



December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pastor - Fr. James Starasinich
Parochial Vicar - Fr. Gregory Parrott
(For St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and
Christ the King Church)

ST. JOSEPH

P A R I S H

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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

Love



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Fr. Parrott and myself, we pray that you and your families may enjoy the blessings of the Christmas season! As Mary and Joseph welcomed the shepherds and shared their Gift with them, know that we are always welcomed by God in the same way! “Let us approach Him with praise and thanksgiving and sing joyful songs to the Lord!” (Psalm 95:2)
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! God Love You!!! *Fr. Jim Starasovich*



The offices of St. Joseph Parish will be closed Tuesday, December 26.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25, 2023 <i>Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20</i> <i>Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18</i>	The Nativity of Our Lord 8:00am - Dick Thamert† 10:00am - Parishioners 9:00am - Christ the King - Irene Jaymalin†
Tuesday, December 26, 2023: <i>Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22</i>	St. Stephen, The First Martyr 8:00am - Lorraine Grass†
Wednesday, December 27, 2023: <i>1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8</i>	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 8:00am - Dick Thamert†
Thursday, December 28, 2023 <i>1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18</i>	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8:00am - Judith Ginther Williams†
Friday, December 29, 2023 <i>1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35</i>	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 9:00am - Christ the King - John Hager†
Saturday, December 30, 2023 <i>1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40</i>	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen† & family
Sunday, December 31, 2023 <i>Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3</i> <i>Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19</i> <i>Lk 2:22-40</i>	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 12/30/23 4:00pm - Parishioners 12/31/23 8:00am - Dylan Lattery† 12/31/23 10:00am - Karen Ann Hohrman†

December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent:



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas. Vincent's Table provided meals to 144 individuals this past week.

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
December 30/31, 2023**

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Julio Letona, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Martha Kearin, Diane Kaplan, Volunteer

Lector: Mark Cashman

Sacristan: Rita Goodnature

Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Clubb, Ryan Heydon,
Ellyn Jardine

Lector: Lee Jardine

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Dina & Jerry Atkinson
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Greeters: Volunteers

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.

Marriage Banns

John Michael Schweisthal Jr.
wishes to contract Holy Matrimony with
Brenda Caroline De Oliveira Mendes Penha

In Loving Memory

Mary Pat Jirele

December 12, 2023

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



**Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Christmas Masses**

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Julio Letona
Tom & Anna Marie Brick

Lector: Ryan Heydon

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch
Jerry Atkinson, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Everett & Clara Sennott
Julio Letona

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 9:00pm

EMs: Lee Jardine, Kay Oberle
Julio Letona, Cindy Emanuelson

Lector: Vickie Skala

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey
Julio Letona

Greeters: Volunteers

Monday, Dec. 25 – 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Volunteers

Lector: Colleen Possehl

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Doug & Cindy Phillips
Pat Rose, Dina Atkinson

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteers

Greeters: Volunteers

Monday, Dec. 25 - 10:00am

EMs: Lee Jardine, Matt Thurnau
Dianne Unruh, Volunteer

Lector: Lee Jardine

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Brad Fisher, Pat Rose
Chuck & King Jurgens

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Greeters: Volunteers

**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.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

In Spirit Groups, students learned about the virtues **Charity, Friendship, and Courtesy**. We have lived these virtues out by doing a school Advent Service project. We were excited to be able to continue our St. Mary's tradition this year of providing Hugs & Kisses treat bags to guests of the Owatonna VFW Community Christmas dinner. Bags were assembled during school by SMS students as a sign of our love for and commitment to our community. Thank you to all who donated bags of Hershey's Hugs & Kisses and for partnering with us in faith and learning.

Thank you to the Volunteers who came and decorated St. Joseph Parish for the Christmas Season! Come and celebrate with family and friends the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!



We welcome...

Renn Michael Weber

Baptized on *December 17, 2023*

Child of Craig & Hannah (Hintz) Weber

"A clean heart create for me,
God; renew within me a
steadfast spirit" - Psalms 51:12

Patriotic Rosary Novena
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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

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

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



The Nativity of Our Lord Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24:
 4pm & 9pm - St. Joseph Parish
 5:30pm - Christ the King, Medford
 5pm, 7pm (Spanish), 10pm - Sacred Heart
Christmas Day - Monday, December 25:
 8am, 10am - St. Joseph Parish
 9am - Christ the King, Medford
 9am - Sacred Heart Church

“Sing With the Angels”

A musical program will be sung before all the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at St. Joseph Parish.

“Sing With the Angels” features original music as well as familiar carols and re-tells the Christmas story from the vantage point of angels. **The singing will start 30 minutes before the Masses.** The Rosary will not be prayed before the Christmas Masses.



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Diane McShane 456-0492

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

January Funeral Chairperson

Val O’Neill 451-8746

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

The 2024 Catholic Family Appointment Calendars are available in the Gathering Hall. These calendars are provided by the following businesses:

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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

The OHS Carolers performed after the 10am Mass Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023 here at St. Joseph Parish

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