

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



August 17, 2025
Twentieth 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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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.

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Faith Formation News

"Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation year
is now open by using the following link

<https://shsjfaithformation.org/faithformation-registration>. We will
begin on Wednesday September 10 with a Family Mass at
6:30PM at Sacred Heart Church. Contact Brittany Boubin at
shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org for any questions."

Answering God's Call *We are so close to meeting our 2025 Goal!* Your generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal every year is greatly appreciated! **We are only \$211 away from meeting our goal.** There is still time to consider giving a gift to the appeal. Remember your contribution will go to support the many ministries in our diocese that lead people to a closer relationship with Jesus. When we surpass our goal, that extra money will be returned to St. Joseph Parish.
Thank you to the 124 families that have contributed so far. *Thank you for your consideration and God bless!*



St. Joseph Parish
Appeal Goal - \$50,716
of Contributions Entered - 124
Amount donated - \$50,505
What we still need - \$211

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



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17, 2025-C .

Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews. 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Do we want to be on fire for God? Jesus shocked His disciples when He declared that He would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind here?

The image of fire in biblical times was often associated with God and with His action in the world and in the lives of His people. God sometimes manifested His presence by use of fire, such as God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush in the wilderness which was not consumed by the flames (Exodus 3:2).

God assured the Hebrew people of His continual presence, guidance, and protection for them through the wilderness for forty years with the pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Exodus 13:21-22). The prophet Elijah called down fire from heaven to reveal God's presence and power and to purify the people of false idols (1 Kings 18:36-39). The image of fire was also used as a sign of God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13) and holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), His protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), and His righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9) and holy wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16).

Fire is also a sign and symbol of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11-12 and Luke 3:16-17). When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost "tongues of fire" appeared above their heads (Acts 2:3).

When Jesus spoke about division within families he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: one's enemies are the people of his own household (Micah 7:6). The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world; a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry.

Jesus challenges us His disciples to examine who we love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. The Spirit of Jesus is given to all freely who choose to follow Him through baptism. This is the fire planted within us to guide us, to direct us, and to admonish us when we deviate from the path.

Blessings!

The office at St. Joseph Parish and Christ the Church will be closed Thursday 8/21 & Friday 8/22.
Father will be in Mankato for the Diocesan Synod and Linda will be on retreat in Champion, WI.

Christ the King Church News & Events

The Christ the King New liturgical list for September will be coming out on August 30. Please check your calendars to see where you and your family can sign up for Lecter, server, usher, gifts, or greeter. You will receive a call or text the week of August 18 through the 22nd. Thank you.



In Loving Memory...

*Yvonne Baker
August 10, 2025*

Christ the King Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Registration for the 2025–2026 Faith Formation year is now open! We're excited to kick off the new year with our **3rd Annual Family Mass on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00 PM at Corpus Christi.**

Visit our website to register online or scan the QR code to get started. Click on Faith Formation Program under the menu. We look forward to growing in faith together this year!

<https://ctkmedfordmn.org/2025-2026-faith-formation-class-registration>



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	08/18/25	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	08/19/25	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30	8:00am: Edward & Mary Warner†
Wed.	08/20/25	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16	8:00am: Al Jirele†
Thurs.	08/21/25	Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14	8:00am: Poor Souls in Purgatory†
Fri.	08/22/25	Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/Mt 22:34-40	8:00am: CTK - No Mass
Sat.	08/23/25	Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-7/Mt 23:1-12	8:00am: Donald Schmidt Jr.†
Sun.	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	08/23/25	4:00pm: Dick Thamert†
	Is 66:18-21	08/23/25	5:30pm: CTK - Parishioners
	Heb 12:5-7,11-13	08/24/25	8:00am: Jean Zamboni†
	Lk 13:22-30	08/24/25	10:00am: Darlene Gathje†



August 17 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!"

Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love.

Tuesday evening Vincent's Table served 190 wholesome and delicious meals to those in need.

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.**

It's time to renew your subscription to the Magnificat.

The yearly subscription is \$35.00 payable by check or cash to St. Joseph Parish. Payments can be brought to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket.

Write "Magnificat" on the memo line. Every month you will need to pick up your copy at the church - we do not deliver them. For all questions concerning renewing or first time orders, call 507-451-4845. Thank you!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday, August 23 - 4:00pm

EMs: Dianne Unruh, Rose Ann Rypka, L. Strand
Lector: Tim Vogt
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Joan Erdman, Mark Stadtherr
Amador Ramirez, *Usher needed*
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 *Servers needed*
Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, August 24 - 8:00am

EMs: Matt Thurnau, Martha Kearin, Sue Heller
Lector: Colleen Possehl
Sacristan: Linda Huffington
Ushers: Pat Rose, Marty Possehl
Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
Altar Servers: Sam & Jacob Dulas, *Server needed*
Greeter: Tom Wolfe

Sunday, August 24 - 10:00am

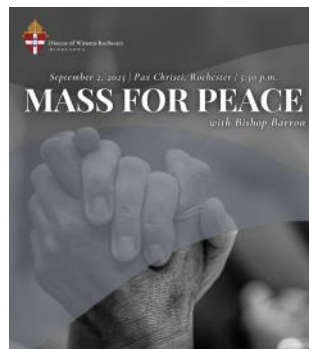
EMs: Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine, Stacey Ginskey
Lector: John Connor
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau
Patrick Baldwin, *Usher needed*
Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey,
Molly Bailey
Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

Our Sunday Visitor Mass Offertory Envelopes will no longer be mailed to your home address effective January 2026. This will save the parish money on mailing costs. Our Sunday Visitor Mass offertory envelopes will be shipped to St. Joseph Parish in November. **Each family that is currently using envelopes will pick up their box of envelopes for the year at the church.** If you are not using Mass offertory envelopes and would like to start, please contact the parish office at 507-451-4845 by September 1st. If you do not want to use envelopes, a donation by check will give you credit for tax records. You can also set up "Bill Pay" through your bank to give, or have your offering withdrawn from your bank account using an ACH form which is available in the parish office. We appreciate all who graciously give what they can to support the day to day operation of St. Joseph Parish.



In Loving Memory...

***Robert "Bill" Forman
March 24, 2025***



Diocese of Winona-Rochester
MINNESOTA

MASS FOR PEACE
with Bishop Barron
Tuesday Sept. 2, 2025
5:30pm
Pax Christi Church
Rochester, MN

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