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## February 23, 2025

### Seventh 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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#### Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

#### Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

#### Confession

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm

#### Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT

### Holy Family RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

#### DATES & LOCATIONS

**HOLY FAMILY RETREAT**  
Date: Saturday, February 8th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: St. Edward Parish in Austin, MN

**ST. JOSEPH RETREAT**  
Date: Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, MN

**ST. MARY RETREAT**  
Date: Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth, MN

**WALK TO MARY PILGRIMAGE**  
Date: Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th  
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#### Return with Fr. John Burns: Parish-wide Study for Lent

This Lenten season, our parishes are invited to participate in the video series and accompanying journal - Return. There are many options for signing up: individuals, families, creating a group, or joining a parish group meeting (in person or online). If you want to create your own group or do the study as a family, contact Deb for leader guide and video resources. There will be seven sessions starting the week prior to Ash Wednesday ending Holy Week.

*By no means is Lent an easy season. In fact, it is the most arduous season of the entire liturgical year, marked as it is by ashes and penance, prayer and charitable works. Yet when we truly*

*engage the riches of the season, with its focused prayers and scriptural readings, we cannot help but change and be changed.*

#### Dates/Times for group sessions

- Thursdays beginning February 27, 9:30 am at Sacred Heart Parish with Shirley
- Fridays beginning February 28, 9:30 am in Joseph Hall at St. Joseph's Church with Deb
- Fridays beginning February 28, after 8 am Mass at Christ the King with Ginny
- Sundays beginning March 2, 6 pm online with Deb

If you want to join a group study, please sign up ahead of time, if possible. You can email Deb McManimon at [dmcmannon72@gmail.com](mailto:dmcmannon72@gmail.com) or call/text 507-271-1737 to sign up for any of the dates/times. There is no cost for the video study, however; you will want to purchase a journal for participation. *Return: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation* by Fr. John Burns journals can be purchased through Ascension Press at [www.avemariapress.com/return](http://www.avemariapress.com/return) or they are available at Amazon in print or Kindle version.

A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 20125-C Cycle**

**Readings: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38**

*“Love your enemies and do good to them and lend them expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you.....Luke 6:27-38,* What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is *grace* - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so.

Continuing His Sermon on the Plain, Jesus again turns upside down another accepted standard of Jewish morality. The principle of “do to no one what you yourself dislike” (as articulated in Tobit 4: 15) was not enough for those who seek to be God's holy people. Jesus demands that His disciples “love your enemies.”

The Greek word for love used in this text is *agape*, a sense of benevolence, kindness and charity towards others. In other words, no matter what a person does to us we will never allow ourselves to seek anything but the highest good for him or her. The completeness and limitlessness of God's own love and mercy for us should be the measure of our love and mercy for one another.

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. *He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accepts the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs.*

Seeing beyond hatreds and differences, borders and boundaries, flags and uniforms, languages and cultures, suspicions and unsettled scores is the cutting edge of the Gospel. The relationship we seek with God, we must first seek with one another. In every relationship, in every set of circumstances, the faithful disciple of Jesus seeks to break the cycle of hatred and distrust by taking the first step to love, to seek reconciliation above all else. Blessings!

### News from St. Mary's School

St. Mary's 3rd graders have been working hard researching information about their Endangered Animal. They took those notes and turned them into 6 different paragraphs. The paragraphs tell about what their Endangered Animals look like, where they live, what they eat, why they're endangered and more! This is their final product!



### OWATONNA KC SHRIMP DINNERS ARE BACK!

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Enjoy a great meal and support our KC Council to help us raise funds for the May Pilgrimage to the Marian Conference at Our Lady of Champion. For information on the dinners or the pilgrimage contact Lee Jardine ([lee\\_j7@reagan.com](mailto:lee_j7@reagan.com) / 507-444-4088). If you are not a Knight, ask me how to join in the fun!!



## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	02/24/25	Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	02/25/25	Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37	8:00am: Erik Raichle†
Wed.	02/26/25	Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40	8:00 am: Maria Leeman Depover† 8:10am: Merlyn Madery† - Sacred Heart - SMS Mass
Thurs.	02/27/25	Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50	8:00am: Bob Duenes†
Fri.	02/28/25	Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12	8:00am: Christ the King - Lowell J. Hellevik Jr.†
Sat.	03/01/25	Sir 17:1-5/Mk 10:13-16	8:00am: Judith Ginther Williams†
Sun.	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time		03/01/25 4:00pm: Parishioners
		Sir 27:4-7	03/01/25 5:30pm: Christ the King - Ted Langeslag†
		1 Cor 15:54-58	03/02/25 8:00am: Tom Nolan†
		Lk 6: 39-45	03/02/25 10:00am: Robert Jardine family



### February 23 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

**In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 47 adults and 34 children, providing in \$885 for groceries, \$720 in gas cards, \$2,450 for rent, \$1,844 in utility assistance and \$299 for miscellaneous expenses. Thank You! Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided more than 180 individuals with a warm meal.**

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. **Our phone is 507-676-5508**

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

#### Saturday, March 1 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Matt Thurnau, Katherine Rypka  
Lector: Linda Strand  
Sacristan: Julio Letona  
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch  
Amador Ramirez, Usher Needed  
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Alexandra Nylund, Server  
Greeter: Cynthia Letona

#### Sunday, March 2 - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Martha Kearin, Sue Heller  
Lector: Colleen Possehl  
Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén  
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips  
Mark Kearin, Marty Possehl  
Altar Servers: Jacob, Charlie & Sam Dulas  
Greeter: Tom Wolfe

#### Sunday, March 2 - 10:00am

EMs: Stacey Ginskey, Ellyn Jardine, Ryan Heydon  
Lectors: John Connor  
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley  
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau  
Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson  
Altar Servers: Molly Baily, Lucas & Macey Ginskey  
Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

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#### **February Funeral Chairpersons**

Charlotte Radtke - 507-774-9103  
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### 4th ANNUAL MARIAN CONFERENCE THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

The Shrine of Our Lady of Champion is the site of the only approved Marian Apparition site in the United States. All are welcome to join us for the 4th Annual Marian Conference with wonderful guest speakers, a rosary walk, prayer time, and masses. There is limited walking if you skip the rosary walk. Pick up a flyer in the gathering area or go to "[championshrine.org/marian-conference/](http://championshrine.org/marian-conference/)" for more information. KC Council 945 is sponsoring the pilgrimage to the Conference and is paying for the coach bus.



As the Lenten Season quickly approaches, a time of self-reflection and prayer, what better way to prepare ourselves for Christ's Passion than to have the Traveling Crucifix for vocations in your home. March and April have numerous weeks available for families and individual parishioners to sign up and take the Crucifix into your home for a week of prayer for vocations, possibly even your own. Sign up sheets are located in Gathering area. Sponsored by Serra Club Owatonna.

Stations of the Cross will begin Friday, March 7th - April 12th - 5:00pm Sacred Heart Church & 5:30pm St. Joseph Parish

### Ash Wednesday - March 5, 2025 - Mass Times

7:00am - Sacred Heart Church, Owatonna  
8:10am - Sacred Heart Church - SMS School Mass  
12:10pm - St. Joseph Church, Owatonna  
5:30pm - Sacred Heart Church  
6:30pm - St. Joseph Church - Faith Formation Mass  
6:30pm - Christ the King Church, Medford - Faith Fm. Mass  
7:00pm - Sacred Heart Church - Spanish Mass



Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be selling KC Fish Fry tickets after Mass, March 1st & 2nd in the Gathering Area. The All You Can Eat fish fry dinner will be Friday, March 7th at the KC Hall from 5pm - 7pm. Thank you for supporting two great charitable organizations in Owatonna!




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