



September 8, 2024

Twenty-third 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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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



“He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8, 2024 – B Cycle

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Any person unable to hear and to speak coherently is almost condemned to isolation in a culture where hearing and speaking are the primary tools of communication. On a deeper level Jesus himself emphasized the need for authentic hearing as the required response to His preaching and teaching.

One of the attributes of God is to liberate people, freeing them from all the fetters that bind them and bonds that hold them away from the divine.

Prophet Isaiah's vision of a Messiah who would come with hope and healing is realized in this episode from Mark's Gospel: the deaf hear, the silent are given voice, the lame "leap like a stag." The exhortation **Ephphatha** is not only addressed to the man born deaf but to His disciples both then and now who fail to hear and see and speak the presence of God in their very midst.

The Aramaic phrase **ephphatha** literally means "be released", Jesus "releases" the man not only from his disability but from his sins, his isolation from the community, his alienation from God. Jesus' curing of the deaf man with spittle is an act of re-creation. God's reign is present in human history in the extraordinary ministry of Jesus.

In times of grief, despair and failure, we can be "deaf" to the presence of God in the love and compassion of others; or we can become so preoccupied with the noise and clamor of the marketplace that we are unable to hear the voices of those we love and who love us.

Jesus not just cures the man with a fleeting word but by his touch, he enters into the grit and grime, the struggle and pain of the man's life and in doing so, brings hope and healing to the man. Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached Him with sincerity and trust. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and He calls us to treat one another in like manner.

"Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you."

The feast is the birthday celebration of the mother of Jesus, our Heavenly Mother, and the Mother of the Church. It is the birthday of an ordinary woman who was chosen to become the mother of an extraordinary Divine Child. The Church celebrates the death day of a saint as his/her feast day, considering it his/her "birthday in Heaven." The three exceptions are Jesus' birthday (Christmas), Mary's birthday (September 8), and John the Baptist's birthday (June 24). Mary's birthday is celebrated because of her Immaculate Conception. John the Baptist, in Elizabeth's womb, was filled with the Holy Spirit during Mary's visitation of Elizabeth. We honor Mary because God *has done great things for her* (Luke 1:49), a) by choosing her as the mother of Jesus His Son, b) by filling her with His Holy Spirit twice, c) by making her the embodiment of all virtues ("*full of grace*"), and our Heavenly Mother and d) by allowing her to become the most active participant with Christ, her son, in our redemption.

Blessings!

We are in need of a new set of vestments (lightweight & shorter) and altar linens for the church. If you are interested in donating toward this, please reach out to Father Marreddy. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, September 9, 2024 <i>1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11</i>	St. Peter Claver, Priest 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 <i>1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Brown family
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 <i>1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Darlene Gathje† 6:30pm - Faith Formation Mass - Tom Nolan†
Thursday, September 12, 2024 <i>1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13/Lk 6:27-38</i>	Weekday - The Most Holy Name of Mary 8:00am - Dorry Kenney†
Friday, September 13, 2024 <i>1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27/Lk 6:39-42</i>	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:00am - Christ the King - Eugene & Pearl Jenot†
Saturday, September 14, 2024 <i>Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17</i>	Weekday - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8:00am - Bob & Pat Matejcek family
Sunday, September 15, 2024 <i>Is 50:4c-9a</i> <i>Jas 2:14-18</i> <i>Mk 8:27-35</i>	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/14/24 4:00pm - Dennis Quimby† 09/14/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Betty Manderfeld† 09/15/24 8:00am - Dick Thamert† 09/15/24 10:00am - Parishioners

St. Vincent de Paul Society



September 8 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please encourage them to call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor? St. Vincent's Table served 150 meals on Tuesday evening.

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

Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser September 24, 2024

Carson's Pillow Cleaning Service will be in the Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot (Owatonna), from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on September 24. Bring your pillows to be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed. Custom-made new pillows and comforters are also for sale.

Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Church!



Traveling Crucifix Ministry

The Traveling Crucifix will be at Christ the King during month of September; to return to St. Joseph's in October. Sign up sheets in the Gathering Hall starting for October. Please continue to pray for our priests, deacons and seminarians.



In Loving Memory
Anthony "Bud" James Peka
September 2, 2024

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



Speaking Up for Life in Minnesota

Pro-Life Convocation

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024
9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2500 7th Ave. NE | Owatonna, Minn.

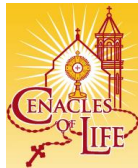
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Register online by Sept. 11 at:
goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2397242
Sponsored by LCMS Minnesota South District Faribault Circuit and LCMS Life Ministry

Young Adult Catholics of Owatonna September "Fire, Fellowship, and a Faith talk with Father"

Young Adult Catholics ages 20-35 are invited to attend the next Young Adult Catholic Fellowship Night on Tuesday, September 17th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Singles, couples, and families with young children are welcome for a campfire, s'mores and a talk from Monsignor Cook starting at 6pm. The campfire will be on the lawn between the Sacred Heart rectory and Fareway. Please bring a camp chair and something for yourself to drink. If you have any questions please text Lucas and Kristine Arndt at 507-573-3532. Please feel free to invite friends. In case of bad weather, activities will be moved into the Sacred Heart Parish center.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

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Appeal Goal: \$50,880.00

Current Balance: \$44,985.00

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Gathering Hall, Church
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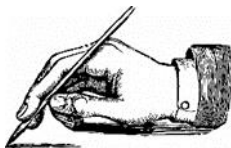
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Magnificat Renewals or New subscription orders are due by the end of December. Cost for the year is \$34.95. Checks can be dropped off in the parish office or in the collection basket "marked Magnificat."

Reasons to Write

Catholic Charities Active Aging Programs & RSVP are looking for 55+ year older volunteers who would like to participate in a pen pal program with 4th grade students from Owatonna. The goal is to help students develop an appreciation for writing and reading letters while learning about another generation's life. Contact the parish office if you are interested at 451-4845.



Deadline for volunteers is September 9th!

**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN
September 14th at 9:30 AM
Sacred Heart Cemetery**

Priests for Life has established September 14 as the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. KC Council 945 is holding a **Rosary March** Saturday morning September 14th at 9:30 AM at Sacred Heart Cemetery starting at the KC Memorial for Life. Please give a few minutes of your day to pray for all of the aborted children and to pray for the end of this barbaric act.



A Seven Sister: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer

Looking for some quiet, stress-free time to unwind and gain supernatural grace for yourself and your pastor? Join the Seven Sisters Apostolate (established in 2010 in St. Paul) to strengthen our local Church by committing to praying for the pastor/associate at St. Joseph's. We have been praying for our Owatonna priests since Fr. McGrath gave his approval in 2014. The "sisters" refers to women who commit to praying one holy hour per week on a specific day for a specific priest. While men can be substitutes, the

"sisters" are women who commit to praying weekly. You pick the time. You pick the day. No meetings to attend. No dues! Just an hour each week with you & Jesus!!

Please contact Bridget Kluesner at 612-867-2673 for more information, or email: kluesner.bb@usfamily.net to learn more on how you can join this apostolate. Booklets with more information are available or you can check it out at <http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org/>

We are most in need of "sisters" on Friday, Saturday & Sundays. Will you consider becoming a Seven Sister by committing to praying for our pastor, Fr. Marreddy and our Assisting priest, Fr. Joshua Miller? When we pray for our priests, we strengthen them and the entire Church. Seven Sisters started with 7 groups in 2010 and now has over 4,500 groups worldwide. That's over 31,000 women praying Holy Hours each week for our priests! Remember: no meetings, no dues, just quiet time with Jesus.

Fasting Brothers is also growing: groups of men offering various forms of fasting to segment the prayer efforts of a Seven Sisters group. Each man prayerfully discerns the type of fasting he will offer and commits to fast a designated day of the week (excepting Sunday/Solemnities). Fr. Joseph Johnson, our Chaplain, strongly urges formation of these groups. Form on the Website for Fasting Brothers to register.

<http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org/>

Diocese of Winona-Rochester | Register for events at dowr.org

Mankato Area Pre-Cana | October 12, 2024 | 8:30am- 5:30pm
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato State University
1502 Warren Street Mankato, MN. *Pre-Cana is an opportunity for engaged couples to prepare for the sacrament of Matrimony.*



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
(507)451-8683, bj-n-me@hotmail.com

Homebound Ministries – Vickie Skala
(507)456-2230, vskala9174@gmail.com

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Music Ministry – Carol Hodapp
(507)213-6981, carolhodapp@gmail.com

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

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

September Funeral Chairpersons

LaRae Evans 507-456-9416

Roberta Zak 507-451-2041

Owatonna KC Council #945 Benefit Breakfast
September 15 • 8am - Noon

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

Benefiting Owatonna Area St. Serra Club

The Owatonna St. Serra Club offers support for vocations and our priests.

Advance Tickets for sale next weekend after all masses. **\$ 9 in advance and \$10 at the door,**

(free under 6 years). Great breakfast at a great price. For tickets or info on the St. Serra Club, contact Shirley Schultz, 507-456-8511 or Jo Ann & Tom Eichten 507-451-6499.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule **September 14/15, 2024**

Saturday - 4:00pm

EMHC: Matt Thurnau, Julio Letona, Volunteer

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Amador Ramirez, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Brianna Harinen,
Sophia Harinen

Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 8:00am

EMHC: Lynn Lattery, Courtney Keller, Volunteer

Lector: Annika Slacter

Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Mark Kearin, Tyler Keller
Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Sam Dulas, Jacob Dulas, Charlie Dulas
Greeters: Volunteers

Sunday - 10:00am

EMHC: Katie Holzerland, Ellyn Jardine, Stacey Ginskey

Lector: Tim Rice

Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens
Nolan Ginskey, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Lucas Ginskey, Macey Ginskey
Greeters: Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in all the liturgical ministries.

Mark Your Calendars:

Christ the King September Events in Medford

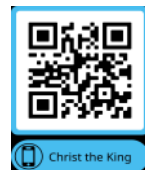
Wednesday, September 11th Mass at Corpus Christi to celebrate the start of Faith Formation – 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 17th Catholic Daughter's Meeting
6:30 church basement

Wednesday, September 18th – First Day of Faith
Formation classes at 6:30pm and KC meeting at 7pm

Thursday, September 19th - CCW Meeting at 6:30pm
in the church basement

*For all the latest news from Christ the King
Catholic Church, Medford
scan the QR Code*



Faith Formation

" Our 2024-2025 Faith Formation year is starting this month. Our program serves students who will be entering 1st Grade- Confirmation. Please register your child(ren) by using the following link <https://shsjfaithformation.org/faithformation-registration>. Classes will be on Wednesday evenings at St. Mary's School from 6:30-7:45pm. If you have any questions, please email Brittany Boubin at shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org."

St. Mary's School News

St. Mary's School just started this past week for preschool through 8th grade. This marks our 147th school year! Students were able to meet their teachers and friends for an ice cream social. A big thank you to our advisory board for serving root beer floats out on the playground. We are looking forward to a great school year in 2024-2025!



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