

**December 31, 2023**

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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(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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, it is Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, during the Octave of Christmas. Forty years ago, Pope St. John Paul II visited the prisoner Mehmet Ali Ağca, the man who shot him in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, and forgave him. This action of Christian witness to the highest degree (outside martyrdom) remains an



important memorial. The Holy Spirit guides us to show hope and mercy to the imprisoned, especially those who appear to be enemies. The words of Jesus Christ have power, the power of love, behind them. They are not simply words but indeed, power coming from the Word made flesh. The power of mercy, forgiveness, love to the highest degree – that is Jesus – and the action of God truly manifested in the Christian. (The

Holy Father, even enroute to the hospital after the assassination attempt, offered words of forgiveness while in the ambulance to the man he did not know!)

We also recall the date of the assassination, the anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Mother to the three children at Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady guided the bullets, said the Pope, and allowed him to live. He would have one of the bullets placed in the crown of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the famous Marian shrine in Portugal.



As we continue our Christmas celebrations this Sunday with the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we look to the Holy Family for inspiration for our own families. It is truly a time for family celebrations throughout the Christmas season. May the holy humility of the Holy Family inspire us to a simpler way of life. I pray that as we begin the New Year 2024, we may be inspired to live in the spirit of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, united in love, understanding, and compassion. Let us strive to put God first in all we do.

ON BEHALF OF FR. PARROTT, THE STAFF, AND MYSELF, A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR PRAYERS, MASS INTENTIONS, GOOD WISHES, CARDS, GIFTS, AND GOODIES (and they are still coming in!) THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON! MAY THE GOOD LORD REWARD ALL OF YOU A HUNDRED-FOLD!!!

God Love You!!!

*Fr. Jim Starasimich*



## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

<p>Monday, January 1, 2024 <i>Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21</i></p>	<p>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9:00am - Christ the King - Bernard &amp; Luella Heim†</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 2, 2024 <i>1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28</i></p>	<p>Sts. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &amp; Doctors 8:00am - Marie Warner†</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 3, 2024 <i>1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34</i></p>	<p>Christmas Weekday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus 8:10am - Lee Jardine (liv) SMS Mass - Sacred Heart</p>
<p>Thursday, January 4, 2024 <i>1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42</i></p>	<p>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 8:00am - Greg Salmonsens†</p>
<p>Friday, January 5, 2024 <i>1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51</i></p>	<p>St. John Neumann, Bishop 9:00am - Christ the King - Pat Kuhlman†</p>
<p>Saturday, January 6, 2024 <i>1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38</i></p>	<p>Christmas Weekday - St. André Bessette, Religious 8:00am - Warren Connelly†</p>
<p>Sunday, January 7, 2024 <i>Is 60:1-6</i> <i>Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6</i> <i>Mt 2:1-12</i></p>	<p>The Epiphany of The Lord 01/06/24 4:00pm - Paul Illg† 01/07/24 8:00am - Parishioners 01/07/24 10:00am - Dennis Quimby†</p>

### December 31 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

In the spirit of Christmas, please donate to St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child. Thank you! Vincent’s Table provided meals to 162 individuals this past week.

**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  
January 6/7, 2024**

**Saturday - 4:00pm**

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins  
Mark Stadtherr Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteers

**Sunday - 8:00am**

EMs: Diane Kaplan, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Colleen Possehl

Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén

Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora

Greeters: Buzz & Cea Grass

**Sunday - 10:00am**

EMs: Ryan Heydon, Kay Oberle, 1 Volunteer

Lector: Tim Rice

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

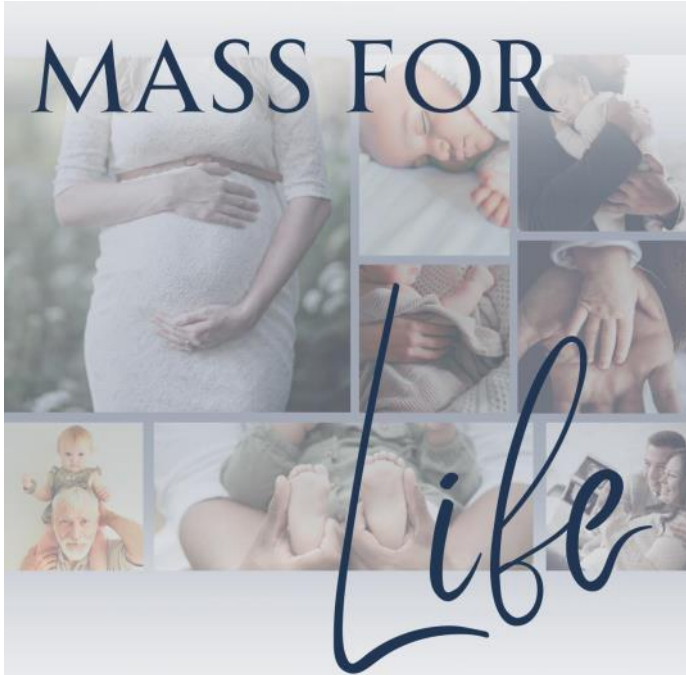
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Walt Spindler  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey

Greeters: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

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



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 | 10:00 A.M.  
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**Sacred Heart Church**



Please join us (January 8th, 15th, and 22nd) as we pray for peace and unity in our nation and in the world. Especially for the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine/Russia.

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year from  
St. Joseph Parish!**

Pick up a copy of “Beautiful Eucharist” by Dynamic Catholic (donated by an anonymous parishioner) in the Gathering Hall. Also take home a St. Joseph Parish refrigerator magnet with the QR code that you can scan for instant access to bulletins, schedules, Catholic links, Faith Formation and more on the St. Joseph Parish website.



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# St. Mary's School 2023



Our next Donut Sunday will be January 14th 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!



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.





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)

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Linda Huffington (507)456-5274 (leave message) or [lindamwhuffington@gmail.com](mailto:lindamwhuffington@gmail.com)

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

**Homebound Ministries** – Vickie Skala (507)456-2230, [vskala9174@gmail.com](mailto:vskala9174@gmail.com)

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

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### January Funeral Chairperson

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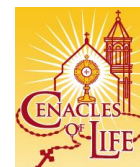
*Contact the parish office if you would like to help with funeral luncheons. 451-4845*

We are pleased to welcome home Father Raphael Christianson who will be celebrating Mass here on Sunday, Dec. 31st at 8am, Saturday, Jan. 6th at 4pm, (Confessions at 3pm) Sunday, Jan. 7th at 8am.



### **Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer**

Fridays in the Adoration Chapel  
St. Joseph Parish • Noon to 1pm  
The Cenacles of Life are for renewing the Spirit of Life - from within the Church. It is the graces from these Cenacles that will be used to transform the face of the earth and to defeat this war on life. All are welcome to join in prayer in the Adoration Chapel!



### **Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast for Steele County Purple Ribbon Club & Izaak Walton League of Owatonna**

**Sunday, January 7th • 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.  
**Tickets are available in the Parish office.**



### **OWATONNA KC SHRIMP DINNERS ARE BACK!**

*Serving from 6:00-7:30 at the KC Hall*

**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](mailto:lee_j7@reagan.com) / 507-444-4088) and if you are not a Knight, ask me how to join in the fun!!



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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:

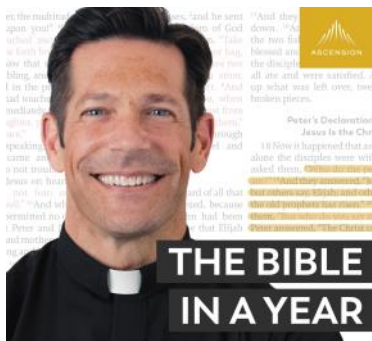
<https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html>

Pre – Cana Dates for 2024:

January 27, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

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

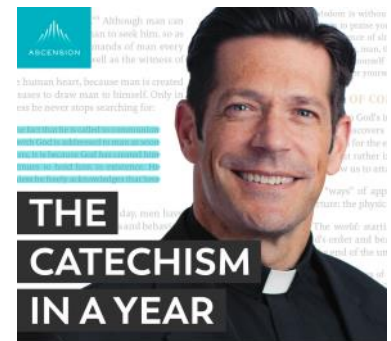
May 18, 2024 - Newman Center, MSU, Mankato



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- \* 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@stjosephowatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org)

### The 2024 Catholic Family Appointment Calendars are available in the Gathering Hall.

These calendars are provided by the following businesses:

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