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January 26, 2025 Third 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

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.
Register online at our website:
"Click" on Helpful Links "Click" on Registration



This week is the beginning of Catholic Schools week. This annual celebration started 51 years ago in 1974. To kick off Catholic Schools week, we invite you to our open house at St. Mary's School from 9:30AM - 12:00 PM, Sunday January 26th. Come learn about the St. Mary's experience and apply for the 25-26 school year! We will have a pancake breakfast, carnival activities, school informational sessions, school tours and meeting the teachers! So come hungry for breakfast, learn about St. Mary's and enjoy the carnival activities, as we kick off Catholic Schools week!

The Candlemas - February 2, 2025
The Feast of the Presentation
Need a blessed candle at home? Bring a candle to the Candlemas. Father Joshua will bless candles at the beginning of Mass.

Save the Date! Sacred Heart 's **Soup Supper** for all Faith Formation Students and Parents, 5:30 PM, Wednesday, January 29, in Sacred Heart Parish Center, with Open Gym in St. Mary's gymnasium afterwards until classes. The dinner is a Free Will Donation with proceeds going to the Faith Formation Program.

A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26, 2025-C Cycle.

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians; 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke, the author of this year's cycle of Gospel readings, is a "second generation" Christian. Greek by birth and physician by profession, he was a traveling companion of Paul, through whom he met Mark and perhaps Peter himself. He writes his Gospel mainly for Gentiles like himself: for Luke, this Jesus fulfills not only Jewish dreams but every people's hopes for wholeness and holiness.

Luke's Gospel reflects a scientist's precision in locating dates, places and people; but Luke's Gospel also exhibits an interest in people rather than ideas. His account celebrates the compassion of Jesus for the outcasts and "second class citizens" of Jewish society including and especially women.

The story of Jesus who comes to "proclaim glad tidings to the poor . . . to announce a year of favor from the Lord" should make a profound difference in the lives of all who hear it. In His humanity, Jesus reveals a God who is approachable and present to us in all that is good and right and loving around us.

While Israel longed for a Messiah who would lead them to victory and vindication, Jesus the Messiah comes with a much different message of humility, reconciliation, compassion and forgiveness. The "good news" of the Gospel calls to become rather than to shun, to lift up rather than condemn, to seek the humble way of servanthood rather than the satisfaction of self-righteousness.

In the Father's Son, Isaiah's vision of a world transformed and reconciled in God's peace and justice is fulfilled; in God's Christ, God re-creates us and our world in the light of grace and the spirit of compassion. In baptism, we take on the work of "fulfilling" Isaiah's vision of healing, justice and reconciliation in our own "civilizations."

We make Isaiah's vision a reality in our own Nazareth in every act of hope we make happen, in every kindness prompted by God's grace. As witnesses of Christ's resurrection, as baptized disciples of His Church, we inherit the Spirit's call to "bring glad tidings" and "proclaim the Lord's favor" to the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, the oppressed and the helpless.

"Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit you bring us truth, freedom, and abundant life. Fill me with the joy of the Gospel and inflame my heart with a burning love for you and a deep thirst for your word."

Blessings!

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!!

William Warner/Knights of Columbus Scholarships

The Knights will be awarding scholarship again this year to high school seniors who are active in their Catholic faith and plan to attend a Catholic college/university. Must be a graduating senior from Steele County. Preference will be given to sons/daughters of Knights of Columbus members. Applications can be found on the student tab Owatonna High School website.

Andrew Lawrence Scholarship Fund

The Andrew Lawrence Scholarship Fund will be awarding five (5) \$2,000 scholarships again this year to eligible students. Applicants must be a high school senior or an incoming college freshman, sophomore, junior or senior attending a four year college or university. Applicants must have either received their Catholic education at St. Mary's or through REP in Owatonna and continues to be an active and practicing Catholic. Eligible applicants must be in good academic standing with a minimum high school GPA of 2.8. Applications must be submitted on or before March 1, 2025, can be found on the student tab Owatonna High School website.

Sunday Undies/Box for Socks!

The Knights of Columbus 945 are collecting new underwear and socks for men. Donation boxes will be available at both parishes from January 24 through February 9. All socks and underwear will be donated to Community Pathways of Steele County. Thank you for your support.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	01/27/25	Heb 9:15,24-28/Mk 3:22-30	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	01/28/25	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35	8:00am: For the poor souls in purgatory†
Wed.	01/29/25	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20	7:15am or 8:10am - Sacred Heart Church
Thurs.	01/30/25	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25	8:00am: Ladimir Rypka†
Fri.	01/31/25	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34	8:00am: Christ the King - Bev Hertel†
Sat.	02/01/25	Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Mk 4:35-41	8:00am: Sara Garza Ginther†
Sun.	The Presentation of the Lord		02/01/25 4:00pm: Parishioners
	Mal 3:1-4		02/01/25 5:30pm: Christ the King - Sandra Arnold†
	Heb 2:14-18		02/02/25 8:00am: Ed and Eleanor Beckman† and family
	Lk 2:22-40		02/02/25 10:00am: Sheila and Michael Connor†



January 26 – Third Sunday in Ordinary time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Throughout your life, each time you donate to those who are in need, you are bringing glad tidings to the poor. Thank you for your charity. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table served 155 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.**



As we start the Jubilee Year of 2025, our KC Council 945 would like to extend a thank you to all our members and fellow parishioners, who helped us in our charitable works over the past year. Maybe you enjoyed a KC breakfast or Lenten fish dinner, donated to a clothing

drive, helped add to our charitable gaming proceeds, donated to our Tootsie Roll Drive for the Disabled or our Salvation Army Bell Ringing Day. Our collective efforts led to well over \$100,000 being distributed to local organizations under the categories of Faith, Community, and Life.

Faith – First and foremost, the Knights of Columbus are dedicated to support our priests, parishes and catholic education. The largest contributions went directly to St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes and St. Mary's School. We also provided financial support to our seminarians, sponsored religious retreats and helped fund our religious education programs.

Community – Special Olympics, Healthy Seniors, Hospitality House, Furnishing Hope, Habitat for Humanity, Let's Smile, Cedar Valley Services and Community Pathways are some of the organizations we supported, who assist the most vulnerable in our community. We distributed 192 new coats through our Coats for Kids program and almost 200 more coats through our church drive. We provided funding to the Boy Scouts, and aided several OHS youth programs with our benefit breakfasts.

Life – To help protect the sanctity of life, we promoted March for Life and adoption support entities including Catholic Charities Adoption Services and Pregnancy Options Life Care Services. We also provide support for local hospice programs.

We again say **thank you to all the members of our parishes** who contributed to our mission of charity, as we are truly blessed to live in such a giving and supportive community. Please consider joining our KC council if you seek to expand your faith with a group of like-minded men dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday, February 1 - 4:00pm

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

Sunday, February 2 - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Cindy Emanuelson, Sue Heller
Lector: Colleen Possehl
Sacristan: Linda Huffington
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
Joel Dulas, Marty Possehl
Altar Servers: Sam, Jacob, & Charlie Dulas
Greeter: *Greeter needed*

Sunday, February 2 - 10:00am

EMs: Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine, Stacey Ginskey
Lectors: John Connor
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau
Nolan Ginskey, Patrick Baldwin
Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey, Molly Bailey
Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

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Robert Michael Matejcek
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