

St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Sat. 4:00pm - St. Joseph

Sat. 5:30pm - Christ the King

Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

St. Joseph Church

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession at St. Joseph

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Confession and Adoration at Christ the King

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

It's time for a new Church directory!

The Photography teams from Universal Church
Directories will be at our parishes this fall.

Schedule your photo session online now!

Photo dates for Christ the King are Sept. 18 - 20th.

Photo dates for St. Joseph Parish are

Sept. 30-Oct. 4 and Oct. 6-8th.

For questions, contact the parish office at 507-451-4845

Schedule online at: www.ucdir.com

Click on: **Photography Session Sign-up**

Church code = **mn564** Password = **photos**



The offices of St. Joseph Parish and Christ the King Church will
be closed in observance of Memorial Day, Monday May 26, 2025.



SH/SJ Faith Formation News: All graduating seniors are invited to attend our **Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 8 at 10 am.** Seniors will sit in the front of the church, they are welcome to wear their graduation gown but please no graduation caps. **St. Joseph Grads & Parents - Sign up for Catholic connections at college!** The Owatonna St. Serra Club is partnering with the Newman Centers on all colleges to help our graduates keep the faith. Owatonna St. Serra Club members will have a table set up in the Gathering Area.



Beginning Monday, June 2, the south parking lot at St. Joseph Parish will be closed until the job is completed. We apologize for any parking inconveniences.

Drivers can still use the circle drive to drop off passengers and the alley will be open.

Sacred Heart/St Joseph Faith Formation News: "Come join our summer events! Totus Tuus is a week-long summer camp for grades 1-12 will run from June 15-20 at Sacred Heart Church and St. Mary's School. Grades 7-12 will start on Sunday, June 15 evening - Thursday, June 19. Grades 1-6 will begin Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20. Please email Brittany Boubin at shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org for more details."



2025
Catholic Ministries Appeal
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St. Joseph Parish

Appeal Goal - \$50,716

of Contributions Entered - 79

Amount donated - \$31,065

What we need - \$19,651

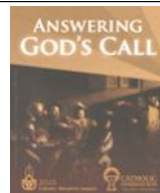
Christ the King Church

Appeal Goal - \$10,631

of Contributions Entered - 29

Amount donated - \$11,805

Exceeded goal by \$1174



6th Sunday of Easter, May 25, 2025-C
Acts 15:1-2,22-29, Revelation 21:10-14,22-23, John 14:23-29

We come across three themes in today's Gospel reading: (1) love as the force that unites us to God; (2) the promise of the Holy Spirit; (3) the peace and joy that comes from Jesus' return to God.

Jesus said to His disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. (John 15:12-17) "The person who has my commandments and keeps them or observes them, he or she is the one who loves me."

What we need to understand is that when Jesus spoke of love, it was not in terms of emotions. For Christ, love is primarily a matter of the will, attitude, and ACTION. The important thing about love is not what we feel, not what we say, but what we do. We show our love primarily by the things that we do. Love requires self-sacrifice. Love is self-giving. Jesus said that by our love for one another, people will know that we are His disciples.

Jesus left us with a special connection to Himself through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is alive is still present among us, within us, around us. We know Him through the Spirit of God in our deepest hearts... in our deepest being.

We live in the New Covenant of Jesus, daily facing uncertainty, conflict, and temptations. It is the abiding presence of God within us that enables us to face the future with undying hope and true Christian courage.

The gift of peace (shalom) that Jesus leaves with His disciples, has rich meaning in the Jewish community. It was used in greetings and partings, a wish for a life of harmony in God's community; a life lacking nothing; a life of complete fullness. The peace he gives us also stirs up in us a desire that such a peace be experienced by all and so the disciple is spurred to make this peace a reality in the world. Rather than being a source of contention or division, the disciple at home and in the marketplace works to create a healthy and life-sustaining harmony in the community.

Blessings!

Christ the King Church News & Events



Celebrating Jesus
Vacation Bible Camp 2025
June 9-12th 9am - Noon
Christ the King Parish Hall
Cost: \$25 /person. Register
at: ctkmedford.org/vbc



Medford's CCW awarded the
Gold Rose Award to
Lydia Heiderscheidt
This Award recognizes a young
lady in the parish whose core
values exemplify Spirituality,
Leadership and Service

Congratulations to our graduating seniors!



Meghan Amberg, Hailey Chambers,
MaKayla Fedder, Lydia Heiderscheidt,
and David Paschke

Attention Medford CCW

We are looking for *volunteers to help* with the
Bake/Quilt Sale during Straight River Days
(June 13th & 14th)

Help by:

- 1) donating baked or canned items for the sale
- 2) Work at Sale (1- hour increment)

Please contact:

Sherry Keller at 507-456-0586
or Jane Keller at 507-475-0358

UP COMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES

June 9-12 - Vacation Bible Camp, Medford
June 13 & 14 - CCW - Quilt & Bake Sale
June 15 - Sunday 8am Mass at Medford
June 28 - Celebrate Father Joshua Miller after 5:30pm
Mass at Medford

Owatonna Area CCW Meeting
Monday June 2, 2025 • 6:00pm
Christ the King Church Basement Hall
205 NW 2nd Ave. Medford.
All women from the area are invited to attend!



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	05/26/25	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	05/27/25	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11	8:00am: Mary Ann & Ernie Betlach†
Wed.	05/28/25	Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Jn16:12-15	8:00am: Jerome & Leona Gefre†
Thurs.	05/29/25	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20	8:00am: Dick Thamert†
Fri.	05/30/25	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23	8:00am: Christ the King - Neil O'Connor†
Sat.	05/31/25	Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56	8:00am: Fr. Dharmendra Pasala (liv)
Sun.	The Ascension of The Lord		4:00pm: Parishioners
	Acts 1:1-11	05/31/25	5:30pm: CTK - Lowell Hellevik Jr.†
	Heb 9:24-28	06/01/25	8:00am: Harry & Grace Skalicky†
	Lk 24:46-53	06/01/25	10:00am: Gladys & Norman Schaning†



May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us:
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 171 meals for our friends. 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 jrstiles1224@msn.com. Our phone is 507-676-5508.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, May 31 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Dianne Unruh,
Matt Thurnau

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch

Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 *Needed*

Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, June 1 - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Martha Kearin, Sue Heller

Lector: Colleen Possehl

Sacristan: Joan Salmonsens

Ushers: Marty Possehl, Pat Rose

Cindy Phillips, Doug Phillips

Altar Servers: Sam, Jacob, & Charlie Dulas

Greeter: Tom Wolfe

Sunday, June 1 - 10:00am

EMs: Ryan Heydon, Stacey Ginskey, Ellyn Jardine

Lector: Lee Jardine

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau

Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson

Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey

Molly Bailey

Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek



News from St. Mary's School

Last week St. Mary's 5th - 8th grade students held their spring band and choir concert. Students did a great job and we had a wonderful turnout for the concert. Thank you to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Berkley for preparing the students so well. We are blessed by the support of our music



programs!



May - St. Joseph Funeral Chairpersons

Linda Beede (507)475-0624

Deb Hebel (507)451-6046

June - St. Joseph Funeral Chairpersons

Anna Marie Brick (507)390-6249

Patty Jessop (507)676-7061

Come learn more about Seven Sisters on Saturday morning June 7th (after 8 AM Mass at St. Joseph Parish) and how you can help our priests. We are looking for more "sisters" to pray for Fr. Marreddy and Fr. Miguel Eduardo Proaños who will be coming to Owatonna on July 1st. Our wonderful priests celebrate Holy Mass, distribute the Eucharist, hear Confessions, Anoint the Sick and dying, plus a multitude of other religious works as ordained men of God. If you would like to learn more about how you can help our priests, please come on June 7th, or contact Bridget Kluesner at kluesner.bb@usfamily.net. The greatest gift we can give our priests is our prayer! Coffee and light breakfast will be served.

You can read all about this world-wide apostolate at <http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org/> Seven Sisters started with 7 groups of Seven Sisters in 2011 in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and now there are over 5,000 groups worldwide.

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- * Funeral Lunch Helper
- * Money Counter
- * Be a "Martha" - Altar linen/candles/dusting
- * Helping to Decorate
- * Help water outdoor planters
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