



**January 5, 2025**

## **Epiphany of The Lord**

**Parish Priest**

**Father Marreddy Pothireddy**

**Assisting Priest - Father Joshua Miller**

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

# ST. JOSEPH

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### **Office Hours:**

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



*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

## A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

**Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 5, 2025-C Cycle**

**Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12**

**Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.”** Matthew 2: 1-12

This week the church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany. We remember the wise men that arrive in Jerusalem and are directed to Bethlehem where they honor the Holy Family with gifts appropriate to their caravan trade. God’s plan of salvation has always included the Gentiles. Our magi are from the “east” and from among “the nations.” They are Gentiles who will participate in God’s plan of salvation.

Matthew’s story also provides a preview of what is to come. First, the reactions of the various parties to the birth of Jesus parallel the effects Jesus’ teaching will have on those who hear it. Herod reacts with anger and hostility to the Jesus of the poor who comes to overturn the powerful and rich. The chief priests and scribes greet the news with haughty indifference toward the Jesus who comes to give new life and meaning to the rituals and laws of the scribes. But the magi, non-believers in the eyes of Israel, possess the humility and the openness of mind and heart essential to faith that leads them to seek and welcome the Jesus who will institute the Second Covenant between God and the New Israel.

Secondly, the gifts of the astrologers indicate the principal dimensions of Jesus’ mission:

- **Gold** is a gift fitting for a king, a ruler, one with power and authority.
- **Frankincense** is a gift fitting for a priest, one who offers sacrifice (frankincense was an aromatic perfume sprinkled on the animals sacrificed in the Temple)
- **Myrrh** is a fitting “gift” for someone who is to die (myrrh was used in ancient times for embalming the bodies of the dead before burial).

Epiphany calls us to a new vision of the world that sees beyond the walls and borders we have created and to walk by the light which has dawned for all of humankind, a light by which we are able to recognize all men and women as our brothers and sisters under the loving providence of God, the Father of all.

The magi’s following of the star is a journey of faith, a constant search for meaning, for purpose, for the things of God that each one of us experiences during our own lives. The journey of the magi puts our own "star gazing" in perspective, calling us to fix our search on the “star” of God’s justice, peace and compassion.

I express my sincere gratitude and thanks to you for your loving Christmas cards, monetary donations, and homemade treats. I am so grateful and honored to serve you as your parish priest. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel home to visit my family. Happy New year-2025.

Blessings!



## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6, 2025 <i>1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17,23-25</i>	Christmas Weekday - St. André Bessette, Religious 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 <i>1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44</i>	Christmas Weekday - St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest 8:00am - Margaret Michaletz (liv)
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 <i>1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52</i>	Christmas Weekday 8:00am - Andrew & Hannah Steichen family living & deceased
Thursday, January 9, 2025 <i>1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22</i>	Christmas Weekday 8:00am - Fr. Donald Lovas†
Friday, January 10, 2025 <i>1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16</i>	Christmas Weekday 8:00am - Christ the King - Harvey Kuhlman†
Saturday, January 11, 2025 <i>1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30</i>	Christmas Weekday 8:00am - Gene Miller†
Sunday, January 12, 2025 <i>Is 40:1-5, 9-11</i> <i>Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7</i> <i>Lk 3:15-16,21-22</i>	Baptism of the Lord 01/11/25 4:00pm - Mark Hall† 01/11/25 5:30pm - Christ the King - Barbara Steinbauer† 01/12/25 8:00am - Parishioners 01/12/25 10:00am - Mary Ann & Ernie Betlach†

### St. Vincent de Paul Society



#### January 5 - Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, please pray to have hearts that “bring God’s love to the poor” through a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

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.**

### Parish Staff

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## St. Vincent de Paul News

### Year End Update St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to all of you for your generous contributions to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Steele County. None of this help would be possible without your generous contributions. We wanted to give our parishes an update on our past fiscal year (October 2023 to September 2024). As we come to the end of another year, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the work of St. Vincent de Paul. All contributions to St. Vincent de Paul are tax deductible.



#### St. Vincent de Paul Service

# of people served with financial needs -	873
# of meals served at Vincent's Table	8143
# of people helped with furniture	249
Total Volunteer hours	5283

#### Breakdown of Assistance to Those in Need

	%	\$ Amt
All Other Assistance	0.3%	233
Food Assistance	4.9%	3,925
Furnishing Hope	14.0%	11,256
Housing Assistance	27.9%	22,380
Transportation Assistance	10.9%	8,709
Utility Assistance	28.8%	23,086
Vincent's table	13.3%	10,659
		\$80,248

## Diocese of Winona-Rochester News & Events

**MASS FOR *Life***

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**  
9:00 A.M. | ST. OLAF, MABEL

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## Church News & Events

### Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast

for Steele Co. Purple Ribbon Club & Izaak Walton League

**Sunday, January 5 • 8am - 12pm**

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

**Advance tickets are \$9 or \$10 at the door.**

*Two sensational breakfast choices and table service!*

**KC Omelet Breakfast: 3 egg omelet selections**  
**KC Country Breakfast: eggs fried or scrambled, ham or sausage.** Served with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee.

Advanced sale tickets may be purchased in the parish office.



**Save the date** and bring a friend...

Fr Joshua will be presenting on his journey to becoming a military chaplain.

Monday, **January 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in Joseph Hall, at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna



Magnifikid is back! Please take one for your child(ren) to follow along with the Sunday Mass.

The Magnifikid includes the Order of Mass and some family activities. They are on the table in the gathering area and by the doors.

## MUSIC BOOSTERS OF OWATONNA

**PRESENTS: 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MBO BENEFIT CONCERT**

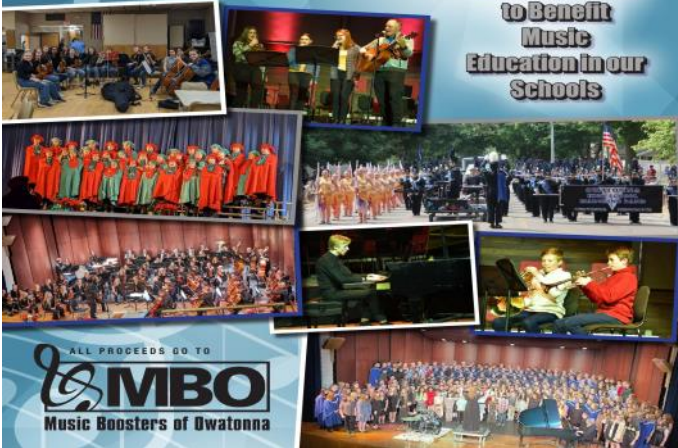
**Saturday, January 11, 2025 - 7 pm**

**Wenger Performing Arts Center @ OHS**

**Silent Auction starting at 6 pm**

Admission: \$10 Adult | \$5 Student

**A Night of Entertainment to Benefit Music Education in our Schools**



### 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  
 email: [parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org)

Register online at our website:  
[www.stjosephowatonna.org](http://www.stjosephowatonna.org)  
 "Click" on Helpful Links "Click" on Registration



## St. Joseph's Church Youth Choir

**Come join the St. Joseph's Youth Choir. Practice will be one hour before Mass.**

January 19 at the 10:00am Mass  
Practice at 9:00am

February 16 at the 10:00am Mass  
Practice at 9:00am

**Rehearsal Location :**  
Basement - Nazareth Hall

**More Information :**  
Email Carol Hodapp:  
[carolhodapp@gmail.com](mailto:carolhodapp@gmail.com)





### We are recruiting Altar Servers!

Parents, if your son or daughter have received their First Holy Communion, are entering the 4th Grade and would like to be an altar server, call the parish office at 507-451-4845, about Altar Server training at St. Joseph Parish.

## 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  
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[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**

#### **Saturday, January 11 - 4:00pm**

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Matt Thurnau, Linda Strand  
Lector: Tim Vogt  
Sacristan: Julio Letona  
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch  
Larry Goettl, Mark Stradtherr  
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Alexandra Nylund, *Server*  
Greeter: Katherine Rypka

#### **Sunday, January 12 - 8:00am**

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Lynn Lattery, Martha Kearin  
Lector: Annika Slacter  
Sacristan: Joanne Evans  
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips  
Joel Dulas, Mark Kearin  
Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora, Ophelia Slacter  
Greeter: Tom Wolfe

#### **Sunday, January 12 - 10:00am**

EMs: Stacey Ginskey, Katie Klubb, Katie Holzerland  
Lector: Elyn Jardine  
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner  
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens  
Nolan Ginskey, Patrick Baldwin  
Altar Servers: Lucas Ginskey, Macey Ginskey,  
Samantha Kreiner  
Greeter: Shannon Iacovino

*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.*

*Scan the QR Code for more information on upcoming events and happenings at Christ the King Church in Medford or visit the website at [www.ctkmedfordmn.org](http://www.ctkmedfordmn.org)*



St. Mary's School invites you to attend our open house on January 26th from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM!

**CALLING ALL PRESCHOOLERS + KINDERGARTENERS TO THRIVE IN 2025!**

**CARNIVAL**

**SAVE THE DATE OPEN HOUSE**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST (Under 5 EAT FREE)**

**INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS:**  
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN @ 9:45 & 11:00 AM

**MEET TEACHERS**

**APPLY FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**COTTON CANDY**

**PRIZE GIVE-AWAY**

**CARNIVAL GAMES**

**SCHOOL TOURS**

**Date: Sunday, January 26th, 2025**  
**Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Place: St. Mary's School**

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**NIGHT OF KNIGHTS AUCTION**

**SAVE THE DATE MARCH 22, 2025**

Mark you calendars for our school's biggest community fundraiser

The **Catholic Education Memorial Fund (CEMF)** has been supporting Catholic education in Steele County for almost 50 years. Founded in 1974 as a perpetual endowment, the CEMF distributes income from the invested principal to St. Mary's School and the Religious Education Program. While some growth in the principal is expected from investment appreciation, real growth cannot be achieved without contributions to the fund from the Catholic community. To find out more about the CEMF and how you can support Catholic education in Steele County for decades to come, please visit the website at [cemfowatonna.com](http://cemfowatonna.com) – or contact any of the current Board members: Jane Kubista, Brian Haggerty, Tim McManimon, Dean Velzke, Ron Kubicek, or Stephen Nelson.

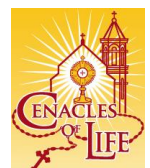
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