

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

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

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



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.

Help graduates connect to Catholic students and activities. Parents and grandparents: First-year students are most likely to make friends during their first few weeks on campus. The Newman Center Connection will reach

out with an invite to an event to do just that. Sign up on June 8th after 10 am Mass in the Joseph Hall, or call Shirley Schultz, St. Serra Club, 507-456-8511, with graduate name, email, the college attending, the college's City, and State.

MASS for Pope Leo XIV - Tuesday, June 3, Bishop Barron will celebrate a special Mass for Pope Leo XIV at 5:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona. All are welcome to attend. Please join Bishop Barron in praying for Pope Leo XIV and his pontificate, that he may lead the Church with wisdom and in holiness of life.

Court Owatonna CDA members will be offering Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards after Mass through June 15th. The suggested donation is \$5 with all proceeds going to The Hospitality House, the men's transitional housing in Owatonna. The names of your father, grandfather, uncle, etc. will be offered up in prayer the month of June.

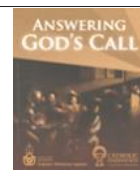
Thank you Fr. Joshua Miller!

Father Joshua will be celebrating his last weekend of Mass at St. Joseph Parish, June 14 - 15th. We will have coffee and rolls after both Masses on Sunday, June 15th in Joseph Hall. We appreciated having this year with Father Joshua and wish him all the best on his next assignment in Luverne and Pipestone, MN. Please keep him in your prayers.



St. Joseph Parish
Appeal Goal - \$50,716
of Contributions Entered - 81
Amount donated - \$31,515
What we need - \$19,201

Christ the King Church
Appeal Goal - \$10,631
of Contributions Entered - 29
Amount donated - \$11,805
Exceeded goal by \$1174



Ascension of Our Lord, June 1, 2025-C

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates the elevation of Christ into Heaven by His own power in the presence of His disciples on the fortieth day after His glorious Resurrection. The Ascension of Jesus tells us that the Lord has completed His earthly work of our redemption.

Why did Jesus leave His disciples forty days after His resurrection? For those forty days after His resurrection, our Divine Savior was preparing His Apostles to bear the loss of His presence through the gain of the Comforter who was to come. Throughout the course of forty days, He had been appearing to them, and telling them about the kingdom of God - Acts 1:3.

Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after His resurrection, Jesus appeared numerous times to His disciples to assure them that He had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which He began during His earthly ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for His disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with His beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that He would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now begins the work of the disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed.

Christ places His Church in the care of fishermen, tax collectors and peasants. The Church Jesus leaves to His followers is rooted not in buildings or wealth or formulas of prayer or systems of theology but in faith nurtured in the human heart, a faith centered in joy and understanding that is empowering and liberating, a faith that gives us the strength and freedom to be authentic and effective witnesses of the Risen One, who is present among us always.

The words of Jesus to His disciples on the mountain of the Ascension are also addressed to all of us today. We are called to teach, to witness and to heal in our own small corners of the world, to hand on to others the story that has been handed on to us about Jesus and His Gospel of love and compassion.

Blessings!

Christ the King Church News & Events

Mark Your Calendar

June 13th & 14th Medford's CCW is hosting a **BAKE SALE / QUILT SALE** during Medford's Straight River Day's.

When- 8am to Noon each day

Where - in the rectory garage



Several fresh baked and canned items will be available for purchase. Come check it out. **Proceeds benefit the Faith Formation Program**

There will also be beautiful Quilts for sale by Medford's sewing group. Proceeds go toward purchasing materials for the ladies to continue their charity work. The quilts make great gifts!



June 14th BINGO in the Park

from 1-3pm hosted by the Catholic Daughters

June 15th, Sunday Mass in Medford at 8:00am

June 28th CCW will host an event after mass for Father Joshua Miller as he celebrates his last Mass in Medford before transferring to Pipestone. Come and wish Father well.



In Loving Memory...

Alice Mae Arnold † May 22, 2025

Owatonna Area CCW Meeting
Monday June 2, 2025 • 6:00pm
Christ the King Church Hall
205 NW 2nd Ave. Medford.



All women from the area are invited to attend!

The new altar clothes, lace and vestments are a wonderful addition to our liturgy worship at CTK Church. We received donations so far of \$2,960 but have a shortfall of \$1,389. Anyone still wishing to donate to this project would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration. God Bless.

Christ the King Finance Committee.

Save the Date Wednesday, June 18th • 6:00pm
Mass at Corpus Christi, Deerfield.

There will a collection for the Oratory.

Enjoy the cookout and fellowship after Mass.

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	06/02/25	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	06/03/25	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a	8:00am: Tidal Spindler†
Wed.	06/04/25	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19	8:00am: Leo & Bernice Klinkner†
		SMS 8th Grade Graduation Mass	6:00pm: Steven Thompson†
Thurs.	06/05/25	Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26	8:00am: Andrew & Hannah Steichen†family
Fri.	06/06/25	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19	8:00am: Christ the King - Bernard & Luella Heim†
Sat.	06/07/25	Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Jn 21:20-25	8:00am: Grace Rypka†
Sun.	Pentecost Sunday	06/07/25	4:00pm: Geraldine Ginther†
	Acts 2:1-11	06/07/25	5:30pm: Christ the King - John Hager†
	1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13	06/08/25	8:00am: Parishioners
	Jn 20:19-23	06/08/25	10:00am: Margie Trilk†



June 1 – Ascension of The Lord

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 199 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 jrstyles1224@msn.com. Our phone is 507-676-5508.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, June 7 - 4:00pm

EMs: Katherine Rypka, Dianne Unruh,
Mark Ginther

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Mark Stradtherr, Larry Goettl

Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, *2 needed*

Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, June 8 - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Pat Rose, *EM needed*

Lector: Pat Rose

Sacristan: Rita Goodnature

Ushers: Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas

Cindy Phillips, Doug Phillips

Altar Servers: *Altar Servers needed*

Greeter: *Greeter needed*

Sunday, June 8 - 10:00am

EMs: Vickie Skala, Katie Holzerland, Lee Jardine

Lector: Ellyn Jardine

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens

Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson

Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom

Greeter: Shannon Iacovino

Liturgical ministers are needed! Call 507-451-4845.

There is great satisfaction participating in the Mass!



St. Joseph Church welcomes...

Thomas Eugene Keller baptized on May 25, 2025

Child of Tyler & Courtney (Sill) Keller

The St. Mary's 7th-graders took a field trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI. While there, we prayed at the Votive Chapel, the Memorial to the Unborn, and other devotional sites. We also had a guided tour of the church and had time in the church to pray.



June - St. Joseph Funeral Chairpersons

Anna Marie Brick (507)390-6249

Patty Jessop (507)676-7061

A Funeral Chairperson is needed for August!


Grab a friend or your spouse and help fill this vital ministry position!

Call the parish office at 507-451-4845.

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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Are you interested in working with children in a Catholic school setting? St. Mary's School is seeking a full-time Kindergarten Readiness teacher (full-day, everyday, preschool) preferably of the Catholic faith, for the 2025-2026 school year. The applicant should possess a love of learning, be enthusiastic, be collaborative, have a focus on learning, possess good classroom management skills, and believe that all children can learn. The applicant must support the school's mission and philosophy, and have the desire to support and help the children grow in mind, body, and spirit through Catholic values. A valid Minnesota teaching license and prior teaching experience is desired, but not required. Please send a cover letter, resume, teaching license, and three letters of recommendation to Jen Swanson, Principal (jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org). Position is open until filled.