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February 16, 2025

Sixth 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 and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm

2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT
Holy Family
RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

DATES & LOCATIONS

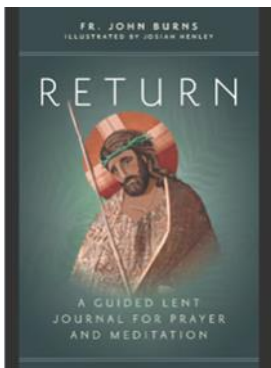
HOLY FAMILY RETREAT
Date: Saturday, February 8th, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Location: St. Edward Parish in Austin, MN

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT
Date: Saturday, March 15th, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Location: St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, MN

ST. MARY RETREAT
Date: Saturday, April 12th, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Location: St. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth, MN

WALK TO MARY PILGRIMAGE
Date: Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th
Location: Champton, WI

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE!
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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

- Fridays beginning February 28, 9:30 am in Joseph Hall at St. Joseph’s Church
- Fridays beginning February 28, after 8 am Mass at Christ the King
- Sundays beginning March 2, 6 pm online
- If there is someone that would facilitate a group at Sacred Heart, let Deb know and we can add it.

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 or call/text 507-271-1737 to sign up. 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 or they are available at Amazon in print or Kindle version.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 2025-C Cycle
Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

When we encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do we respond? Do we respond with fear or faith or with passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach His disciples He gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began His sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found.

The word "*beatitude*" literally means *happiness or blessedness*. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within, a conversion of heart and mind, which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's Word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin, leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression.

Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbor. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness."

"Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting happiness and peace. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will."

Blessings!

News from St. Mary's School



It has certainly been a busy classroom for our fifth graders! Recently our students had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Minnesota Science Museum! They learned about the life cycle of a star and explored all the amazing exhibits the museum has to offer. It was a fun day filled with wonder and discovery! We have also officially started our big research project! Students will be researching a famous person and writing a paper about their life. Additionally, we just finished reading Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan. The students have been captivated by Esperanza's story and the many twists and turns her life has taken. We're happy to see the students enjoying the activities and lessons, and we still have many more exciting things to come!

OWATONNA KC SHRIMP DINNERS ARE BACK!

Serving from 6:00-7:30 at the KC Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME: Owatonna KC Council 945 is offering our delicious Shrimp Dinners every Friday to February 28.
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BURGER BASKETS W/ MAC & CHEESE AND COLESLAW - \$10.00

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 / 507-444-4088). If you are not a Knight, ask me how to join in the fun!!

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	02/17/25	Gn 4:1-15,25/ Mk 8:11-13	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	02/18/25	Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10/Mk 8:14-21	8:00am: Karen Hohrman†
Wed.	02/19/25	Gn 8:6-13,20-22/Mk 8:22-26	7:15am & 8:10am: Sacred Heart Church
Thurs.	02/20/25	Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33	8:00am: Clifford Stumpf†
Fri.	02/21/25	Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1	8:00am: Christ the King - Harvey Kuhlman†
Sat.	02/22/25	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19	8:00am: Paul Huffington† family living and deceased
Sun.	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		02/22/25 4:00pm: Joe Leverty†
		1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23	02/22/25 5:30pm: Christ the King - Parishioners
		1 Cor 15: 45-49	02/23/25 8:00am: Bernice Klinkner†
		Lk 6: 27-38	02/23/25 10:00am: Ray Willmott†



In Loving Memory

Barbara Ellen Yerhart
February 8, 2025

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



We welcome...

Piper Arleen Van Zuilen

Baptized on February 9, 2025

Child of Bradley Van Zuilen and Brittany Yaklich

"A clean heart create for me, O God; renew within me a steadfast spirit."



February 16 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table served 186 individuals with hospitality and a warm meal.

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.**

Liturgical Ministers Schedule **Saturday, February 22 - 4:00pm**

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Mark Ginther, Julio Letona
Lector: Tim Vogt
Sacristan: Matt Thurnau
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers Needed
Greeter: Katherine Rypka

Sunday, February 23 - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Doug Phillips, Lynn Lattery
Lector: Brad Steffen
Sacristan: Joan Salmonson
Ushers: Mark Kearin, Cindy Phillips
Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Altar Servers: Henry and Stella Seykora
Greeter: Greeter Needed

Sunday, February 23 - 10:00am

EMs: Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine, Ryan Heydon
Lectors: Vickie Skala
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens
Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson
Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom, Molly Bailey
Greeter: Julie Bosshardt

February Funeral Chairpersons

Charlotte Radtke - 507-774-9103
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KC Council 945 Benefit Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 23rd 8:00am - Noon
St. Mary's School Cafeteria - served table side
Advanced tickets are \$9 or \$10 at the door.
Choice of KC Omelet Breakfast or KC Country Breakfast, served with pancakes or French toast, milk or coffee.
Benefits Owatonna Faith Formation and the OHS Robotics Team.



Young Adult Catholics of Owatonna

February Saints Trivia Night Young Adult Catholics ages 20-35 are invited to attend the next Young Adult Catholic Fellowship Night on Thursday, February 20th from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the St. Joseph Parish Hall. Singles, couples, and families with young children are welcome to come test your knowledge with Saints Trivia! A light snack will be provided. If you have any questions please text Lucas and Kristine Arndt at 507-573-3532. Please feel free to invite friends.

Sundie Undies and Box of Socks! Thank you from the Knights of

Columbus #945. Both Parishes collected 193 pair of underwear and 228 pair of socks for Men for Community Pathways of Steele Co. Dom and the staff at Community Pathway were very thankful for your donations to help the community.



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.

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