments. Help them to be faithful in Fulfilling the Ministry they have received. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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**Fasting And A Daily Rosary:
The Greatest Weapons Against Satan**



Saturday, October 7, 2023
Queen of Angels Catholic Church
1001 E Oakland Ave.
Austin MN 55912

8am: Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits

8:30am: Rosary

9:30am: *The story of the National Shrine
of Our Lady of Champion*

11am: Mass **12pm: Lunch/Exhibits**

1pm: Peitra Fitness: Becoming the Human
Cathedral God created you to be physically,
mentally, spiritually

2pm: Purse raffle

3pm: Closing Prayer



Registration forms are in
the Parish office and Gathering Space.

**Reaching Through Time, History, Faith
and Culture in SW MN.**



What was daily life like on the prairie of southwestern Minnesota in the 1880s for Native American girls brought from Dakota Territory to a school in Avoca, Minnesota? What compelled Catholic sisters from a religious order in Pennsylvania to move to Avoca to serve at the school? The public is invited to hear the results of research into the school during a one-day event on **October 7 (10am-5pm) at St. Ann Catholic Church in Slayton, MN.** This Fall Social Concerns Day, hosted by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester Social Concerns Committee, will feature local historians, representatives from the religious order the sisters belonged to, displays of historical photos and documents, and performances of traditional Native American dance and music. **The public is invited but space is limited and advance registration is required. The registration fee is \$20 and includes Native American food for lunch.**

For more information and to register, contact **Isaac Landsteiner at 507-848-8303, ilandsteiner@ccsomm.org**

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



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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

November 11, 2023 | Church of the Resurrection, Rochester

**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,

**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 at the Sacred Heart
Church at 1:10pm.

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