



**ST. JOSEPH**  
PARISH

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**St. Joseph Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9am - 4pm  
Friday: 9am - 3pm

**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
June 21, 2020



**Mass Schedule:**

**Weekends:** Saturday 4:00pm\*, Sunday 8:00 and 10:00am

**Weekdays and Holy Days:** See schedule in the bulletin

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

\* Saturday 4pm mass livestreamed on Facebook:

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

**Liturgical Ministers:** If you are interested in, and able to, return to your liturgical ministry role, please contact Lynn at [parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org) or 451-4845.

**We do not want anyone feeling pressured to return, so if you are in a vulnerable population or, for any reason, feel uncomfortable about returning to your role, please know that we understand and support your decision.**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 6/21/20**

Intimidation is a powerful weapon. There seems to be plenty of frightening tactics being used to influence people by threats. We see that in some of the recent protests and social unrest gatherings. The presence of people gathering poses a threat when it moves beyond the peaceful initiatives to bring awareness to a cause. The most recent move of intimidation came from a June 15<sup>th</sup> decision from the United States Supreme Court. As dissenting Judge Samuel Alito put it, "There is only one word for what the Court has done today: legislation." The United States Supreme Court's function is to uphold the laws not make them. We have checks and balances within our democratic republic that has been considered one of the major reasons we are blessed as a nation. What seems to be unfolding before our very eyes, not only with social unrest and violent protests and signs of anarchy in major cities across the country, but from unelected officials who seem to play God through their decisions that become binding to every United States citizen. Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops responded:

I am deeply concerned that the U.S. Supreme Court has effectively redefined the legal meaning of 'sex' in our nation's civil rights law. This is an injustice that will have implications in many areas of life.

By erasing the beautiful differences and complementary relationship between man and woman, we ignore the glory of God's creation and harm the human family, the first building block of society. Our sex, whether we are male or female, is part of God's plan for creation and for our lives. As Pope Francis has taught with such sensitivity, to live in the truth with God's intended gifts in our lives requires that we receive our bodily and sexual identity with gratitude from our Creator. No one can find true happiness by pursuing a path that is contrary to God's plan.

Every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and, without exception, must be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Protecting our neighbors from unjust discrimination does not require redefining human nature.

We pray that the Church, with the help of Mary, the Mother of God, will be able to continue her mission to bring Jesus Christ to every man and woman.

Thank God we still have the freedom to speak out, as did Archbishop Gomez! These are indeed trying times and with the "dictatorship of relativism" alive and driving full steam ahead with erroneous agendas, there can only be expected an upcoming train wreck of society.

Where do we find our consolation amidst this turmoil and confusion? "But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph" (Jeremiah 20:11). Jesus tells us, "Fear no one" (Matthew 10:26). We are called to speak the truth in charity. Yet, there exists an intimidating sector of society who take a one-way street and if we are not on that one-way street with them, we are against them. If we all live with selfish ideas of freedom and selfish ideas of truth, we can never find common ground. We often speak of working for the common good, but even that seems to be old fashioned rhetoric. Let us not be discouraged to find that we are in the midst of a real spiritual battle at this moment in history. It is not about COVID-19 but about the deceptions the Evil One is using amidst a pandemic, to destroy faith in God. Our true consolation is taking Jesus' words to heart! "So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father" (Matthew 10:31-33). May we witness to the truth in love.

Happy Father's Day!

God Love You!!! Fr. Jim Starasinich

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## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, June 22, 2020 Weekday; Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs; 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5

9:00am Mass (@ CTK, Medford) Robert Carlin KCs & Court St. Anne CDA 60th Anniversary

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 Weekday; 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14

8:00am Mass Living and deceased members of Roy Mullally family

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist; Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17; Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

8:00am Mass Ed Jenkins †

Thursday, June 25, 2020 Weekday; 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

8:00am Mass Grace Rypka †

Friday, June 26, 2020 Weekday; 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4

9:00am Mass (@ CTK, Medford) Judy Gillis †

Saturday, June 27, 2020 Weekday; Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17 8:00am Mass Patrick Nolan †

Sunday, June 28, 2020 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

**4:00pm Mass** - Michael Springer † **8:00am Mass** - Rob Willmott † **10:00am Mass** - Parishioners



### Community Pathways Truck to Trunk Food Distribution

**Fri. June 26, 2020 • 10am – 12pm • 155 Oakdale**

\*Boxes of nutritious foods will be distributed in a safe and responsible manner to any household in need, supply is limited

\*You DON'T NEED to be a registered client to participate

\*Follow directions when you enter the parking lot

#### **Directives for safe celebration of Mass during COVID-19**

- Those over age 65 are strongly encouraged not to attend. Anyone showing symptoms of sickness, or has a household member who is sick, should not come to church.
- **Seating is limited.** Only sit in open pews and do not move ropes unless directed by usher or other church personnel.
- **Continue to follow all social distancing guidelines.**
- All parishioners are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- **The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice, and no one is obliged to receive communion.**
- Parishioners may **only** receive Communion on the hand.
- Collection baskets will be available at church entrances at the end of mass for envelopes/donations, or use locked wooden collection boxes located throughout church.



### REP/CYO News

**REP/CYO is facing a budget deficit for this year. Can you help us with our current financial needs for our program?**

**Camps:** Due to COVID-19, we have had to cancel our Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School (VBS), and Camp Summit. We have already paid over \$5000 to Catholic Heart WorkCamp for our Mission Trip, and do not know when we will be refunded that money due to their financial difficulties. We also lost \$2400 in non-refundable deposits. We also have already purchased our VBS program for the summer and some non-perishable supplies. We are estimating \$500 of VBS expenses that will not be offset by camp fees this year.

#### **Scrip:**

With the financial hardships that COVID-19 has brought to so many, as well as the unavailability of physical Scrip cards for the past few months, we have made the difficult decision to not bill families this year for Scrip due balances. Instead, we are requested donations from those who are able. Last year our billing brought in \$2659.08.

This all adds up to over a \$10,000 impact to our budget. We are asking that if you can help, to please donate to our program.

**Donate online** at our website: [www.rep-cyo.org/donate](http://www.rep-cyo.org/donate) or checks can be made payable to REP/CYO and mailed to: REP/CYO, 730 S Cedar Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060

### *In Loving Memory*



**Sylvia Rezac**  
**12 June 2020**

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



Catholic Charities offers free adoption information meetings to help you

learn about the process to begin building your family. We have adoption social workers in Winona, Rochester, Mankato and Worthington who offer home studies for international and domestic infant adoption. Please call 507-287-2047 or email [adoption@ccsomn.org](mailto:adoption@ccsomn.org) to schedule an information meeting.

### **June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

**This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your gift to St. Vincent de Paul.**



**Membership-** Contact Deb McManimon at [dmcmanimon72@gmail.com](mailto:dmcmanimon72@gmail.com). Call 507-676-5508.



### Happy Father's Day!



*God Bless*  
**OUR FATHERS**

I will instruct you  
and show you the  
way you should  
walk, give you  
counsel with my  
eye upon you.

Psalms 32:8