



*The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN*

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**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
*June 21, 2020*

**Christ the King Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 5:30pm, Monday & Friday 9am

**St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 4:00pm\*, Sunday 8:00 and 10:00am

\* **Saturday 4pm mass livestreamed on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephParishOwatonna/>

**Parish Staff:**

**Pastor: Fr. Jim Starasinich** ..... (507)451-4845

E-mail--[pastor@stjosephowatonna.org](mailto:pastor@stjosephowatonna.org)

Fr. Starasinich is available most Mondays & Fridays

at 9:30am at Christ the King Rectory and upon request

**Parish Administrator: Al Christenson** ..... (507)451-4845

**Senior Priest Assisting: Fr. Robert Herman**

**Religious Education Director: Jenna Sammon**

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Monday and Friday - Mass 9am

**Parish Office:**

**Contact St. Joseph Parish, 512 S. Elm Ave, Owatonna**

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Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm Mon-Thurs; 9:00am-3:00pm Fri

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**Christ the King Website:** <https://christthekingmedfordmn.org/>

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 6/21/20**

Intimidation is a powerful weapon. There seems to be plenty of frightening tactics being used to influence people by threats. We see that in some of the recent protests and social unrest gatherings. The presence of people gathering poses a threat when it moves beyond the peaceful initiatives to bring awareness to a cause. The most recent move of intimidation came from a June 15<sup>th</sup> decision from the United States Supreme Court. As dissenting Judge Samuel Alito put it, "There is only one word for what the Court has done today: legislation." The United States Supreme Court's function is to uphold the laws not make them. We have checks and balances within our democratic republic that has been considered one of the major reasons we are blessed as a nation. What seems to be unfolding before our very eyes, not only with social unrest and violent protests and signs of anarchy in major cities across the country, but from unelected officials who seem to play God through their decisions that become binding to every United States citizen.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops responded:

I am deeply concerned that the U.S. Supreme Court has effectively redefined the legal meaning of 'sex' in our nation's civil rights law. This is an injustice that will have implications in many areas of life.

By erasing the beautiful differences and complementary relationship between man and woman, we ignore the glory of God's creation and harm the human family, the first building block of society. Our sex, whether we are male or female, is part of God's plan for creation and for our lives. As Pope Francis has taught with such sensitivity, to live in the truth with God's intended gifts in our lives requires that we receive our bodily and sexual identity with gratitude from our Creator. No one can find true happiness by pursuing a path that is contrary to God's plan.

Every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and, without exception, must be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Protecting our neighbors from unjust discrimination does not require redefining human nature.

We pray that the Church, with the help of Mary, the Mother of God, will be able to continue her mission to bring Jesus Christ to every man and woman.

Thank God we still have the freedom to speak out, as did Archbishop Gomez! These are indeed trying times and with the "dictatorship of relativism" alive and driving full steam ahead with erroneous agendas, there can only be expected an upcoming train wreck of society.

Where do we find our consolation amidst this turmoil and confusion? "But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph" (Jeremiah 20:11). Jesus tells us, "Fear no one" (Matthew 10:26). We are called to speak the truth in charity. Yet, there exists an intimidating sector of society who take a one-way street and if we are not on that one-way street with them, we are against them. If we all live with selfish ideas of freedom and selfish ideas of truth, we can never find common ground. We often speak of working for the common good, but even that seems to be old fashioned rhetoric. Let us not be discouraged to find that we are in the midst of a real spiritual battle at this moment in history. It is not about COVID-19 but about the deceptions the Evil One is using amidst a pandemic, to destroy faith in God. Our true consolation is taking Jesus' words to heart! "So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father" (Matthew 10:31-33). May we witness to the truth in love.

Happy Father's Day!

God Love You!!! *Fr. Jim Starasinich*

## Directives for safe celebration of Mass during COVID-19 (Summary)

- Those over age 65 are strongly encouraged not to attend, and anyone showing any symptoms of sickness, or anyone who has a household member who is sick should not come to church.
- **Seating is limited.** Only sit in open pews and do not move ropes unless directed by usher or other church personnel.
- **Continue to follow all social distancing guidelines.**
- All parishioners are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- **The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice, and at this time no one is obliged to receive communion.**
- Parishioners may **only** receive Communion on the hand.
- Collection basket will be available at the front of the altar at the end of mass for envelopes or donations.

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Thorpe, Caleb Svenby, Dave Arnold, Barbara Steinbauer, Ann Willette, Jean Larson, Carolyn Willette, Kris Maas, Lawrence Giefer, Don Schultz, Mary Jean Malecha, Jim Thibodeau, Fr. Edward Mountain, Fr. Robert Herman, Tammy Pumper, Merle Gostomczik, and all who are ill. Please call St. Joseph's to add to this list.

Christ the King Church has a new website! Go to:  
<https://christthekingmedfordmn.org/>



**Mon. June 22, 2020** Robert Carlin KCs & Court St. Anne  
 CDA 60th Anniversary  
**Fri. June 26, 2020** Judy Gillis  
**Sat. June 27, 2020** Parishioners

### June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

**This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your gift to St. Vincent de Paul.**

**Membership-**We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at St. Joseph's at 6:30 pm. Please join us at a meeting or contact Deb McManimon at [dmcmanimon-72@gmail.com](mailto:dmcmanimon-72@gmail.com). Our phone is 507-676-5508.



### Community Pathways Truck to Trunk Food Distribution

**Fri. June 26, 2020**  
**10am – 12pm**

**155 Oakdale, Owatonna**

- \* Boxes of nutritious foods will be distributed in a safe and responsible manner to any household in need
- \* You DON'T NEED to be a registered client to participate
- \* Follow directions when you enter the parking lot
- \* Supply is limited

  
**Happy Father's Day!**  


*God Bless*  
**OUR FATHERS**

I will instruct you  
 and show you the  
 way you should  
 walk, give you  
 counsel with my  
 eye upon you.

Psalms 32:8



Catholic Charities offers free adoption information meetings to help you learn about the process to begin building your family. We have adoption social workers in Winona, Rochester, Mankato and Worthington who offer home studies for international & domestic infant adoption. Please email [adoption@ccsommn.org](mailto:adoption@ccsommn.org) or call 507-287-2047 to schedule an information meeting.

**Happy Birthday! June 15-28** Mary Zabel, Claire Nagel, Elizabeth Manderfeld, Dillian Jones, Ben Maas, Broderick Goodnature, Haley & Hanna VonRuden, Joan Pirkel, Logan Keppers, Shireen Thurnau, Maria Jones, LeRoy Pike, Geraldine Timm, Mathew Borash, Ellyn Luebbe, Jessica Smith, Shelby Gramse Saige Polzin, Wayne Maas, Helen Nagel, Carla Brady

### 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal Christ the King Parish Goal: \$13,200

Total Pledged/Received as of 5/22/20: \$4,265

Amount Over/(Under) Goal: (\$8,935)

Number of 2020 Donors: 25



**2020 Thank you for your generosity!**

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 and at <https://christthekingmedfordmn.org/>