



**November 24, 2024**

# **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**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



You're invited for Christmas  
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Sunday, December 15th • 3pm  
St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna

The Adult and Youth Choir will perform  
"Sing With the Angels"  
and Christmas carols.

Refreshments will be served in Joseph Hall.

For information contact Carol Hodapp at  
[carolhodapp@gmail.com](mailto:carolhodapp@gmail.com).

*Free will offerings will be  
accepted for the Music Ministry.*



"My kingdom does not belong to this world."  
John 18:36

## A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

Feast of The Christ the King (34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

What is the significance or meaning of Jesus' kingship for us? Kingship today seems antiquated, especially in democratic societies where everyone is treated equal and free. God at first did not want to give his people Israel a king. Why? Because God alone was their King, and they needed no other. Nonetheless, God relented and promised his people that through David's line he would establish a Ruler and a Kingdom that would last for eternity (Psalm 89:29).

Jesus came to deliver his people, and the whole world, from the worst kind of tyranny possible - from bondage to sin, condemnation, and death, and to free us from Satan's kingdom of deception, oppression, and destruction. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an unshakeable kingdom - a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

When Satan tempted Jesus during his forty days fast in the wilderness, he offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world (Matthew 4:8-9) Jesus knew that the world was in Satan's power. And this was precisely why Jesus came - to overthrow Satan's power and deception over the earth. Jesus knew that the way to victory was through submission to his Father's will and strategy for overcoming sin and Satan in the world. The Father sent his only begotten Son into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it through the atoning sacrifice which Jesus would make for us through the shedding of his blood on the cross of Calvary.

As Jesus was dying on the cross, he was mocked for his claim to kingship. Nonetheless, he died not only as King of the Jews, but King of all the nations as well. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world, was accomplished through his death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day - never to die again. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called *King of kings and Lord and lords* (Revelations 19:16). Do you recognize Jesus Christ as your King and Lord?

If we follow the Lord Jesus Christ, he will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us on the course that leads to our true homeland and security with God. If we follow the course which is set by the world - a world which is opposed to Christ and blinded by the Deceiver who is Satan, then we will discover that sin, pride, and greed will lead us down a path of destruction, division, and death rather than life, community, and freedom.

Which kingdom will you serve today and for all eternity? The kingdom of this present world which passes away or God's kingdom which can never be broken or defeated, and which endures forever? If we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and King, we become citizens of an everlasting kingdom which is governed by God's righteousness, peace, and love. Is your life submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who reigns now and forever in the glory of his eternal Father in heaven?

I wish all of you Happy THANKSGIVING. May the Lord bless you and your families.

Blessings!

The offices of St. Joseph Parish will be closed for Thanksgiving next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 27 - 29. May God bless you with a safe and peaceful holiday weekend!

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

Monday, November 25, 2024 <i>Rv 14:1-3,4b-5/Lk 21:1-4</i>	Weekday - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 <i>Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Lage family†
Wednesday, November 27, 2024 <i>Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Sheila Connor†
Thursday, November 28, 2024 <i>Rv 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9a/Lk 21:20-28</i>	Weekday - Thanksgiving Day 8:00am - Jim Killen†
Friday, November 29, 2024 <i>Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Christ the King - John and Annabelle Powell†
Saturday, November 30, 2024 <i>Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22</i>	St. Andrew, Apostle 8:00am - Joseph Lisowski†
Sunday, December 1, 2024 <i>Jer 33:14-16</i> <i>1 Thes 3:12-4:2</i> <i>Lk 21:25-28,34-36</i>	First Sunday of Advent 11/30/24 4:00pm - Geraldine Ginther† 11/30/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Donald Morgan† 12/01/24 8:00am - Bill and Joan Driessen† 12/01/24 10:00am - Parishioners

### St. Vincent de Paul Society



#### November 24 – Christ the King:

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

**Your heart-felt gift to St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor celebrate Christ The King! St. Vincent's Table volunteers prepared and served 175 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](mailto:edwacek46@gmail.com).  
**Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

### Parish Staff

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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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**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!*

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**Appeal Goal: \$50,880.00**  
**Current Balance: \$45,930.00**

*Give online: catholicismn.org*  
**Envelopes are available in the Gathering Hall, Church entrances and Parish Office for mail in donations.** We are \$4950.00 away from meeting our goal.



*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)*



## Church News & Events



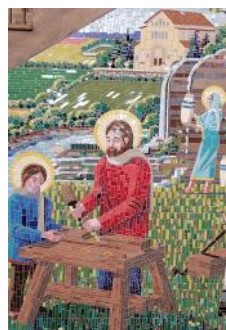
**Holy Land Olive Art Mission** Did you know that Catholics and Christians once made up 63% of the people in the Holy Land? Now they are less than 2% of the whole population. They have been driven from the Holy Land by government policies, curfews, roadblocks, miserable living conditions and other prejudices against Catholics in the Middle East. Those Catholics that remain are finding it increasingly difficult to make a living and provide for their families. Holy Land Catholics are known worldwide for their Olive wood carvings. We brought these carvings to the United States as part of this mission. Selling this holy unique art has helped Catholics make a living there. The Archbishop of Jerusalem is

asking you to consider buying these items to continue the income for local Christians and Catholics to support their families and their presence in the Holy Land.

**Artwork will be on sale in the Gathering Hall, Saturday, November 30th and Sunday, December 1st before and after the Masses.** We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**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 Carmelite Brothers  
invite you to our Christmas  
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Friday, & Saturday

Dec. 6 & 7

Dec. 13 & 14

Dec. 20 & 21

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### 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.

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**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."



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

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule November 30/December 1, 2024

### Saturday - 4:00pm

EM: Dianne Unruh, Rose Ann Rypka, Matt Thurnau  
Lector: Tim Vogt  
Sacristan: Julio Letona  
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Gary Hawkins  
Sue Yentsch, Amador Ramirez  
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, Brianna Harinen  
Sophia Harinen  
Greeters: Cynthia Letona

### Sunday - 8:00am

EM: Martha Kearin, Sue Heller, Diane Kaplan  
Lector: Pat Rose  
Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén  
Ushers: Mark Kearin, Tyler Keller  
Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips  
Altar Servers: Henry Seykora, Stella Seykora  
*Server Needed*  
Greeters: *Greeters Needed*

### Sunday - 10:00am

EM: Ellyn Jardine, Stacey Ginskey, Ryan Heydon  
Lector: John Connor  
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley  
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau  
Nolan Ginskey, Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Lucas Ginskey, Macey Ginskey  
Molly Bailey  
Greeters: Wayne and Betty Kubicek

*Volunteers are needed in all the liturgical ministries.  
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](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org)**

**St. Joseph's Church**  
**Youth Choir**

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

**December 15** at the 10:00 am Mass  
Practice at 9:00 am

**January 19** at the 10:00am Mass  
Practice at 9:00am

**February 16** at the 10:00am Mass  
Practice at 9:00am

**Rehearsal Location :**  
Basement - Nazareth Hall

**More Information :**  
Email Carol Hodapp:  
[carolhodapp@gmail.com](mailto:carolhodapp@gmail.com)



## 6TH GRADE SERVES THEIR SCHOOL, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

As part of the junior high school, 6th graders are asked to complete service hours each quarter. Last quarter, the 28 6th graders turned in a combined total of 340 service hours - which is pretty incredible. Some of these service hours are completed on their own, while others we do together as a class.

This year, 6th graders helped clean both St. Joseph's Church and Sacred Heart Church as part of our marathon service. We also participated in the local Feed My Starving Children food pack hosted at Trinity Church.



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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