



October 6, 2024

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest

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Assisting Priest - Father Joshua Miller

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

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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



Jesus tells the Pharisees God's plan for marriage. Mark 10:2-12

A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

27th Ordinary October 6, 2024-B Cycle

Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

Catholic (Universal) Church sees marriage as a covenant between a woman and a man, who enter a partnership of their whole lives. It is a life-project, a vocation for which they receive the grace of a special sacrament to make it viable. For a marriage to succeed, requires a constant effort of goodwill, to cooperate with the grace of God. The couple should foster a relationship that is dynamic, never static. Living in married love with another means dying to self in many little ways, because love is a kind of laying down a life for one's friend. Our faith says that it is only by dying to self that we are capable of giving life to others, which carries within it Christ's promise of eternal life.

While modern society is very tolerant of divorce and remarriage, today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the ideal of permanence of marriage and on the value of lifelong commitment. The words of Jesus on the indissolubility of marriage set an ideal that is especially difficult for our times, when we are so much influenced by a libertarian view that prizes *personal fulfilment* above all else.

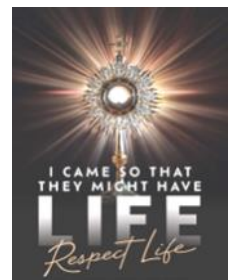
Marriage is built on basic, life-giving human instincts and is still valued in a time of social change. Families who have stayed united over the years demonstrate that love *can* weather the storms which even the best of relationships meet from time to time. The instability of family life today, and the sad fact of marital separation, are problems to be prayed about and to work towards helping couples live together.

There are many reasons why a marriage might fail. Possibly the parties were not emotionally mature at the time they married, nor fully free in giving their marriage consent. People, who never thought of the deeper, spiritual meaning of marriage, can come to feel that their marriage was an unfortunate mistake. We know from experience that that not all marriages reflect the ideal Jesus sets up in today's gospel. Many of us have relatives whose marriages have not lasted.

In today's gospel, Jesus turns to this text from the Book of Genesis when He is put on the spot by some Pharisees regarding the question of divorce. In reply to the Pharisees, Jesus declares that what the law allows is not actually what God wills. God's purpose for marriage according to Jesus is to be found in the opening chapters of the book of Genesis. His vision of marriage is of profound union between a man and a woman, a communion of faithful love. Marriage between a man and a woman is a tried and tested way in which children can grow up to be loved, as well as being given stability and security. No other setting has been proven better for the nourishing and flourishing of children. If society cares about children, it will channel financial and professional resources into supporting marriage, understood as a communion of faithful love between a man and a woman, the fullest expression in human form of the communion of love between the Lord and us.

Blessings!

During the month of October, St. Joseph Parish will be offering a Pro-Life table in the Gathering Area with much educational information on many life issues. **All of the information is free.** Donations accepted and will go to Owatonna Students for Life at Owatonna High School.



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, October 7, 2024 <i>Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37</i>	Our Lady of the Rosary 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 <i>Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Dick Thamert†
Wednesday, October 9, 2024 <i>Gal 2:1-2,7-14/Lk 11:1-4</i>	Weekday - St. Denis, Bishop,C,M; St. John Leonardi, Priest 8:00am - Dorry Kenney†
Thursday, October 10, 2024 <i>Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Jerry Fix†
Friday, October 11, 2024 <i>Gal 3:7-14/ Lk 11:15-26</i>	Weekday - St. John XXIII, Pope 8:00am - Christ the King - Irene Jaymalin†
Saturday, October 12, 2024 <i>Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Members of S. I. Zamboni family living and deceased
Sunday, October 13, 2024 <i>Wis 7:7-11</i> <i>Heb 4:12-13</i> <i>Mk 10:17-30</i>	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/12/24 4:00pm - Donald Schmidt Sr.† & Donald Schmidt Jr.† 10/12/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Ruth Miller† 10/13/24 8:00am - Luke Evans† 10/13/24 10:00am - Parishioners

St. Vincent de Paul Society.



October 6 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold. On Tuesday evening Vincent's Table served 186 meals.

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



Pray for our Nation!
 The Patriotic Rosary
 Thursday, November 5
 9:00am - 10:00am
 St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna

Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast
 for Junior Achievement and
 Catholic Education Memorial Foundation
Sunday, October 13 • 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.



Knights of Columbus
Owatonna Council #945
Pre-Worn Coat Drive.



The coats are to be given to
 Community Pathways for distribution
 to Steele County residents. Coats can
 be placed in a large box found near the
 entrance of the Church.

The final pick up date is October 21.
 Between both parishes last year we collected
 160 winter coats. This year, we are collecting
 coats for all ages!

Owatonna Students for Life

Diaper Drive
& more

All contributions will go towards parenting and infant
 supplies for Pregnancy Options in Faribault

If you have any questions or want to
 help, contact

joannahaggerty517@gmail.com
 or amandaclubb6@gmail.com



Your spare change can change a life!
2024 Baby Bottle Campaign
 Sponsored by the DOW-R and Catholic
 Charities' Child and Family Services
Campaign begins today
Respect Life Sunday
October 6, 2024.



Empty baby bottles will be available for families and
 individuals to take home to be filled with change
 throughout the month of October. **Please return filled**
bottles to the church by Monday, November 4th.

Cool Classics:
 From
Bach
 To
BROADWAY
 Sunday, October 13th, 2024 || 3:00 pm
 St. John Lutheran Church

Conductor: Phil Burkhart

Air on G String
 Bach

Adagio from Symphony #2
 Rachmaninoff

Phantom of the Opera
Pirates of the Caribbean
and other selections!

You are the Light of the World

Appeal Goal: \$50,880.00

Current Balance: \$45,440.00

Give online: catholicfsmn.org

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





**Young Adult Catholics of Owatonna
October Social Dancing Event**

Young Adult Catholics ages 20-35 are invited to attend the next Young Adult Catholic Fellowship Night on **Thursday October 17th** from **5:30 -7:30pm**. Singles and couples are

welcome to a swing dance lesson and social dancing. **No partner or dance experience required.** If you have any questions please text Lucas and Kristine Arndt at 507-573-3532. Please feel free to invite friends. This event is at the Colombian Center KC hall at 820 S Elm Ave in Owatonna in the upstairs portion. **This month's event is for adults only.**

**Court Owatonna CDA Sunday Mass
will be celebrated at St. Joseph Parish
Saturday, October 19th at 4pm.**

Members will meet in the Gathering Hall 15 minutes before Mass.



**ALL ARE INVITED
TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION!**



**Court Owatonna CDA
Election Day Prayer Service
Monday, Oct. 21, 2024 at 6:00pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church**

Join Court Owatonna in praying the Rosary for our nation. The meeting for members will follow the prayer service down in Joseph Hall.

**It's that time of year!
Habitat for Humanity
Gummi Bear Fundraiser!**



With fall comes the Gummi Bear fundraiser, raising money for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity provides an opportunity for Catholic Daughters of the Americas statewide to raise money to help with construction of these homes. This year's build is in St. Peter, MN. CDA Court Owatonna #1180 will be fundraising before and after each Mass - **October 5/6; October 12/13; and October 19/20 (CDA Sunday)**, at St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and Holy Trinity (Litomysl). Please consider a making a donation to this worthy cause. Thank you!

Christ the King Church, Medford News & Events

Wreath sales are under way to raise money for Christ the King Faith Formation class. Please make purchases through our Faith Formation class or pick up a form at either entrance of the church. **Return in the collection basket by Oct. 19th or drop off at the Religious Education Center.** Your support on this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Any questions contact Carla Brady 507-213-6465. All orders are to be prepaid. Makes checks payable to: CTK Faith Formation. Thank you for your support!!!



FYI/Update - Christ the King sewing

This week **228 Quilts** were donated to various missions: 130 quilts went to Rochester Missions, 8 baby quilts were taken to Birthright in Winona, 12 quilts to Ruth's House in Faribault, 12 quilts to the Hospitality House in Owatonna, 58 quilts will be taken to Mary Jo Copeland's Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis and 8 quilts and 5 wool blankets are set aside for Father to use, as needed.



The sewing group meets every Monday morning at 9 am. Donations of material and/or money are always appreciated. The ladies will have quilts on display and for sale at: the Fall "BINGO" event and Christmas program. All sale proceeds are used to purchase batting. If you are looking for a gift or have any questions, contact Carla at 507-213-6465 or Joan at 507-456-9025. **Thank You** ladies for your time and dedication in helping others!

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



Christ the King

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

Greeters – Wayne & Betty Kubicek
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(507)213-6981, carolhodapp@gmail.com

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

Ushers – Pat Rose (507)456-1146
rosepatp@gmail.com

Liturgical Ministers Schedule October 12/13, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EM: Dianne Unruh, Matt Thurnau, Rose Ann Rypka
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Mark Stradtherr, Larry Goettl
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Alexandra Nylund,
Server needed
Greeters: Mary Katherine Rypka

Sunday - 8:00am

EM: Courtney Keller, Diane Kaplan, Lynn Lattery
Lector: Annika Slacter
Sacristan: Joanne Evans
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Tyler Keller
Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Altar Servers: Charlie Dulas, Jacob Dulas, Sam Dulas
Greeters: *Greeters needed*

Sunday - 10:00am

EM: Lee Jardine, Vickie Skala, Katie Holzerland
Lector: Ellyn Jardine
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner
Ushers: Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson
Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens
Altar Servers: Carson Skala, Cole Trom, Westin Trom
Greeters: Shannon Iacovino

*Volunteers are needed in all the liturgical ministries.
Consider filling out a Time and Talent form found in the
Gathering Area. Bring it to the office, drop it in the
collection basket or call 451-4845 if you are able serve.*

St. Joseph's Church
Youth Choir

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

October 13 at the 10:00 am Mass
Practice at 9:00 am

November 17 at the 10:00am Mass
Practice at 9:00am

Rehearsal Location :
Basement - Nazareth Hall

More Information :
Email Carol Hodapp:
carolhodapp@gmail.com

October Funeral Chairpersons

Ellyn Jardine 507-444-4088

Ruth Broumley 602-432-4352

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**



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- **State fundraiser for Non-Public Education.**
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- **School service projects locally in Owatonna**
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