



October 1, 2023

**Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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

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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 Parable of the Two Sons

Matthew 21:28-32

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of myself and Fr. Parrott, we want to thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards, and gifts last Sunday as we celebrated Priesthood Sunday. It was a good segue into Presbyteral Days in Okoboji, as we priests gathered with Bishop Barron for prayer, reflection, and fraternity. Please continue your good prayers for us as well as for vocations. God willing, we will have three ordinations to the priesthood next year and then another three the following year!

October is Pro Life Month. The sanctity of the person was reiterated by Pope Francis as he returned from Marseille, France, his latest trip outside the Vatican. He spoke to journalists on the return flight, stating: “You don’t play with life, neither at the beginning nor at the end. It is not played with!” We emphasize the importance of the “right to life” at all stages of life. The Holy Father continued: “Whether it is the law not to let the child grow in the mother’s womb or the law of euthanasia in disease and old age, I am not saying it is a faith thing, but it is a human thing: There is bad compassion.” The point Pope Francis makes is clear: “It is a human thing”, because our faith upholds the natural law, respecting the dignity of every person at all stages of life. Our state of Minnesota continues to see moves in the legislature that want to condone euthanasia and abortion and surgery upon minors for sex change operations. The sad ideology behind the justification of these proposed laws is the individual’s rights. With all due respect to every individual and our rights as citizens, abortion takes away the right of a person in the womb. If we deny the right of that child, we deny the right of every person! It is hypocritical and illogical.

When we read Genesis (chapters 1 through 3) and the story of the Adam and Eve’s fall from grace, we are given a clear understanding of what it means to listen to the serpent (the devil) and thus become “like gods who know what is good and what is bad” (3:5). Before this temptation and fall from grace, the man and woman knew only the good, being in the presence of God in the garden. They knew neither fear nor evil, only goodness, and beauty, and truth. They experienced a deep love from God. Upon sinning through disobedience, they experienced fear for the first time as well as shame.

Adam will show his selfishness in his response to God. Instead of defending the woman, whom he told God upon seeing her for the first time: “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman,’ for out of ‘her man’ this one has been taken” (2:23), he says, “The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it” (3:12). A careful reading will say he is telling the truth but perhaps he emphasized blame in two ways: pointing the finger at Eve, as if to say, “It’s all her fault” and then also God, “You put her here with me!”

The spirit of relativism arises when we all become “like gods” and decide on our own truths. God created order out of the chaos that existed. Our sin has brought chaos back into the world and we can see this in the division it fosters. God is about love and unity. The evil one is about hatred and division.

The remedy? Jesus Christ, the New Adam!

The old Adam could have said, “It was my fault. I left Eve alone when the serpent tempted her. Treat me as the one at fault and not her.” As they both ate the forbidden fruit, it removed even compassion from their hearts. The Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus restores what was lost through the Fall. We are returned to the state of life with God and can love in a new dimension, love in the dimension of the cross. The serpent spoke from a tree and deceived humanity. Jesus spoke from the tree of the cross and saved humanity! He took the blame for us: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

May we pray for those who are deceived about the gift of life, that God’s grace can restore them as it has restored us. We are indeed all made in the image and likeness of God!

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasimich



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY † OCTOBER 1, 2023

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

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| Monday, October 2, 2023: <i>Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5,10</i> | The Holy Guardian Angels 9:00am - Christ the King - Joyce Pribyl† |
| Tuesday, October 3, 2023: <i>Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56</i> | Weekday 8:00am - Val Hauer† |
| Wednesday, October 4, 2023: <i>Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62</i> | St. Francis of Assisi 8:00am - Collette Mullenmaster† |
| Thursday, October 5, 2023: <i>Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12/Lk 10:1-12</i> | Weekday - St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen† & family |
| Friday, October 6, 2023: <i>Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16</i> | Weekday - St. Bruno, Priest 9:00am - Christ the King - Lloyd & Doris Kern† |
| Saturday, October 7, 2023 <i>Bar 4:5-12,27-29/Lk 10:17-24</i> | Our Lady of the Rosary 8:00am - Karen Ann Hohrman† |
| Sunday, October 8, 2023: <i>Is 5:1-7</i> <i>Phil 4:6-9</i> <i>Mt 21:33-43</i> | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/07/23 4:00pm - Parishioners 10/08/23 8:00am - Joseph Lai Nguyen† 10/08/23 10:00am - Trom family |



October 1 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, “actions speak louder than words.”

As you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s, know that you are putting your faith into action. On Tuesday at Vincent’s Table, we provided 151 meals to those needing nourishment.

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 October 7/8, 2023

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Dianne Unruh, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Brianna Harinen

Greeters: Cynthia Letona

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Lynn Lattery, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Cindy Emanuelson

Sacristan: Rita Goodnature

Ushers: Dave Goodnature, Joel Dulas
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam, & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Dona Mussman

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Holzerland, Katie Clubb, Volunteer

Lector: Vickie Skala

Sacristan: Andrew Bonilla

Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Porter Bonilla, Molly Bailey

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 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!"



Look What's Happening in Kindergarten!

SMS Kindergarteners have been very busy! We have been working really hard on illustrations, writing and recognizing numbers, and sorting things by attributes.

In the last few weeks, we have met our 5th Grade Buddies, learned how to use shapes in our drawings, and started literacy + math centers!





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

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 \$3.92 per issue to cover the media mailing cost.



Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for Faith Formation & Junior Achievement

Sunday, October 15th 8am - 12pm

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

Advance tickets are \$9 or \$10 at the door (free under 6)



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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.

It's that time of year!

With fall comes the Gummi Bear fundraiser, raising money for Habitat for Humanity.



Habitat for Humanity provides an opportunity for Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) to raise money to help with construction of these homes.



This year's build is in St. Charles, MN!
CDA Court Owatonna #1180

will be fundraising before and after each Mass - **October 7/8; October 14/15 (CDA Sunday); and October 21/22**, at St. Joseph's & Sacred Heart Church and Holy Trinity (Litomysl). Please consider a donation to this worthy cause. Thank you!



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Appeal Goal: \$51,028.00

Current Balance: \$30,218.48

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Envelopes are in the Gathering Space too!



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).

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

October Funeral Chairpersons

Ellyn Jardine: 507-444-4088
Ruth Broumley: 602-432-4352

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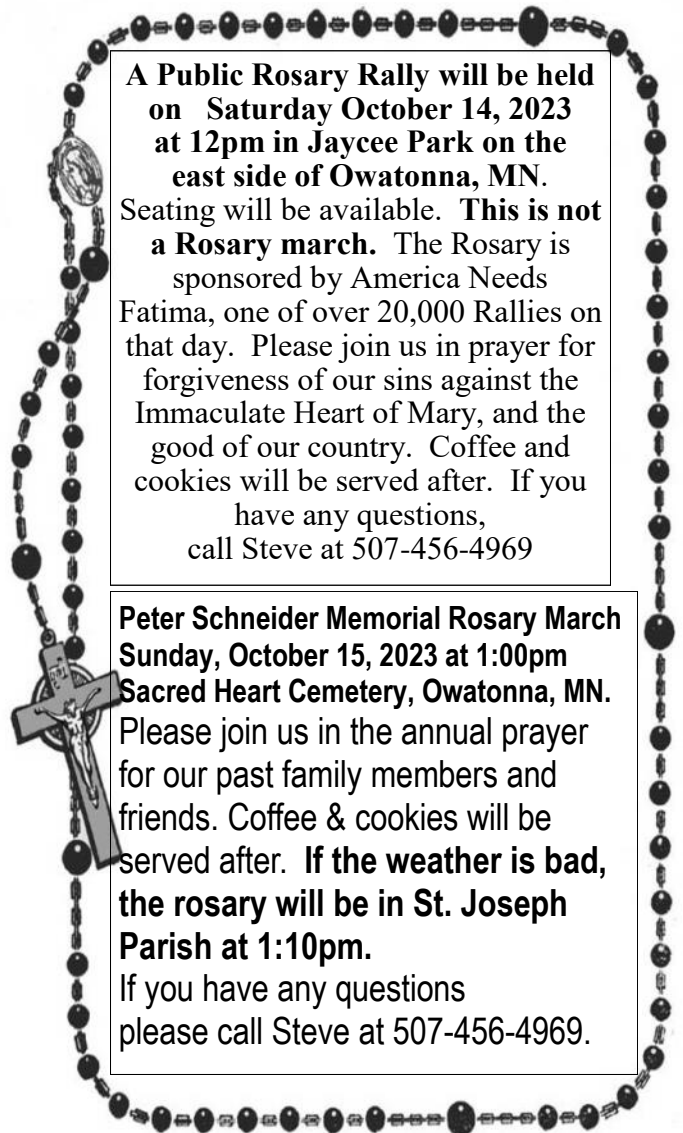
Catholic Charities 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign



Help Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to new and expectant parents through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by donating during the month of October.

Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. Catholic Charities assists more than 150 women with financial assistance each year. *Please mail your donation directly to:*
**Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign
PO Box 379
Winona, MN 55987**

OR give online at:
www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section.



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, call Steve at 507-456-4969

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 in St. Joseph Parish at 1:10pm.** If you have any questions please call Steve at 507-456-4969.

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