

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

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## September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



**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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### 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*

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Monday, September 22, 2025

Sacred Heart Church | 810 S. Cedar Ave

Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Service will be in the Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Monday 9/22. Bring your pillows to be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed. Go to [www.carlsonpillow.com](http://www.carlsonpillow.com) to check out all services they provide and what products are available for sale. Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Church!

### Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Faith Formation News

"Faith Formation classes will begin at St. Mary's School on September 17 from 6:30-7:45 pm. If you have not yet registered, please do so at <https://shsjfaithformation.org/faithformation-registration>. We will have a Confirmation meeting for our youth and at least one parent on Wednesday September 17 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center. A parent only meeting for First Communion, both for Faith Formation and St. Mary's families will be Wednesday September 24 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Please email Brittany Boubin at [shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org](mailto:shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org) for any questions. "

## A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Year C

What does Jesus mean when he says the "Son of Man must be lifted up?" Jesus links this expression with Moses who "lifted up" the bronze serpent in the wilderness to bring about healing and restoration of life to those who were bitten by deadly serpents. This plague of death was the result of the peoples' stubborn refusal to follow God's counsel and direction for their welfare. God in his mercy heard the prayer of Moses to free his people from this curse. God instructed Moses to "*make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live*" (Numbers 21:8). Moses lifted high the image of a bronze serpent fixed to the wood of the pole, which resembled a cross. Those who put their faith in God by repenting of their disobedience were healed and restored to wholeness of life.

Jesus clearly links Moses' act of deliverance in the wilderness with his own impending sacrificial death when he will be "lifted up" on the wood of the cross at Calvary. Unlike Moses' deliverance in the wilderness which only resulted in temporary relief for the people, Jesus' atoning death on the cross brought decisive victory over sin, Satan, and death. Jesus' victory on the cross cancels the debt of our sin and releases us from guilt and condemnation. His death and victory bring us new life - the new abundant life in his Holy Spirit which lasts forever.

Jesus' victory on the cross also brought about his glorious bodily resurrection to new unending life and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven, where he now rules and intercedes for us. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross," and his rising and ascending to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only has redeemed us from sin in Christ, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift of his Spirit that we might share in his own glory.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Do you allow God's love to purify your heart and the way you treat others? Do you allow God's love to transform your mind and the way you think of others? Do you allow God's love to conquer every unruly passion and addiction that would enslave you to sin and harmful behavior? The Holy Spirit gives us his seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence (see Isaiah 11) that we may live God's way of life and serve in the power and strength of his enduring love and mercy. Do you thirst for *new life* in the Spirit?

Blessings!

## News from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

Our Church community is united in prayer and concern for the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent people caught in the violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." To support this critical need, we will hold a **second collection the weekend of September 20-21**. Your contributions will go to two organizations with a proven track record of providing swift and effective relief: the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Both CNEWA and CRS are on the ground, delivering essential aid such as food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support.

To learn more about their vital work, you can visit their websites at [www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org) and [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

## Christ the King Church News & Events

**Preplanning Seminar - Medford Funeral Home (310 East Central Ave) Tues. October 14, 2025 | 10am OR 6pm**

Hear about the importance of pre planning your last wishes. There will be time for questions and answers.

See our recent remodel projects. **Space is limited, so call to reserve your seat 507-455-1363.**

Food will be served at both seminars.

Medford's CCW is planning to meet on Monday, September 15th at 6pm in the church basement.

Lots to review and discuss. Please join us with your thoughts and ideas. All are welcome!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Sept. 16**

8:00am: Dick Thamert†

**Wednesday, Sept. 17**

8:00am: Clifford Stumpf†

**Thursday, Sept. 18**

8:00am: Jerry & Leona Gefre†

**Friday, Sept. 19**

8:00am: CTK - Neil O'Connor†

**Saturday, Sept. 20**

8:00am: Joan & Philip Thompson†

4:00pm: Bob Hannum†

5:30pm: CTK - Parishioners

**Sunday, Sept. 21**

8:00am: Connie Skalicky†

10:00am: Richard Bugajski†

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

**Saturday, September 20 - 4:00pm**

EMs: Katherine Rypka, Julio Letona, Dianne Unruh

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Mark Stadtherr, Amador Ramirez  
Joan Erdman, *Usher needed*

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers needed

Greeter: Cynthia Letona

**Sunday, September 21 - 8:00am**

EMs: Martha Kearnin, Pat Rose, Diane Kaplan

Lector: Brad Steffen

Sacristan: Linda Huffington

Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips  
Joel Dulas, *Usher needed*

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

Greeter: *Greeter needed*

**Sunday, September 21 - 10:00am**

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

Lector: Vickie Skala

Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau  
Patrick Baldwin, *Usher needed*

A. Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey, Samantha Kreiner

Greeter: Shannon Iacovino

## 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.

## St. Mary's School News

**WE ARE HIRING**

**School After Care**

**Position:**

- SAC Program
  - After School Care Program.
  - High Schoolers & Adults.
  - Part-Time School Days. (Mon-Fri)
  - 2:25pm - 5:00 pm.

Contact: Jen McShane  
jmcshane@stmarys-owatonna.org



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St. Mary's School Spirit Wear Item 1



St. Mary's School Spirit Wear Item 2



St. Mary's School Spirit Wear Item 3



St. Mary's School Spirit Wear Item 4

**Court Sports Spirit Wear**  
Show your SMS Pride! The Spirit Wear Store is a fundraiser for St. Mary's!

## September 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross



Today's Gospel reminds us of God's great love for each of us, a love so great that He sent His son not to condemn the world, but to save it, so that we might have eternal life.

In the months of July and August through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 150 adults and 118 children, providing in \$1474 for groceries, \$360 in gas cards, \$11,219 for rent, \$18,463 in utility assistance. \$1687 for car repairs and \$550 for miscellaneous expenses. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 209 meals.

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.

## Youth Ministry Kickoff Event

All 9th–12th grade students and their families are invited to a BBQ Kickoff on Wednesday, September 17th from 5–6 PM in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot.

We'll be launching a brand-new youth ministry program this fall, designed especially for high school students from the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph parishes!

✱ Enjoy a free burger meal from Wagner's Lunch—no cost, just come and be part of the fun! If there is poor weather, we will host indoors in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

For questions please contact Brittany Boubin

[shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org](mailto:shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org)



Ct. Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas meet Monday, 9/15 - 6:30pm in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.

Court St. Anne, Medford Catholic Daughters of the Americas, meet Tuesday 9/16 - 6:15pm in Christ the King Church Hall.

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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.