

ST. JOSEPH

PARISH

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Website: www.stjosephowatonna.org



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)

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

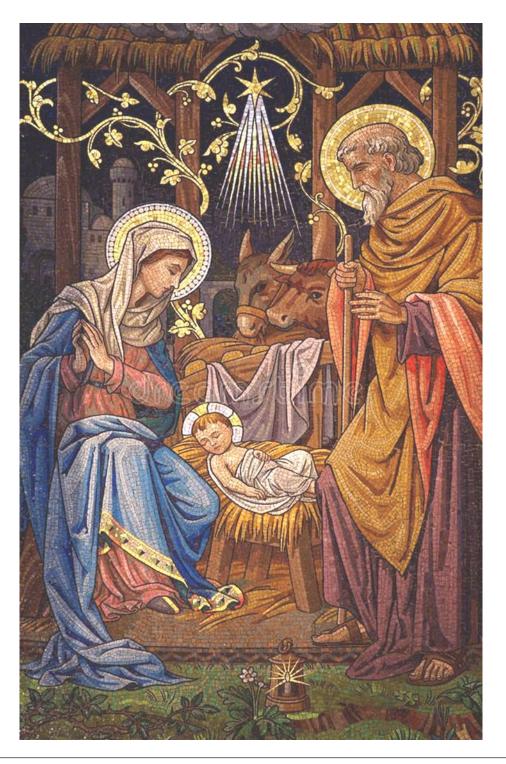
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

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 Starainich



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

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25, 2023 The Nativity of Our Lord

 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 8:00am - Dick Thamert†

 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
 10:00am - Parishioners

9:00am - Christ the King - Irene Jaymalin†

Tuesday, December 26, 2023: St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 8:00am - Lorraine Grass†

Wednesday, December 27, 2023: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 8:00am - Dick Thamert†

Thursday, December 28, 2023 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 *Jn* 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18 8:00am - Judith Ginther Williams†

Friday, December 29, 2023 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord -

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

9:00am - Christ the King - John Hager†

Saturday, December 30, 2023 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 1 *Jn* 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen† & family

Sunday, December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

 Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 12/30/23
 4:00pm - Parishioners

 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 12/31/23
 8:00am - Dylan Lattery†

Lk 2:22-40 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.

Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. James Starasinich (507) 451-4845 pastor@stjosephowatonna.org

Administrator– Al Christenson (507) 451-4845 apchristenson@stjosephowatonna.org

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Liturgical Music Director – Carol Hodapp carolhodapp@gmail.com

Faith Formation Director – Brittany Boubin (507) 413-6455 shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org

Maintenance—Dave Oman

Parish Website-www.stjosephowatonna.org

Facebook– https://www.facebook.com/ StJosephParishOwatonna/

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.

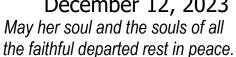
Consider sharing your God given talents at the Mass. You can sign up on the parish website at *stjosephowatonna.org*. (click on Liturgical Protocol & Schedules) or contact the Parish office at 451-4845.

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





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!



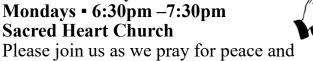
We welcome...

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

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unity in our nation and in the world. Especially for the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine/Russia.

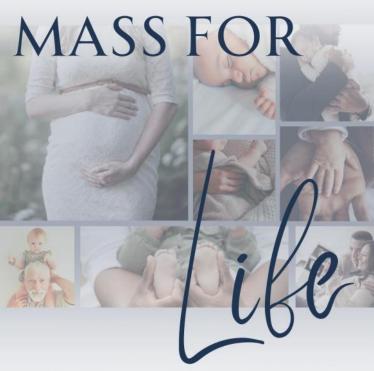












SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH | MAZEPPA, MN

CELEBRATED BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON





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 lindamwhuffinaton@amail.com

Greeters – Wayne & Betty Kubicek (507)451-8683, bi-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@amail.com

Sacristans – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, lee j7@reagan.com

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



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Envelopes are in the Gathering Space too!

December Funeral Chairpersons

Linda Rice 451-3606 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 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

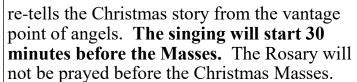
9am - Christ the King, Medford

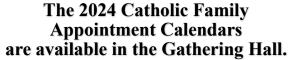
9am - Sacred Heart Church

"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





These calendars are provided by the following businesses:

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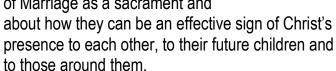
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Pre-Cana is an opportunity for engaged couples to prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

They will learn about the beauty of Marriage as a sacrament and



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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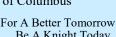
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