



June 16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parochial Administrator
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Cook
Parochial Vicar - Fr. Gregory Parrott
(For St. Joseph, Sacred Heart
& Christ the King Parishes)

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Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm

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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

The seed is
the word of
God, Christ
is the sower.
All who come
to him will
live for ever.



Happy Father's Day to all fathers! I pray that the Lord will send a special blessing upon all fathers, both living and deceased. May the unconditional love of God the Father shine forth in the lives of our fathers.

On Tuesday, June 18, I will be attending **Ministry Days** on the campus of St. Mary's University in Winona. I will be joining the priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and lay faithful from across the Diocese. This year's theme is *You are the Salt of the Earth: Baptized for Mission*, presented by **Deacon Keith Strohm**. Deacon Strohm is the Executive Director of M3 Ministries, and a long-time teacher and collaborator with the Catherine of Siena Institute. He has extensive experience in creating and sustaining programs of evangelization that focus on the making, maturation, and mission of disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Committee for Religious Liberty of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated June 22-29 as **Religious Freedom Week**. Beginning on June 22, the Memorial of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, and concluding on June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, *Religious Freedom Week* provides us with an opportunity to promote and defend our religious liberty in the United States of America. Our Lord says that some demons can only be driven out by "*prayer and fasting*." (Matthew 17:21) *Religious Freedom Week* is a beautiful time to combine prayer with fasting for the protection of our religious freedom. St. Anselm (+1109) wrote, "*In this world, God loves nothing more than the liberty of His Church*." (*Magnificat*. April 2015)

If you haven't already done so, please register your children and grandchildren for **Totus Tuus**. *Totus Tuus* (Latin for "*Totally Yours*") is the name of our Catholic Summer Faith Formation Program designed to help our young people to know, love, and serve God, and hopefully inspire them to give themselves "totally" to Christ. The teachers for *Totus Tuus* are a team of four college-aged men and women who go from parish to parish in the diocese all summer, providing school-age children with this outstanding one-week summer program. The *Totus Tuus* team will be at our parishes next week, June 23-28. Please see the bulletin for the complete registration information.

Effective June 9, 2024, Bishop Barron has appointed **Father Joshua Miller** as the Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish here in Owatonna. The Parochial Vicar, together with and under the authority of his pastor, is given the care of the souls of all who reside within the parish boundaries (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, can. 545 §1 and 548 §3). Father Miller's assignment letter states that he "will also assist with Sacramental ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna and Christ the King Parish in Medford." It is a special blessing for us to have one of the newly ordained priests serving our parishes, bringing – *in persona Christi capitis* ("*in the person of Christ the head*") – "the Lord to the faithful, and the faithful to the Lord." Please pray that Father Miller will be a holy priest, a "*faithful servant of Christ, and a steward of the Mysteries of God*." (1 Corinthians 4:1)

In addition to my assignment as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bishop Barron has appointed me as the **Dean of the Austin/Albert Lea Deanery**, effective July 1, 2024. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is divided into five regions called "deaneries." The Dean is the liaison between the Bishop and the priests, deacons, and lay faithful of that particular deanery. Some of my new responsibilities include: (1) organizing a monthly meeting with the priests of the deanery; (2) caring for the priests and deacons of the deanery, especially those who are ill, or "who find themselves in more difficult circumstances, or are beset by problems"; (3) making an annual visit to each priest of the deanery to ensure that the priests diligently carry out their ministry, including accurately preserving the sacramental registers and administering the ecclesiastical goods of the parish; (4) attending quarterly meetings with the other four deans, the Vicar General, and the Bishop; (5) serving as a member of the Clergy Personnel Committee, which assists the Bishop in making clergy assignments (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, can. 555).

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, June 17, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42</i>	Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48</i>	Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 <i>2 Kgs 2:1,6-14/Mt 6:1-6,16-18</i>	Weekday - St. Romuald, Abbott 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen† and Family
Thursday, June 20, 2024 <i>Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Brown Family
Friday, June 21, 2024 <i>2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20/Mt 6:19-23</i>	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 9:00am - Christ the King - John Hager†
Saturday, June 22, 2024 <i>2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34</i>	Weekday - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs 8:00am - Vincent and Delores Madsen (liv)
Sunday, June 23, 2024 <i>Jb 38:1,8-11</i> <i>2 Cor 5:14-17</i> <i>Mk 4:35-41</i>	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 06/22/24 4:00pm - Parishioners 06/22/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Merlyn Madery† 06/23/24 8:00pm - Dick Thamert† 06/23/24 10:00am - John Sommer†



June 16 - Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens."

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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 June 22/23, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Dianne Unruh, Volunteer, Volunteer
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Volunteers
Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Martha Kearin, Diane Kaplan Volunteer
Lector: Pat Rose
Sacristan: Linda Huffington
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Volunteers
Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMHC: Katie Clubb, Ellyn Jardine, Volunteer
Lector: Lee Jardine
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Volunteer
Greeters: Volunteers

*Volunteers are needed in all the liturgical ministries.
Call 451-4845 if you are able serve.*

June Funeral Chairpersons

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*Contact the parish office if you would like to
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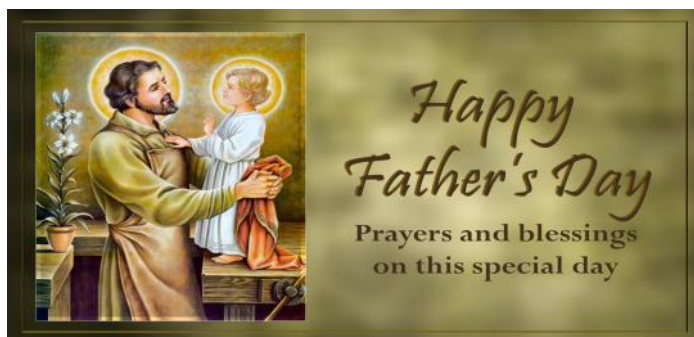
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Sacred Heart Cemetery is open year-round for your convenience. We ask you to please observe the following regulations:

- All flowers (real or artificial) must be kept in pots, placed in urn stands at least 15 inches above the ground, and placed to the side of the monument.
- ALL items placed on the ground for Memorial Day will be removed after June 8 for the ease and safety of the maintenance workers.
- The following items are NOT permitted at any time: shepherd hooks; hoops; lawn flag holders; solar lights; and vigil lights (solar or battery powered). These items will be removed for the ease and safety of the maintenance workers.
- In-ground plantings are NOT permitted.
- Glass or wire are NOT permitted.
- Rocks in pots are NOT permitted.
- Pets are NOT allowed on cemetery property.
- The Cemetery Board reserves the right to remove items that are faded, out of season, or hazardous to visitors or maintenance workers.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Please Contact the Parish Office If...

- * 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@stjosephwatonna.org**

Thank you Father Parrott!

Next weekend, June 22nd/23rd, will be Father Parrott's last weekend to celebrate Sunday Mass at St. Joseph & Christ the King Parishes. To show our appreciation for his time with us, we will have coffee and rolls in Joseph Hall after the 8am and 10am Mass, Sunday, June 23rd.

A basket will be available for cards and well wishes. We thank you for your service at St. Joseph & Christ the King Parishes, Father Parrott! May God bless you and your time in Spring Valley, Grand Meadow, and Le Roy, MN!



June 22 - June 29, 2024

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WEEK

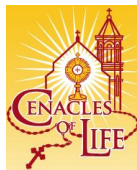


Called to the Fullness of Dignity

Religious Freedom Week begins with the feast day of Ss. Thomas and John Fisher on June 22nd and concluded with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29th. Learn how you can pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)

Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

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NCCW PROVINCE CONFERENCE 2024

Tuesday, June 25

St. Mary's Catholic Church
636 1st Ave N, Sleepy Eye, MN
8:00am - 3:00pm

Registration forms are available in the parish office.



This is the last weekend to buy Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards!

Court Owatonna CDA members will be offering spiritual bouquet cards after all the Masses in the Gathering Hall. *The suggested offering for each card is \$5, with ALL proceeds going to Hospitality House, the men's transitional housing in Owatonna.* Prayers will be offered up to loved ones the month of June. Thank you for your support!



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Certification takes less than an hour online. If you don't have a computer or smartphone, call the parish office at 451-4845 to schedule a training session.

Our goal is to have our volunteers certified by September 1, 2024. Thank you!



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

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

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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, leej7@reagan.com

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

Helpers are Needed!

If you would like to help water outdoor potted flowers on the parish grounds, please contact the office at 451-4845.

Students looking for service hours are welcomed to help!



Court Owatonna CDA Meeting & Potluck Monday, June 17th at 6:00pm Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish



Members, bring a dish to pass and your own eating utensils. Husbands and family are invited to dine. Refreshments & dessert will be provided by the Hospitality committee. A short meeting will follow. This will be the last we meet until September 2024 when we welcome in our new officers. Hope to see you all there!



Totus Tuus Summer Camp
June 23-28, 2024
Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
Owatonna, MN

"During the week of Totus Tuus, we will have a potluck on Wednesday June 26 at 5 pm at the Sacred Heart

Parish Center. This is open to all parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph. We will be providing a main meal of tacos in a bag. Please feel free to share a favorite side dish, dessert or juice. **There's still time to sign up!** Please contact Brittany Boubin at shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org for questions and information.

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- 5th Grade Teacher - full time.
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If interested in learning more, please email Jen Swanson, Principal (jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org). Positions are open until filled.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS



St. Mary's School wants to congratulate our 8th grade graduates from the 2023-2024 school year! We welcomed 25 new graduates and new alumni of St. Mary's on June 3rd. We had a wonderful graduation mass at St. Joseph's and a graduation ceremony with awards following. We wish them all of the best in high school next year. From all of us at St. Mary's School we wish you all a blessed summer.

June 29th and June 30th

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