

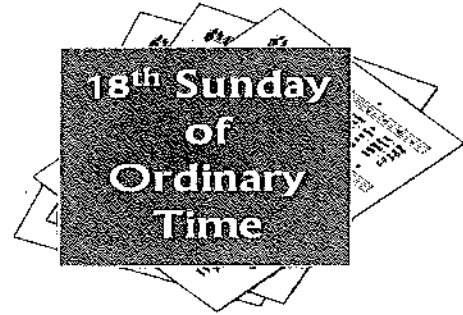


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August 1, 2021



Pastor - Fr. James Starasinich

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

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How blessed we are as Catholic Christians to have the Eucharist for our spiritual nourishment! As we continue with chapter 6 of John's Gospel, we hear Jesus say, "my Father gives you the true bread from heaven." When the people ask Jesus, "Sir, give us this bread always", Jesus responds, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." We approach Jesus every Sunday to be filled spiritually because we believe Jesus was sent by the Father for our salvation. We make room for God after having filled ourselves with many things that simply do not satisfy, for experience in life keeps us seeking for fulfillment. The body needs nourishment but the soul, too, must not be neglected. Jesus gives us the spiritual sustenance that the soul desires. He is the Passover fulfilled, the lamb slain, the unleavened bread broken that feeds us and unites us as one in Him.

The first reading reminds us of our own dissatisfaction, like those of the Israelites. Rescued and saved from the pharaoh and the Egyptian army, witnessing even the waters drowning their enemies, the Israelites quickly forget how they never had to fight to defeat their enemy. Freed but still not satisfied. Longing for the old life, even desiring to return to slavery because at least their bellies were filled there. Yet, God has better plans to prove that he is the Almighty. "The Lord gave them bread from heaven." "Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent in abundance. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won."

God wants to continue to do the works of salvation in us and that begins with Jesus' answer: "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." It is about faith, to have faith, "to believe in the one he sent", to believe in Jesus! Spiritual food for the soul is Jesus, the bread of life. Paul, too, reminds us to "put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." The former way of life for the Israelites was slavery, a hard life under pharaoh; for humanity, after the Fall, slavery to sin with the devil as taskmaster. Jesus continues to form us, strengthen us, for we "put on the new self" – who is Christ – first in baptism and then grow through the gift of the Eucharist – "God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich

Enthronement of the Sacred Scriptures Project

Pope Francis, back on 30 September 2019 issued "*Aperuit Illis*", Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Holy Father emphasized the importance of the Word of God in our lives, especially becoming familiar with Sacred Scripture. We will also show this at the Sunday liturgies as we will enthrone, before the pulpit, the Book of the Gospels after it is proclaimed. During the week, a Bible will remain enthroned. We have found matching stone to begin this project. The cost is about \$6,000. We are looking for donors. A design of the project will be available soon. Donors also for an ornate cover for the Book of the Gospels.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, August 2, 2021 Weekday; Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard; Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14: 13-21 (407) at Christ the King

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Weekday; Nm 12: 1-13 Mt 14: 22-36 or Mt 15: 1-2, 10-14 (408) Bernice Klinkner †

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 Weekday; Saint John Vianney, Priest, Nm 13: 1-2, 25:14:1, 26-29a, 34-35, Mt 15:21-28 (409) **No Mass**

Thursday, August 5, 2021 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, Nm 20: 1-13/Mt 16: 13-23 (410) **No Mass**

Friday, August 6, 2021, Weekday; The Transfiguration of the Lord, Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1: 16-19/Mk 9: 2-10 (614) **No Mass** at Christ the King

Saturday, August 7, 2021, Weekday; Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest; BVM, Dt 6: 4-13/Mt 17: 14-20 (412) **No Mass**

Sunday, August 8, 2021: *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Ex 16:2-4, 12-15, Eph 4: 17, 20-24, Jn 6:24-35 (113)*

8/07/21 4:00pm Mass Rev. Lawrence Ginther †

8/08/21 8:00am Mass Parishioners

8/08/21 10:00am Mass Debra Jardine (living)

August 1 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:



In today's Gospel the disciples ask for a sign like the bread Moses had received in the desert. Jesus tells them that He is the true Bread of Life.

During the month of June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 33 adults and 21 children, providing \$250 for food, \$2,956 in utility assistance, \$2,530 in rent, \$500 for gas, \$405 for furniture and \$7,298 for miscellaneous bills. God Bless You! Vincent's Table serves take-out meals, starting at 5:30 Tuesday evenings. This past week we served 88 meals.

Membership- We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St. Joseph's at 6:30 pm. **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 Deb McManimon at dmcmanimon72@gmail.com. Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

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Liturgical Ministers 8/7/21 - 8/8/21

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs – Fred & Judy Schneider

Lector – Tim Vogt

Sacristan – Matt Thurnau

Ushers – Joe Procopio & Gerry Wacek

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs – Stephanie Pieper & Diane Kaplan

Lector – Linda Strand

Sacristan – Rita Goodnature

Ushers – Dave Goodnature & Greg Salmonsén

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs – Stacy Ginskey & Duane Ludwig

Lector – Vickie Skala

Sacristan – Joan Funk

Ushers – Chuck & King Jurgens

***PLEASE WELCOME BACK OUR RETURNING VOLUNTEERS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP US OUT AGAIN!!

Liturgical Ministers: Now that we have opened the Church up for increased attendance, please contact the parish office at

parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org

or at 507-451-4845 if you are willing and able to return to your ministry role.

The Courier's August 2021 issue is now available online..

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at event. Questions: Susan Windley-
Daoust (swindley@dowr.org)

School Supplies Needed



From now through August 13th, Community Pathways is having a **Back to-School Supply Drive!** Please drop off much needed school supplies to Community Pathways at 155 Oakdale Monday—Friday between 9:00 am—3:30 pm through August 13th. **Help us get students and families prepared for a new year of learning!**

Help Support St. Joseph Parish

If you, or someone you know, owns a business, please consider placing a business ad in our parish bulletin. Your purchase of an ad in our bulletin helps defray publishing costs and is an excellent advertisement resource for you.

The St. Joseph Parish bulletin is distributed to our parishioners and guests weekly and also posted to our parish website, www.stjosephowatonna.org. (Which averages over 1500 views per month!)

If interested, please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office at (507) 451-4845.

REP NEWS

Registration for our Religious Education Program is now open for students going into 1st through 10th grade. **A required parent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart.** We are excited for a new year of REP and we are honored to be able to assist you in passing along the Catholic faith to your children.

2021 Steele County Fair Booth

We are currently accepting donated religious items to fill the St. Joseph Church booth at the Steele County Fair.

If you have any items you want to get rid of but don't know what to do with them, we would be happy to take them off your hands. Please feel free to drop items off at the office.

Thank you for your donations!

REP TEACHERS NEEDED

Have you been wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith and how to share that with others? Please consider the crucial need of our parishes for REP teachers this upcoming year.

There is no teaching experience required.

You will be guided weekly about what to teach the students from our REP Coordinator as well as the books we will be using. Please contact Brittany Boubin if you are interested or have any questions at rep@rep-cyo.org or 320-241-2748.

Serra Club Meeting



The St. Serra Club of Owatonna Area is meeting on Monday, August 9th at St. Joseph's Church. We will have a speaker, Jennifer Swanson, principal at St. Mary's School, speaking about the school and spirituality at 6:45 pm. All are invited, please come to hear about our school children, and what they're learning about God.

Did you know that there are priests with 5 and 6 parishes in their cluster to provide for? There are fewer and fewer priests and more Catholics and we need prayer warriors to pray for more young people to answer God's call for vocations. The St. Serra Club of Owatonna Area will be praying for that intention at a Eucharistic Holy Hour of Adoration at the Adoration Chapel off the back parking lot of St. Joseph's Church at 5:00 pm, before our meeting. Please come and pray with us.

Volunteers Needed For MCCL Steele County Fair Booth

The MCCL Pro-Life booth will be in the Four Seasons Building again for this year's Steele County Fair from August 17th to 22nd. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth.

Please contact Rose Ann Kubicek at 507-456-7671 as soon as possible to volunteer.

If God is calling you to help save unborn babies in this way, please volunteer for several hours.



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



Many Hands Make Work

Please consider becoming a Liturgical Minister at St. Joseph Church. There's something for everyone! See contact info. below:

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Prayers Recited After Mass

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph - by Pope Francis

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; In you Mary placed her trust; With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Leader: Let us ask God to give worthy Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters and Consecrated Secular, to His Holy Church.

Assembly: O GOD, we earnestly beseech You to bless our diocese with many Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, and Consecrated Seculars who will love you with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families. Bless our children.

Assembly: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

Leader: Mary, Mother of Vocations

Assembly: Pray for us, that our families may encourage vocations and many may respond to the call of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

House introduces most extreme pro-abortion appropriations bill ever seen—

This week, the House Committee on Appropriations will mark up the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) appropriations bill, which currently excludes the 46-year-old Hyde Amendment and other longstanding, bipartisan provisions including the Weldon Amendment. Eliminating these provisions would force taxpayers to pay for elective abortions and force health care providers and professionals to perform and refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs, as well as force employers and insurers to cover and pay for abortion.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement expressing deep concerns, saying:

"This is the most extreme pro-abortion appropriations bill that we have seen, effectively mandating healthcare professionals to participate in abortion, and forcing American citizens to pay for abortion with their tax dollars...We implore the House Committee on Appropriations to reverse course on these bills that currently expand taxpayer funding of abortion, and to restore the longstanding, bipartisan Hyde provisions and Weldon Amendment that have saved millions of lives and protected conscience rights."

Without the Hyde Amendment and Hyde-related policies, billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion in the United States and throughout the world. Eliminating the Weldon Amendment would be an egregious violation of conscience rights by forcing individuals and entities to perform, pay for, or otherwise participate in an abortion against their beliefs.

Don't let our government make you pay for, or participate in, the taking of innocent human life.

Congress needs to hear from you: tell Congress to keep the Hyde Amendment and other Hyde-related policies, and the Weldon Amendment in the appropriations bills, and to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion.

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go to : <https://votervoice.net/USCCB/home>

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