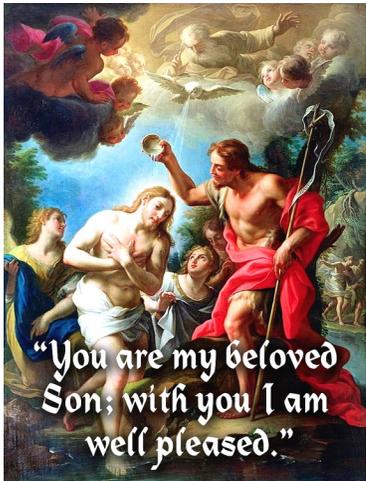




The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

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Christ the King Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30pm, Monday & Friday 9am

St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule:

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

* **Saturday 4pm mass livestreamed on Facebook:**

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



Mon. Jan. 11, 2021 9am Mass *Ada Jenó*

Fri. Jan. 15, 2021 NO 9am Mass

Sat. Jan. 9, 2021 5:30pm Mass *Parishioners*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 1/10/2021

***Please note:** No 8am or 9am masses at St. Joe's or Christ the King Jan. 13-16, 2021. Fr. Jim will be out of town.

I just returned from enjoying God's creative beauty as hoarfrost covered the trees and terrain in the hills and rock outcroppings of Wisconsin. I am grateful for the optional memorial in the church calendar today (Wednesday, as I write this) because we celebrate St. André Bessette, the humble doorkeeper who loved St. Joseph and built a magnificent shrine to him. I have been very fortunate to celebrate Mass in Montreal at the Shrine of St. Joseph. So, in this Year of St. Joseph, it has been extra special to pray these words today: "Lord our God, friend of the lowly, who gave your servant St. André Bessette, a great devotion to St. Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted, help us through his intercession to follow his example of prayer and love and so come to share with him in your glory." These are consoling words as I am now, once again, an American embarrassed by today's behavior as I hear about the violence that has taken place in our nation's Capitol. I am reading numerous statements from Bishops urging us to pray. I prayed Psalm 37.

Focusing on Jesus and the end of the Christmas season, the manifestation of the Holy Trinity through the Baptism of the Lord is our Sunday theme. Jesus will begin His public ministry after this sign of humbling Himself before John the Baptist while sanctifying the waters of the Jordan River. A dove hovers above Him (a sign of the Holy Spirit) and the voice of the Father from heaven is heard, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The word "Trinity" is never found in Scripture but we found it here in Mark's Gospel as well as Matthew and Luke. The very first hint of the Trinity is even alluded to in Genesis 1:26, 27: "Let **us** make man in **our** own image, after **our** likeness... God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them."

Our baptism is the beginning of our mission too. After the baptism, we are anointed with Sacred Chrism in these words: "Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that **you may remain as a member of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King**, unto eternal life." The people respond, "Amen." Are we remaining as **members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King**? Parents, do you remember how you answered this question before your child's baptism: "In asking for Baptism for your child, you are undertaking the **responsibility of raising him (her) in the faith**, so that, keeping God's commandments, he (she) may love the Lord and his (her) neighbor as Christ taught us. **Do you understand this responsibility?**" Grace is given to parents by virtue of their Sacrament of Marriage to undertake that responsibility; and the Eucharist sustains parents in their roles as father and mother, husband and wife; and attendance at Mass every Sunday and all Holy Days is the greatest teacher and transmitter of faith to children, who follow their parents naturally from a young age and receive God's grace to love by forgiving and accepting forgiveness from one another, especially when they see their parents doing the same.

All are welcome to conclude the Christmas Season with Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) within a Holy Hour at 5 PM this evening at St. Joseph's.

God Love You!!! *Fr. Jim Starasinich*

The Serra Club of Owatonna Area would like to introduce our name change that should help explain the difference and avoid the confusion between Serra Club and Sierra Club. **We would like to be known as The St. Serra Ministry of Owatonna Area.** The St. Serra Ministry has the mission to foster and affirm the vocations of priests and vowed religious life. We also assist members to expand their holiness and their spiritual life.



The St. Serra Ministry prays a Rosary for Vocations via a phone conference every Thursday at 1:00pm during this pandemic. **Everyone is invited to pray with us using their phone in their own home by calling 1-602-580-9629, wait for the operator to ask for the access number then enter 1337512#.** It's as simple as that! Prayers during hard times such as these are heard especially well - please help us pray!

CONNECT! Sunday Reflection

An Exhortation: Choose to Live Like Christ

See reflection for Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 at: <https://www.4lpi.com/blog/exhortation-choose-live-like-christ/>

PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Lord you left your Mother in our midst that she might accompany us.

May she take care of us and protect us on our journey, in our hearts, in our faith.

May she make us disciples like herself, missionaries like herself.

May she teach us to go out onto the streets.

May she teach us to step outside ourselves.

May she, by her meekness, by her peace, show us the way. Amen.

-Pope Francis, *Prayer at conclusion of meeting with young people from Argentina, 7/25/13*



Emmanuel Avila and Peter Volz are Seminarians staying with Fr. Jim.

*Emmanuel is from the Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Sydney, Australia.

*Peter is from the Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Newark, New Jersey.

Vespers - Sunday, January 10, 2021, 5:00pm St. Joseph Church

We will conclude the Christmas Season with vespers (evening prayer) within a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Church, on Sunday, January 10 at 5 PM. All Christ the King parishioners are welcome to attend.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Luella Heim, Dave Arnold, Barbara Steinbauer, Ann Willette, Jean Larson, Carolyn Willette, Kris Maas, Lawrence Giefer, Don Schultz, Mary Jean Malecha, Jim Thibodeau, Fr. Edward Mountain, Fr. Robert Herman, Tammy Pumper, Merle Gostomczik, and all who are ill. Call the St. Joseph office to add to this list.

January 10: The Baptism of the Lord



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust. Throughout December we assisted 43 adults and 11 children, providing \$790 in food and gas, \$2781 for utilities, \$300 in auto repair, \$3079 in rent and \$245 for prescriptions. We were also able to hand out 65 meals to those taking part in Vincent's Table meal distribution this past week.

Happy Birthday! Jan. 11-17 Hailey Chambers,



Jeffrey Smith, Craig Voegelé, Rachael Luebbe, Gregory Gillen, Amelia Manderfeld, James Edel, Katelyn Paschke, Lorinda Kern, Nicholas DeVries, Henry Hager

Bethlehem Academy Shadow Days/Tours



Join us for a shadow day or tour at Bethlehem Academy in Faribault, and see for yourself how our ACT-aligned, Christ-centered curriculum & supportive Cardinal community will prepare you to take on life's challenges. We encourage classmates to come together! **Sign up for a shadow day or register online for a family tour, offered Mon-Fri from 3-6pm, on our website at www.bacards.org.**

DOW-R Mass for Life: Bishop Quinn will be celebrating a Mass for Life at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona at **11:30 am on Wednesday, Jan. 27.** Please join the live stream on the Diocesan Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DioceseWinonaRochester

March for Life: The annual Prayer Service for Life is scheduled for **January 22, at 10:30am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.** Archbishop Bernard Hebda will be the presider and a maximum seating capacity of 225 spaces will be available on a first come, first serve basis. **The event will be live streamed from the Cathedral of Saint Paul's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseSPM**

MCCL will hold a "virtual march" at 12:00 pm, after the prayer service. **They will live stream the event; please check their website for details: www.mccl.org/march**



We welcome...

Bristol Lynn Wavrin

Baptized on **January 10, 2021**

Child of Joseph & Samantha Wavrin

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

***** Please pick up your 2021 Church Contribution Envelopes from the windowsill in Church. Thanks!**