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**St. Joseph Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9am - 4pm  
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**Ascension of the Lord**

May 24, 2020



**ST. JOSEPH**  
 P A R I S H

**PUBLIC MASSES RESUME AS OF MAY 26TH. RETURN TO NORMAL SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 30TH.**

**Church Open for Individual Prayer:**

7am - 7pm EVERY DAY

**Sacrament of Confession available:**

Saturdays 3 – 4pm (in Church Library)

**Weekend Mass:**

Live-streamed on Facebook at 4pm Saturday  
 (masses available on Facebook anytime afterward)

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephParishOwatonna/>

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*Congratulations*

**Congratulations to Fr. Jim Starasinich on his 21st Anniversary to the Priesthood (May 29<sup>th</sup>)!**

We are so grateful that you are with us at St. Joseph & Christ the King Parishes! May God continue to guide and bless you always! *Thank you for all you do!*

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 5/24/20**

Ascension. Jesus completes His earthly mission and returns to the Father. He has opened heaven for us, ascending in His humanity and therefore making it possible for us to also be received, body and soul, into heaven at the end of time. Our souls immediately encounter God for judgment upon death. Jesus promises us that our bodies, too, will resurrect at the end of time and this is what we profess in the Creed. We were created for eternity with God. May we remain faithful, persevere carrying our crosses, and never doubt Jesus' promise, for His mercy endures forever!

Now, some practical news as we begin our return to public Mass beginning next weekend, Pentecost Sunday! How appropriate! The birth of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Just what we all need! What a gift! Thank you, Bishops of Minnesota, for your courageous leadership!

**The new guidelines allow us to fill the church up to 1/4th capacity and we must continue to follow social distance protocols for the well-being of all, especially the most vulnerable.** We are now experts in this, practicing this for two months already and we have seen the result – less spread of the virus and how we, as a society, have proven we can do this! Those 65 and older and with existing health conditions should remain home. The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass is still in place and will remain so until we hear further word from the Bishop. Please avoid all contact with one another. Families, as a unit, should sit together, with no need to distance from each other. We will use, as Deacon Pat has said, a “common sense, common courtesy” approach. There will be no missals/hymnals to handle; however, it will be accessible through your smartphones via our parish website. If you wish, you may take a missal/hymnal from the parish (available in the gathering space only until the conclusion of Pentecost Sunday) home with you and bring it to Mass but also take it home with you. Do not leave them in the pews, please.

A letter will be mailed out describing further protocols. The Bishops' letter of May 20<sup>th</sup> clearly states that we are not going against the necessary protocols by opening up our worship space. We disagree with the mentality that says people of faith (not just Christians) seeking spiritual sustenance is not an essential during this pandemic. Our Catholic faith is sustained by Word and Sacrament. How can we live otherwise, for without Jesus we are deprived of the One who really sustains us. With Him, we are able to give witness to hope and to perform works of charity. So many are in need of these graces that we can share them freely because we have received them freely (see Matthew 10:8). We want to contribute to the overall situation because we know that with God everything is possible!

Please see this article, which sheds some light on how Christianity has contributed to the world.

<https://stream.org/atheists-in-praise-of-christianity/>

God Love You!!! *Fr. Jim Starasinich*

**NOTE: St. Joseph Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.**

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

**(Fr. Jim will be saying a mass each day for the daily intention and for all parishioners.)**

Monday, May 25, 2020 Easter Weekday; Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33; Intention (CTK): Lynette Maas †

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 Saint Philip Neri, Priest; Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a; Intention: Harlan Mussman †

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 Easter Weekday; Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop; Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 Intention: Duane Even †

Thursday, May 28, 2020 Easter Weekday; Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26; Intention: Nick Flemming †

Friday, May 29, 2020 Easter Weekday; Saint Paul VI, Pope; Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 Intention (CTK): Peter Schneider †

Saturday, May 30, 2020 Easter Weekday; Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 ; Intention: Elyn Jardine (liv)

Sunday, May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday; **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39, **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23  
 Intentions: 4pm - Jim Faulkner † ; 8am - John Han Nguyen & Maria Vieng Nguyen; 10am - Parishioners

**Please Help!** We are looking for volunteers to keep the plants around the outside of the church watered and weeded this summer. Takes very little time & would be a great family volunteer opportunity!



**Contact Vickie Skala for more information: (507)456-2230, [vskala9174@gmail.com](mailto:vskala9174@gmail.com) .**

Nancy Penning is stepping down from her lead role in this ministry. **We would like to thank her, and her family,** for all they've done over the years to help make St. Joseph a beautiful and inviting place for all!



### May 24th: The Ascension of the Lord

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.



**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.**

**Membership-For further information,** contact Deb McManimon at 507-676-5508 or [dmcmanimon72@gmail.com](mailto:dmcmanimon72@gmail.com).

### **Congratulations** to our OHS graduating seniors from St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes!



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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Daniel Donlon      | Emily Maine         |
| Liam Dublin        | Jacob McShane       |
| Luke Effertz       | Nicholas Mullenbach |
| Ethan Engel        | Josh Nechanicky     |
| Isaac Gefre        | Kaitlynn Paulson    |
| Marissa Gronli     | Grace Randall       |
| Emily Haas         | Ethan Rohman        |
| Mackenzie Haberman | Elise Sande         |
| Jade Hanson        | Chloe Schmidt       |
| MaKayla Hedberg    | Nicole Skalicky     |
| Lydia Hoffman      | Brandon Steiger     |
| Erin Holzerland    | Leah Tucker         |
| Zachary Jerpbak    | Maritza Vega        |
| Maggie Krumholz    | Caleb Wannarka      |
| Ryan Krumholz      | Zach Wiese          |
| Emily Larson       | Matthew Williams    |

### PLEASE NOTE:



Weekend Mass songs and readings can now be found on the St. Joseph Parish Website ([www.stjosephwatonna.org](http://www.stjosephwatonna.org)) under "Important Links & Information" the tab is: Sunday Readings & Hymns.

### **M** **Congratulations** to our 8th grade St. Mary's School Graduates!

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| Jackson Baldwin   | Matthew Larson        |
| Lola Berg         | Sophia Laughlin       |
| Tate Berkley      | Grant Lower           |
| Morgan Carrigan   | Morgan Martinez       |
| Joslyne Caudillo  | Hailey Miller         |
| Amelia Cook       | Logan O'Connor        |
| Jackson DeGrood   | Claire Oswald         |
| Kyra DeWitz       | Ava Otto              |
| Jordyn Eidson     | Jose Rosas            |
| JennaLyn Fisher   | Megan Rysavy          |
| Morgan Fisher     | Kathryn Sande         |
| Aaron Ginnetti    | Nathan Seykora        |
| Jacob Ginskey     | Kaelyn Smith          |
| Fisher Glauvitz   | Alexander Stenzel     |
| Kevin Helget      | Jack Thamert          |
| Thomas Herzog     | Noah Truelson         |
| Kennedy Hodgman   | Alayna Wannarka       |
| Nevaeh Hofbauer   | Ruthy Weckman         |
| Caleb Hullopeter  | Hannah Wheeler        |
| Rielly Kleeberger | Kaitlyn Worke         |
| Kiley Knudson     | Bennett Wray-Raabolle |
| Anna Koslosky     |                       |

### Diocesan Pentecost VIRTUAL Seminar

Living and Growing in the Holy Spirit  
**May 30 8:30AM-Noon & May 31 3-5 PM**  
 Follow up meeting - June 7th 3-4:30 PM



An online adaptation of a "Life in the Spirit" seminar. It uses material from the series, The Wild Goose, along with praise, prayer and witness talks.

**\*\*To learn more & to register please contact:**  
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 Nancy Hust ([nhust@aol.com](mailto:nhust@aol.com)), or Scott Schwalbe ([scottschwlb@yahoo.com](mailto:scottschwlb@yahoo.com), 507-208-0877).

### *In Loving Memory*

- Kim Larson**  
May 19, 2020
- Steve Jessop**  
May 21, 2020

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