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February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

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

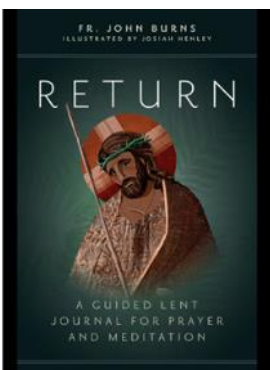


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- * You wish to register your family with the Parish.

Register online at our website:

“Click” on Helpful Links “Click” on Registration



This Lenten season, our parishes are invited to participate in the video series and accompanying journal- Return. The sessions will begin the week of last week in February and continue through Holy Week. There are many options for signing up: individuals, families, forming your own group, or joining a parish group meeting (in person or online).

Return: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation by Fr. John Burns journals can be purchased through Ascension Press at www.avemariapress.com/return or they are available at Amazon in print or Kindle version.

“Even now, says the Lord, return to me, with your whole heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning, rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God” (Jl 2:12–13).

Each week throughout Lent, Fr. Burns breaks down these two verses to help us recognize the need to reorient our lives through Lent; reorient not only the mind but also the heart to the Lord; acknowledge hardness of heart and the value of discipline; bring forward personal agonies and unbind hidden bitterness that divides us from God; and return to the Lord, your God. Fr. John Burns invites you on a pilgrimage this Lent using Return. Fr. John will guide you through the most difficult season of the Church, yet also the most transformative. Are you ready to enter the desert and experience the richness of the Paschal Mystery?

For questions, contact Deb McManimon at dmcmanimon72@gmail.com or 507-271-1737. Watch for further details on times/dates and how to sign up in next week’s bulletin.

2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT
Holy Family
RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

DATES & LOCATIONS

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT
Date: Saturday, February 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: St. Edward Parish in Austin, MN

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT
Date: Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, MN

ST. MARY RETREAT
Date: Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth, MN

WALK TO MARY PILGRIMAGE
Date: Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th
Location: Champton, WI

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE!
www.dcnr.org/event-details/7591

A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

4th The Presentation of the Lord (Sunday), February 2, 2025 - C Cycle

Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews:2:14-18, Luke: 2:22-40

What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph, and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the peace and joy of a life surrendered to God with faith and trust?

What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way.

Is there anything holding you back from giving God your unqualified trust and submission to his will for your life? Allow the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and love. And offer to God everything you have and desire - your life, family, friends, health, honor, wealth, and future. If you seek his kingdom first he will give you everything you need to know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever.

Blessings!

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BURGER BASKETS W/ MAC & CHEESE AND COLESLAW - \$10.00

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!!



Holy Trinity of Litomysl will once again host their Adult Valentine Dinner - Saturday, February 22, 2025. Social Hour with appetizers will begin at 5:30pm. The dinner featuring Windsor chops will be served at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25. Call Mary Ann Rysavy, in Owatonna, at 507-390-0618, stop by Hometown Insurance in Blooming Prairie, or call Carol Holman at 507-676-0506. Ticket sales will close on Sunday, February 16th unless sold out. Come enjoy dinner, music, and door prizes. The event is open to all Adult singles, couples, or groups of friends.

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.

Sunday Undies/Box for Socks!

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.	02/03/25	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	02/04/25	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43	8:00am: Peter Grubish† family
Wed.	02/05/25	Heb 12:4-7,11-15	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church (No school Mass)
Thurs.	02/06/25	Heb 12:18-19,21-24/Mk 6:7-13	8:00am: Fr. Bruce Engen†
Fri.	02/07/25	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29	8:00am: Christ the King - Mary Alice O'Connor†
Sat.	02/08/25	Heb 13:15-17,20-21/Mk 6:30-34	8:00am: Jerry Fix†
Sun.	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		02/08/25 4:00pm: Geraldine Ginther†
	Is 6:1-2a,3-8		02/08/25 5:30pm: Christ the King - Marvin Purrier Jr.†
	1 Cor 15:1-11		02/09/25 8:00am: Bob Hannum†
	Lk 5:1-11		02/09/25 10:00am: Parishioners



February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

In the Gospel today, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart – the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in faith in the Lord.

Your gift to the poor can help them to overcome their swords of fear and doubt. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table served 165 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.

News from

St. Mary's School

St. Mary's First Graders are learning all about penguins.

Did you know that there are 17 different species of penguins? Did you know that not all penguins live where it is cold? Students will be choosing a penguin to learn more about.

They will also be painting life-sized penguins. Different species of penguins range in size from 15 to 48 inches. This is our favorite unit each year in first grade.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, February 8 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Mark Ginther, Linda Strand
 Lector: Tim Vogt
 Sacristan: Matt Thurnau
 Ushers: Mark Stradtherr, Larry Goettl
 Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
 Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers Needed
 Greeter: Katherine Rypka

Sunday, February 9 - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Pat Rose, Lynn Lattery
 Lector: Annika Slacter
 Sacristan: Joanne Evans
 Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
 Joel Dulas, Marty Possehl
 Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora, Ophelia Slacter
 Greeter: Tom Wolfe

Sunday, February 2 - 10:00am

EMs: Ellyn Jardine, Vickie Skala, Katie Holzerland
 Lectors: Lee Jardine
 Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
 Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens
 Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson
 Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom, Server Needed
 Greeter: Shannon Iacovino

February Funeral Chairpersons

Charlotte Radtke - 507-774-9103
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 please call 507-451-4845.*

The **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** on Feb. 2, is also the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. Celebration of this day of prayer is Feb. 1-2, to allow parishes to highlight the gift of religious life and pray for those discerning a religious vocation.

St. John Paul II established the **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as **Candlemas Day**, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the symbolic lighting of candles. "Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers." For more information, visit the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#).

The following prayer, written for the World Day for Consecrated Life, is provided courtesy U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life And Vocations.

"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

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