

September 29, 2024

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Parish Priest**

Father Marreddy Pothireddy

**Assisting Priest** - Father Joshua Miller

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

# ST. JOSEPH

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### Office Hours:

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

Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

### Mass Schedule: Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

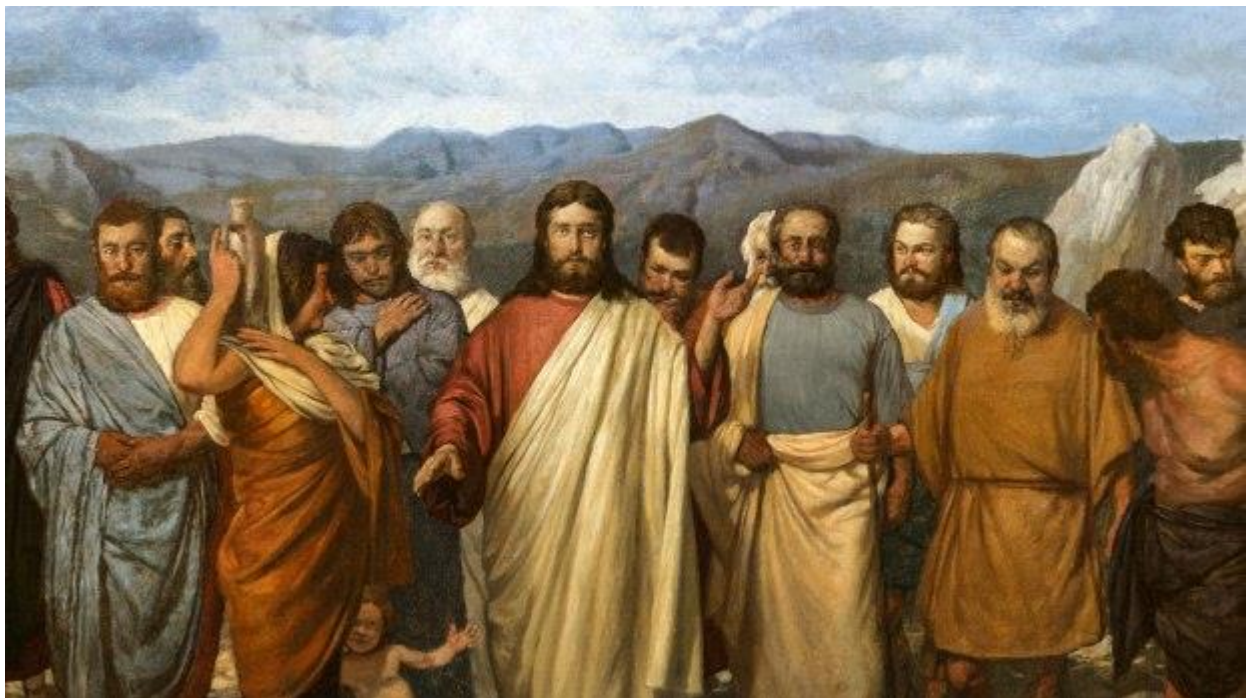
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

### Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

### Confession

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm



*For whoever is not against us is for us. Mark 9:40*

## A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 29, 2024 – B Cycle

**Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

We live in a challenging world and are called to be prophets of God. We are invited to announce the Good News of God's deep love for each one of us. It is indeed important that we manifest this call in our behavior and daily activities and more importantly through our words. A prophet is one who stands for the values of God against the values of the world.

Do we rejoice in the good that others do? Jesus reprimands His disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us". Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us? Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right" (1 Corinthians 13:4, 6).

Envy and jealousy are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice. The reason we may grieve over another's good is that somehow, we see that good as lessening our own value or excellence. Envy forms when we believe that the other person's advantage or possession diminishes or brings disgrace on us. Envy is contrary to love.

How can we overcome envy? With the love that God has put into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit purifies our hearts and frees us from our disordered passions, such as: envy, jealousy, greed, and bitterness. God's love is a generous and selfless love which is wholly oriented towards our good. The love that God places in our hearts seeks the highest good of our neighbor and it compels us to give generously, especially to those who lack what they need.

I am going on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima from Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please keep all pilgrims and me in your prayers. I will offer all the families of St. Joseph's and Christ the King to Mother Mary and intercede her motherly protection and blessings for all of us. Thanks Blessings!



#### *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.

<http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org/>

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday, September 30, 2024 <i>Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50</i>	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church 7:15am - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 <i>Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23/Lk 9:51-56</i>	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 8:00am - Lage family
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 <i>Jb 9:1-12,14-16/Mt 18:1-5,10</i>	The Holy Guardian Angels 8:00am - Karen Hohrman†
Thursday, October 3, 2024 <i>Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12</i>	Weekday 8:00am - Vernon, Gladys, Allen and John Flood†
Friday, October 4, 2024 <i>Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16</i>	St. Francis of Assisi 8:00am - Christ the King - Bob and Bridget Kluesner (liv)
Saturday, October 5, 2024 <i>Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/Lk 10:17-24</i>	Weekday - St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin 8:00am - Trom family
Sunday, October 6, 2024 <i>Gn 2:18-24</i> <i>Heb 2:9-11</i> <i>Mk 10:2-16</i>	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ( <i>Respect Life Sunday</i> ) 10/05/24 4:00pm - Paul Illg† 10/05/24 5:30pm - Christ the King - Parishioners 10/06/24 8:00am - Gladys Tupy† 10/06/24 10:00am - Kriesel & Kaplan families living & deceased

### St. Vincent de Paul Society



#### September 29 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

**During the months of June, July and August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 145 Adults and 110 Children, providing \$991 in food, \$6424 for utilities, \$5064 towards rent, \$782 in car repairs, \$1280 for gas and \$600 for furniture. God Bless You!**

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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## *In Loving Memory*

Darlene G. Hoffman

September 20, 2024

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



This is Priesthood Sunday weekend, a day to thank our priests. One way to support our priests is to say the following rosary for them at home, before mass, or at adoration.

*A rosary is a powerful intercessory prayer and our priests need our prayers more than ever.*

### **A Rosary for Priests**

**Pray the first decade of the rosary for the priest who baptized you.**

**Pray the second decade for the priest who heard your first confession and gave you first communion.**

**Pray the third decade for the bishop that confirmed you.**

**Pray the fourth decade for the priest that witnessed your marriage vows.**

**Pray the fifth decade for the priest who will give you the anointing of the sick.**

### **Knights of Columbus Owatonna Council #945 Pre-Worn 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. Please return filled bottles to the church by Monday, November 4th.

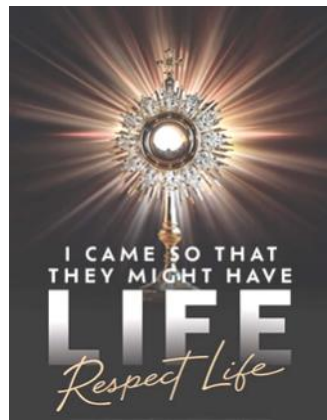
Owatonna Students for Life



**Diaper Drive  
& more**

During the month of October, St. Joseph Parish will be offering a Pro-Life table in the gathering space with much educational information on many life issues. **All information is free.**

Donations accepted and will go to Owatonna Students for Life at Owatonna High School.



All contributions will go towards parenting and infant supplies for Pregnancy Options in Faribault

If you have any questions or want to help, contact

joannahaggerty517@gmail.com  
or amandaclubb6@gmail.com

## Church News & Events



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

### It's that time of year!

#### Habitat for Humanity Gummi Bear Fundraiser!



With fall comes the Gummi Bear fundraiser, raising money for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity provides an opportunity for Catholic Daughters of the Americas statewide to raise money to help with construction of these homes. This year's build is in St. Peter, MN.

CDA Court Owatonna #1180 will be fundraising before and after each Mass - **October 5/6; October 12/13; and October 19/20 (CDA Sunday)**, at St. Joseph Parish, Sacred Heart Church and Holy Trinity (Litomysl). Please consider a making a donation to this worthy cause. Thank you!

## Christ the King Church, Medford News

Wreath sales are under way to raise money for Christ the King Faith Formation class. Please make purchases through our Faith Formation class or pick up a form at either entrance of the church. Return in the collection basket or drop off at the religious education center. Your support on this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Any questions contact Carla Brady 507-213-6465. All orders are to be prepaid.



Makes checks payable to: CTK Faith Formation.  
Thank you for your support!!!

On behalf of the Barbara Steinbauer family, I wish to thank Christ the King for their love and support they showed to our family during this difficult time. A special thank you to the church ladies who served and cleaned up at our luncheon gathering. Thank you to St. Joseph choir for the lovely music during the service. God Bless you all!

Scan the QR Code for more information on upcoming events and happenings at Christ the King Church in Medford!



### Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or [mgerard@dowr.org](mailto:mgerard@dowr.org).

Anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school is a mandated reporter. Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that a minor (a person under the age of 18) or vulnerable adult is or has been abused or neglected, must report all suspected abuse or neglect to proper civil authorities/law enforcement within 24 hours of the abuse or neglect becoming known to him or her and must also follow up with a written report to civil authorities within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Many people working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school, including clergy, are mandated reporters under state law.

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

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

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

*Give online: catholicfsmn.org*

Envelopes are available in the  
Gathering Hall, Church entrances and  
Parish Office for mail in donations.



## 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  
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**Homebound Ministries** – Vickie Skala  
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Thank you!

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule October 5/6, 2024

### Saturday - 4:00pm

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

### Sunday - 8:00am

EM: Sue Heller, Diane Kaplan, Martha Kearin  
Lector: Colleen Possehl  
Sacristan: Joan Salmonsens  
Ushers: Mark Kearin, Tyler Keller  
Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips  
Altar Servers: Henry Seykora, Stella Seykora  
Greeters: Buzz Grass, Cea Grass

### Sunday - 10:00am

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

*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 451-4845 if you are able serve.*

### October Funeral Chairpersons

**Ellyn Jardine 507-444-4088**

**Ruth Broumley 602-432-4352**

### **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

The first few weeks in Kindergarten were full of excitement and new experiences. We met so many new friends during playtime, and we loved sharing our toys and stories. Each day, we learned about a new letter in the alphabet, singing songs, and playing games to remember the letters. One of my favorite moments was when we did a volcano experiment; it was amazing to watch the colorful “lava” bubble and flow! We cheered together as we mixed the ingredients, feeling like real scientists. These early days have been a wonderful adventure, filled with laughter and learning!



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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