

September 22, 2024

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Parish Priest**

Father Marreddy Pothireddy

**Assisting Priest** - Father Joshua Miller

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

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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



“If anyone  
wishes to be  
first, he shall  
be the last of  
all and the  
servant of all.”

Mark 9:35

## A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 22, 2024 – B Cycle**

**Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37**

God speaks to us in many ways but there are times when we ourselves refuse to listen to Him. He is concerned about us and at every moment presents Himself as a caring Father giving the good things for His children.

But there is a lot of conflict in this world such as: wars, terrorism, or violence, besides the daily conflicts we are part of at work, school, in our families and even in our Church. Small arguments, little disagreements, frustrations that other people don't quite see the world as we see it. Tiny fights we need to win each day to succeed in our work, play and faith.

There is something about being human that drives us to succeed, to want to achieve things. Ambition, drive, success and winning are the themes of today. And our teaching from Christ today seems contradictory, "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all."

Our society tells us that being right, being first, being the best is all important. But society is wrong. There is nothing good or important about being first.

We are called to be gentle and are called to endure. We are called to bring peace to conflict. As James tells us the seeds of the peace maker will bear fruit in holiness. Jesus tells us to be the servant of all. It's in our nature to put ourselves first. Christ tells us not to, He tells us to put others first. He shows us a small child as an example.

Being the best teacher, the best student, the best driver, the best mom, the best doctor, the best anything you can be, is good, it's holy and it will bear fruit. Being better than anyone else is pointless and will only lead to conflict. Use your skills for others; welcome their needs, their vulnerabilities. Help them as you would help a child. Welcome them with open arms and you'll be welcoming Christ.

Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). Are we ready to humble ourselves and to serve as Jesus did?

Blessings!

Bishop Barron and all the priests in our Diocese will be traveling to Lake Okoboji, Iowa for Presbyteral Days. There will be **no Masses** at St. Joseph Church and Sacred Heart Church **Tuesday - Thursday, September 24 -26th.** *Deacon Scot will offer Word and Communion at 7:15am in Sacred Heart Church.* Let us keep Bishop Barron, Fr. Marreddy, Msgr. Cook, Fr. Joshua, and all the priests from our Diocese in our prayers for a safe and productive Presbyteral Days.

Diocese of Winona-Rochester | Register for events at [dowr.org](http://dowr.org)

**Mankato Area Pre-Cana | October 12, 2024 | 8:30am– 5:30pm**  
**St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato State University**  
**1502 Warren Street Mankato, MN.** *Pre-Cana is an opportunity for engaged couples to prepare for the sacrament of Matrimony.*



## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, September 23, 2024 <i>Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18</i>	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 <i>Prv 21:1-6,10-13/Lk 8:19-21</i>	Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church - Word and Communion
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 <i>Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6</i>	Weekday 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church - Word and Communion
Thursday, September 26, 2024 <i>Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9</i>	Weekday - Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church - Word and Communion
Friday, September 27, 2024 <i>Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22</i>	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest 8:00am - Christ the King - Irene Jaymalin†
Saturday, September 28, 2024 <i>Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45</i>	Weekday - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr, St. Lawrence Ruiz, (C,M) 8:00am - Sheila and Michael Connor†
Sunday, September 29, 2024 <i>Nm 11:25-29</i> <i>Jas 5:1-6</i> <i>Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48</i>	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09/28/24 4:00pm - Ladimir Rypka† 09/28/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Neil O'Connor† 09/29/24 8:00am - Parishioners 09/29/24 10:00am - Karen Ann Hohrman†

### St. Vincent de Paul Society



#### September 22 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them. On Tuesday evening, St. Vincent's Table served 178 meals! Thank you for your dedication to cook and serve those in need.**

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](mailto:edwacek46@gmail.com). **Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

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## Church News & Events

### Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser September 24, 2024

Carson's Pillow Cleaning Service will be in the Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot (Owatonna), from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on September 24. Bring your pillows to be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed. Custom-made new pillows and comforters are also for sale.



*Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Church!*



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 in the collection basket marked "Magnificat."



### *In Loving Memory*

**Gilbert J. Mamer**  
September 13, 2024

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

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

**Appeal Goal: \$50,880.00**

**Current Balance: \$45,440.00**

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## Celebrate!

# PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 28 & 29, 2024 is Priesthood Sunday weekend is a day to thank our priests. Thank you, Fathers, for celebrating the Mass, bringing us the Eucharist, providing the Sacraments, and bringing us into relationship with Jesus by word and action. Our parish priests are some of the hardest working members of the Church. The typical parish priest works every weekend and holiday and only gets one day off a week, not to mention they are being asked to care for more souls and take on more responsibilities and roles than ever before. Please consider dropping a note of thanks, offering a communion, rosary or Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Marreddy and Fr. Joshua.

*\*Pick-up a prayer card as you come into church next weekend. We will pray it right before Priesthood Sunday Masses. Please take the prayer cards home and pray the daily prayer for priests as a family.*

### Knights of Columbus Owatonna Council #945 Pre-Worn Coat Drive.



WINTER COAT DRIVE

The coats are to be given to Community Pathways for distribution to Steele County residents. Coats can be placed in a large box found near the entrance of the Church.

**The final pick up date is October 21.**

Between both parishes last year we collected 160 winter coats. This year, we are collecting coats for all ages!



*Your spare change can change a life!*

### 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign

Sponsored by the DOW-R and Catholic Charities' Child and Family Services

**Campaign begins on  
Respect Life Sunday  
October 6, 2024.**



Empty baby bottles will be available for families and individuals to take home to be filled with change throughout the month of October.

## Church News & Events



**Pray for our Nation!**  
**The Patriotic Rosary**  
 Thursdays | 9am - 10am  
 October 3  
 November 5  
 St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna

### Traveling Crucifix Ministry

The Traveling Crucifix will return to St. Joseph Parish by October 5th. 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.



### *A Seven Sister: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer*

Looking for some quiet, stress-free time to unwind and gain supernatural grace for yourself and your pastor? Join the Seven Sisters Apostolate (established in 2010 in St. Paul) to strengthen our local Church by committing to praying for the pastor/associate at St. Joseph's. We have been praying for our Owatonna priests since Fr. McGrath gave his approval in 2014. The "sisters" refers to women who commit to praying one holy hour per week on a specific

day for a specific priest. While men can be substitutes, the "sisters" are women who commit to praying weekly. You pick the time. You pick the day. No meetings to attend. No dues! Just an hour each week with you & Jesus!!

Please contact Bridget Kluesner at 612-867-2673 for more information, or email: [kluesner.bb@usfamily.net](mailto:kluesner.bb@usfamily.net) to learn more on how you can join this apostolate. Booklets with more information are available or you can check it out at <http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org/>

We are most in need of "sisters" on Friday, Saturday & Sundays. Will you consider becoming a Seven Sister by committing to praying for our pastor, Fr. Marreddy and our Assisting priest, Fr. Joshua Miller? When we pray for our priests, we strengthen them and the entire Church. Seven Sisters started with 7 groups in 2010 and now has over 4,500 groups worldwide. That's over 31,000 women praying Holy Hours each week for our priests! Remember: no meetings, no dues, just quiet time with Jesus.

Fasting Brothers is also growing: groups of men offering various forms of fasting to segment the prayer efforts of a Seven Sisters group. Each man prayerfully discerns the type of fasting he will offer and commits to fast a designated day of the week (excepting Sunday/Solemnities). Fr. Joseph Johnson, our Chaplain, strongly urges formation of these groups. Form on the Website for Fasting Brothers to register.

### WORLD-FAMOUS FATIMA STATUE COMING TO DIVINE MERCY CHURCH, FARIBAULT



The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima, traveling since 1947, will be at Divine Mercy Church, Friday, Sept. 27

We hope you will come and experience the blessings of Our Lady during this special statue visitation, sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA – Our Lady's Blue Army. ([www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)). More information can be found at [www.divinemercury.cc/adultministry](http://www.divinemercury.cc/adultministry)

8:30 am	Mass & Speaker for K-12 students and parents (all welcome)
10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Private prayers and veneration throughout the afternoon
6:00 pm	Confessions
6:00 pm	Outdoor Procession of the Pilgrim Statue
7:00 pm	Mass and Speaker, Brown Scapular Enrollment, Parish & Individual Consecration, Family Entrustment
9:00 pm	Night of Love: Adoration, Rosary, Family Entrustment Prayers of Reparation for our community and our world
3:00 am	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Conclusion

## 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)

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule September 28/29, 2024

### Saturday - 4:00pm

EM: Dianne Unruh, Matt Thurnau, Rose Ann Rypka  
Lector: Tim Vogt  
Sacristan: Julio Letona  
Ushers: Larry Goettl, Gary Hawkins  
Amador Ramirez, Mark Stadtherr  
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers needed  
Greeters: Cynthia Letona

### Sunday - 8:00am

EM: Lynn Lattery, Diane Kaplan, Cindy Emanuelson  
Lector: Colleen Possehl  
Sacristan: Joan Salmonsens  
Ushers: Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas  
Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips  
Altar Servers: Charlie Dulas, Jacob Dulas, Sam Dulas  
Greeters: Volunteers needed!

### Sunday - 10:00am

EM: Katie Clubb, Katie Holzerland, Ryan Heydon  
Lector: John Connor  
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner  
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens  
Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau  
Altar Servers: Molly Bailey, Samantha Kreiner  
Greeters: Volunteers needed!

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Thank you!

## September Funeral Chairpersons

**LaRae Evans 507-456-9416**

**Roberta Zak 507-451-2041**

### **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)**



## St. Mary's School News

During the second week of September, our 7th graders went on a 3 day/2 night trip to the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center near Lanesboro, MN. They participated in a variety of classes including group challenges, a ropes course, rock climbing, and pond study. They also attended a program on raptors and another on the stars. The students tried new activities that developed their leadership skills, gave them the courage to overcome their fears, and built a sense of community as they solved challenges together. It was an exciting and active learning experience for all.



St. Mary's School has a couple of options if you are looking for school apparel. Please check out our website for more information. <https://stmarys-owatonna.org/custom-apparel> and <https://stmarys-owatonna.org/spirit-wear>. SMS alumni, current families, or future families, you will find something great! Thank you for your support of St. Mary's School!

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Go to the St. Mary's website and then over to SMS family resources to get more information.

**Kitchen Assistant:** St. Mary's is hiring part-time Kitchen Assistants to serve lunch. Shifts start at 10:45 and are approximately 3 hours. We are looking for workers who could work 1-3 shifts per week. If interested, please contact Martha Mueller ([mmueller@stmarys-owatonna.org](mailto:mmueller@stmarys-owatonna.org)) for more information.




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