

September 17, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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



“I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” - Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus has forgiven all humanity by the sacrifice of his life on the cross. The final blow was the piercing of his heart. We hear Jesus say today at the end of the Gospel, “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” The heart that is merciful and forgiving comes first from Jesus, who is forming us to have a heart like his.

The Scripture speaks about this often: “Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew in me a steadfast spirit” is from Psalm 51. “And I will give them another heart and a new spirit I will put within them. From their bodies I will remove the hearts of stone, and give them hearts of flesh, so that they walk according to my statutes, taking care to keep my ordinances. Thus, they will be my people, and I will be their God” (Ezekiel 11:19-20). “I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26). “Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God” (Matthew 5:8). “And God, who knows the heart, bore witness by granting them the holy Spirit just as he did us. He made no distinction between us and them, for by faith he purified their hearts” (Acts 15:8-9). “The aim of this instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith” (1 Timothy 1:5). “So turn from youthful desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord^{*} with purity of heart” (2 Timothy 2:22). “[L]et us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water” (Hebrews 10:22). “Since you have purified yourselves by obedience to the truth for sincere mutual love, love one another intensely from a [pure] heart” (1 Peter 1:22). “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds” (James 4:8).

We conclude with these beautiful words from Luke 24:30-32: And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”

May our hearts burn with love for God and one another!

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasovich



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

<p>Monday, September 18, 2023: <i>1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10</i></p>	<p>Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Bernard & Luella Heim†</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 19, 2023: <i>1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17</i></p>	<p>Weekday - St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr 8:00am - Ernie & Mary Ann Betlach†</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 20, 2023: <i>1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35</i></p>	<p>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest & St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Companions & Martyrs 8:00am - Dorry Kenney†</p>
<p>Thursday, September 21, 2023: <i>Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Mt 9:9-13</i></p>	<p>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen† & family</p>
<p>Friday, September 22, 2023: <i>1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3</i></p>	<p>Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Cesare & Albertina Pizzi†</p>
<p>Saturday, September 23, 2023 <i>1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15</i></p>	<p>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 8:00am - Patrick & Alicia Nolan†</p>
<p>Sunday, September 24, 2023: <i>Is 55:6-9</i> <i>Phil 1:20c-24,27a</i> <i>Mt 20:1-16a</i></p>	<p>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/23/23 4:00pm - Bob Hannum† 09/24/23 8:00am - Parishioners 09/24/23 10:00am - Larry Lockner†</p>



September 17 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

During July and August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor," by assisting 98 adults and 79 children, providing \$470 for food, \$705 for gas, \$239 for bus tickets, \$569 for car repairs, \$185 furniture, \$5773 for rent and \$5613 in utilities. Thank You! On Tuesday we served a record number of 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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Facebook– <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephParishOwatonna/>

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Sept. 23/24, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Dianne Unruh, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Sophia Harinen, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Mark Cashman

Sacristan: Rita Goodnature

Ushers: Joel & Rhynda Dulas
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Buzz & Cea Grass

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Clubb, Ellyn Jardine, Volunteer

Lector: Lee Jardine

Sacristan: Andrew Bonilla

Ushers: Jerry & Dina Atkinson
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Porter Bonilla, Cole Trom

Greeters: Bob & Pat Matejcek

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. (click on Liturgical Protocol & Schedules) or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

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Learn simple ways to transform your charitable giving and the help it can provide your Catholic community. You can learn tools and methods to turn a modest gift into a substantial legacy that will bless the Catholic parish or charity of your choice. Worried about debt or medical bills eating away your estate, leaving nothing left for charitable giving? Guest speaker Robert Heuermann of the Catholic United Financial Foundation will explain how to structure your plan, so your charitable intentions are protected.

Learn more **Sept. 18th at 5pm** in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.

Contact local Member Advisor Travis Schmitz for more details:

tschmitz@catholicunited.org or call 1-800-441-9949.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October is Respect Life Month

St. Joseph Parish will feature Guest Speaker Mary Ann Kuharski on Sunday, Oct. 29th Joseph Hall 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". Come and hear her story.

Refreshments will be served.



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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS



It is hard to believe that summer has come to a close and we are kicking off another school year. St. Mary's has started our 146th school year! We are welcoming 30 new kindergarteners and 60 preschoolers to St. Mary's this year. We also welcome 15 new transfer students as well. Families were able to participate in a root beer social and meet teachers and friends. We followed that with teacher interviews and student supply drop off. And then of course, the first few days of school. We wish everyone a blessed school year! Thank you for the continued support, St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart!

Host Donut Sunday!

Would your organization or family like to "host" a Donut Sunday?



St. Joseph Parish will order everything and set up for the morning. **We need your help to serve and clean up!**

*Earn Service hours for Faith Formation!
Flexible hours between 8am & 10am Masses

Contact Linda in the Parish office at 451-4845 to get on the schedule!

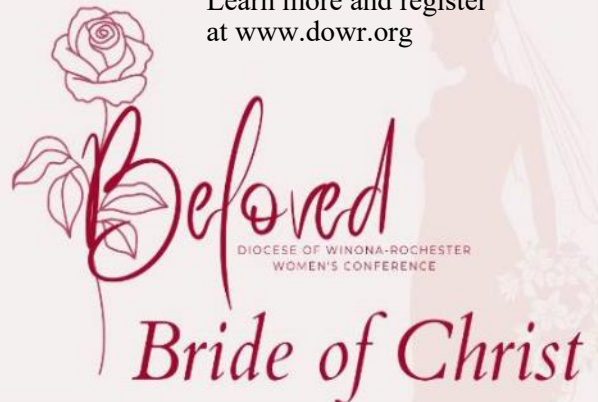
Please Contact the Parish Office If...

- * 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: parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There will be a 2nd grade parent meeting Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church

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

September Funeral Chairperson

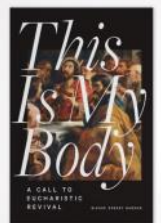
LaRae Evans: 456-9416

Roberta Zak: 451-2041

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

Each Wednesday, we will be having coffee and rolls with Fr. Jim, who will be reading Bishop Barron's book, "This is My Body".

This will be from 9-10 AM in Joseph Hall. Bring your copy of the book (if you have one) and invite your friends and neighbors to join in learning more about our Eucharistic Lord in this Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival. This is open to all men and women.





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, leej7@reagan.com

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Owatonna #1180 will meet 9/18/23 at 6:30pm in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.



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 love. Are you a Catholic woman at least 18 years old? If so, Catholic Daughters is looking for you!! We meet every 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm, (January and February we meet Saturday mornings at 9am). We do not meet July or August. **Please consider joining a great organization that supports The Church and the community.** Come and see what we are all about! Our next meeting is **Monday, September 18th at 6:30pm.** Coffee and treats will be served, followed by praying the Rosary and the meeting. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for Catholic Education Memorial Fund & SERRA CLUB

Sunday, September 17th ☪ 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.
Advance tickets will be sold after Mass & are also available in the Parish office.



September 24, 2023 is Priesthood Sunday, a day to thank our priests. Thank you, Father, for celebrating the mass, bringing us the Eucharist, providing the Sacraments, and bringing us into relationship with Jesus by word and action.

Our parish priests are some of the hardest working members of the Church. The typical parish priest works every weekend and holiday and only gets one day off a week, not to mention they are being asked to care for more souls and take on more responsibilities and roles than ever before. Please consider dropping a note of thanks, offering a communion, rosary or mass in thanksgiving for Fr. Jim.

****We will have a special blessing for Father at the end of masses on the weekend of the 24th.**

The blessing prayer will be at the end of the pews.



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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@ccsommn.org**

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

**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.

If you have any questions please call Steve at 507-456-4969.

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