



September 1, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest

Father Marreddy Pothireddy

Assisting Priest - Father Joshua Miller

(For St. Joseph, Sacred Heart
& Christ the King Parishes)

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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

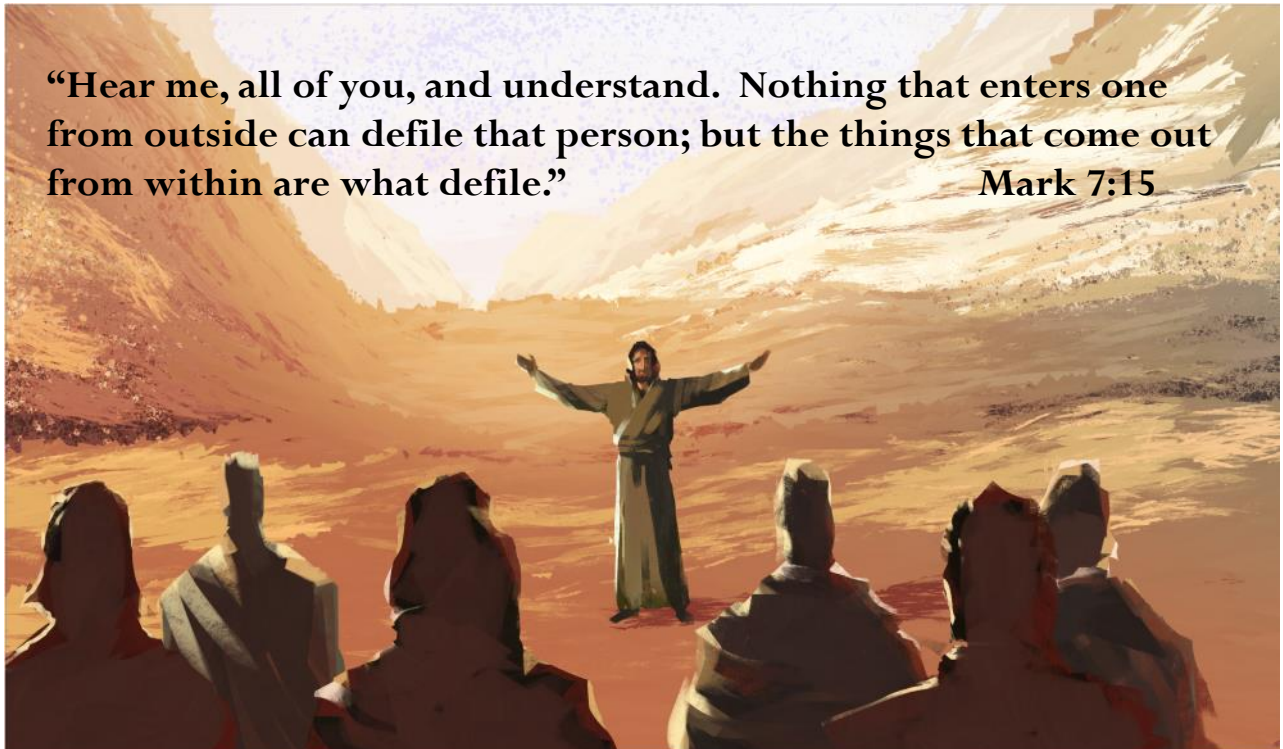
(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm

“Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

Mark 7:15



A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -September 1, 2024-B Cycle

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

As God's people of the Old Testament were commanded to obey the law, we are also commanded to obey God through Jesus Christ. We are commanded to obey the teachings of the Catholic Church that echo the Ten Commandments, the teachings of the Lord Jesus and the Word of God that is found in the Holy Bible. These are our statutes and our ordinances. If we obey them, we will be blessed. If we disobey them, we will be cursed.

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because He allowed His disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter, by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. **First, of hypocrisy and Secondly, of abandoning God's word** by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them.

Jesus points His listeners to the source of true defilement, evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God through His Word and Spirit first brings to light our sinful condition that we may recognize sin for what it is and call upon God's mercy and pardon.

Blessings!

We are in need of a new set of vestments (lightweight & shorter) and altar linens for the church. If you are interested in donating toward this, please reach out to Father Marreddy. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Diocese of Winona-Rochester | Register for events at dowr.org

Mankato Area Pre-Cana | October 12, 2024 | 8:30am– 5:30pm
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato State University
1502 Warren Street Mankato, MN. *Pre-Cana is an opportunity for engaged couples to prepare for the sacrament of Matrimony.*



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, September 2, 2024 <i>1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30</i>	Weekday - Labor Day - OFFICE CLOSED 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 <i>1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37</i>	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church 8:00am - Don Hager†
Wednesday, September 4, 2024 <i>1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Ernie & Mary Ann Betlach†
Thursday, September 5, 2024 <i>1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Jardine family
Friday, September 6, 2024 <i>1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Christ the King - Vernon, Gladys, John & Allen Flood†
Saturday, September 7, 2024 <i>1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5</i>	Weekday - Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00am - Mary Jane Jacobson†
Sunday, September 8, 2024 <i>Is 35:4-7a</i> <i>Jas 2:1-5</i> <i>Mk 7:31-37</i>	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/07/24 4:00pm - Bill Hannum† 09/07/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Donald Morgan† 09/08/24 8:00am - Parishioners 09/08/24 10:00am - Dylan Lauwers†

St. Vincent de Paul Society



September 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for

us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law. Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self - giving for the sake of others.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love. St. Vincent's Table served 161 meals on Tuesday evening.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at **6:30 p.m., 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 Ed Wacek at edwacek46@gmail.com. Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

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Church News & Events

Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser September 24, 2024

Carson's Pillow Cleaning Service will be in the Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot (Owatonna), from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on September 24. Bring your pillows to be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed. Custom-made new pillows and comforters are also for sale.

Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Church!



Traveling Crucifix Ministry

The Traveling Crucifix will be at Christ the King during month of September; to return to St. Joseph's in October. Sign up sheets in the Gathering Hall starting for October. Please continue to pray for our priests, deacons and seminarians.



In Loving Memory

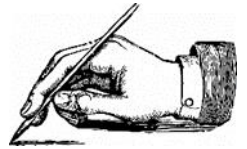
Al Jirele

August 21, 2024

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

Reasons to Write

Catholic Charities Active Aging Programs & RSVP are looking for 55+ year older volunteers who would like to participate in a pen pal program with 4th grade students from Owatonna. The goal is to help students develop an appreciation for writing and reading letters while learning about another generation's life. Contact the parish office if you are interested at 451-4845.

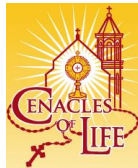


Deadline for volunteers is September 9th!

Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

Fridays in the Adoration Chapel
St. Joseph Parish • Noon to 1pm
The Cenacles of Life are for renewing the Spirit of Life - from within the Church.

It is the graces from these Cenacles that will be used to transform the face of the earth and defeat this war on life.



Young Adult Catholics of Owatonna September "Fire, Fellowship, and a Faith talk with Father"

Young Adult Catholics ages 20-35 are invited to attend the next Young Adult Catholic Fellowship Night on Tuesday, September 17th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Singles, couples, and families with young children are welcome for a campfire, s'mores and a talk from Monsignor Cook starting at 6pm. The campfire will be on the lawn between the Sacred Heart rectory and Fareway. Please bring a camp chair and something for yourself to drink. If you have any questions please text Lucas and Kristine Arndt at 507-573-3532. Please feel free to invite friends. In case of bad weather, activities will be moved into the Sacred Heart Parish center.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

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Appeal Goal: \$50,880.00

Current Balance: \$44,985.00

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Envelopes are available in the Gathering Hall, Church entrances and Parish Office for mail in donations.

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Magnificat Renewals or New subscription orders are due by the end of December. Cost for the year is \$34.95. Checks can be dropped off in the parish office or in the collection basket "marked Magnificat."



Speaking Up for Life in Minnesota

Pro-Life Convocation

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024
9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2500 7th Ave. NE | Owatonna, Minn.

Scan the code to register online



The Christian Church firmly believes in the sanctity of human life. For, as Scripture teaches, human beings are made in the image of God and the will of God is to promote life and see it defended from all danger.

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed laws that defy God's Word. Rather than protect life—a basic duty of government—a series of laws were passed that contribute to the availability and practice of abortion, which ends life. It has been said that "abortion degrades and damages everyone it touches: the baby, the mother, and the doctor." Contrary to what propaganda tells Americans, abortion is *not* healthcare. It is an evil, flagrant violation of the divine commandment, "You shall not kill."

Throughout history, the moral duty of the Church has been to oppose evil, not cooperate with it or become complicit through silence. Join us for this event and learn how you might speak up for life in Minnesota!

Speakers include Dr. Robin Goldsmith, Catholic Medical Association Midwest Regional Director and co-founder of St. Gianna Clinic (De Pere, Wis.); Rev. Fred Hinz, LCMS Public Policy Advocate; Minnesota Family Council CEO Jeff Evans; and LCMS Minnesota South District President Lucas V. Woodford. Christian ministry display tables and educational materials/resources will be available. Catered lunch for \$10 with RSVP.

Register online by Sept. 11 at:

goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2397242

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The St. Joseph Parish bulletin is distributed to our parishioners and guests weekly and is also posted to our parish website, www.stjosephowatonna.org.

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

September Women's
Midweek Retreat
Sept 10-12, 2024



Experience the first 'two night' retreat with our **new theme**:



Finding God During Difficult Times

Talk titles:

- Troubled Times Through Eyes of Faith
- Does God Cause Bad Things to Happen?
- Giving Meaning to Suffering
- Transformation: From Brokenness to Wholeness

Not to hurry Summer away, but it isn't too early to plan for those first refreshing days of September.

Call our office (952-447-2182) to register, or register here for the [Women's September Midweek Retreat at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake MN](#)

Acknowledge Him

Hope and love from God above,
Love beyond our understanding,
He shows us the way every day,
His love is not demanding.

When you awaken in the morning,
Thank Him for this day,
Love your God and your neighbor,
Praise God as you go about your labor,
Let that always be your way.
Bud Peka 7/4/24

How can I serve?



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

Communion Ministers – Linda Huffington
(507)456-5274 (leave message) or
lindamwhuffington@gmail.com

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Homebound Ministries – Vickie Skala
(507)456-2230, vskala9174@gmail.com

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Music Ministry – Carol Hodapp
(507)213-6981, carolhodapp@gmail.com

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

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule August 31/September 1, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Dianne Unruh, Volunteer, Volunteer
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Matt Thurnau
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Julio Letona
Greeters: Cynthia Letona

Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Sue Heller, Diane Kaplan, Volunteer
Lector: Mark Cashman
Sacristan: Linda Huffington
Ushers: Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Sam Dulas, Jacob Dulas, Charlie Dulas
Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMHC: Katie Clubb, Katie Holzerland, Volunteer
Lector: Vickie Skala
Sacristan: Ellyn Jardine
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau
Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom
Greeters: Volunteers

*Volunteers are needed in all the liturgical ministries.
Call 451-4845 if you are able serve.*

Mark Your Calendars:

Christ the King September Events in Medford

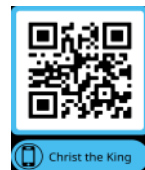
Wednesday, September 11th Mass at Corpus Christi to celebrate the start of Faith Formation – 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 17th Catholic Daughter's Meeting
6:30 church basement

Wednesday, September 18th – First Day of Faith
Formation classes at 6:30pm and KC meeting at 7pm

Thursday, September 19th - CCW Meeting at 6:30pm
in the church basement

*For all the latest news from Christ the King
Catholic Church, Medford
scan the QR Code*



Christ the King

Faith Formation

" Our 2024-2025 Faith Formation year will be starting this month. Our program serves students who will be entering 1st Grade- Confirmation. Please register your child(ren) by using the following link <https://shsjfaithformation.org/faithformation-registration>. Classes will be on Wednesday evenings at St. Mary's School from 6:30-7:45pm. If you have any questions, please email Brittany Boubin at shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org."



"Thank you to all who were able to participate and volunteer this summer in our summer youth activities. This year we had students be a part of each of the different summer programs that the Diocese of Winona-Rochester has to offer, Totus Tuus, Steubenville and Camp Summit. I would also like to thank the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Fund for providing financial assistance in helping our youth attend Steubenville and Camp Summit.

Totus Tuus gave our students an opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Steubenville provided an opportunity to hear talks from widely known Catholic speakers and to meet others their age from across the Diocese and other cities. Camp Summit challenged our students to go out of their comfort zone and try new things while engaging in discussions with peers.

All of these opportunities have Christ at the center by providing Mass, Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession. Our students are able to learn in fun and new ways while deepening their faith and understanding of the Catholic Church.

Please contact the office of Faith Formation if you would like more information for next year. "



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