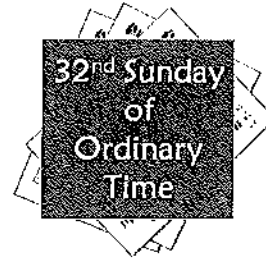


November 7, 2021



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Weekends

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

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)



Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money in to the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, I will be fortunate to be in Italy, and most likely Rome, for two great celebrations of the Church: The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica on Tuesday and the Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church on Wednesday. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, gives his general audience every Wednesday and I am sure he will remember his predecessor on that day. Leo the Great defended Rome from the barbarians, the Huns and Vandals who threatened the Christian populace in the fifth century. He was a true pastor and an eloquent preacher, speaking the truth about Jesus' two natures, both human and divine. In some ways, we can say that the fifth century is similar to our own time, as we face assaults from a new barbaric mentality that Pope Benedict called "the dictatorship of relativism" and Pope Francis labeled "ideological colonization". These two marauding philosophies are not attacking society through physical assaults but rather through social media and an attack on the mind. Bullying is not tolerated in our society yet there is a blindness to the bullying of people by way of phobias and mandates that have never before been seen in our so-called free world, especially here in the United States. Someone recently shared a very intelligent homily based on our Christian dignity in light of the COVID crisis. It is based on science, reason, and data, all of which the Church favors as we work for the common good of all humanity. The facts and truths that derive from research are welcomed and appreciated, especially as professionals in their respective fields work for solutions and offer alternatives. The priest who delivered his homily compared today's cultural battle to that of the Polish solidarity movement of the late 1970's and early 1980's. We can only overcome these assaults of a new barbarism by uniting behind our cherished freedoms granted by the constitution. It was Pope John Paul II, a man who had lived through the terrifying regimes of communism and fascism in his younger days, who praised the democratic experiment here in the United States. Here are some words of wisdom he spoke on October 8, 1995 at Camden Yards in Baltimore:

America has always wanted to be a land of the free. Today, the challenge facing America is to find freedom's fulfillment in the truth: the truth that is intrinsic to human life created in God's image and likeness, the truth that is written on the human heart, the truth that can be known by reason and can therefore form the basis of a profound and universal dialogue among people about the direction they must give to their lives and their activities.

One hundred thirty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln asked whether a nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" could "long endure". President Lincoln's question is no less a question for the present generation of Americans. Democracy cannot be sustained without *a shared commitment to certain moral truths about the human person and human community*. The basic question before a democratic society is: "how ought we to live together?" In seeking an answer to this question, can society exclude moral truth and moral reasoning? Can the Biblical wisdom which played such a formative part in the very founding of your country be excluded from that debate?

Would not doing so mean that America's founding documents no longer have any defining content, but are only the formal dressing of changing opinion? Would not doing so mean that tens of millions of Americans could no longer offer the contribution of their deepest convictions to the formation of public policy? Surely it is important for America that the moral truths which make freedom possible should be passed on to each new generation. Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

Pope Leo was called "the Great" for he had a great love for Christ and the flock Jesus entrusted to him. Pope John Paul II saw the new "Huns and Vandals" approaching and defended us with his many writings, homilies, and travels. No wonder so many have also called him "the Great". St. Leo and St. JP II, pray for us!!!

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasovich

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, November 8, 2021, Weekday, Wis 1:1-7, Lk 17:1-6 (491)

9:00 am—**No Mass** at Christ the King

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17, Jn 2:13-22 (671)

8:00 am—Diane Schmidt †

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19 (493)

8:00 am—Dylan Lattery †

Thursday, November 11, 2021, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop, Wis 7:22b—8, 1/Lk 17:20-25 (494), Veteran's Day

8:00 am—Michael Connor †

Friday, November 12, 2021, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr, Wis 13:1-9, Lk 17:26-37 (495)

9:00 am—**No Mass** at Christ the King

Saturday, November 13, 2021, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8 (496) 8:00 am—**No Mass**

Sunday, November 14, 2021:

11/13/21 4:00 pm Mass—parishioners

11/14/21 8:00 am Mass—Maria Vieng Nguyen †

11/14/21 10:00 am Mass—Mary Ann & Ernie Betlach †

November 7 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time:



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then donate your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care. This past week, St. Vincent's Table served 96 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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Saturday - 4:00pm

EMs—Open

Lector—Linda Strand

Sacristan—Julio Letona

Ushers—Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins

Sunday - 8:00am

EMs—Dave Emanuelson, Diane Kaplan

Lector—Cindy Emanuelson

Sacristan—Rita Goodnature

Ushers—Dave Goodnature, Ray Willmott

Sunday - 10:00am

EMs—Lee Jardine, Open

Lector—Ellyn Jardine

Sacristan—Ruth Broumley

Ushers—Chuck & King Jurgens

Subs: Nancy Janke & Deb McManimon

**St. Joseph Parish Annual Memorial Mass
Saturday, November 20th at 8:00 am**



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>



KC BENEFIT BREAKFAST

A delicious **Benefit Breakfast** sponsored by the Owatonna KC Council #945 will be served **Sunday, November 14th** from 8 am to noon at **St. Mary's School** benefiting St Mary's Home / School Association. The KC's offer table service with **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*).
Tickets are available after Masses.

The Courier's November 2021 issue is now available online. <https://issuu.com/diocesewinona/docs/november> for page 1 53d7f6690e08b07fr=sNDQ2YjE3NjMzNjk

November Funeral Chairpersons

Rita & David Goodnature—444-4146
Additional workers needed;
contact the office if you're able to help.

NEW OPENING

St. Joseph Parish has an immediate opening for a part-time secretary/clerical position. Approximately 19 hours per week (M-F); no scheduled weekend or evening hours. Background in office technology and experience in office duties preferred.

Please contact the parish office at 512 S Elm Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060 or call 507-451-4845 to receive application information.

ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO AT HOLY TRINITY, LITOMYSL

Everyone is invited to the Annual Turkey Bingo at Holy Trinity, Litomysl on Sunday, November 21st at 7 pm. 20 Games for \$4.00. Pop and Popcorn will also be for sale. Come and win your Thanksgiving turkey and have an enjoyable evening.



Rachel's Light Fundraiser

Open Table Soup Supper

November 13, 2021

4:00-7:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church—Owatonna

Drive up—Order—Take Home—Enjoy!

Cash or Check Free-Will Donation

Medford Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Poultry Bingo

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Sunday, November 14, 2021

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Early Bird @1:30 pm; Regular bingo @3:00 pm

Children welcome w/adult

Kitchen will be open for snacks



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Thursday, November 25, 2021

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Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dowr.org.

SM ST. MARY'S SCHOOL



This past month the St. Mary's School second graders prepared for putting on the All Saints Mass on November 1st. We dressed up as our saint and processed in at the beginning of Mass. Everyone enjoyed seeing our costumes and signs we carried saying who we were. We studied saints that had names similar to our names, and wrote a report on their lives. After Mass we were able to give a presentation of our reports to students and guests in church. The students did a wonderful job! We were then able to go around and listen to the Jr. High students give their presentations on the saints as well. What a special "All Saints Day" for us!



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.

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

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Sacristans – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088, leej7@reagan.com

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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.



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.

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Christmas cards for 2021 now available

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.

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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It's TIME to renew your Magnificat subscription for 2022!



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!

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 7-13, 2021, is National Vocation Awareness Week. The annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States is dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

PLEASE PRAY THIS **DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER** **EACH DAY**

Diocese of Winona-Rochester Prayer for Vocations

Loving Father, source of all that is good, we beg You to look upon us with mercy and love. As Your beloved sons and daughters, redeemed in the blood of Jesus Christ, we seek to do Your will in every action of our lives.

We beg You now to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and help each member of this diocese to live out the call to holiness given to them in Baptism. Please grant us many priests and consecrated persons to serve Your Church, strong and holy marriages that serve as a sign of Your self-giving love, and single men and women who are intent on living out Your plan for their lives.

Let each of us be more deeply conformed to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to live in holiness and love, keep us on the path You have marked out for us, which leads to eternal life with You.

May Your grace be abundant as we rejoice in hope and confidently trust in Your Divine Providence each day. With grateful hearts, we ask this prayer through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. 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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