



Brothers and Sisters,

Both in the Second Reading from the Letter of St. James and the Gospel reading we are challenged to make a statement of faith and follow that up with our actions. Our apostolic faith, that I have been writing about over the past two weeks, finds its source in faith that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God and he has revealed to us the truth of God and the way to live in that truth.

The works spoken about by St. James come from a faith that Jesus is the Messiah. It is these “works” that demonstrate our faith. Our “works” or actions are the fruits of what we believe. So, it is helpful to our life of discipleship that we take time to reflect on our actions. To examine our lives with the help of the Holy Spirit. That examination reveals two important aspects of our lives.

First, where we see the presence of God at work and how we have cooperated with Him. This encourages us and builds hope. When we recognize this, we are strengthened to continue the life of discipleship even in the face of challenges or should I say crosses.

Second, we come to know that places in our lives where we have rejected God’s presence and love in our life. This is known as sin. Sin is an obstacle that prevents us from God’s love and peace, it makes human relationships strained and difficult and it interrupts our ability to live our lives in peace. St. James states in the verses that lead up to the second reading today at Mass that for God mercy triumphs over judgment. This means that even when we have committed a sin God’s desire for us is forgiveness and reconciliation. This is why Jesus gave St. Peter and his successors the power to forgive sins. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation God’s mercy and forgiveness is offered not judgment.

To know our actions in the light of God’s grace is to truly make a statement of faith. Not only do we say we believe but we live as we believe. Let’s all profess, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus is Lord both with our words and our actions.

#### Presbyterial Days 2021

From September 13 - 16 I will gone from the parishes to attend the Diocese of Winona - Rochester Presbyterial Days. This is the priests annual convocation with the bishop. We will be discussing diocesan business, having conferences on the spirituality of diocesan priesthood, celebrating Mass and praying with the bishop and enjoying some time for priestly fraternity. Please pray for me, the bishop and all of the priests of the diocese during this time. There will no daily Masses in the Tri -Parish from Monday September 13 thru Thursday September 16. If you have an emergency please contact me via my cell phone 507-259-1747. God bless you, Fr. Tom

#### ◆ Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph  
3:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception  
Sundays 7:30 a.m. St. Peter

#### ◆ Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery Mass: September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for Mass. It is a custom in the Catholic Church to celebrate Mass at the graves of the deceased. Come pray with us for our beloved deceased.

**Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Sept. 11th 4:30PM +Paul & +Dolores Maloney**

**St. Peter, Sun., Sept. 12th 8:00AM — +Eugene Laschenski**

**St. Joseph, Sunday, Sept. 12th 10:00AM — For the parishioners**

**St. Joseph, Friday, Sept. 17th 8:30AM — +John & +Evelyn Rumstick**

**Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Sept. 18th 4:30PM —**

**St. Peter, Sunday, Sept. 19th 8:00AM — For the Parishioners**

**St. Joseph, Sunday, Sept. 19th 10:00AM — +Joe & +Ione McManimon**



This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say “hi” after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach), text BLESSINGS to 474747,



### First Friday Devotions:

Every First Friday join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph followed by praying of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction.

Please email or call if you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick if you or know someone who is ill or having surgery. I will come to their home or arrange a visit at the hospital if allowed. Fr. Tom email — [tmelvin@dowr.org](mailto:tmelvin@dowr.org), phone #507-259-1747 (cell)



### St. Joseph Church News:



- Bake Goods and Garden Goods Sale:**  
September 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph

The St. Joseph CCW is sponsoring a bake and garden goods sale as part of the "Taste of the Trail." We need bakers and some goodies from your garden. Please contact Barb Mensink at 507-864-2183.

- St. Joseph Pancake Breakfast:**  
September 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are cooking you breakfast. Pancakes some else cooks and then cleans up, what's not to like!

- St. Joseph's Swiss Steak Dinner** is scheduled for October 17. A letter will be coming soon.

### St. Joseph – Liturgical Schedule

- September 19th @ 10:00AM**  
Lector — Knights of Columbus  
Ushers — Knights of Columbus  
Rosary — Knights of Columbus

### Church Support

**Immaculate Conception** — Sept. 4th — \$287  
**St. Joseph** — Aug. 29th — \$973  
**St. Peter** — Sept. 5th - \$2,261

### St. Peter – Liturgical Schedule

- Sunday, September 19th @ 8:00AM**  
Lector— Don Petersen  
Ushers— Dave Feuerhelm & Tony Miller  
Servers— Miranda Jambois, Cole & Kennedy Hazelton  
Greeter — Landon Von Arx & Arie Albert  
Rosary— Georgia Von Arx

### St. Peter's Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, October 9, 2021



We are excited to announce we will be having our Annual Roast Beef Dinner this year!!  
**Please save the date for October 9, 2021.**

We will need volunteer assistance from October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup> for various jobs. It really takes many volunteers to make this a success. If you are new to our parish, we would be grateful for any help that you can give us. Please call Carolyn at 608-769-3093. Thank You!!



### St. Peter School News

**KC Marathon**....paperwork was sent home this week. Our goal is to eliminate our Football Mania fundraiser and increase our KC Marathon contributions. Hopefully we can do this so we can eliminate a fundraiser.

**Yearbook Volunteer**....looking for someone to put together the annual yearbook. Camera is 2 years old and in great shape. You can have students take pictures of events if you want. Mainly need someone to organize the pictures in the yearbook and make sure the events are covered. Please email [principal@stpetershokah.org](mailto:principal@stpetershokah.org) if you can help out.

**PTO**.....looking for PTO reps for each grade if possible. Karah Anderson re-started the PTO last year and we would like more parents to be on PTO. Mainly work on fundraising activities like KC Marathon, Extravaganza, Sweet Lou BBQ, etc. Please email [principal@stpetershokah.org](mailto:principal@stpetershokah.org) if you are interested.

### Important Dates....

9/21 8:25 am, mass  
Picture day  
9/22 Picture day  
9/23 8:25 am, mass  
9/25 KC Marathon  
9/28 8:25 am, mass  
9/30 8:25 am, mass

- Free and Reduced Forms**.....please fill out these forms if you qualify for Free and Reduced lunches. Even though we have free hot lunch this year, the Free and Reduced forms are used by the State to figure out how much money we receive for Title funds.