



January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

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

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

Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

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(See schedule in the bulletin)

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- * 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.

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St. Mary's School welcomes you to apply for Preschool through 8th grade on our website (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 are in need of a Rosary Leader for the 4th Sunday, before the 8am Mass. Please call the parish office 507-451-4845 if you are interested in leading the Rosary.



"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." John 1:34

A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12, 2025-C Cycle **The readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke. 3:15-6, 21-22**

Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River by John: The Christmas season "officially" (liturgically) comes to an end today at the banks of the Jordan. Jesus is no longer the child in a Bethlehem manger but the adult Redeemer making his way to Jerusalem. The good news spoken by the angels continues to unfold; the most wondrous part of the Christ story is yet to be revealed. Today, the same Spirit that "anoints" the Messiah for his mission to seek out and find the lost, to heal the hurting, to feed the hungry, to free the imprisoned, to rebuild nations, to bring peace to all peoples everywhere.

Luke presents Jesus as the last person to be baptized by John, bringing John's ministry to completion. Luke describes the scene with many images from the First Testament:

- the sky opens ("Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down" – Isaiah 63: 19);
- the Spirit "descended upon him like a dove" (many rabbis likened the wind above the waters at the dawn of Genesis to a dove hovering above its newborn; in employing this image, Luke suggests that, in this Jesus, a new Genesis is about to take place)
- the "voice from heaven" identifies and confirms Jesus ("Here is my servant . . . my chosen one with whom I am pleased" – Isaiah 42: 1, today's first reading; "The Lord said to me, 'You are my Son; this day I have begotten you'" – Psalm 2: 7).

Jesus' baptism at the Jordan becomes the moment of God's "anointing" of his Messiah (the word Messiah means "anointed") for the work he is about to do.

Baptism is more than just a "naming" ceremony but an ongoing process of becoming the people of faith that God calls us to be.

In baptism, we claim the name of "Christian" and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ.

Our baptisms made each one of us the "servant" of today's readings: to bring forth in our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ, the "beloved Son" and "favor" of God.

In baptism, the same Spirit of compassion, justice and peace that "descends" upon Jesus at his baptism by John descends and rests upon us, compelling us to take on the work of the Gospel.

I express my sincere gratitude and thanks to you for your loving Christmas cards, monetary donations and homemade treats. I am so grateful and honored to serve you as your parish priest. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel home to visit my family. Happy New year-2025.

Blessings!

OWATONNA KC SHRIMP DINNERS ARE BACK!

Serving from 6:00-7:30 at the KC Hall

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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 / 507-444-4088).

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



Fr Joshua will be presenting on his journey to becoming a military chaplain. Monday, January 13th at 6:30 PM in Joseph Hall, at St. Joseph Parish. The Serrans are hosting an Adoration for Vocations in the community chapel at 5 PM. Please join us. Light pizza supper at 6 and Fr Joshua after. We will be praying for Fr Joshua, Msgr. Cook, Fr. Marreddy, Fr Becker, Deacon Scot Berkley and consecrated religious. **Save** the date and bring a friend.

Come join the St. Joseph's Church Youth Choir! The Youth Choir will be singing at the Sunday, January 19th 10AM Mass. Practice will be at 9:00am in Nazareth Hall. Contact Carol Hodapp at carolhodapp@gmail.com

Please consider St. Joseph Parish as you prepare for the year end giving. Your generosity will go a long way in the life of the Church upkeep and grounds. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon. January 13 - Heb 1:1-6/Mk1:14-20
 Tues. January 14 - Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wed. January 15 - Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thurs. January 16 - Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Fri. January 17 - Heb 4:1-5,11
 Sat. January 18 - Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 Sun. January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 62:1-5
 1 Cor 12:4-11
 Jn 2:1-11

7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
 8:00am: Jerome & Leona Gefre†
 8:00am: Mary Jane Jacobson†
 8:00am: Harlan Kern†
 8:00am: Christ the King - Luella & Bernard Heim†
 8:00am: Ed Jenkins† and family
 1/18/25 4:00pm: Bud Peka†
 1/18/25 5:30pm: Christ the King - Ted Langeslag†
 1/19/25 8:00am: Dorry Kenney†
 1/19/25 10:00am: Parishioners



January 12 - The Baptism of the Lord

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased". On Tuesday Vincent's Table served 175 meals.

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, January 18 - 4:00pm

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

Sunday, January 19 - 8:00am

EMs: Cindy Emanuelson, Pat Rose, Sue Heller
 Lector: Mark Cashman
 Sacristan: Rita Goodnature
 Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
 Joel Dulas, Tyler Keller
 Altar Servers: Charlie, Jacob, and Sam Dulas
 Greeter: *Greeter Needed*

Sunday, January 19 - 10:00am

EMs: Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine, Ryan Heydon
 Lector: Tim Rice
 Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
 Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau
 Patrick Baldwin, *Usher Needed*
 Altar Servers: Molly Bailey, Cole Trom, Westin Trom
 Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

January Funeral Chairperson

Val O'Neill - 507-451-8746
 If you would like to help serve at funeral luncheons,
 please call 507-451-4845.



In Loving Memory

Shirley Marie Malo

December 27, 2024

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

**Court Owatonna Catholic Daughters
 of the Americas Meeting
 Saturday, January 18th at 9am
 Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish**



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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