



November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest

Father Marreddy Pothireddy

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

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Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm

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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

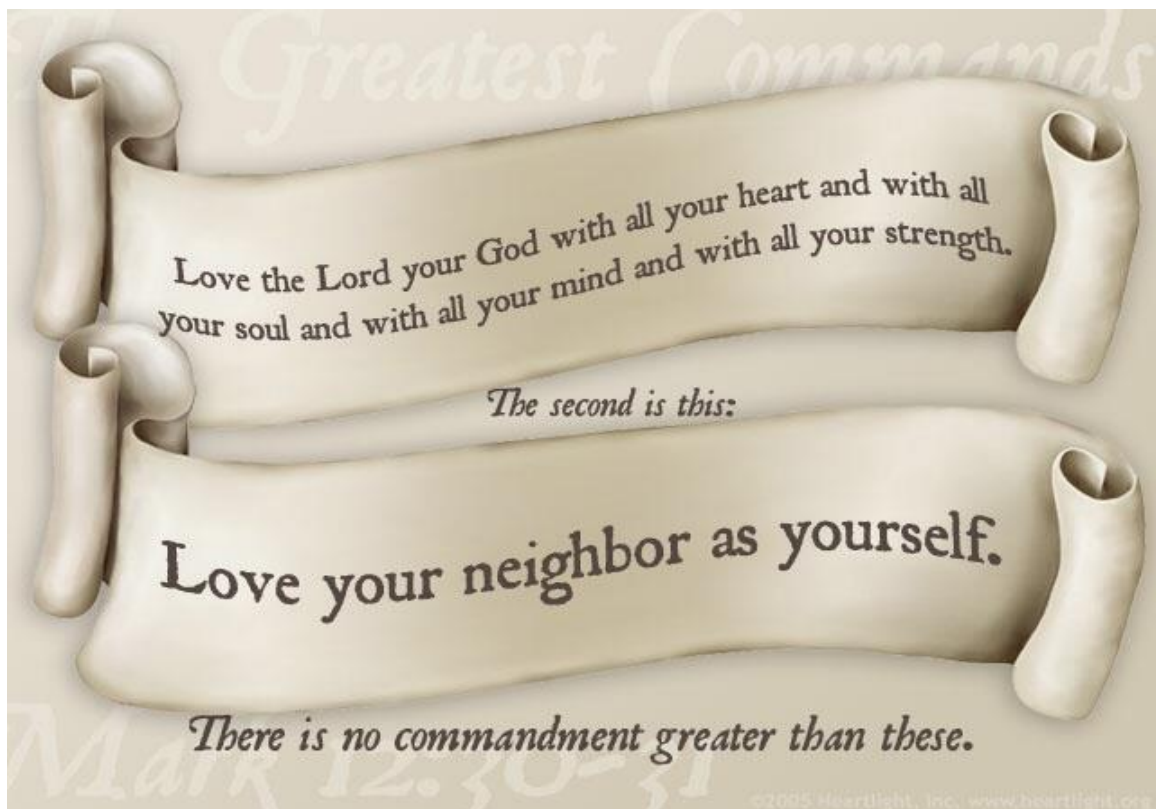
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm



A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

November the month of All Souls.

All Souls' Day and month of November is specially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward, and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification. People of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul and have prayed for the dead.

- 1) The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the souls of the dead would receive their final release. The Jewish catechism, *Talmud*, states that prayers for the dead will help to bring them greater rewards and blessings, too. Prayer for the souls of the departed is retained by the Orthodox Jews today, who recite a prayer known as the *Mourner's Kaddish* for eleven months after the death of a loved one so that he/she may be purified.
- 2) First century practice: Jesus and the apostles shared this belief and passed it on to the early Church. "*Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers,*" is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs (*Lumen Gentium-50*).
- 3) The liturgies of the Mass in various rites dating from the early centuries of the Church include "Prayers for the Dead."
- 4) The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice. **Tertullian (AD 160-240)** wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. **St. Augustine (AD 354 – 430)** remarked that he used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: "*When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar*" (*St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions, Book 9, Chapter 11, Section 27*).
- 5) The Synods of Nicaea, Florence, and Trent encouraged the offering of prayers for the dead, citing Scriptural evidence to prove that there is a place or state of purification for those who die with venial sins on their souls.

Theological reasoning: According to Rv 21:27: "...*nothing unclean shall enter Heaven.*" Holy Scripture (Prv 24:16) also teaches that even "*the just sin seven times a day.*" Since it would be contrary to the mercy of God to punish such souls with venial sins in Hell, they are seen as entering a place or state of purification, called *Purgatory*, which combines God's justice with His mercy. This teaching is also contained in the doctrine of the *Communion of Saints*.

Biblical evidence: 1) II Mc 12:46 is the main Biblical text incorporating the Jewish belief in the necessity of prayer and sacrifice for the dead. The passage (II Mc 12:39-46) describes how Judas, the military commander, "*took up a collection from all his men, totaling about four pounds of silver and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering*" (II Mc 12:43). The narrator continues, "*If he had not believed that the dead would be raised, it would have been foolish and useless to pray for them.*" 2) St. Paul seems to have shared this traditional Jewish belief. At the death of his supporter Onesiphorus, he prayed: "*May the Lord grant him mercy on that Day*" (II Tim: 1:18). **Other pertinent Bible texts:** Mt 12:32, I Cor 3:15, Zec13:19, Sir 7:33.

The Church's teaching: The Church's official teaching on Purgatory is plain and simple. There is a place or state of purification called *Purgatory*, where souls undergoing purification can be helped by the prayers of the faithful (Council of Trent). Some modern theologians suggest that the fire of Purgatory is an intense, transforming encounter with Jesus Christ and the fire of Divine love. They also speak of Purgatory as an "instant" purification immediately after death, varying in intensity from soul to soul, depending on the state of everyone.

How do we help the "holy souls"? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and encourages "*almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead*" (CCC #1032). Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them. God can foresee and apply the merits of our prayers, penances, and works of charity, done even years after their death, for our departed dear ones, in favor of our deceased dear ones, at the moment of their deaths. Please pray for all our loved ones and forgotten souls.

Blessings!

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, November 4, 2024 <i>Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14</i>	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 <i>Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Geraldine Ginther†
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 <i>Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Deceased members of Ray and Jeanne Willmott family
Thursday, November 7, 2024 <i>Phil 3:3-8a/ Lk 15:1-10</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Darlene Gathje†
Friday, November 8, 2024 <i>Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Christ the King - Vernon, Gladys, John & Allen Flood†
Saturday, November 9, 2024 <i>Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22</i>	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 8:00am - S.I. Zamboni family living and deceased
Sunday, November 10, 2024 <i>1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44</i>	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 11/09/24 4:00pm - Bill Hannum† 11/09/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Parishioners 11/10/24 8:00am - Dorry Kenney† 11/10/24 10:00am - Joe Lisowski†

St. Vincent de Paul Society



November 3 – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened. St. Vincent’s Table volunteers prepared and served 185 meals on Tuesday.

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



Pray for our Nation!
The Patriotic Rosary
Tuesday, November 5
9:00am - 10:00am
St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna

Your spare change can change a life!
2024 Baby Bottle Campaign
Sponsored by the DOW-R and Catholic
Charities' Child and Family Services



Please return filled bottles to the church or office by Monday, November 4th.



Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Fall Bazaar & Holiday Bake Sale

Saturday Nov.9, 2024
8:30am - 1:30pm

Joseph & Nazareth Halls
St. Joseph Parish
512 S Elm Ave
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Craft Items
Holiday Cookies & Candy
Homemade Baked Goods
Bucket Raffle



Dine in or Take out Meals Available:

Soups: Wild Rice & Chicken Noodle
Sandwiches: Pulled Pork & Egg Salad
Apple Crisp & Pumpkins Bars
Coffee & Milk



Father Marreddy would like to specially remember all the dearly departed souls during this month. If you have loved ones you want prayed for, write their names in the book on the podium in the Gathering Hall. A prayer intention will be offered up for all the names listed in the book at all the Masses in November!

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
Owatonna MN 55060



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!

A plea from Bishop Barron and Catholic Charities - Hurricane Relief Collection

Recent hurricanes have created devastation and caused many deaths in Florida, North Carolina and throughout the southeastern part of the United States. Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is currently providing support and assistance throughout the regions that are being impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. A second collection will be taken the weekend of November 9-10th to support Catholic Charities in their relief efforts. Checks can be made out to St. Joseph Parish with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo. To learn more about supporting local efforts through Catholic Charities, go to: www.ccsomn.org. Your thoughtful donation will help rebuild lives. Thank you.



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.ckmedfordmn.org

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.

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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.



St. Joseph Environment & Decorating Team

We are looking for a team of parishioners who would like to help with decorating the interior and exterior of St. Joseph Parish. Input is needed for floral arrangements, use of banners, and Christmas/Easter décor. Helpers outside of the decorating team will be needed for Christmas set up and tear down. If you have a "green thumb" and like to nurture live plants, your talent is needed as well.

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.



ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join KC Council 945 in honoring the members that have passed on to eternal praise of Jesus Christ.

This Memorial Mass is not just for the families of these Knights but for everyone that wants to remember these Knights and spend time in reflection on their own future. Join us on Tuesday November 12 at Sacred Heart Parish for a rosary at 6:00 PM and the Memorial Mass at 6:30 PM.



In Loving Memory

Dorothy Morman

October 4, 2024

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

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 that has started. A portion of each item goes directly to our Faith Formation program. This fundraiser helps us to serve our Faith Formation families by providing textbooks/curriculum, classroom supplies, resources and more each week for our families.



Please use the following link to place your order

<https://shsfaithformation.org/christmas-wreaths>.

*If you prefer to fill out a paper form, these will be available at both Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parish Offices.



All orders must be turned in before November 14. 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@stjosephowatonna.org

Communion Ministers – Linda Huffington
(507)456-5274 (leave message) or
lindamwhuffington@gmail.com

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

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(507)456-2230, vskala9174@gmail.com

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

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

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule November 9/10, 2024

Saturday - 4:00pm

EM: Dianne Unruh, Rose Ann Rypka, Matt Thurnau
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Mark Stradtherr, Larry Goettl
Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, *2 servers needed*
Greeters: Katherine Rypka

Sunday - 8:00am

EM: Lynn Lattery, Courtney Keller, Doug Phillips
Lector: Annika Slacter
Sacristan: Joanne Evans
Ushers: Tyler Keller, Cindy Phillips
Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Altar Servers: Charlie, Sam and Jacob Dulas
Greeters: Greeters needed

Sunday - 10:00am

EM: Katie Clubb, Vickie Skala, Katie Holzerland
Lector: John Connor
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens
Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson
Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom, Carson Skala
Greeters: Shannon Iacovino

*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@stjosephowatonna.org

St. Joseph's Church
Youth Choir

Come join the St. Joseph's Youth Choir.
Practice will be one hour before Mass.

November 17 at the 10:00am Mass
Practice at 9:00am

Rehearsal Location :
Basement - Nazareth Hall

More Information :
Email Carol Hodapp:
carolhodapp@gmail.com

St. Mary's School News

St. Mary's School—PE 7th-8th graders have been working on their soccer skills with a variety of small sided games, such as elimination soccer, sideline soccer, and 3 on 3 soccer. They also learned what lowa pushups are and did an excellent job building up their upper body strength and core. KR-6th grade just started up Halloween games. They have enjoyed games such as witches tag, witches, werewolves, and mummies tag, candy wranglers, and pumpkin patch. The students were building up their cardiovascular endurance throughout these games.



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