

**December 29, 2024**

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Parish Priest**

**Father Marreddy Pothireddy**

**Assisting Priest - Father Joshua Miller**

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

# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

**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



## A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 29th, 2024-C Cycle

**Readings: Sirach 3, 2 – 6, 12 – 14; Col 3, 12 – 21; Luke 2:41-52**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, remembering how Jesus grew up in the normal busy-ness of family life, how he was shaped as a person by both Mary and Joseph.

Today's feast is a celebration of **family**: that unique nucleus of society that gives us life, nurture, and support throughout our journey on earth. Families are the first and best places for the love of God to come alive.

Pope Francis wrote in his exhortation on family that the family is “where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another.” That very belonging to each is what today’s readings are about.

In the first reading, Sirach entreats parents and children to love and honor each other. When one generation can no longer care for the other, he calls us to “take care of your father when he is old, even if his mind fails, be considerate of him.” He adds the care we give for the elderly “will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt” of our own failings.

Our lives are so complicated, and families don’t always consist of two parents. But Paul’s letter to the Colossians offers all of us the tools we need to care for each other: heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. When we share a home, we not only have to forgive each other, but to be aware that we need forgiveness from each other, prompted by the example of God’s deeply loving forgiveness for us all.

Loving Jesus, as we celebrate this Christmas season, please help me to recognize your presence in the simplest times. Whether I am alone or with my family, even in the most mundane situations, you are calling me to a deeper relationship with you and reminding me of your endless love for me in those moments.

I am planning to visit my home country India, to spend time with my Parents, family, and friends. I will leave on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and will be back on Feb 20, 2025. Kindly keep my family and me in your kind prayers. You will be in my thoughts and prayers always.

Happy New Year-2025. May the good Lord bless you and your family.  
New Year Blessings!

#### A NOTE OF



The Parish Staff and I would like to express our thanks to everyone who sent Christmas cards and gifts of homemade treats! We are grateful to be able to serve such a caring and generous community.

This is a true blessing from our Lord Jesus Christ. During this new year of 2025, know that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers! Please continue to pray for one another as we continue our journey of faith,  
*Father Marreddy and the Staff of St Joseph Parish*



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## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30, 2024 <i>1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40</i>	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, December 31, 2024 <i>Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21</i>	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 4:00pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary - Dan Walsh†
Wednesday, January 1, 2025 <i>Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21</i>	The Octive Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 8:00am - Katherine Rypka
Thursday, January 2, 2025 <i>1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28</i>	St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church 8:00am - Dick Thamert†
Friday, January 3, 2025 <i>1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34</i>	Christmas Weekday - Holy Name of Jesus 8:00am - Christ the King - Lowell J. Hellevik Jr.†
Saturday, January 4, 2025 <i>1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42</i>	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 8:00am - Jim Killen†
Sunday, January 5, 2025 <i>Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12</i>	Epiphany of the Lord 01/04/25 4:00pm - Mary Hannum† 01/04/25 5:30pm - Christ the King - Kathleen Thielbar† 01/05/25 8:00am - Dylan Lattery† 01/05/25 10:00am - Ed Lipscomb†

### St. Vincent de Paul Society



#### December 29 – Holy Family

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

**Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you have allowed others to celebrate belonging to the Holy family of God, as we are all brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. The last meal served at Vincent's Table provided 180 meals!**

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:edwacek46@gmail.com). **Our phone is 507-676-5508**

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## Church News & Events



Father Marreddy's Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity.

The Installation Mass of  
Father Marreddy as Parish Priest of  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Owatonna  
and Christ the King Church, Medford  
Sunday December 22, 2024



Presentation of the confessional  
and baptismal font



### Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast

for Steele Co. Purple Ribbon Club & Izaak Walton League

**Sunday, January 5 • 8am - 12pm**

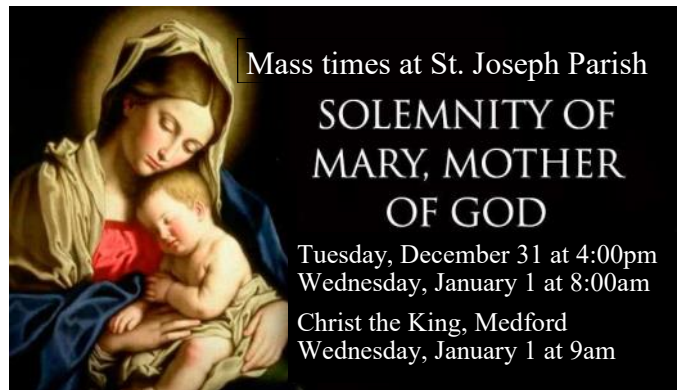
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toast, milk, or coffee.

Advanced sale tickets may be purchased in the  
parish office.



Please consider St. Joseph Parish as you prepare for the year end giving. Your generosity will go a long way in the life of the Church upkeep and grounds. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Church News & Events



Thank you to all  
the parishioners  
from  
St. Joseph Parish  
who gave of their  
time to decorate  
our church  
for the Christmas  
Season!



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upcoming events and happenings  
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visit the website at [www.ckmedfordmn.org](http://www.ckmedfordmn.org)



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for your child(ren) to follow along  
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the gathering area and by the doors.

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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  
the collection basket marked  
“Magnificat.” Non payment will  
be considered a cancellation.. Thank you.



## 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@stjosephwatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org)

**Communion Ministers** – Linda Huffington  
(507)456-5274 (leave message) or  
[lindamwhuffington@gmail.com](mailto:lindamwhuffington@gmail.com)

**Greeters** – Wayne & Betty Kubicek  
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(507)456-2230, [vskala9174@gmail.com](mailto:vskala9174@gmail.com)

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**Music Ministry** – Carol Hodapp  
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**Sacristans** – Ellyn Jardine (507)-444-4088,  
[leej7@reagan.com](mailto:leej7@reagan.com)

**Ushers** – Pat Rose (507)456-1146  
[rosepatp@gmail.com](mailto:rosepatp@gmail.com)

### **Ministries Appreciation Dinner** **Saturday, January 11, 2025 • 5:30pm** **Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish**

We would like to take this opportunity to “Thank” all of our parish volunteers by celebrating with a dinner.

**If you plan to attend, call 507-451-4845 to RSVP by Monday, January 6th.**

**Not a volunteer yet at St. Joseph? You're invited too!**

Come and learn about our many ministries at St. Joseph Parish. We need volunteers to serve at Mass, singing and playing in the choir, Homebound Ministers, serving at funerals luncheons, decorating, cleaning the church (“Marthas”), maintaining plants, building and grounds, and so much more!

God has given you many talents, consider sharing some of them with the St. Joseph Parish community.

Thank you for your gift of service and we hope to see you at the dinner!

Fill out a *Sharing of Time & Talent* form, located in the Gathering Hall, and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

#### **Tuesday, December 31 - 4:00pm**

EMs: Katie Holzerland, Rose Ann Rypka, Katherine Rypka

Lector: Lee Jardine

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Mark Stadtherr, *3 Ushers needed*

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Sophia & Brianna Harinen

Greeters: *Greeters needed*

#### **Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - 8:00am**

EMs: Julio Letona, Matt Thurnau, Lynn Lattery

Lector: Colleen Possehl

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Marty Possehl, Pat Rose, *2 Ushers needed*

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, *2 Altar Servers needed*

Greeters: *Greeters needed*

#### **Saturday, January 4 - 4:00pm**

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Mark Ginther, Matt Thurnau

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch

Amador Ramirez, Joan Erdman

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, *2 Servers needed*

Greeter: Cynthia Letona

#### **Sunday, January 5 - 8:00am**

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Linda Huffington, Sue Heller

Lector: Brad Steffen

Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén

Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips

Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas

Altar Servers: Jacob Dulas, Sam Dulas, Charlie Dulas

Greeter: *Greeter needed*

#### **Sunday, January 5 - 10:00am**

EMs: Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine, Vickie Skala

Lector: Ryan Heydon

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau

Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson

Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom, Carson Skala

Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

*Liturgical ministers are needed in all areas of St. Joseph Parish. Please consider sharing your God given talent.*

*Contact the parish office at 507-451-4845 in you have any questions. Fill out a “Sharing of Time & Talent” form in the Gathering Hall and drop in the collection basket.*

### **January Funeral Chairperson**

**Val O'Neill**

**507-451-8746**

*Contact the parish office if you are interested in serving at funeral luncheons  
507-451-4845.*

## Christmas Flower Memorials

<b>In Memory/Honor of.....</b>	<b>Given By</b>
Our Parents.....	Carl & Colleen Adams
Elaine Swanson.....	Sandy Anderson
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