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November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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Confession at St. Joseph **Saturday** 3:00pm - 3:45pm Mass Schedule: Weekends Saturday 4:00pm - St. Joseph

Saturday 5:30pm - Christ the King Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am - St. Joseph

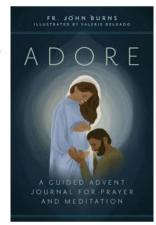
Weekdays and Holy Days (See schedule in the bulletin) Confession/Adoration at

Christ the King Church The first Friday of the month after 8:00am Mass

Adore with Fr. John Burns: Parish-wide Study for Advent

This Advent season, our parishes are invited to participate in the video series and accompanying journal- Adore. The sessions will begin at Advent and there will be 4 sessions. There are many options for signing up: individuals, families, forming your own group, or joining a parish group meeting (in person or online).

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about - Jesus.



In Adore, popular author and speaker Fr. John Burns and illustrator Valerie Delgado of Pax. Valerie will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new theme each week—vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel—that you can relate to your own life. Adore: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation by Fr. John Burns journals can be purchased through Ascension Press at www.avemariapress.com/adore or they are available at Amazon in print or Kindle version. As of now, there will be a group online session starting Sunday November 30 at 6:30 pm and a group session at St. Joseph's in Nazareth Hall starting December 1 at 9 am. For questions, contact Deb McManimon at dmcmanimon72@gmail.com or 507-271-1737.

USCCB Catholic Campaign for Human Development Nov. 16th Use the special envelope to donate to the Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. Your donation will support programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. For more information go to www.usccb.org/cchd

A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ©
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica -Nov 9, 2025
Ezekiel 47: 1-2,8-9,12; 1Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17; John 2:13-22

What can keep us from the presence of God? Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's action. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them through the sea, and finally to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of life embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God gave Moses instruction for worship and for making the Tabernacle, or Tent of Meeting, which was later replaced by the Temple at Jerusalem. The New Testament tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary" - God's Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of sin and make us living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19). Do you want to be holy as God is holy?

Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into a "house of trade" (John 2:16) or "den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). That is why he used physical force to expel the money-chargers. The prophecy of Malachi foretold the coming of the Lord unexpectedly to his Temple to "purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord" (Malachi 3:1-4). Jesus' disciples recalled the prophetic words from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me" (Psalm 69:9). This was understood as a prophecy describing the Messiah. Here the disciples saw more clearly Jesus as the Messiah who burned with zeal for the house of God.

The Jewish authorities, however, wanted proof that Jesus had divine authority to act as he did. They demanded a sign from God to prove Jesus right, otherwise, they would treat him as an imposter and a usurper of their authority. Jesus replied that the sign God would give would be Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the tomb: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews did not understand that the temple Jesus referred to be his own body. The "tent of his body" had to be destroyed to open the way to the presence of God for us.

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus not only reconciles us with God, but he also fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes us temples of the living God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). God's word enlightens our minds and purifies our hearts that we may offer God fitting worship and enjoy his presence both now and forever. Do you burn with zeal for the Lord's house? Blessings!

Christ the King Church News & Events



Christ the King Church welcomes...

Ariat Gray Lisowski, Memphis Reins Lisowski, and Rowdy Waylon Lisowski
baptized on November 1, 2025
children of Albert and Holley Lisowski

KC Council #945 Benefit Breakfast - Nov. 16, 2025. Tickets \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. (free under 6 yrs) St. Mary's School cafeteria, 730 S Cedar Ave. Owatonna. Tableside service is 8am-12pm benefitting Court St. Anne #1840 Catholic Daughters of Medford. See Jackie Svenby for tickets – call or text 507-456-5508.

General Shields 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be holding a Poultry BINGO - Sunday, Nov.16th at the American Legion in Faribault. Early Bird begins at 1:30pm. Regular BINGO at 2:00pm

The Youth Mass & Children's Choir will be Saturday, November 22 at 5:30pm, Christ the King Church

Christ the King Church Pie & Dessert Bingo

Christ the King CCW invites you to this Family Fun Event benefiting our Faith Formation Program When: Saturday, November 22nd 6:30 – 8:00 pm (after 5:30 mass)

Where: Parish Hall in basement

- Free will donation for Bingo Cards win your Thanksgiving Pie Choose from fresh baked or frozen
- Extra baked goods, crafts and handmade quilts will be available for purchase.
- Pizza and beverage available (with free will donation) Come join the fun!





MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 11

8:00am: Harold Kerkvliet† Wednesday, November 12

8:10am: Bob Matejcek† at Sacred Heart -

St. Mary's School Mass

Thursday, November 13

8:00am: For all the Souls in Purgatory†

Friday, November 14 8:00am: CTK - John Hager† Saturday, November 15

8:00am: Deceased Owatonna CDA members†

4:00pm: Jerry & Leona Gefre† 5:30pm: Bill & Betty Manderfeld†

Sunday, November 16 8:00am: Parishioners

10:00am: Modert family living & deceased

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday, November 15 - 4:00pm

EMs: Katherine Rypka, Dianne Unruh, Linda Strand

Lector: Tim Vogt Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Amador Ramirez, Joan Erdman Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers needed

Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, November 16 - 8:00am

EMs: Sue Heller, Lynn Lattery, Diane Kaplan

Lector: Colleen Possehl Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips Marty Possehl, Tom Wolfe

Altar Servers: Henry Seykora, Ophelia Slacter, Server

Greeter: Greeter Needed

<u>Sunday, November 16 - 10:00am</u> EMs: Stacey Ginskey, Katie Holzerland, *EM needed*

Lector: John Connor Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens Brad Fischer, Patrick Baldwin

Servers: Samantha & Elizabeth Kreiner, Everett Sennott

Greeter: Julie Bosshardt

November - St. Joseph Funeral Chairpersons

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Berneice Cobb October 26, 2025

◄ Youth Ministry Announcement **◄**

Life Night

Youth Ministry program serving 9-12th graders Monday, November 17th 6:30-8pm Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall

St. Mary's School News

Second Grade Saints Project

The St. Mary's School second graders have been learning about the lives of the saints as part of our All Saints Day celebration. Each student was assigned a special saint to study, often



one who shared similarities with their first or middle name. Students spent time learning about their saint's life, virtues, and the ways they showed love and faith through their actions. After completing their research, each student wrote a short report highlighting what made their saint special and how they can follow their example in everyday life. The students' hard work was beautifully shared during our presentation after the Saints Day Mass. Families and classmates were able to listen to the report, learning about the many saints who continue to inspire us.



November 9th - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome In todav's Gospel, Jesus promises that if the temple is destroyed, He will raise it up again in three days. This is the true hope He offers.

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 200 meals. To those of you preparing and serving those in need of a hot meal, thank you!

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 Joe Stiles at irstiles1224@msn.com. Our phone number is 507-676-5508.

Toys for Tots Steele County and Family to Family of Steele County are working together to provide a Christmas for needy children age 15 & younger and families at St. Joseph Parish. 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 and 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 11th. Thank you for your generosity!







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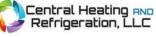
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If interested, please contact the office at 507-451-4845 or parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org. Thank you for your support!

Help Needed for Meals on Wheels

St. Joseph Parish is responsible for delivery of meals on Tuesdays for the months of March, July, October and December. Time required is usually less than one hour and you are not required to deliver every Tuesday. Please call Ken Thurnau 507-451-4033 or 507-456-7736 for details.