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February 9, 2025

Fifth 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

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
- Sundays beginning March 2 6pm online
- If there is someone that would facilitate a group at Sacred Heart or Christ the King, 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 dmcmanimon72@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.

2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT

Holy Family

RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

DATES & LOCATIONS

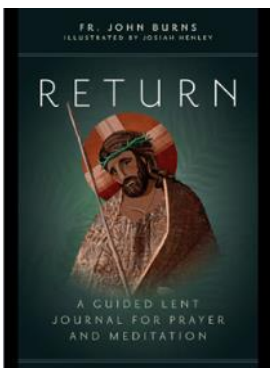
HOLY FAMILY RETREAT
Date: Saturday, February 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: St. Edward Parish in Austin, MN

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: Champlin, WI

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE!
www.dmor.org/event-details/7509



A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9th, 2025-C Cycle
Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Our human existence is a gift of God to us. Its origin and end belong to God. God constantly comes into our lives and invites us to participate in His Life and Mission. Christian Faith is the recognition of God's definitive affirmation of humanity in Jesus Christ.

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? A great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear His word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach His disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: *At your word I will let down the nets.*

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for His glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in His works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own.

When we meet disappointment and failure, do we press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear His Word and to receive His Command? When God's word is spoken, His kingdom is revealed and His power is released. When people respond to God's Word with faith and obedience, they are changed and made "a new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God chooses ordinary people like us as His ambassadors and He uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into His kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel.

Do we witness to those around us the joy of the Gospel and do we pray for our neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of His love and truth?

Blessings!

St. Mary's School News - Catholic Schools Week January 26 - January 31

The week began on Sunday with our Open House. Monday, we celebrated our community. Tuesday was a day to celebrate our nation. Wednesday, we focused on our faith. Thursday, we celebrated our students and Friday we celebrated our school!

Through-out the week, we also focused on giving back to the community through our School-Wide Service Project. Families donated much-needed items to Community Pathways' Food Shelf, including cereal, soups, condiments, and spices.

We are so grateful for everyone who participated in and supported Catholic Schools Week. Your continued prayers and generosity make it possible for us to provide an exceptional, faith-filled education to our students. Thank you for celebrating with us!



Holy Trinity of Litomysl will once again host their Adult Valentine Dinner - Saturday, February 22, 2025. Social Hour with appetizers will begin at 5:30pm. The dinner featuring Windsor chops will be served at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25. Call Mary Ann Rysavy, in Owatonna, at 507-390-0618, stop by Hometown Insurance in Blooming Prairie, or call Carol Holman at 507-676-0506. Ticket sales will close on Sunday, February 16th unless sold out. Come enjoy dinner, music, and door prizes. The event is open to all Adult singles, couples, or groups of friends.

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.	02/10/25	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	02/11/25	Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church 8:00am: St Joseph - No Mass
Wed.	02/12/25	Gn 2:4b-9,15-17/Mk 7:14-23	7:15am & 8:10am: Sacred Heart Church
Thurs.	02/13/25	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30	8:00am: Mary Jane Jacobson†
Fri.	02/14/25	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37	8:00am: Christ the King - Lloyd & Doris Kern†
Sat.	02/15/25	Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10	8:00am: Harry Appel† and family
Sun.	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		02/15/25 4:00pm: Rev. Lawrence Ginther†
		Jer 17:5-8	02/15/25 5:30pm: Christ the King - Bernard & Luella Heim†
		1 Cor 15:12,16-20	02/16/25 8:00am: Parishioners
		Lk 6:17,20-26	02/16/25 10:00am: Darlene Gathje†



In Loving Memory

Margaret Ann Triik
January 25, 2025

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

Magnifikid is back! Please take one for your child(ren) to follow along with the Sunday Mass. The Magnifikid includes the Order of Mass and some family activities. They are on the table in the gathering area and by the doors.



February 9 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”

Please pray for the poor and the suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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 15 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Katherine Rypka, Matt Thurnau
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Mark Stradtherr, Larry Goettl
Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers Needed
Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, February 16 - 8:00am

EMs: Linda Huffington, Martha Kearin, Sue Heller
Lector: Cindy Emanuelson
Sacristan: Rita Goodnature
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Altar Servers: Sam, Jacob, and Charlie Dulas
Greeter: Greeter Needed

Sunday, February 16 - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Clubb, Katie Holzerland, Stacey Ginskey
Lectors: Elyn Jardine
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau
Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson
Altar Servers: Samantha Kreiner, Lucas & Macey Ginskey
Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

February Funeral Chairpersons

Charlotte Radtke - 507-774-9103
Rita Goodnature - 507-444-4146



Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters will meet Saturday, February 15th at 9am in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.

Members will be able to judge entries for the CDA Education contest. KC Fish Fry tickets may be available.

Refreshments will be served, followed by the Rosary and meeting.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Hour

All are invited to join the Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday February 16 at 1:00 PM.

We will be led by Monsignor Cook in this great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. KC Council 945 will host the Holy Hour and will provide refreshments following the service.



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.

Come join the St. Joseph’s Church Youth Choir! The Youth Choir will be singing at the Sunday, February 16th 10AM Mass. Practice will be at 9:00am in Nazareth Hall. Contact Carol Hodapp at carolhodapp@gmail.com

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