

# St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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August 31, 2025  
Twenty-second 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:** Mon. - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am - 3:00pm

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**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
September 9, 2025 • 10AM Mass

**Confession at St. Joseph**  
Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm

**Mass Schedule: Weekends**

Saturday 4:00pm - St. Joseph

Saturday 5:30pm - Christ the King

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

**Weekdays and Holy Days**  
(See schedule in the bulletin)

**Confession/Adoration at  
Christ the King Church**

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

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**\*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](mailto:shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org) for any questions."**

Presided by Bishop Robert Barron • St. Rose of Lima, Lewiston, MN • Register online at [dowr.org](http://dowr.org).

The offices at St. Joseph Church and Christ the King Church will be closed Monday September 1, 2025  
in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe holiday weekend!

*Thank you for your gift to the  
2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal.  
We exceeded our goal because of  
you! All money above the goal  
will be returned to the church by  
the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.*

St. Joseph Parish  
Appeal Goal - \$50,716  
# of Contributions Entered - 130  
Amount donated - \$52,525  
Exceeded goal by - \$1,809



Christ the King Church  
Appeal Goal - \$10,631  
# of Contributions Entered - 33  
Amount donated - \$13,315  
Exceeded goal by \$2,684



**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31, 2025-C**

**Readings: Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14**

*“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted . . . “When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. Luke 14: 1, 7-14*

As human beings, we often aim to possess all power and control, to be the first in every possible situation, to remain at the top and have a lead over others. Who wants to be last? Isn't it only natural to desire respect and esteem from others? Jesus' parable of the guests invited to the marriage feast probes our motives for seeking honor and position. Self-promotion is most often achieved at the expense of others! Jesus' parable reinforces the teaching of Proverbs: *Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of the prince* (Proverbs 25:6-7).

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our life and action? True humility is not feeling bad about us, or having a low opinion of ourselves, or thinking of ourselves as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion or pretense to be something he or she is not. The humble regard themselves neither smaller nor larger than they truly are.

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own.

Humility is an awareness of who we are before God; of our constant need for God and our dependence on God for everything; of the limitlessness of God's love and forgiveness. Humility is the virtue of suspending our own wants and needs to consciously seek God in all people and experiences. True humility is centered in the things of God: love, compassion, mercy, selflessness, tolerance, and forgiveness.

So let us pray for each other that we may grow into virtue of humility day after day.

Blessings!

**No priests, no Eucharist, no church.** JESUS COMMANDED US to pray for vocations with his words, “Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Thank God for our vocations and to ask him to keep our priests, deacon, and religious healthy and close to him.

**First Saturday Adoration for Vocations is available for you after the 8 AM Sept. 6 Mass (first Saturday) at St. Joseph, about 8:40 AM, in the Community Adoration Chapel. Ask someone to come and pray with you!**

*Sponsored by the Owatonna Area St. Serra Club*

**Owatonna Young Adult Catholic September Event: Stump The Clergy**

Young Adults ages 20-35 are invited to attend a fun educational evening of trying to "stump the clergy" on Tuesday, September 16th at 5:30pm. This adults only social event will be held at Mineral Spring Brewery in Downtown Owatonna, and will be a great way to get to know the Clergy and other young adults in our parishes.

Food and beverage will be available for you to purchase at the Brewery.

Please contact Natalie Meger at 320-760-9831 if you have any questions.

**Christ the King Church News & Events**

**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.	09/01/25	1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	09/02/25	1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/Lk 4:31-37	8:00am: Duane Spindler†
Wed.	09/03/25	Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44 (School Mass at Sacred Heart)	8:10am: Sheila & Michael Connor†
Thurs.	09/04/25	Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11	8:00am: Karen Ann Hohrman†
Fri.	09/05/25	Col 1:15-20/ Lk 5:33-39	8:00am: CTK - John Hager†
Sat.	09/06/25	Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5	8:00am: Paul Huffington family living & deceased
Sun.	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	09/06/25	4:00pm: Anthony Peka†
	Wis 9:13-18b	09/06/25	5:30pm: CTK - Alice Arnold†
	Phlm 9-10,12-17	09/07/25	8:00am: Parishioners
	Lk 14:25-33	09/07/25	10:00am: Kelly Jardine (living)

### **August 31 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to a local charity. Vincent's Table served 171 warm meals served to those in need of nourishment and fellowship on Tuesday evening.**

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

#### **Saturday, September 6 - 4:00pm**

EMs: Dianne Unruh, Mark Ginther, Linda Strand  
 Lector: Corey Harguth  
 Sacristan: Julio Letona  
 Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch  
 Amador Ramirez, Joan Erdman  
 Altar Servers: Brianna & Sophia Harinen  
 Julio Letona  
 Greeter: Cynthia Letona

#### **Sunday, September 7 - 8:00am**

EMs: Cindy Emanuelson, Sue Heller,  
 Courtney Keller  
 Lector: Mark Cashman  
 Sacristan: Rita Goodnature  
 Ushers: Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas  
 Pat Rose, Cindy Phillips  
 Altar Servers: Jacob & Sam Dulas, *Server needed*  
 Greeter: *Greeter needed*

#### **Sunday, September 7 - 10:00am**

EMs: Stacey Ginskey, Vickie Skala, Katie Clubb  
 Lector: John Connor  
 Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner  
 Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau  
 Patrick Baldwin, *Usher needed*  
 Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey, Carson Skala  
 Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

### **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.

### **KC Council #945 Benefit Breakfast - Sunday September 14th.**

Tickets \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. (free under 6 years) at the **St. Mary's School cafeteria. Tableside service is 8am-12pm.** benefitting the *Owatonna Area St. Serra Club*, (this organization prays for vocations and supports our priests and seminarians). Tickets available after Mass or by contacting Shirley Schultz at 507-456-8511 or Jo Ann & Tom Eichten at 507-451-6499.

### **September - St. Joseph Funeral Chairpersons**

LaRae Evans (507) 456-9416  
 Roberta Zak (507) 451-2041

**Contact the parish office (507) 451-4845 if you would like to volunteer at the funeral luncheons.**

Monday Sept. 8, 2025. Deacon Scot Berkley will be speaking, "Let's talk about Deacons" at 6:30 PM in Joseph Hall, at St. Joseph Parish, 512 S. Elm. There will be a holy hour of Adoration for Vocations at 5 PM in St. Joseph's Church. Pizza available at 6PM. Come and bring a friend!



## **NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN**

### **Saturday September 13th • 9:30 AM at Sacred Heart Cemetery**

Priests for Life has established Saturday September 13 as the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. KC Council 945 is holding a Rosary March Saturday morning September 13 at 9:30 AM at Sacred Heart Cemetery starting at the KC Memorial for Life. Please give a few minutes of your day to pray for all of the aborted children and to pray for the end of this barbaric act.



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If interested, please contact the office at 507-451-4845 or [parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org). Thank you for your support!

**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. Please call Ken Thurnau 507-451-4033 or 507-456-7736 for details.