

September 10, 2023

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



# ST. JOSEPH

## P A R I S H

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(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and  
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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



FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE  
GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME

*There I am in the midst of them.*  
MATTHEW 18:20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Two Sundays ago, we heard Jesus tell Peter, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Today we hear about fraternal correction, concluding thus: “If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel reveals a responsibility we have toward our neighbor, especially his salvation. We are speaking clearly here of the community, those united as a community of faith in the one true God of Judaism. Every community was responsible in helping all the brothers and sisters to follow the ways of God and to live up to the call made on their lives. Their example would speak volumes to the surrounding peoples, who lived by another standard or no standard at all. Witness would enlighten others to the truth of why and how the Hebrews lived, following the one true God. Christianity continues in this tradition of witness. St. Paul sums it up very simply in today’s second reading: “‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.”

Great words because this is God’s truth. How do we put this into practice?

In the opening prayer we are asking God to “look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.” This is our answer to fulfilling God’s word, acting upon the Word of God first by asking – praying – to “receive true freedom.” This means a freedom to speak, as St. Paul also says today, “Owe nothing to anyone.” Do not worry about what others may think. Have the courage that comes from God to think of the salvation of the other as so important to speak about it, to lovingly correct a brother or sister in Christ if he/she has gone astray. It is not a moralistic gesture, a correction because “this is right” and “that is wrong”. It is to love someone to the degree of forgetting about being nice in this world for the sake of being nice and not causing conflict. The greatest love is to give one’s life, to cut with human affections and allow divine grace to take over, because the salvation of a soul for eternity in heaven is the greatest love that can be offered. That’s what Jesus did for all of us, for the entire world, for every human soul ever created when he died on the cross and then rose from the dead. Love conquers and love liberates. Love is speaking freely so that a soul may not be lost but be saved. Grateful for the gift of our own salvation through baptism and the ongoing salvation received through the sacraments, we allow Jesus to live within us and continue his work of saving the world through us. We are his instrument if we always ask for that freedom to speak, without fear of rejection or what others may think of us. It goes back to Ezekiel, repeating the words from God: “But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.”

Is their still hope for the salvation of the stubborn sinner? Let’s listen to Jesus, as he concludes today’s Gospel: “Again, amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” If that prayer is for the salvation of that stubborn sinner, Jesus is their listening. It’s a great prayer and one that seeks salvation for another, eternity in heaven and not the opposite, isn’t that love, isn’t that a great prayer because it is thinking about another and not about oneself?

God Love You!!!

*Fr. Jim Starasovich*

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, September 11, 2023: <i>Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11</i>	Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Bruce Thomas Sr.† and Ken & Sally Sieberg†
Tuesday, September 12, 2023: <i>Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Harold McGregor†
Wednesday, September 13, 2023: <i>Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26</i>	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:00am - Collette Mullenmaster† 8:10am - SMS Mass - Dick Thamert†
Thursday, September 14, 2023: <i>Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17</i>	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8:00am - Joan Driessen†
Friday, September 15, 2023: <i>1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35</i>	Our Lady of Sorrows 9:00am - Christ the King - William & Edith Kleint†
Saturday, September 16, 2023 <i>1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49</i>	St. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr 8:00am - NO MASS
Sunday, September 17, 2023: <i>Sir 27:30-28:7</i> <i>Rom 14:7-9</i> <i>Mt 18:21-35</i>	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/16/23 4:00pm - Mark Mullally† 09/17/23 8:00am - Luke Evans† 09/17/23 10:00am - Parishioners



### September 10 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them." On Tuesday we served 150 meals at Vincent's Table.**

**Membership** - We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:edwacek46@gmail.com).  
**Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

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

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule  
Sept. 16/17, 2023**

**Saturday - 4:00pm**

EMs: Matt Thurnau, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Brianna Harinen

Greeters: Volunteer

**Sunday - 8:00am**

EMs: Lynn Lattery, Courtney Keller, Volunteer

Lector: Cindy Emanuelson

Sacristan: Linda Huffington

Ushers: Mark Kearin, Dave Goodnature  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charile, Sam & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Volunteer

**Sunday - 10:00am**

EMs: Katie Holzerland, Ellyn Jardine, Vol.

Lector: Tim Rice

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Chuck & King Jurgens  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey

Greeters: Volunteer

**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](http://stjosephwatonna.org). (click on Liturgical Protocol &  
Schedules) or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.



*In Loving Memory*

Sheila Connor

September 3, 2023

*May her soul and the souls of all  
the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**September Funeral Chairperson**

**LaRae Evans: 456-9416**

**Roberta Zak: 451-2041**

*Contact the parish office if you would like to  
help with funeral luncheons.  
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Learn more **Sept. 18th at 5pm** in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.

Contact local Member Advisor Travis Schmitz for more details:

[tschmitz@catholicunited.org](mailto: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

Faith Formation registration has begun for Grade 1 through Confirmation!

Please register at <https://shsfaithformation.org/rep-registration>.

General information will be emailed to all that are registered for the year.

*Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation Meeting: Wednesday Sept. 13th @ 6:30pm at Sacred Heart. Parents and students are expected at this meeting. There will be a 2nd grade parent meeting Wednesday Sept. 20th @ 6:30pm at Sacred Heart.*

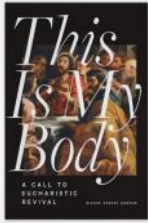


Faith Formation



**Please join the St. Serra Club of Owatonna Area for a program at our September gathering to hear Monsignor Thomas Cook, our new pastor at Sacred Heart Church, speak on his vocation, and other vocations on Monday, Sept. 11th, 2023 at 6:45 pm in St. Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish. Monsignor Cook has been in Rome for the last five years. Come, and ask him what he's been doing.**

There will be Adoration at the Owatonna Community Adoration Chapel from 5:00 – 6:00 pm to pray for Vocations with the Serrans. All are invited to pray and then join us in St. Joseph Hall for pizza, then hear Monsignor's talk at 6:45 pm. The St. Serra Club fosters and supports vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life, and in doing this, increase our own spiritual life.



*Starting on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, and weekly, 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 Wednesdays 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.*

Early Bird Registration through Oct 15 - \$40. After Oct. 15 - \$50  
Learn more and register at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org)



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Photos of Father Jim and St. Joseph Parish pilgrims at World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal.



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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](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org)

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**Greeters** – Wayne & Betty Kubicek (507)451-8683, [bj-n-me@hotmail.com](mailto:bj-n-me@hotmail.com)

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**Lectors** – Linda Strand (507)363-2596, [strand619@gmail.com](mailto:strand619@gmail.com)

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**Sacristans** – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, [leej7@reagan.com](mailto:leej7@reagan.com)

**Ushers** – Pat Rose (507)456-1146 [rosepatp@gmail.com](mailto:rosepatp@gmail.com)

**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)**



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**Jesus and the Eucharist**

*Jesus and the Eucharist* is a seven episode video series that draws viewers to a greater love of the source and summit of the Catholic faith—the Eucharist—using segments from *Presence* and *The Search*, two award-winning Augustine Institute series available on FORMED.org. **The series will officially release on September 14, 2023.** You can access it on the St. Joseph website at [stjosephowatonna.org](http://stjosephowatonna.org)

**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!**

**Donut Sunday**

**Volunteers Needed!**

To help with clean up after the 10am Mass (11am - 12:30pm)

**\*Earn Service hours for Faith Formation!**

Contact Linda in the Parish office at 451-4845.

**The next Donut Sunday is October 1st**



**2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal**

**Building Christ's Church Fulfilling Christ's Mission**

**Appeal Goal: \$51,028.00**

**Current Balance: \$28,836.28**

*Give online: [catholicfsmn.org](http://catholicfsmn.org)*

**Envelopes are in the Gathering Space too!**

Winona-Rochester Diocesan  
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Saturday, October 7, 2023  
Queen of Angels Catholic Church  
1001 E Oakland Ave.  
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**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.

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](http://cemfowatonna.com) – or contact any of the current Board members: Jane Kubista, Brian Haggerty, Tim McManimon, Dean Velzke, Ron Kubicek, or Stephen Nelson.

**Reaching Through Time, History, Faith  
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For more information and to register, contact Isaac Landsteiner at 507-848-8303, [ilandsteiner@ccsommn.org](mailto:ilandsteiner@ccsommn.org)



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