

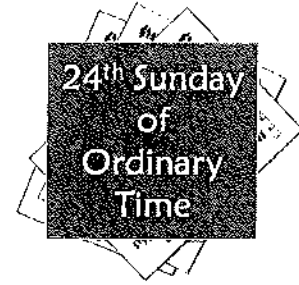


# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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September 12, 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



*Mark 8:27-35*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul reminds us this past week that we are in a spiritual battle: "See to it that no one captivate you with an empty, seductive philosophy according to the tradition of men, according to the elemental powers of the world and not according to Christ" (Colossians 2:8). The "elemental powers of the world" are elaborated further in the same letter: "despoiling the principalities and the powers, [Jesus] made a public spectacle of them, leading them away in triumph by [the cross]" (Colossians 2:15). These principalities and powers refer to the pagan gods and also the evil spirits, the false gods and rulers of the air that deceive and corrupt humanity.

The great spiritual battle today is a battle for life. Please go to and read Archbishop Cordileone's words: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/09/05/our-duty-challenge-catholic-politicians-who-support-abortion-rights/>

I am glad to be on the receiving end of our Monday and Thursday catechesis for Adults and Youth. Fr. Melchizedek mentioned that a pastor needs a community, like a head needs a body. It is challenging today to care for many souls as the number of priests decreases. I hear and grasp the importance of what we priests learned in the seminary, that we are indeed a community of communities in the parish, but often that image is a thought on paper and not a reality. As a pastor, I appreciate the support I receive simply by your presence on Mondays and Thursdays. God is doing something and I look forward to being with you.

God Love You!!!

*Fr. Jim Starasinich*

**My Lord--**

Let me live my life doing good works of mercy,  
deliver me from needless anxiety and worry.  
There are so many things I can do for others,  
go, visit the sick and the lonely one who suffers;  
those who have no family nor friends nearby,  
I have seen them sit in their room and cry.  
When a kind stranger comes into their room,  
it is like a ray of sunshine; it lifts their gloom.  
We learn of sad things they've lived through;  
they'll explain to you why they just withdrew.  
Veterans who experienced the ravages of war,  
or some folks who tell you they grew up poor.  
Others who have had a happy and fulfilling life,  
but were devastated by losing a husband or wife.  
You explain that there is hope even in darkness;  
at times we encounter people who are heartless.  
But we all know that our lives will someday end;  
for most folks that's not difficult to comprehend.  
My dear friend, let us now pray to God together,  
that He accepts us into Heaven, where all is better.

Amen.

Bud Peka 7/10/2021

## 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@sfmarys-owatonna.org](mailto:clembke@sfmarys-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](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org)

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(507) 456-5274 (leave message) or  
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**Greeters** – Wayne & Betty Kubicek (507)451-8683, [bj-n-me@hotmail.com](mailto:bj-n-me@hotmail.com)

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**Ushers** – Pat Rose (507)456-1146  
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### 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](http://www.dowr.org).

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

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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.**

### September Funeral Chairperson

LaRae Evans—507-456-9416

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

## Liturgical Ministers 9/18/21 - 9/19/21

**Saturday - 4:00pm**

**EMs** - Julio Letona

**Lector** - Tim Vogt

**Sacristan** - Matt Thurnau

**Ushers** - Sue & Scott Yentsch

**Sunday - 8:00am**

**EMs** - Martha Kearin, Sue Heller

**Lector** - Mark Cashman

**Sacristan** - Linda Huffington

**Ushers** - Mark Kearin, Ray Willmott

**Sunday - 10:00am**

**EMs** - Lee & Ellyn Jardine

**Lector** - Vickie Skala

**Sacristan** - Ruth Broumley

**Ushers** - Chuck & King Jurgens

**Subs:** Nancy Janke & Deb McManimon

### Attention Liturgical Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors and Ushers—if you feel comfortable during this time and would like to resume your duties at St. Joseph Parish, please contact the Office at 451-4845. Volunteers are needed to fill ministries at all the Masses. Thank you.

### 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>

### National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday, September 18, 2021 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cemetery

Everyone is welcome to join in with the Owatonna Knights of Columbus as we observe the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021. A rosary service will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery at the Council 945 monument to the unborn which is at the base of the flag pole in the teardrop section of the cemetery. Let us not forget the thousands of human lives who never were granted the right to life.

“The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who cannot defend himself.”

... Pope Francis

## 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 Collegeville Mn!!

Thursday— SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

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!

## SPECIAL COLLECTION—Next Weekend

A recent natural disaster has recently affected our brothers and sisters in Christ. A massive earthquake and tropical storm that hit Haiti has created widespread destruction. We are asking you to respond with the Catholic community across the United States to a special emergency collection. Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water, and food of those affected by this disaster. **Checks should be made payable to your local parish.** For more information, go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) or to Catholic Relief Services at <https://support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake>



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

## MISSING

The Jeff Cavins Bible Study series which includes CDs and instruction manuals has been misplaced or borrowed. Please contact the parish office if you have any information. Thank you.



### Carlson's Fluff & Puff PILLOW CLEANING

Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot  
Monday, Sept. 27th from 7am to 3pm

Have your pillows cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed! Custom-made new pillows and comforters also for sale. Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart!



**Jack Dillemath**  
**September 2, 2021**

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

### KC BENEFIT BREAKFASTS ARE BACK.....

A delicious **Benefit Breakfast** sponsored by the Owatonna KC Council #945 will be **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** from 8 am to noon at **St. Mary's School** in Owatonna benefiting the **St. Serra Club** of the Owatonna Area. The St. Serra Club supports and prays for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and promotes spiritual growth among its members.

The KC's offer **2 breakfast choices** – KC Omelet Breakfast and KC Country Breakfast with pancakes or French toast & beverage. **\$7 in advance** and \$8.00 at the door (*free under 6*).

Get your advance tickets following Mass today or next weekend or contact the office at St. Joseph Parish.

*We welcome...*

**Noah Kurt Schrom**  
Baptized on **September 11, 2021**

Child of Luke & Felicia Schrom

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

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, September 13, 2021, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tim 2: 1-8, Lk 7:1-10 (443) 9 am Mass at Christ the King—David Arnold †

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:12-17(638) - **NO Mass**

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, Our Lady of Sorrows, 1Tm 3:14-16 (445), Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639) - **NO Mass**

Thursday, September 16, 2021, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, 1 Tm 4:12-15/Lk 7:36-50 (446) **NO Mass**

Friday, September 17, 2021, Weekday; Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)

9:00 am—at Christ the King—Carolyn Soller (living)

Saturday, September 18, 2021, Weekday; BVM 1 Tim 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15 (448)

8:00 am - Michael Connor †

Sunday, September 19, 2021:

9/18/21 4:00 pm Mass Parishioners

9/19/21 8:00 am Mass Mary Ann & Ernie Betlach †

9/19/21 10:00 am Mass Larry Lockner †

### September 12th—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

**Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! This past Tuesday, we served 100 take-out meals at Vincent's Table.**

**Membership**-We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dmcmanimon72@gmail.com). **Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

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# 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!**

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