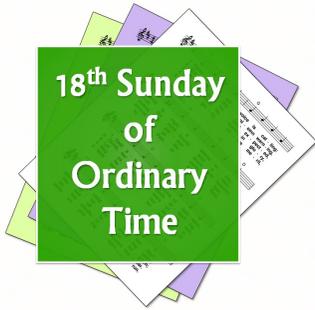




*The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN*

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**Sunday  
July 31,  
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

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

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:**

Fr. Robert Herman, Fr. Joe Pete

**Religious Education Director: Jenna Sammon**

**Contact: [medfordcatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:medfordcatholicyouth@gmail.com)** or (507) 456-5733

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

**Phone: (507)451-4845**

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**Parish Council:**

**Trustees:** Martha Arnold & Mike Wencil

**Council Members:** Kim Huxford, Liz Smith, Linda O'Connor, LaVonne Cervenka, Shirley Jenó & 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,

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land with our youth from Austin, Owatonna, Rochester, and St. Paul was a wonderful experience for all. Summer in the Holy Land is extremely dry and hot. It is amazing to see how there can be life in that part of the world during the arid and dusty summer. There is more life around the Sea of Galilee, which is actually a fresh water lake fed by the Jordan River, which then exits the lake and concludes before the Dead Sea. A funny sign I saw at the Dead Sea read: "Please do not take mud or salt as the Dead Sea is dying." It is shrinking by great proportions, as I have witnessed since my first visit to the Holy Land in 2000 when St. John Paul II celebrated Mass on the Mount of Beatitudes.

We had two buses traveling to the places where Jesus lived throughout his life and public ministry. Each bus had a guide, both Jewish men, and they were a great help to us, knowledgeable about both the stories of ancient Israel and Jesus. We had time to pray and sing on the buses and receive catechesis and instruction that spoke to the lives of everyone. I was especially grateful to witness how these two Jewish men, one in his thirties and the other in his late sixties or early seventies, were moved by what they were experiencing with us. The Scriptures came to life for all of us as we sang the Psalms and included Hebrew in some of our songs. God was creating a profound communion among everyone. This was a beautiful work of God that I will cherish. As we sang on the bus, accompanied by various instruments, with such enthusiasm and energy after our encounter on the Mount of Beatitudes at the Domus Galilaeae (House of Galilee), the younger guide stated that he was moved to tears. I will never forget the beauty of that day and the songs that rang out to the highest heaven! God was stirring in the hearts and souls of everyone on that bus!

We sing in today's Psalm, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." This is my prayer for us this weekend. I have witnessed how our youth heard the voice of Lord on this pilgrimage. May the same spirit come upon all of us as it had upon our youth. I can say that they were "seek[ing] what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." St. Paul's words come from his own experience and how he desires everyone to encounter the Good Lord as he did. That also is my prayer for all of us this weekend.

God Love You!!!

*Fr. Jim Starasinich*



Owatonna pilgrims atop Mount Carmel



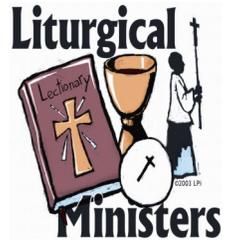
## Faith Formation

### 2022-2023 Faith Formation!

We are looking forward to starting our 2022-2023 Faith Formation Program in September for grades 1-10! We are looking for volunteers as teachers and assistants for our program! If you have any interest in helping with our Wednesday afternoon or Wednesday evening program, please call Jenna at 507-456-5733. Thank you and God Bless!

**Saturday August 6, 2022 - 5:30pm**

**Lector:** Volunteer  
**Servers:** Katelyn Paschke  
**EM:** Volunteer  
**Greeter:** Volunteer  
**Usher:** Volunteer



### Mass Intentions

**Mon. Aug. 1** - Sister Delores Schmitz†  
**Fri. Aug. 5** - Greg, Mike & Wendi Liverseed†  
**Saturday, Aug. 6** - Jackie Dulas, Parishioners



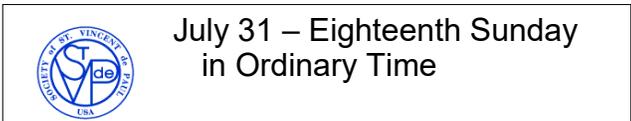
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: If able to resume your Liturgical Ministry role(s), please  
: contact Martha Arnold, 451-3187. Thank you!  
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Let's Celebrate!  
Jackie Dulas' 90th Birthday  
Open House 1:30pm - 3:30pm  
Saturday, August 6th  
Christ the King Church Hall  
The hall is handicapped accessible. No Gifts.



### Happy Birthday! July 31– Aug. 6, 2022

John Hager Carol Wencil  
Jerry Paschke Matt Thomas



July 31 – Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

**This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive. During the month of June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 22 adults and 22 children, providing them with \$330 for gas, \$714.31 in utility assistance and \$1350 for rent assistance. Thank You! Vincent's Table served 80 meals on Tuesday evening.**



**Geraldine Marsolek**  
**May 7, 2022**

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



You are invited to watch a presentation of the 2022 Holy Land Pilgrimage.

**Friday, August 5th at 7:00pm**  
**in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.**

Come for stories and pictures from the students who would like to thank you for your support and prayers!

Refreshments will be served!

(Picture of Father Jim in the Jordan River)

### CTK Parish Parking Lot Project

The parish parking lot will be seal-coated and restriped in early August. The Finance Council has accepted a bid of **\$7,980**, the total cost of the project. We are accepting any contribution to offset this expense. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked **"CTK Parking Lot re-sealing"** and drop it in the collection basket. May the Good Lord reward you a hundred-fold for your generosity!!!



Join us for a diocesan retreat on The Witness of the Eucharist! Aug. 5th - 7th. We are grateful to offer a time of prayer, inspiration, and opportunity to remember the depth of God's love in the Eucharistic Lord, and how we can better appreciate it and witness to it in our lives!

Register online at [dowr.org](http://dowr.org). (see events)  
\$60 for commuters meals included.  
\$110 for retreat with room & board.

Thank you for your generous donations to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Missionary Fund!



To Byron Brady, Kim Huxford, Chuck Wencil, Cal Jenö, and Irv Jenö for the clean up of the fallen evergreen at Resurrection Cemetery!

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Do you know someone in need of prayers?

Please call the St. Joseph Office and add them to this prayer list - 451-4845 or email at: [parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephwatonna.org)

