



October 31, 2021

31st Sunday
of Ordinary
Time

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Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm
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Mass Schedule:

Weekends

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

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)



Mark 12:28b-34—One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” Jesus replied, “The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All of us will have to give an account of our lives before the Good God.

We need not fear if we have given our lives to Christ Jesus our Savior. It is not a one-time event, to surrender to Jesus, although baptism is given only once in a lifetime. Every day we renew our lives to Christ by consciously turning to Him, asking the "help of your mercy" (see the prayer of the priest after the *Our Father* at Mass). It is all about mercy! We begin Mass admitting "I have greatly sinned" and the priest prays, "May almighty God have mercy on us..." Then also in the Gloria, "have mercy on us". "Have mercy on us all" is heard in Eucharistic Prayer II. God's love is mercy!

This week we celebrate the saints, men and women, like you and me, who surrendered to God and allowed saving grace to guide their lives. God's mercy moved them in a new direction in life. It meant experiencing division in their families, separation from friends, and questioning from strangers. They were no longer living for themselves but for the Lord. Jesus warned us about how our relationships may turn out: "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man 'against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household.' Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:34-39).

The saints were not afraid because the Holy Spirit sanctifies and drives out fear. They were not afraid of what their family and friends thought of them. They lived in a freedom that St. Paul speaks about: "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God" (Romans 8:14-17).

"The glorious freedom of the children of God" is what the saints experienced and we are called to experience that very same freedom.

All Saints Day is a celebration about hope for us becoming saints. All Souls Day commemorates those who fell short of becoming saints but have received God's mercy and are enroute to heaven via purgatory. Our prayer during this month is that we become saints, helping others to know God's love for the sinner and thus lead others on the path of sanctity with Jesus. We ask the saints to intercede for us as well. We also pray that everyone will accept the FREE GIFT of salvation through Jesus Christ! They will see Jesus in us when we allow Jesus to fulfill these words in us: "Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). It's all about love!

God Love You!

Fr. Jim Starasovich

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, November 1, 2021, All Saints Day—Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year, Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a (667) 8:10 am—SMS Mass—Bob Steichen †
12:10 pm—Mary Berg †
5:30 pm—at Christ the King— Bill Cervenka †

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
8:00 am— Dora Pumper †

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, **NO MASS**, Weekday, Saint Martin de Pones, Religious, Rom 13:8-10, Lk 14:25-33 (487)
6:30 pm—Memorial Mass at Christ the King—deceased parishioners

Thursday, November 4, 2021, **NO MASS**, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Rom 14:7-12, Lk 15:1-10 (488)

Friday, November 5, 2021, **NO MASS**, Weekday, Rom 15:14-21, Lk 16:1-8 (489) World Community Day

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 8:00 am—**NO MASS**, Weekday BVM, Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Lk 16:9-15 (490)

Sunday, November 7, 2021:

11/06/21 4:00 pm Mass—Axel Brown (liv)

11/07/21 8:00 am Mass—parishioners

11/07/21 10:00 am Mass—Bill Hannum †

November 7th through November 13th—Vocation Awareness Week

October 31 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:



In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened. This past week, St. Vincent's Table served 90 take-out meals.

Membership-We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, at St. Joseph's Church. **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 11/6/21 - 11/7/21

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs—Fred & Judy Schneider

Lector—Pete Connor

Sacristan—Julio Letona

Ushers—Open

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs—Rosemary Gallea, Open

Lector—Mark Cashman

Sacristan—Rita Goodnature

Ushers—Doug & Cindy Phillips

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs—Lee Jardine, Open

Lector—Vickie Skala

Sacristan—Ruth Broumley

Ushers—JoAnne Havelka, Open

Subs: Nancy Janke & Deb McManimon



REP NEWS

Our religious education program will be selling Christmas wreaths and poinsettias this year. All orders need to be placed by Friday, November 12th. The date for pick-up will be Saturday, December 4th from 9am-1pm at St. Joseph's parish. You can place your order by going to: <https://rep-cyo.org/christmas-wreaths>



In Loving Memory

Dennis M. Quimby
October 22, 2021

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



In Loving Memory

Mary K. (McGregor) King
October 19, 2021

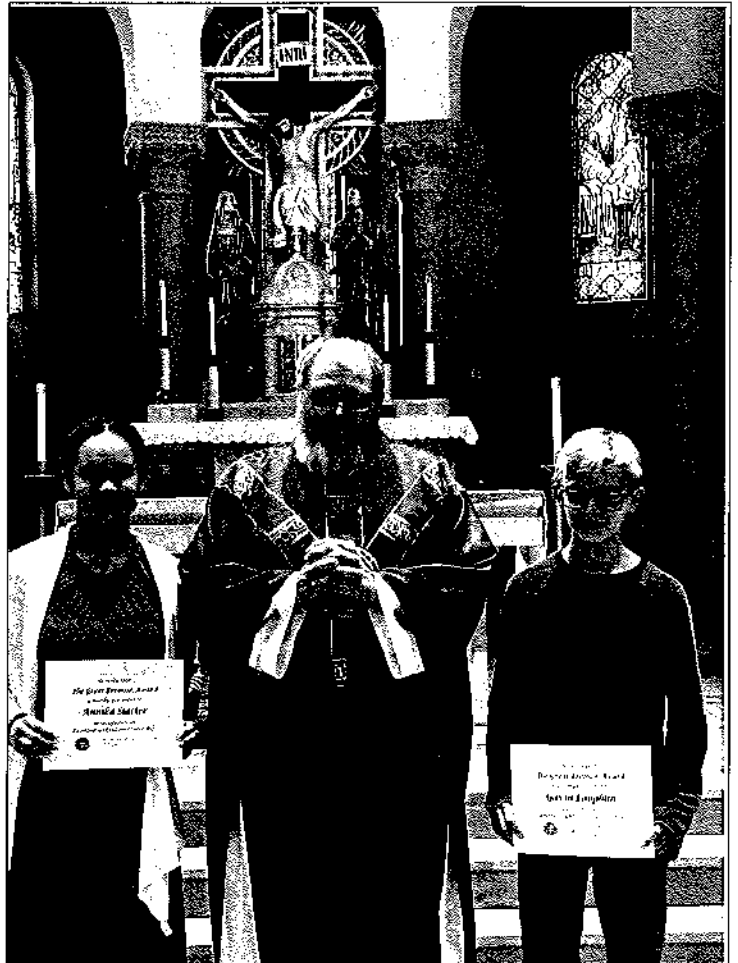
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

November Funeral Chairpersons

Rita & David Goodnature

444-4146

Additional workers needed;
contact the office if you're able to help.



GREAT PROMISE RECIPIENTS

At the end of each school year (2020-2021) the St. Serra Club asks our sixth grade teachers to nominate students who exemplify the following: caring for others/compassion, courage to do what is right/moral values; willingness to volunteer and to serve/generosity; influences the thinking actions of peers/relates well, to name a few qualities.

During St. Joseph's weekend Mass on 10/16, Father Starasinich helped award these students with a hand-tied blue rosary which was made by Pete Connor (St. Joseph Parish), a Youth Catechism (YOUCAT), and a certificate from the St. Serra Club.

Pictured above with Father Starasinich are the St. Joseph recipients: Annika Slacter, parents are Matthew Pobanz & Samantha Evans; and Gavin Laughlin, parents are Chris & Meghan Laughlin. *Congratulations!*

Sharing of Time and Talent 2021 Form

Please complete the form and drop in the collection basket or at the parish office. Additional forms are in the gathering area. Contacts will be made in November.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL



On Wednesday, October 20, St. Mary's School honored our Grandparents and Special Friends with a concert. The students worked hard preparing for this special event and were happy to perform their music for the audience. We are looking forward to our next concert!



Bethlehem Academy **Open House November 18**

Bethlehem Academy, an authentically Catholic, Dominican prep high school in Faribault is hosting an open house for prospective students Thursday, November 18, at 6pm. Grounded in faith, our programs help students achieve academically, grow spiritually, and lead lives of service to others. Offering student transportation outside Faribault.

Register online at <https://forms.gle/wTGswCk3asv4ngps5>. More information, including our online applications opening Nov 1, student shadow days starting Nov 2 and daily family tours at www.bacards.org.

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 is also posted to our parish website, www.stjosephwatonna.org. (Which averages over 1500 views per month!)

If interested, please contact the office at 507-451-4845 or parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org.

Also, a big thank you to our current bulletin advertisers! With your help, we are able to keep our bulletin current and available to all!



Many Hands Make Work

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Altar Servers – Parish Office (507)451-4845, parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org

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Greeters – Wayne & Betty Kubicek (507)451-8683, bj-n-me@hotmail.com

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Catholic Charities 2021 Baby Bottle Campaign



Sponsored by the Diocese of Winona- Rochester and Catholic Charities'

Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program

Donations can be mailed directly to:

Catholic Charities, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987

The money collected is used to help women residing in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to choose parenting or adoption rather than abortion. The campaign also raises awareness in parishes and schools about the services Catholic Charities provides to women and babies.

Checks should be made out to: Catholic Charities' Mother and Child Fund and mailed before Nov. 30th, 2021.

Our sincere sympathies and prayers to our accompanist, Connie Goslar and family, on the passing of her husband John Goslar.



Donut Sunday November 7th



Knights of Columbus Keeping Christ in Christmas

Now available Christmas cards for 2021

The cards feature the beautiful mosaic "Saint Joseph and the Holy Family". The card back includes the statue of St. Joseph.

Cards are sold in packs of 25 cards for \$25.00 and are available at the parish office or call Tim Rice at 451-3606. Proceeds from the sale of these cards assist the Knights of Columbus with their charitable work.

Holy Land Olive Wood Art

On November 13th & 14th the "Holy Land Olive Art Sale" will be held in the gathering area after all Masses.

Check out their items on the website: www.holylandolivewoodart.com.



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Cost is still \$29.95! Checks can be made payable to **St. Joseph Parish** (please note "Magnificat" on the envelope or memo line of check) and can be dropped off in the collection basket at Mass or mailed to the St. Joseph parish office. Current subscription expires with November issue.

New subscribers are always welcome!



FALL EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, November 6th

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Sunday, November 7th

9:00 am – 11:30 am

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In Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

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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.

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