



January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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,

We began “Ordinary Time” in the liturgical calendar this past Tuesday, with today being the “Second Sunday in Ordinary Time”. The readings today focus on call and response. God initiates the call to the young Samuel. Jesus initiates the invitation to “Come ... and see”. As followers of the Lord Jesus, we have been initiated in the faith at baptism through the response given by our parents and godparents, as most of us received the sacrament as infants, unable to respond for ourselves. Today, the Church continues to develop the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA). In the first centuries of the Church, adult formation was done through what was called the catechumenate. One of the works of the Second Vatican Council was to bring back the catechumenate, thus bringing forth the RCIA and now the OCIA.

Pope Paul VI said these words back in 1977: “...baptism, the sacrament of Christian regeneration, ... must return to being what it was in the conscience and custom of the first generations of Christianity. The practice and norms of the Church have introduced the holy habit of conferring baptism on newborns, leaving the baptismal rite to liturgically concentrate the preparation which, in the early times, when society was profoundly pagan, preceded baptism, and which was called catechumenate. But in today's social environment this method needs to be integrated by education, by an initiation into the Christian lifestyle, after baptism, that is, by religious assistance, by practical training in Christian fidelity, by an effective insertion into the community of believers, which is the Church. Here is the rebirth of the name "catechumenate", which certainly does not want to invalidate or diminish the importance of the baptismal discipline in force but wants to apply it with a gradual and intensive method of evangelization, which recalls and renews in a certain way the catechumenate of other times. Those who have been baptized need to understand, to rethink, to appreciate, to indulge in the inestimable fortune of the sacrament received.”

Our baptismal call certainly needs to be reawakened. Let us be open, like Samuel and the Apostles, to follow Jesus more closely through the opportunities the Church continues to offer us after baptism.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasovich



The Lord calls Samuel

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15, 2024 <i>1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22</i>	Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Fr. Donald Lovas†
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 <i>1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28</i>	Weekday 8:00am - John Navins†
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 <i>1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mk 3:1-6</i>	St. Anthony, Abbot 8:00am - Mary Hannum†
Thursday, January 18, 2024 <i>1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Ed Lipscomb†
Friday, January 19, 2024 <i>1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19</i>	Weekday 9:00am - Christ the King - Lloyd Kern†
Saturday, January 20, 2024 <i>2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/Mk 3:20-21</i>	Weekday - St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen family†
Sunday, January 21, 2024 <i>Jon 3:1-5,10</i> <i>1 Cor 7:29-31</i> <i>Mk 1:14-20</i>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 01/20/24 4:00pm - Parishioners 01/21/24 8:00am - Dick Thamert† 01/21/24 10:00am - Kristin Hanson†



January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?"

Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

In the months of October, November and December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring happiness to others by assisting 136 adults and 106 children. We were able to provide \$640 for food, \$1020 for gas, \$733 for car repairs, \$180 for furniture, \$7793 for rent, \$270 for Salvation Army purchases and \$5750 in utilities. Thank You! On Tuesday we served a record number of 151 meals at Vincent's Table.

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 January 20/21, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Scott & Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs: Sue Heller, 2 Volunteers

Lector: Pat Rose

Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Joel & Rhynda Dulas
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam & Jacob Dulas

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Holzerland, Vickie Skala,
Volunteer

Lector: Lee Jardine

Sacristan: Ellyn Jardine

Ushers: Jerry & Dina 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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are missing 3 Eucharistic Minister necklaces from the sacristy. Please check your coat pockets or junk drawers at home to see if they were accidentally taken after Mass. They were a gift to the parish so returning them would be much appreciated.

Thank you! St. Joseph Parish

Thank you Father Jim!

Sunday, January 28 join us for supper in Joseph Hall as we gather to celebrate with Father Jim before he moves on to his next assignment at St. Pius X in Rochester, MN.



We will have a catered dinner from 5:00 - 6:00pm with fellowship until 7:00pm. (free will offering accepted) **Please RSVP** by calling the parish office at 451-4845 by **Monday January 22** if you plan to attend.

Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters will meet Saturday, Jan. 20th at 9am in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish. Coffee will be served, then Rosary and meeting. KC Fish Fry tickets will be available as well.



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How to Sign-up

Let us know you are interested

Estimated

If you are interested in going on this pilgrimage to the National Congress with the Diocese of Winona-Rochester please let us know by completing the following steps.

Get your name on the list

Step 1:

In a web browser, navigate to:

eucharist.dowr.org/eucharistic-revival/national-congress/

Step 2:

Click on the red "I'm Interested..." button.

Step 3:

Fill out the requested information and then submit by clicking on the green "Sign Me Up!" button.

You will be added to the list of possible pilgrims for the Congress.

Look for confirmation and more information

Zach will follow up with you when you add your name to the list.

He will also keep you updated as details become finalized.

The National Revival Committee has let us know that they will be assigning our group to a hotel as soon as September 22, 2023. When we get our assignment we will be able to set the final costs for travel and hotel.

We will plan a pilgrimage information meeting (in person/video call) as soon as the final cost is known. From there pilgrims will have a window of time to commit to attending.



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Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Place: St. Mary's School**

MEET TEACHERS

**INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS:
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
@ 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM**

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Preschool students had a fun time celebrating Christmas right before break! We wrapped up our fun week by celebrating with a pajama party, movie day and sock exchange! The kids were so excited for their cozy new socks and were full of smiles.

St. Mary's School has opened up registration for Preschool for the 24-25 school year. Please check our website for more information.

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Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dowr.org.

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*No meeting on Easter Sunday

"We have found the Messiah"



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, lee_j7@reagan.com

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

January Funeral Chairperson

Val O’Neill 451-8746

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

In Loving Memory

James “Jim” H. Killen

January 6, 2024

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



Save the Date for the 18th Annual Chili Cook-Off

The 18th Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held once again at the Owatonna National Guard Armory from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on January 27, 2024. This will also be the last year of the Chili Cook-off that will benefit that Scholarship Fund. Come and enjoy almost 40 different chilies from past champions, restaurants, and newcomers. Beverages, desserts, hot dogs and chips and salsa are also featured.

**18th Annual Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, January 27, 2024**

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Owatonna National Guard Armory



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2024**

January 29 - February 4

#CSW2024

Sunday, January 28, 2024 • 10am Mass

Students from St. Mary’s School will help celebrate Mass at St. Joseph Parish to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Also plan to attend the Open House at St. Mary’s School and Pancake breakfast served by the KC Council 945 from 8am until noon!

OWATONNA KC SHRIMP DINNERS ARE BACK!

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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 / 507-444-4088) and if you are not a Knight, ask me how to join in the fun!!



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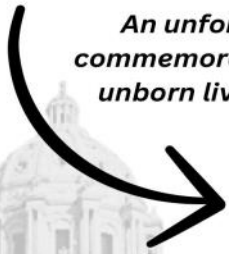
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Free Coach Bus Ride to State Capital on January 22

Please join the rally to save the unborn. In 2023, Minnesota lawmakers passed legislation legalizing abortion-up-to-birth. They also repealed a newborn's right to lifesaving treatment. Even more anti-life measures are being considered for 2024. Now is the time to make clear to our elected officials that no child is forgotten, and that moms and babies deserve our protection.

As in the past, Owatonna Bus Company will provide a free coach bus to St. Paul. The bus will board at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot in Owatonna at 8:00 am on January 22 (leaving at 8:15). The bus will stop at the Speedway Travel Plaza in Faribault at 8:40.

At 10:00, we will be dropped off at the Cathedral of St. Paul for a prayer service. Then, we will walk to the capital for the March for Life which begins at noon. The bus will depart the capital at 1:30, returning to Owatonna at about 2:45 pm.

If you would like to reserve a seat on the bus, please call Peggy Nelson at: 455-0881.

Dress warmly and bring a bag lunch.

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