# The Church of Christ the King *Medford, MN*

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## Sunday January 16, 2022

### Christ the King Mass Schedule:
Saturday - 5:30 pm
Monday & Friday - 9:00 am

### St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Pastor: Fr. Jim Starasinich** ..... (507)451-4845
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Fr. Starasinich is available most Mondays & Fridays at 9:30am at Christ the King Rectory & upon request

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

**Senior Priests Assisting:**
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**Religious Education Director:** Jenna Sammon
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Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm Mon-Thurs; 9:00am-3:00pm Fri
**E-mail: parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org**
**Website: ctkmedfordmn.org**

**Parish Council:**
**Trustees:** Martha Arnold & Mike Wencl
**Council Members**: Kim Huxford, Liz Smith, Linda O'Connor, LaVonne Cervenka, Shirley Jeno & Matt Skalicky
**Finance Council:** Carla Brady (Chair), Jay Chambers, Eric Finholdt, Lori Maas, Don Novak, Jerry Paschke, Mary Zabel

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Do whatever he tells you." Mary intervenes at a wedding in Cana and speaks to the servers. Her words are also for us. How do we know what to do in our daily lives? God is here to help us and Jesus is the One sent by the Father as our Savior. We go to Jesus and the Church also knows that we can go to Jesus through Mary. Prayer is not only asking Jesus for guidance but also listening to Him, especially through the Gospel and His very words.

As a good mother Mary sees the needs at the wedding and sees our needs as well. She goes to her Son always, pleading for us, all the baptized. She wants to keep the spirit of the occasion alive, with the gifts and fruits brought on by the Holy Spirit.

Wine is a symbol of the feast and marriage also symbolizes the Church, the unity between God and humanity – the Bridegroom and the bride. God espouses each of us because it is the ultimate sign of love. Happiness and joy mean celebration. God wants us to celebrate. How can we not celebrate when God is in our hearts!?! Mary desires our happiness and intervenes on behalf of all of us. Her intercession in today's Gospel is a great sign of her participation in the ongoing mission of the Church. She always brings our prayers and petitions to her Son. How can Jesus not listen to His own Mother!?!?!

Indeed, Mary "will not be silent, … will not be quiet." She knows from first-hand experience that these words of the prophet Isaiah have been fulfilled in her: "your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." Therefore, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." God is generous and rich in giving: "But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each as he wishes." "He governs the peoples in equity."

The Synod is a time for all of us to participate, for we have all received many graces throughout our lives. It is a time to reflect and share with one another about who we are and what God has done, is doing, and where He is leading us as a local church. We are all important and we need to hear from everyone.

We will have numerous listening sessions in February, to begin the Synod process, giving everyone an opportunity to be heard. Please mark your calendars!

**Monday, January 31 at Christ the King at 10:00 AM.**
**Tuesday, February 1 at St. Joseph at 10:00 AM.**
**Wednesday, February 2 at Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM.**
**Thursday, February 3 at St. Joseph at 6:30 PM.**
**Friday, February 4 at Christ the King at 6:30 PM.**

You may choose to attend any one of these sessions.
Please find more information on the Synod in this bulletin and in future bulletins.

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

**Begin your new year with a Spiritual boost!**

*Reflect on the year just passed, prepare for the year ahead*

Upcoming Women's re-treats -

FRANCISCAN RETREATS AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER

January 14 - 16, 2022

January 21 - 23, 2022

Married Couples Retreat February 11-13, 2022

Theme: ***Hope Rising; Revisioning our Dream***

Register online at www.franciscanretreats.net. or by calling at 952-447-2182

See our website for safety procedures at Franciscan Retreats

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**Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake, MN**

**Saturday January 22, 2022—5:30pm**

**Lector:** Volunteers
**Server:** Volunteers

**EM:** Volunteers
**Ushers:** Volunteers

**Mass Intentions**

**Mon. Jan 17th:** Karen E. Kuklok†

**Fri., Jan 21st:** Reparation of Sins

**Saturday, Jan. 22nd:** Parishioners

**If able to resume your Liturgical Ministry role(s), please contact Martha Arnold, 451-3187. Thank you!**

**Support Life ! Now more important than ever!**
**March for Life at the State Capital**
**Saturday, January 22,2022**

Grab your friends and ride in comfort to the State Capital! The march will be preceded by a prayer service at the St. Paul Cathedral.

The bus will load at the Sacred Heart parking lot at 8:15am (leave at 8:30am) and return by 3:00pm. For more information and to reserve a seat on the bus, call Peggy Nelson at (507)455-0881.

*Courtesy of Owatonna KC Council #945*

## Happy Birthday!

***January 16—January 22, 2022***

**Lorinda Kern, Nicholas DeVries, Elliot Jones,**

**David Paschke, Josie Voegele, and Karen Myers**

**January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary time**

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust. Thank you for trusting us to provide for those in need. This past week we served 120 take-home meals!**

**Membership-**We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 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 Deb McManimon at dmcmanimon72@gmail.com.

**Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

**Owatonna KC Council 945 Shrimp Dinners are back!**

**Serving from 6:00-7:30 at the Columbian Center (formerly KC Hall)** EVERYONE WELCOME!
**Beneficiary: St. Mary's Night of Knights Auction**

Owatonna KC Council 945 is offering our famous Shrimp Dinner every Friday from January 21 through February 25. Take-out available.

The delicious dinner includes 6 jumbo shrimp, mashed potatoes with country style gravy, coleslaw, and roll – all for the low price of $12.50!

Burger baskets also available for $8.50.

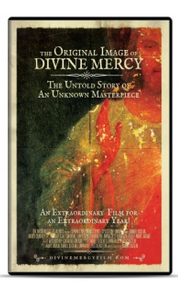
Enjoy a great meal and support our KC Council to help us continue our charitable work.

To Volunteer, Contact Lee Jardine (lee_j7@reagan.com / 507-444-4088), Rich Gerdts (srgerdts@gmail.com / 507/456-3684) or Laverne Klecker (laverne.klecker@gmail.com / 507-456-6738) and if you are not a Knight, ask us about how to join!!

**You're invited to watch "The Original Image of Divine Mercy"**

**Sunday Jan. 23 at 7:00pm in Christ the King's Parish Hall.**

Discover the fascinating and mysterious history of the Original Image of Divine Mercy. Through interviews with key witnesses and those closest to the subject, this film carefully retraces the painting's turbulent and unpredictable timeline, as well as the necessary role it plays in the devotion to Jesus' Divine Mercy.



Pope Francis and Bishop Quinn invite you to participate in a two year process for the 26th Ordinary Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome in the fall of 2023.

The topic of the Synod will be **"synodality"**, a term which Pope Francis uses to describe our Church's "journeying together" **prayerfully listening to the needs and experiences of God's people in order to faithfully discern the best way forward.**

Pope Francis has asked the entire Church to take an active part in the synod **to gather together for prayer, sharing experiences, listening, and seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.** During this diocesan phase of the Synod, these gatherings will include parishioners, consecrated men and women, people of other Christians communities, and those "on the margins" of society and church life.

**There will be listening sessions held in each parish in the new year which will include prayer, reflection, and discussion on the life of our Church today, and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to continue our mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ to the world.** Please join us by participating in your local synod listening session.

CTK Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 18th at 5:30pm in the Rectory basement/Sunday school room.

*Holiday Blessings and*

*Happy New Year*

*From Father Herman!*