

St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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St. Joseph website: www.stjosephowatonna.org | Christ the King website: www.ckmedfordmn.org



July 20, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Please contact the Parish office if... A member of your family is in the hospital. You want communion brought to your home. Your address, phone, email has changed. Your wish to register your family with the Parish.

Office Hours: Monday • 8:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday - Friday • 8:00am - 1:00pm

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(507) 446-2300

Mass Schedule: Weekends

Sat. 4:00pm - St. Joseph

Sat. 5:30pm - Christ the King

Sun. 8:00am & 10:00am - St. Joseph

Confession/Adoration at Christ the King -

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

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession at St. Joseph

Sat. 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Be a part of our new Church Directory!



Reserve your photo session for the new
St. Joseph Church / Christ the King Church
Directory from Universal Church Directories!
Our directory will not be complete without you!
Sign – up online for a photo session at

www.ucdir.com

Church code = mn564 Password = photos

***Reminder - when you sign up on Sept. 18th - 20th, the photo sessions will be at Christ the King Church in Medford.**

Photo sessions at St. Joseph: Sept. 30 - Oct. 4th & Oct. 6 - 8th.

If you need to cancel, change or have help signing up for a photo session, call the parish office at 507-451-4845.



Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer • Noon to 1pm

Fridays in the Adoration Chapel, St. Joseph Parish

The Cenacles of Life are for renewing the Spirit of Life from within the Church. *Pray to end the culture of death.*

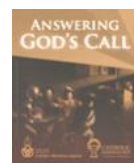


Catholic Fair Booth - If you have any items to donate to the Catholic Fair booth, they can be dropped off at the office at St. Joseph's through August 1. Generally speaking, we take Catholic items, jewelry, rosaries, pamphlets, statues, artwork, books, etc. The most popular items are usually figurines and statues. We are also looking for volunteers (families are welcome) to staff the booth. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, call or email Deb McManimon dmcmanimon72@gmail.com or 507-271-1737. Thanks!



St. Joseph Parish
Appeal Goal - \$50,716
of Contributions Entered - 96
Amount donated - \$39,105
What we still need - \$11,611

Christ the King Church
Appeal Goal - \$10,631
of Contributions Entered - 32
Amount donated - \$12,895
Exceeded goal by \$2,354



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2025-C

Readings: Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.”

The sisters Martha and Mary mirror the two expressions of the disciple’s call: loving service to others; prayer and contemplation. Serving those in need and providing hospitality is considered an important Christian virtue. In general, welcoming a guest was and still is an extremely important obligation of people living in the Orient. Hospitality has been an important custom in several ethnic groups, in many parts of Asia, especially among Muslims and Jews. Hospitality is not only a holy responsibility but also a joyful opportunity to welcome and serve Jesus in the persons those who come to our tables.

Does the peace of Christ reign in our homes and in our personal lives? Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence.

Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. Do we seek the Lord attentively? And does the Lord find a welcomed and honored place in our homes?

Scripture tells us that when Abraham opened his home and welcomed three unknown travelers, he welcomed the Lord who blessed him favorably for his gracious hospitality (Genesis 18:1-10; Hebrews 13:2). The Lord wants us to bring Him glory in the way we treat others and use the gifts He has graciously given to us. God, in turn, blesses us with His gracious presence and fills us with joy.

Blessings!

Your generosity to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** from year to year is very much appreciated. Your love for the church and faith bringing difference in our parish through faith-enriching activities that are take place throughout the year. Your donation makes direct impact in supporting the ministries that are leading people close to Jesus and Mary. **To help reach our parish goal of \$50,716, so far contributions from 96 families received \$ 39,105 and need \$11,611 to complete our goal.** Please consider prayerfully and make a gift to help our parish to meet the goal. Thanks for your consideration.

Mission Appeal for the Catholic Diocese of Butare located in Rwanda - Africa • July 19 – 20, 2025

This year our parish has been privileged to participate in Missionary Cooperative Plan to support the mission cause of the Diocese of Butare in Rwanda - Africa. The diocese continues with her mission of evangelization through Catholic Education. Our financial support will help them with the water project, to add more classrooms, to buy computers, books, and school supplies. The second collection for this purpose will be taken this weekend. Fr. Andrew Muliika will celebrate and speak of his mission at all Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Currently the Diocese of Butare is establishing a New Catholic high school for 500 students which teaches computer science for which we are asking for your support. These are some of the photos of the school and students. If you need more information about the school visit: <https://msgrfelicienmubiligitss.com>



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	07/21/25	Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	07/22/25	2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	8:00am: Jerome & Leona Gefre†
Wed.	07/23/25	Ex 16: 1-5,9-15/Mt 13:1-9	8:00am: Bob Matejcek†
Thurs.	07/24/25	Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b/Mt 13:10-17	8:00am: Dick Thamert†
Fri.	07/25/25	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28	8:00am: CTK - Harvey Kuhlman†
Sat.	07/26/25	Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30	8:00am: Bud Peka†
Sun.	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	07/26/25	4:00pm: Lisa & Kira Bock (liv)
	Gn 18:20-32	07/26/25	5:30pm: CTK - Parishioners
	Col 2:12-14	07/27/25	8:00am: Mark Hall†
	Lk 11:1-13	07/27/25	10:00am: Ray Willmott†



July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 187 meals.

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 number is 507-676-5508.**

53rd annual Litomysl Summer Festival

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Litomysl
9946 SE 24th Avenue, rural Owatonna.

Sunday, July 27, 2025 beginning with a Polka Mass at 10:15am by the Litomyslaneous Polka Band.

The Owatonna KC Choir will sing at 9:30am.

See the website for more information:

www.litomyslchurch.org

Food and refreshment stands open 11am - 4pm.

Holy Trinity Church is handicapped accessible and air conditioned.

Raffle with 42 prizes - drawing at 3:30pm!

Many games for children and adults!

Used a Bit Sale and Silent Auction



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, July 26 - 4:00pm

EMs: Katherine Rypka, Julio Letona, Dianne Unruh

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Mark Stadtherr, Larry Goettl

Amador Ramirez, *Usher needed*

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, *2 Servers needed*

Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, July 27 - 8:00am

EMs: Matt Thurnau, Sue Heller, Diane Kaplan

Lector: Pat Rose

Sacristan: Linda Huffington

Ushers: Joel Dulas, Marty Possehl

Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips

Altar Servers: Jacob & Sam Dulas, *Server needed*

Greeter: *Greeter needed*

Sunday, July 27 - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Clubb, Stacey Ginskey, *EM needed*

Lector: John Connor

Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau,

Nolan Ginskey, *Usher needed*

Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey,

Alexandra Nylund

Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

July - St. Joseph Funeral Chairperson

Nancy Jensen

507-455-1467 or 507-213-3811

Owatonna Young Catholic Adults

Please join the Catholic Young Adult group on Tuesday, July 22nd for an evening of food and fellowship at Mineral Springs Park from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. The main course will be provided but please bring a side/dessert to share! Children are welcome! Please RSVP to Daniel Boubin at 507-210-5801!



Help Needed for Meals on Wheels

St. Joseph Parish is responsible for delivery of meals on Tuesdays for the months of March, July, October and December. Time required is usually less than one hour and you are not required to deliver every Tuesday. This can be an easy way to help others. Please call Ken Thurnau 507-451-4033 or 507-456-7736 for details.

“See, I have God for my help.”

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