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March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest

Father Marreddy Pothireddy

Assisting Priest - Father Joshua Miller

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

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)

Stations of the Cross begin Friday March 7th - April 12th
5pm - 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, Owatonna
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

The KC Council 945 "All You Can Eat"

Fish Fry Dinner Friday, March 7, 2025

5pm - 7pm at the KC Hall

Enjoy fried pollock, baked cod, mashed potatoes with country gravy, vegetable, coleslaw and dinner roll.
Advance sale tickets are \$15, at the door \$17.
(Free for kids under 6) This dinner will benefit Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas. #1180.
Advance sale tickets are available in the parish office.



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
Location: Champion, WI

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE!
www.dowr.org/event-details/709

The Holy Family Retreats & Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is proud to offer a series of three retreats and a pilgrimage for its Catholic adult population. The theme for this diocesan event is The Holy Family. The retreats will offer Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, important faith formation, and a time for retreatants to engage in small group discussion and reflection. Lunch and snacks will also be provided along with daycare assistance for those with young children. The culmination of the diocesan event will be a pilgrimage in May to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin. For more information & to register, please go the diocese's website, at dowr.org or scan the QR Code.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 2, 2025 (C) and Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

Are we clear-sighted, especially in our perception of sin and the need for each of one of us to see ourselves correctly as God sees us - with our faults, weaknesses, and strengths? Jesus' two parables about poor vision allude to the proverb: *Without vision the people perish!* (Proverbs 29:18) What can we learn from the illustration of a blind guide and a bad eye (the log in the eye)? A *bad eye* left untreated and a *blind guide* can cause a lot of trouble that will only end in misery and disaster for us! We are all in need of a physician who can help us overcome the blind spots and failing of own sins, weaknesses, and ignorance.

Do we know what we're doing for Lent in making this Lenten season more fruitful and meaningful? What is it that we want to give up as we contemplate and meditate the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? Is it a meal, a chocolate, meat, wine, etc., a day in a week or daily during Lent? Do we want to add daily Mass & Prayer & Stations of the Cross during Lent for our spiritual nourishment? Think about it seriously and make an effort to know God's plan for us.

Whining, complaining or even bragging about the changes we're making isn't what Lent is about. This is a time for us to reassess our lives so that we may become closer to Christ while contemplating the great sacrifice of His Passion.

Ash Wednesday-March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. It is one of the most popular and important Holy Days in the liturgical calendar.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday through which we attain redemption.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. *Ashes in this case also symbolize grief, a grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.*

As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: **"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"**, or **"Repent and believe in the Gospel"**.

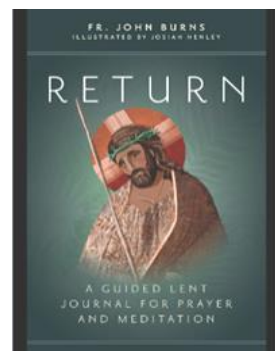
**Happy Lent!
Blessings!**

Return with Fr. John Burns: Parish-wide Study for Lent

Dates/Times for group sessions

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

Contact Deb McManimon at dmcmanimon72@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 AveMaria Press at www.avemariapress.com/return or they are available at Amazon in print or Kindle version .



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Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	03/03/25	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	03/04/25	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31	8:00am: Ray Willmott†
Wed.	03/05/25	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	12:10pm: Darlene Gathje† 6:30pm: Bernadene Rypka† 6:30pm: Christ the King - Harvey Kuhlman†
Thurs.	03/06/25	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25	8:00am: Walt Spindler†
Fri.	03/07/25	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15	8:00am: Christ the King - Neil O'Connor†
Sat.	03/08/25	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32	8:00am: Marie Leeman Depover†
Sun.	First Sunday of Lent	03/08/25	4:00pm: Jim Killen†
	Dt 26:4-10	03/08/25	5:30pm: Christ the King - John Hager†
	Rom 10:8-13	03/09/25	8:00am: Parishioners
	Lk 4:1-13	03/09/25	10:00am: Mildred Doherty†



March 2 – Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit..."

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 150 individuals with a warm meal.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at **St. Joseph 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 Joe Stiles at jrstiles1224@msn.com. Our phone is 507-676-5508.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, March 8 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Linda Strand, Katherine Rypka
Lector: Tim Vogt
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Mark Stradtherr, Larry Goettl
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers needed
Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, March 9 - 8:00am

EMs: Pat Rose, Lynn Lattery, Diane Kaplan
Lector: Annika Slacter
Sacristan: Joanne Evans
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Altar Servers: Stella Seykora, Ophelia Slacter, Server
Greeter: Greeter Needed

Sunday, March 9 - 10:00am

EMs: Ellyn Jardine, Vickie Skala, Katie Holzerland
Lectors: Lee Jardine
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens
Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson
Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom, Carson Skala
Greeter: Shannon Iacovino

March Funeral Chairperson

Janet McDonald
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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/" for more information. KC Council 945 is sponsoring the pilgrimage to the Conference and is paying for the coach bus.

News from St. Mary's School



St. Mary's 5th-8th grade students presented their Winter Concert last Thursday night. It was the debut performance for the 5th grade Band! Other groups performing were the 5th-6th grade Choir, 7th-8th grade Choir, 6th grade Band, 7th-8th grade Band, and Jazz Band. We had a full house and appreciated the support of our family and friends! If you missed the concert, you can view it on owatonnalive.com. Our next performances will be on May 8 (KR-4th) and May 15 (5th-8th). We look forward to seeing you there!



We welcome...

Violet Kay Simmons

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