



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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August 8, 2021



Pastor - Fr. James Starasinich

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Mass Schedule:

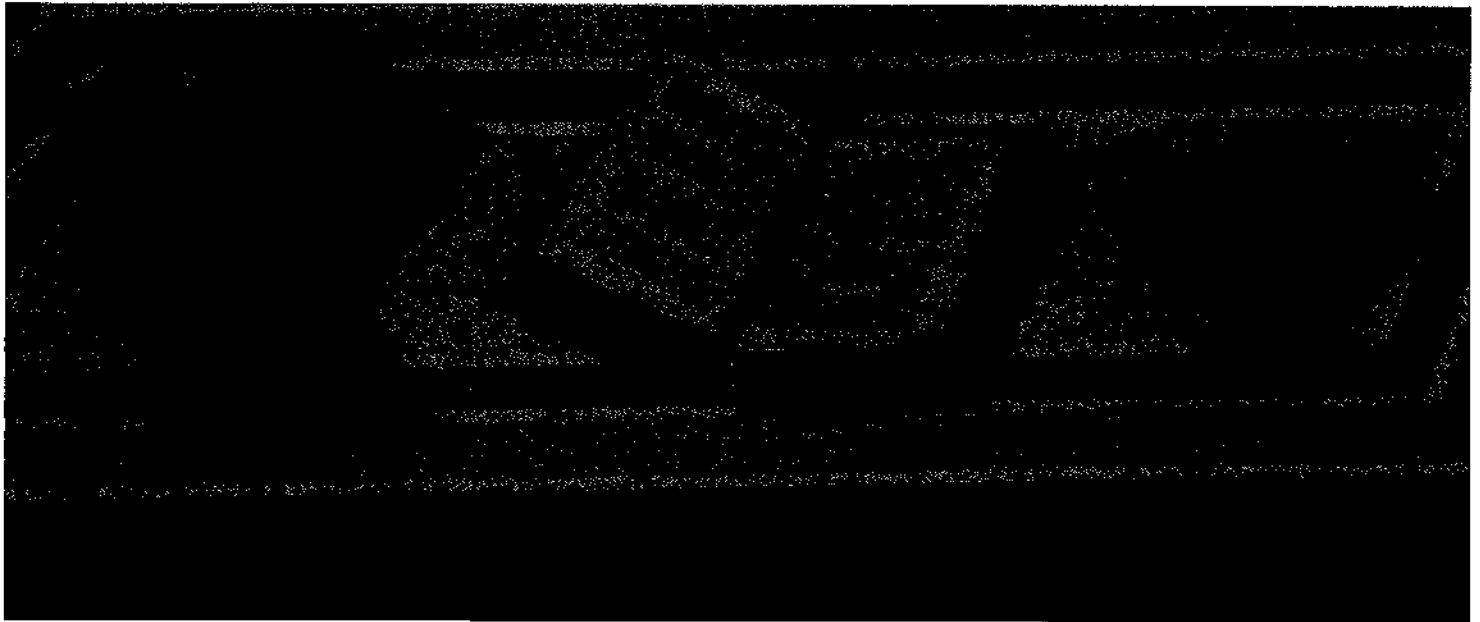
Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days
(See schedule in the bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Year of Saint Joseph continues, we will begin singing some St. Joseph hymns beginning next weekend, which Carol Hodapp, our music director, has researched and put together in pamphlet form for our use. These songs are probably not well known although some of the melodies are familiar, so we should be able to learn them well over time. This is another aspect of the “treasures of the Church” that enriches our liturgies, and also honors the patron of our parish in song. Let us continue to “go to Joseph” in this special year of grace. St. Joseph, pray for us!

We welcome Fr. Joe Pete to St. Joseph and Christ the King Parishes this weekend.

Allyson Lenz will be speaking about FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) before all the Masses this weekend. FOCUS is “a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships in which they lead others to do the same.” This is a wonderful apostolate that I am happy to support as I know our young people are moved by God’s grace “to share the hope and joy of the gospel.” For more information, go to: www.focus.org.

Today Jesus is confronted by the Jewish faithful who are upset with what Jesus said, primarily the words, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” Jesus’ response will scandalize the people even further, especially when he says, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate sacrifice that is offered for expiation of all the sins ever committed. No more the slaughter of animals to make amends with God for the sins of humanity. The people would share in that sacrifice by eating the meat of the animals. Or they would partake of the cereal offerings as well, where the bread would be offered, especially the unleavened bread that the Jewish people would share at the Passover meal.

Jesus helps us understand that God the Father is behind our call, or election, to be his disciples and continue the mission for which he was sent by the Father: mercy and forgiveness! We need to pay attention to Jesus’ words: “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me **draw him**.” Jesus will say in another place: “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you” (John 15:16), because salvation is God’s work, even if we are called and drawn to this work by God. The Good News is hard for the Jewish people to understand – and for many people to understand overall – because we often think of life as only this life we are living now. Jesus’ words are something that the people find hard to grasp – “I will raise him on the last day”; “whoever believes has eternal life.” Death awaits everyone. The question in all of our minds remains, “And after death, what?” Jesus gives the answer through his resurrection! Being one with Jesus by partaking of the Eucharist, we believe in Jesus’ teaching that He has left to His Church, especially that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, whom we receive at Mass. We will not die! We will be as one “falling asleep” in the Lord! We “pass over” to eternal life! As St. Paul writes (and it is believed to be an early hymn of the Church): “Death is swallowed up in victory. / Where, O death, is your victory? / Where, O death, is your sting? / The sting of death is sin, / and the power of sin is the law. / But thanks be to God / who gives us the victory / through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

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 for this project as well as donors for an ornate cover for the Book of the Gospels. A design of the project will be available soon.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, August 9, 2021 Weekday; Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Dt 10: 12-22/Mt 17:22-27 (413) **No Mass** at Christ the King

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 Weekday; Saint Lawrence , Deacon & Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618) Marianne Warner †

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 Weekday; Saint Clare, Virgin Dt 34:1-12 Mt: 18: 15-20 (415) Rev. Lawrence Ginther †

Thursday, August 12, 2021 Weekday; Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious, Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Mt 18:21-19:1 (416) Peter Schneider †

Friday, August 13, 2021, Weekday; Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs, Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 (417) at Christ the King Bernard Baker †

Saturday, August 14, 2021, Weekday; Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Jos 24: 14-29, Mt 19:13-15 (418) Karen E. Kuklok †

Sunday, August 15, 2021: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 (622)*

8/14/21 4:00 pm Mass Joe Leverty †

8/15/21 8:00 am Mass John Han Nguyen †

8/15/21 10:00 am Mass Parishioners

August 8 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:



In this Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of bread is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God.

During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring respite and hope to them.

Vincent's Table serves take-out meals, starting at 5:30 Tuesday evenings. This past week we served 80 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 8/14/21 - 8/15/21

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs – Nancy Penning, Sally Regan
Lector – Linda Strand
Sacristan – Jim & Michelle Rysavy
Ushers – Jim Sisser, George Lambaera

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs – Patty Jessop, Nancy Mowry
Lector – Linda Strand
Sacristan – Kathy Gardner
Ushers – Doug & Cindy Phillips

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs – Joanne Lockner, Sandie Kubista
Lector – Tim Rice
Sacristan – Deb Schammel
Ushers – Greg Lenz, Dan Kubista

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

Funeral Chairperson For August

Barb Leverty—451-9654

A chairperson for September is needed. We're also updating our worker list. If you're able and willing to assist, please contact the office at parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org or 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.

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.

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

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School Supplies Needed



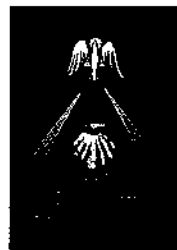
From now through August 13th, Community Pathways is having a **Back to-School Supply Drive!** Please drop off much needed school supplies to Community Pathways at 155 Oakdale Monday—Friday between 9:00 am—3:30 pm through August 13th. **Help us get students and families prepared for a new year of learning!**

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.



Brantley Shaner
Baptized August 8, 2021
Child of Brandon & Ashley

*"A clean heart create for me,
God; renew within me a
steadfast spirit" - Psalms 51:12*

Racetrack Clean-Up

With the opening of the Steele County Fair just around the corner, we are looking for volunteers to come to the fairgrounds each morning at 6 am to make sure litter is cleaned up and the grounds are fresh and ready to go for the new day. Can you help, even one day? Individuals/groups are needed Thursday 8/19, Friday 8/20, Saturday 8/21, Sunday 8/22 and Monday 8/23. The work takes less than a half hour. Bring gloves and consider long sleeves. Proceeds from our efforts benefit the crucial work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Social Justice Committee of Sacred Heart. The Men's Bible Study group of Sacred Heart is responsible for Wednesday morning, so help is desperately needed on Thursday through Monday of Fair Week, August 17-23, with the weekend mornings needing the largest team. Please contact Dave Lax at 456-1575 or davejlax@gmail.com to volunteer and indicate the days you are available. Thank you!

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.



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.

Find us online!

Check out the St. Joseph Parish website:
www.stjosephowatonna.org

Parish bulletins, upcoming Parish events, music & liturgical ministry schedules, vocation articles and much more!

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

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Prayer During Coronavirus

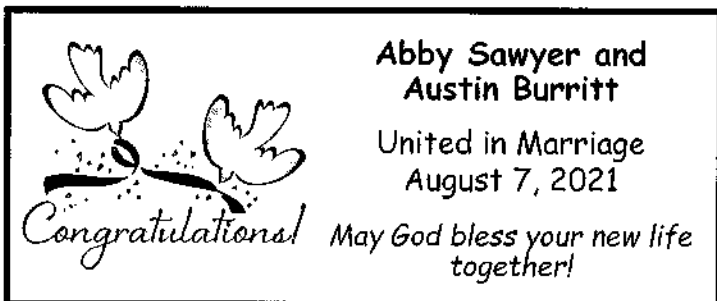
Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy in
this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious
and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate
us from your love.
In Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer for the Unborn

*O God, who has given us the great gift of life,
I ask You today to bless all unborn babies.
Watch over them as they grow and develop in
their mother's womb. Form them and shape
them that they might be born healthy and
happy and be welcomed with tender love and
deep joy.*

*In a special way, I ask You to bless those ba-
bies who are unwanted and may never be
born. Welcome them into Your loving em-
brace that they might find their home in You.*

*Bless and guide all pregnant women that they
might respect and cherish the gift of life grow-
ing within them. May they accept their child
as an irreplaceable gift from You. Amen.*



Travelpoint Tours is offering a Fall Trip

Touring Collegeville Mn!!

Thursday— SEPTEMBER 23rd

The tour includes a guided tour at both St. John's Abbey and St Ben's Chapel and Science museum exhibit it St. Ben's!! We will also be visiting the gift shops at both colleges and have a meditative walk at Grasshopper Chapel. Lunch at Kays Kitchen will be off the menu and not included in the price of our trip but she does have delicious pies!!!!(This is due to restrictions but could change by September to a buffet; I will keep guests posted on this matter).

We will leave St. Joe's parking lot at 7:30 am returning by 6:15-6:30pm. Price is \$49.00; checks payable to Travelpoint Tours, 203 S. Oak Owatonna Mn. Please contact Kayleen at 507-214-7447 with any questions on this trip or upcoming Fall tours!



Many Hands Make Light Work

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@stjosephwatonna.org

Eucharistic Ministers – Linda Huffington (507) 446-8387, 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,
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Sacristans – Dave & Joan Funk (507)451-5448,
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Ushers – Pat Rose (507)456-1146
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Patrick Lehrer
July 27, 2021

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

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.

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