

November 17, 2024

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Parish Priest**

Father Marreddy Pothireddy

**Assisting Priest** - Father Joshua Miller

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

# ST. JOSEPH

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**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



"Learn a lesson from the fig tree"     Mark 13:24-32

## A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, Mark 13:24-32

Do you recognize the signs of God's kingdom - signs that point to his power and action in our lives and in the world around us? The Lord Jesus came to bring us the kingdom of God and to set us free from bondage to sin, death, and destruction and from the powers of the evil one who tempts us through lies and deception.

Jesus told his first disciples that it was for their benefit that he returns to his Father in heaven for the Holy Spirit to come (John 16:7) and fill the earth with the fire of God's love, truth, and glory. The Lord Jesus in every age fills his people with the power of the Holy Spirit so that each one of us can hear his voice, understand his truth, and sow the seeds of his word - the good news of the Gospel - wherever he sends us. The Lord Jesus is preparing his people for his return - for the day of "tribulation" and "shaking" when he will appear "coming in clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:25-26).

The image of a "Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven" is taken from the vision of the prophet Daniel (Daniel 7:13-14). Daniel's vision is a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. This king, whose authority comes from God, is given power to rule over "all peoples, nations, and languages" (Daniel 7:14). The kingdom which he comes to establish cannot be broken or destroyed because it is built on the foundation of God's justice, truth, and holiness.

The day of the Lord's return will be unlike any other moment in time, history, and destiny for humanity and our place in God's creation. Then the "stars of heaven will fall and all will be shaken" before the presence of the Lord when he comes. Then the peoples of the earth and their rulers will know who the true King and Ruler is overall.

What lesson does the Lord Jesus want us to learn from the parable of the budding fig tree? The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The prophet Joel mentions its fruit-bearing as a sign of favor from the Lord (Joel 2:22).

The first coming of the Lord Jesus is inseparably linked with his second coming at the end of this present age. We do not know the day or hour when the Lord will return in glory. But now in this present age we can experience the first-fruits of the kingdom of God - the abundant new life in the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, and the fruits of the Spirit - love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) and so many other qualities which the Spirit works within us - thus enabling us to love and serve others with tenderhearted mercy, patience, and goodness. Do you know and experience in your life the first fruits of the kingdom of God?

Blessings!

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, November 18, 2024 <i>Rv 1:1-4,2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43</i>	Weekday - St. Rose Philippine Duchesne 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 <i>Rv 3:1-6,14-22/Lk 19:1-10</i>	Weekday 8:00am - William Regan†
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 <i>Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Gladys Tupy†
Thursday, November 21, 2024 <i>Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44</i>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00am - Joan and Phillip Thompson†
Friday, November 22, 2024 <i>Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48</i>	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 8:00am - Christ the King - Mary Kramer†
Saturday, November 23, 2024 <i>Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40</i>	Weekday - St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro 8:00am - Mary Jane Jacobson†
Sunday, November 24, 2024 <i>Dn 7:13-14</i> <i>Rv 1:5-8</i> <i>Jn 18:33b-37</i>	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 11/23/24 4:00pm - Dick Thamert† 11/23/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Merlyn Madery† 11/24/24 8:00am - Parishioners 11/24/24 10:00am - Leo Klinkner†

### St. Vincent de Paul Society



#### November 17 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us.

**As you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.**

**St. Vincent's Table volunteers prepared and served 185 meals last week.**

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### Parish Staff

**Parish Priest** – Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy  
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## Church News & Events

**CDA Memorial Mass**  
**Monday, Nov. 18 • 5:30pm**  
**St. Joseph Parish**



Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters will honor CDA sisters who have passed this last year. *Marie Seykora, Mary Ann Wanous, Maggie Klaus, Beverly Hill, and Sue Wacek* Family and friends are invited to attend. We will have coffee and refreshments after the Mass with meeting for members to follow.

### We are recruiting Altar Servers!



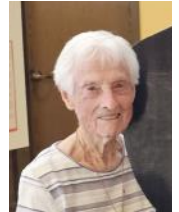
Parents, if your son or daughter have received their First Holy Communion, are entering the 4th Grade and would like to be an altar server, call the parish office at 507-451-4845 for more information about Altar Server training at St. Joseph Parish.



*We welcome...*  
**Javier Steven Terrones**  
**Baptized on November 10, 2024**

Child of Esteban & Jade (Hanson) Terrones  
*"A clean heart create for me, O God; renew within me a steadfast spirit" - Psalms 51:10*

Sister Edith Zamboni would like to thank everyone who was able to attend her 100th birthday party on October 23rd at the Owatonna Arts Center. She was grateful for your gifts and hugs!



May you all have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### Toys for Tots of Steele County and Family to Family of Steele County



are working together to provide a Christmas for needy children age 15 & younger and families.

Consider taking an angel tag from the tree in the Gathering Hall. Attach the angel tag to a new, unwrapped item you've purchased and place in the Toys for Tots box - located in the parish office or Gathering Hall.

If you prefer to donate money, send gift cards or checks to:

Toys for Tots  
PO Box 199  
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Gift cards will be used to



purchase toys. Cash donations will be used to purchase food cards. **The final day for donations will be Thursday, December 12th.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### You're invited to attend the Installation Mass of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

as Parish Priest of St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna and Christ the King Church, Medford celebrated by

The Most Reverend Bishop Robert Barron  
Diocese of Winona-Rochester  
**10:00 AM Sunday, December 22, 2024**

**St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna**

Brunch will be served in Joseph Hall after Mass. (Free will offering)

Please **RVSP by Monday, December 16** if you plan to attend the meal at 507-451-4845.

### *You are the Light of the World*

**Appeal Goal: \$50,880.00**  
**Current Balance: \$45,845.00**

*Give online: catholicismn.org*  
Envelopes are available in the Gathering Hall, Church entrances and Parish Office for mail in donations. We are \$5035.00 away from meeting our goal.



Scan the code to donate online

Scan the QR Code for more information on upcoming events and happenings at Christ the King Church in Medford or visit the website at [www.ctkmedfordmn.org](http://www.ctkmedfordmn.org)



Christ the King

## Church News & Events

### Owatonna KC Council 945 Benefit Breakfast

for St. Mary's Home & School

**Sunday, November 17 • 8am - 12pm**

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

**Advance tickets are \$9 or \$10 at the door.**

Two sensational breakfast choices and table service!

**KC Omelet Breakfast: 3 egg omelet selections**

**KC Country Breakfast: eggs fried or scrambled, ham or sausage.**

Served with pancakes or french toast, milk, or coffee.



### Event at Christ the King, Medford **Pie & Dessert Bingo**



Christ the King CCW invites you to this *Family Fun Event* benefiting our Faith Formation Program.

When: Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm (after 5:30 mass)

Where: Parish Hall in basement



Bingo Cards - \$1 for 5 games [Thi](#)

Win your Thanksgiving Pie

Choose from fresh baked or frozen

**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 the collection basket marked "Magnificat."



*Extra* baked goods, crafts and handmade quilts will be available for purchase.



Pizza and beverage available

(with free will donation) **Come join the fun!**

### Traveling Crucifix Ministry

The Traveling Crucifix has returned to St. Joseph Parish.

Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Hall for families and individuals who would like to pray at home for one week for our priests, deacons and seminarians.

*Sponsored by the St. Serra Club*



### Turkey BINGO at Holy Trinity Catholic Church



Everyone is invited to the Annual Turkey Bingo at Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl on Sunday, November 24 at 7pm. 20 games for \$7.00 with a free door prize.

Pop and popcorn will be available to purchase and there will be a Bake Sale by the Youth.

Invite your friends and relatives and come for an enjoyable evening.

### Young Adult Catholics of Owatonna November Advent Event

Young Adult Catholics ages 20-35 are invited to attend the next Young Adult Catholic Fellowship Night on Tuesday November 19th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Singles, couples and families with young children are welcome to an Advent gathering as we prepare for Christmas. The event will include making advent wreaths & learning about advent season prayer. Hot chocolate and cider will be available. If you have any questions please text Lucas and Kristine Arndt at 507-573-3532. Please feel free to invite friends. This event will take place at the Owatonna Country Club located at 1991 Lemond Road in Owatonna.



## Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Faith Formation News

### The Faith Formation Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser

**Pick up will be on Saturday December 7 from 9 am - 12 pm in Nazareth Hall at St. Joseph Church. You will receive an email as the time gets closer to pick up your order. Please send someone to pick up your order if you are not able to make it.**



## 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@stjosephwatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org)

**Communion Ministers** – Linda Huffington  
(507)456-5274 (leave message) or  
[lindamwhuffington@gmail.com](mailto:lindamwhuffington@gmail.com)

**Greeters** – Wayne & Betty Kubicek  
(507)451-8683, [bj-n-me@hotmail.com](mailto:bj-n-me@hotmail.com)

**Homebound Ministries** – Vickie Skala  
(507)456-2230, [vskala9174@gmail.com](mailto:vskala9174@gmail.com)

**Lectors** – Linda Strand (507)363-2596,  
[strand619@gmail.com](mailto:strand619@gmail.com)

**Music Ministry** – Carol Hodapp  
(507)213-6981, [carolhodapp@gmail.com](mailto:carolhodapp@gmail.com)

**Sacristans** – Elyn Jardine (507)-444-4088,  
[leej7@reagan.com](mailto:leej7@reagan.com)

**Ushers** – Pat Rose (507)456-1146  
[rosepatp@gmail.com](mailto:rosepatp@gmail.com)

*Share your God given gifts  
with the world!*

### St. Joseph Parish Environment & Decorating Team

We need a team of parishioners who would like to help with decorating the interior and exterior of St. Joseph Parish. The team can meet each liturgical season with Father to discuss floral arrangements, use of banners, and Christmas/Easter décor. If you have a "green thumb" and like to nurture live plants, we need your help! Please contact the parish office at 507-451-4845 if you are interested. We want to creatively glorify God in the way we decorate at St. Joseph Parish.



### Liturgical Ministers Schedule November 23/24, 2024

#### Saturday - 4:00pm

EM: Dianne Unruh, Rose Ann Rypka, Julio Letona  
Lector: Linda Strand  
Sacristan: Julio Letona  
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Joan Erdman  
Sue Yentsch, Amador Ramirez  
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, *2 Servers Needed*  
Greeters: Katherine Rypka

#### Sunday - 8:00am

EM: Martha Kearin, Courtney Keller, Diane Kaplan  
Lector: Cindy Emanuelson  
Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén  
Ushers: Mark Kearin, Tyler Keller  
Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas  
Altar Servers: Charlie, Jacob & Sam Dulas  
Greeters: *Greeters Needed*

#### Sunday - 10:00am

EM: Elyn Jardine, Lee Jardine, Ryan Heydon  
Lector: Vickie Skala  
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner  
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens  
Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson  
Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom,  
Samantha Kreiner  
Greeters: *Greeters Needed*

*Volunteers are needed in all the liturgical ministries.  
Consider filling out a Time and Talent form found in the  
Gathering Area. Bring it to the office, drop it in the collection  
basket or call 507-451-4845 if you are able serve.*

### November Funeral Chairpersons

**David and Rita Goodnature**  
**507-444-4146**

Contact the parish office if you are interested in  
serving at funeral luncheons 507-451-4845

#### **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.

**Phone: 451-4845 or**  
**email: [parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org)**





## We are thankful

SMS grade 3

"I am thankful for my family because they are always beside me. They always stand up for me and my brothers. They love me." - Owen Sorensen

"I am thankful for my dog because he is talented, funny, and friendly. He keeps me company whenever I'm alone. He protects us and our friends. He is awesome!" - Ryann Murphy

"I am thankful for my friends because they play with me. I am also thankful for food because I have something to eat when I'm hungry." - Isaac Bissen

"I am thankful for books because I LOVE TO READ! I am thankful for our ancestors because they're why we are alive." - Violet Nelson

"I am thankful for animals and cats. I am thankful for them because they keep me company and keep the world good." - Willow Wavrin Connelly

"I am thankful for others. I am thankful for others because I would be lonely if I didn't have them." Alex Reese

### Truth and Beauty Remain Presents:

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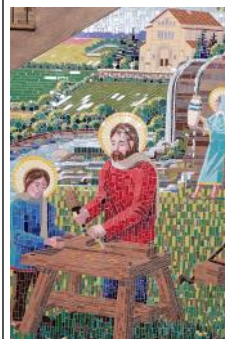
**When: FRIDAY November 22nd 6:30 PM**

**Where: SMS Auditorium**

**Cost: 3.00 - proceeds benefit our Catholic Churches**

*Support us as we use the Performing Arts to share what is true, what is good, and what is beautiful.*

### Keeping Christ in Christmas! Parish Christmas Cards are back! A pack of 25 cards for \$25



St. Joseph Parish Card featuring the beautiful mosaic of St. Joseph and the Holy Family  
**Cards can be purchased in the parish office.**

Proceeds from the sales of these cards assist the

Knights of Columbus with their charitable work.



The **Catholic Education Memorial Fund (CEMF)** has been supporting Catholic education in Steele County for almost 50 years. Founded in 1974 as a perpetual endowment, the CEMF distributes income from the invested principal to St. Mary's School and the Religious Education Program. While some growth in the principal is expected from investment appreciation, real growth cannot be achieved without contributions to the fund from the Catholic community. To find out more about the CEMF and how you can support Catholic education in Steele County for decades to come, please visit the website at [cemfowatonna.com](http://cemfowatonna.com) – or contact any of the current Board members: Jane Kubista, Brian Haggerty, Tim McManimon, Dean Velzke, Ron Kubicek, or Stephen Nelson.


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