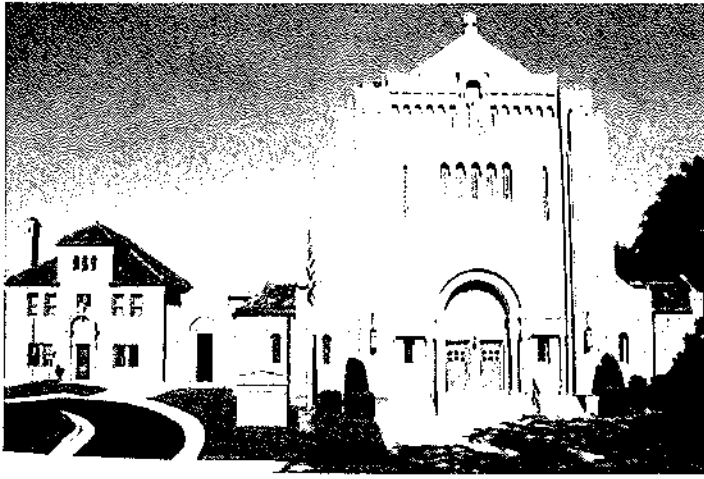


September 5, 2021



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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



Mark 7:31-37

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope everyone will have a restful Labor Day Weekend. I know that school is already in session and summer vacations are pretty much concluded for most folks, so we will meet this Monday, Labor Day evening, for the Catechesis for Adults and Youth at 7 PM in Joseph Hall. I look forward to these sessions and appreciate being on the receiving end for once.

We begin REP with an opening Mass at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 8th at Sacred Heart. Please note that there is no morning Mass at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, September 8. This also the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the midst of two special days in which we celebrate Our Lady – September 8, Mary's birthday, and September 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows – we recall the tragic 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks upon our beloved land. Let us pray to our Blessed Mother, whose loving concern is for all peoples to encounter her Son, the Savior of the world.

The following week is Presbyteral Days for all the priests of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Once again, no Mass next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 14, 15, and 16. We ask for your good prayers as we meet during this moment of spiritual nourishment for our souls.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich

September's Child

September's skies are sapphire hue;
Blue gentians star the woods at morn
Near crystal pools in woodland aisles -
In this bright month a Queen was born.
No silver fanfare filled the air
As angel wings flashed round the child;
No crown was placed upon her head,
But at her halo, Heaven smiled.
October's trees wear rosaries
Of gold and scarlet, green and brown,
And as the west wind fingers them
The Ave-leaves drift slowly down,
May raises high her blossom-shrines
Where bird-choirs sing their wood-notes wild,
But both these months pay homage to
A blue-gowned Queen - September's child



– Sister Maryanna Robert, *Cyril. Mary Immaculate: God's Mother and Mine.*
Poughkeepsie, NY: Marist Press, 1946.

<https://udayton.edu/imri/mary/p/poems-for-september.php#anchor3>

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, September 6, 2021 Weekday; Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11 (437)

9:00 am—Christ the King—Bev Hertel (liv) **Office Closed for Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Weekday; Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19 (438)

8:00 am—Elizabeth Anderson †

Wednesday, September 8, 2021; The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

Mi: 1-4a or Rom 8:28-30, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636) - **NO 8 am Mass**

Rite of Enrollment Mass at Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 9, 2021 St. Peter Claver, Priest; Col 3-12-17/Lk 6:27-38 (440)

8:00 am - Bob Steichen †

Friday, September 10, 2021, Weekday 1 Tim:1-2, 12-14, Lk 6:39-42 (441)

8:00 am—Margaret & Bernard Skalicky †

Saturday, September 11, 2021, Weekday BVM 1 Tim 1:15-17, Lk 6:43-43-49 (442)

8:00 am - Deceased members of Joe Geraghty family †

Sunday, September 12, 2021:

8/28/21 4:00 pm Mass Rev. Lawrence Ginther †

8/29/21 8:00 am Mass Bruce Thomas, Sr. †

8/29/21 10:00 am Mass Parishioners

September 5 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary

Time:



In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making

God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor? During the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide \$350 for food, \$275 for gas, \$1,500 in rent and \$1,723 for utility assistance. We also served 88 take out meals at Vincent's Table. God bless you for making all of this possible.

Membership—We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St. Joseph's at 6:30 pm. that there will be no meeting on Labor Day.

Parish Staff

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

Liturgical Ministers 9/11/21 - 9/12/21

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs - Diane Unruh, Rose Ann Rypka
Lector - Pete Connor
Sacristan - Julio Letona
Ushers - Scott & Sue Yentsch

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs - Patty Jessop, Nancy Mowry
Lector - Pat Rose
Sacristan - Kathy Gardner
Ushers - Doug & Cindy Phillips

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs - Lee Jardine, Katie Holzerland
Lector - Tim Rice
Sacristan - Ellyn Jardine
Ushers - Walt Spindler, Tim McManimon

Subs: Nancy Janke, Bridget Kleusner & Deb McManimon

Attention All Liturgical Ministers!

We have been working from a pre-Covid rotation schedule for the ministries at Mass. If you are not comfortable serving at this time, please call the Parish Office and ask to have your name removed. If you would like to serve and have not seen your name on the rotation yet, please let us know. We also would like to know which Altar Servers are available for 4pm and 10am Masses. Please contact the Parish Office at 451-4845. Thank you for your service at St. Joseph Parish.

Anniversary Celebration for Fr. Robert Herman **ON HOLD!!!**

Due to the recent increase in COVID cases, Fr. Robert Herman has requested that we postpone his anniversary celebration until we see how this new round of COVID plays out. We are sorry for the change in plans; however, we want to err on the safe side. We thank you for your understanding. Warm regards. Celebration Committee.

REP NEWS

Registration for our Religious Education Program is now open for students going into 1st through 10th grade. 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.

The website link is

<https://rep-cyo.org/rep-registration>

IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- St. Joseph Parish has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant responsible to conduct the coordination of office activities and provide clerical support to the Pastor and his staff. No scheduled weekend or evening hours. M-F—32-40 hours per week. Background in office technology and experience in office duties and management is necessary.
- Please contact the parish office at 512 S Elm Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060 or call 507-451-4845 to receive application information.

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Shrine

The two-day Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Shrine and the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin will be October 5 and 6, 2021.

Join Fr. Jim to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, the site of the only approved apparition of the Blessed Mother in the United States, and the Shrine of St. Joseph in the year of St. Joseph. Cost is \$255 for double occupancy and \$285 for single occupancy, which includes hotel stay, one breakfast, one lunch, one dinner; and bus transportation.

Contact St. Joseph Parish Office to register, 507-451-4845. Payment can be made at the church office during the weekdays.

Travelpoint Tours is offering a Fall Trip Touring Colledgeville 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!

Year of Saint Joseph



During these trying times, these words bring consolation:

“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!”

(Mark 6:50)

Jesus understands our fears, our confusion, our doubts, our worries.

We need to hear His voice.

Come and Listen!

Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM

Beginning Monday, August 30, 2021

Joseph Hall

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Catechesis for Adults & Youth (12 & older)

Free babysitting will be provided

Lunch servers--St. Mary's School

St. Mary's School in Owatonna is looking for lunch servers. This job is Monday-Friday on school days. The hours will be approximately 10:30 am-1:00 pm each day. This position could be shared so that you would work 2-3 days/week. If interested, please contact Connie Lembke (clembke@stmarys-owatonna.org) 446-2300.



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@stjosephowatonna.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

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Ushers – Pat Rose (507)456-1146
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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.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

You're invited to the Marriage Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2 pm at St. John the Baptist Parish, Mankato, MN. All couples regardless of their anniversary milestone, are invited to attend! Register at www.dowr.org.

The Courier's September 2021 issue is now available online:

https://issuu.com/diocesefwinona/docs/september_for_page_1_e61b88160650a7?fr=sNzcwOTE3NjMzNjk

September Funeral Chairperson

LaRae Evans—507-456-9416

Workers needed; contact the parish office at 451-4845.



Sunday, September 26, 2021 is Priesthood Sunday, a day dedicated to thanking our priests. This is a day to tell Father how much you appreciate him and his hard work and dedication to our parish. Thank you Father for being our Shepherd.

Our parish priests are some of the hardest working members of the Church. The typical parish priest works every weekend and holiday and only gets one day off a week, not to mention they're being asked to care for more souls and take on more responsibilities and roles than ever before.

You are welcome to join us for Thursday 1 PM call in rosaries during covid. Contact JoAnn Eichten, SERRA, for more info. 507-213-9097.

**Council of Catholic Women
Diocese of Winona-Rochester**

Celebrating our 80th Anniversary

Saturday, September 25, 2021

8:00 a.m.—3 p.m.

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart—Winona, Minnesota

“Celebrate the Spirit” with Kristin Molitor, New Evangelization Coordinator for the Catholic Communities of Bowlus, Holdingford and St. Anna and “Celebrate Your Faith” with Chris Heiderscheidt, Development Director at St. Mary School & Church in Sleepy Eye, MN, and the new Director of the Province of St./Minneapolis Council of Catholic Women.

We will be loading trucks for Haiti Missions from 8—9:15 am in the Cathedral parking lot. Bring boxed items for Sacred Heart and Medical Missions. There will be a purse auction—win a new purse and find a surprise inside worth \$25.

Registration due by Sept. 15th—Forms available in parish office.
\$25/adults \$10/Juniors, Seniors, College age

Stop Abortion, All Lives Matter

We have brought a lot of problems upon ourselves because we have pushed God out of our lives, our schools, our homes and government buildings. We ignore His Ten Commandments and turn around and make our own laws. We act like we know more than our God does.

In 1973, our U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion, an evil law declaring it was OK to take the life of a baby in the womb of the Mother. But let's call it by its real name, murder.

Since then, more than 62 million babies have been murdered here in the United States of America alone. This is something we should all be ashamed of.

We talk of the terrorists and how they are such an evil threat to the world under the guise of religions. We have problems here on the streets between a few African-American men and our police officers whose job is to protect us all.

Yes, black lives matter, police lives matter, and babies' lives matter. All lives matter and are precious in God's sight. We mourn the lives of all who have died by violence. If we were obeying God's fifth Commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” none of this would have happened. We will all have to answer for our actions one day.

Ruth Weber
Davenport, Iowa

www.Pro-LifeArticles.org



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**Karen Hohrman
August 28, 2021**

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of all the faithful departed rest in
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Wyatt Christopher Keilman
Baptized on **August 28, 2021**

Child of Brian & Dena Keilman

*“A clean heart create for me, God; renew
within me a steadfast spirit”*

-Psalms 51:12



**Happy 50th
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