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## January 19, 2025

### Second 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



St. Mary's School welcomes you to apply for Preschool through 8th grade on our website ([www.stmarys-owatonna.org](http://www.stmarys-owatonna.org)). We also invite you to join us for our open house on January 26th from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM. We will have school tours, you will be able to meet teachers and we will have informational sessions for preschool and kindergarten. There will be lots of fun things to do at our carnival themed open house. We will have carnival games with prizes, a cotton candy station and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their famous pancake breakfast. Please join us!



The wedding feast in Cana John 2:1-11

We are in need of a Rosary Leader for the 4th Sunday, before the 8am Mass.  
Please call the parish office at 507-451-4845 if you are interested in leading the Rosary.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025-C Cycle**  
**Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11**

**At a wedding feast in Cana, Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water . . . Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."** John 2: 1-11

This is the' first great "sign" of Jesus: the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. *Cana evokes two important Scriptural symbols that point to the Messiahship of Jesus:*

**First**, wine in abundance was considered a sign for Israel of the Messianic age to come (one example is Isaiah 54: 5-14, Reading 4 for the Easter Vigil). The water in the six large stone jars used for the ritual washings mandated by the first covenant law is transformed by Jesus into Messianic wine, prefiguring the new covenant to be sealed in Jesus' blood (which we celebrate in the wine of the Eucharist).

**Second**, the limitless love of God for His people is described throughout Scripture in terms of marriage. Today's first reading from Isaiah is a beautiful example of this tradition. It is the strongest (yet still far from perfect) image we have to understand the depth of God's love for His holy people.

The Lord Jesus brought great blessing and joy to a newlywed couple and their wedding party. First by His presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness. In the Old Testament, wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13; Proverbs 3:10, Psalm 105). That Jesus would miraculously produce the best wine shows the superabundance of the blessings which He came to offer.

This miracle signifies the "new rich wine" of the Gospel and it points to the "wine of the new covenant" and the "bread of life" which Jesus provides for His disciples in the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age when He comes again in His glory. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for His people. God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of His love is revealed in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Do I thirst for God and for the abundant life and blessings He offers to me?**

**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 from January 17 - February 28. Take-out available.**

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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](mailto:lee_j7@reagan.com) / 507-444-4088).

If you are not a Knight, ask me how to join in the fun!!

**Please join the rally to save the unborn.** In 2023, Minnesota lawmakers passed legislation legalizing abortion-up-to-birth. They also repealed a newborn's right to lifesaving treatment. Even more anti-life measures are being considered for 2025. Now is the time to make clear to our elected officials that no child is forgotten, and that moms and babies deserve our protection.

As in the past, Owatonna Bus Company will provide a free coach bus to St. Paul. The bus will board at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot in Owatonna at 8:00 am on January 22 (leaving at 8:15). The bus will stop at the Speedway Travel Plaza in Faribault at 8:40.

At 10:00, we will be dropped off at the Cathedral of St. Paul for a prayer service. Then, we will walk to the capital for the March for Life which begins at noon. The bus will depart the capital at 1:30, returning to Owatonna at about 2:45 pm. If you would like to reserve a seat on the bus, please call Michael Meger:507.456.0480.

Dress warmly and bring a bag lunch.

### **Sunday Undies**

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.	01/20/26	Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22	7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	01/21/26	Heb 6: 10-20/Mk 2:23-28	8:00am: Clifford Stumpf†
Wed.	01/22/26	Heb 7:1-3,15-17/Mk 3:1-6	7:15am or 8:10am - Sacred Heart Church
Thurs.	01/23/26	Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12	8:00am: Lee Jardine (liv)
Fri.	01/24/26	Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19	8:00am: Christ the King - Lloyd & Doris Kern†
Sat.	01/25/26	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 3:13-19	8:00am: Gladys Tupy†
Sun.	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10	01/25/25 4:00pm: Donald Schmidt Sr.†
		1 Cor 12:12-30	01/25/25 5:30pm: Christ the King - Parishioners
		Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21	01/26/25 8:00am: Tom Nolan†
			01/26/25 10:00am: Kristin Hanson†

*National Catholic Schools Week begins*



### January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.**

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.**

### The Candlemas - Feb. 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.

The Winona-Rochester Diocesan collection for Latin America and Catholic Communications will be next Sunday, January 26th. Please use the attached envelope if you would like to donate.

### 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.

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

#### Saturday, January 25 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Linda Strand, Julio Letona  
 Lector: Tim Vogt  
 Sacristan: Julio Letona  
 Ushers: Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez  
 Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch  
 Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Sophia & Brianna Harinan  
 Greeter: Katherine Rypka

#### Sunday, January 26 - 8:00am

EMs: Lynn Lattery, Linda Huffington, Diane Kaplan  
 Lector: Cindy Emanuelson  
 Sacristan: Joan Salmonson  
 Ushers: Pat Rose, Tom Wolfe  
 Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas  
 Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora, *Server needed*  
 Greeter: *Greeter needed*

#### Sunday, January 26 - 10:00am SMS Student Mass

EMs: Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine, Vickie Skala  
 Lectors: Ryan Heydon (Opening/Petitions)  
 St. Mary's School Student (Readings)  
 Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner  
 Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens  
 Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson  
 Altar Servers: Samantha Kreiner, Cole & Westin Trom  
 Greeter: Julie Bosshardt

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#### January Funeral Chairperson

Val O'Neill - 507-451-8746  
 To help serve at funeral luncheons,  
 please call 507-451-4845.

### KC Council 945 Benefit Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 26th 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 the St. Mary's School Open House.

### Young Adult Catholics of Owatonna January Adoration and Worship Event

Young Adult Catholics ages 20-35 are invited to attend a candle-lit evening of Adoration on Thursday, January 23rd from 5:30pm to 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish. Come visit Our Lord in Adoration, meditate on a gospel reading and reflection, and allow worship music to lift your heart to Jesus. Confessions will be available throughout the evening. If you have any questions please text Lucas and Kristine Arndt at 507-573-3532. Please feel free to invite friends.


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