

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

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## October 26, 2025 Thirtieth 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.

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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*

**2025 Baby Bottle Campaign at St. Joseph Parish**

**Please return the filled bottles by October 31.**

**Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign!**

Thank you for your generous donations to the Baby Bottle Campaign! The gifts you provided during the month of October will continue to impact the lives of new and expectant parents throughout the coming year. Each donation supports a confident pregnancy and a stable beginning for a new little one. Thank you for supporting the gift of life!



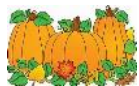
The MEMORIAL MASS for our deceased St. Joseph parishioners will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 2  
All Souls Day at the 8am and 10am Masses.

The names will be read before Mass. Family members will be able to take a lit candle home after Mass.



### 🔊 Youth Ministry Announcement 🔊

High school students Grade 9 - 12 are invited to "Life Night" Monday, Oct. 27th 6:30pm - 8pm Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish  
Our Youth Ministry Mission: \*Encounter Christ's love through the beauty and life of the Church. \*Building a faith community among our teens. \*Grow in discipleship through small groups. \*Develop habits of prayer. For more information contact Courtney Keller at 651-564-0262 or [sillcourtney@gmail.com](mailto:sillcourtney@gmail.com)



### FALL Extravaganza Festival

Next Saturday Nov. 1, 2025

8:30am - 3:30pm St. Joseph Parish

Name brand vendors, unique craft items,  
homemade baked goods and more!

Joseph Hall and Nazareth Hall



There will be a wreath and poinsettia fundraiser supporting our Faith Formation Program in Owatonna. We offer beautiful wreath and evergreen arrangements from Evergreens Industries and elegant poinsettias that will be perfect as you decorate for Christmas. Our wreaths and poinsettias would be a wonderful addition to your home, family, friends or even as a gift. Please check out our website to see the full list of items as well as online ordering <https://shsjfaithformation.org/christmas-wreaths>.

Orders can also be placed by going to either Sacred Heart or St. Joseph Parish Offices. All orders must be placed by Monday November 10. Our program greatly benefits from your support! Please call or email Brittany Boubin with any questions at 507-686-5184 or [shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org](mailto:shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org)

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26, 2025-C**

**Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14**

*"The tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Lk 18: 9-14*

The Pharisee and the tax collector ("publican") are images of two extreme religious attitudes. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon.

The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

The parable contrasts two very different attitudes of prayer. **The Pharisee** approaches God seeking the reward he feels he deserves. His prayer is really a testimonial to himself for all the good things the Pharisee has done to merit God's grace. **The tax collector**, on the other hand, realizes his nothingness before God. He comes before God seeking His mercy because of the good things God has done for undeserving sinners like himself.

How can we know if our prayer is pleasing to God or not? The prophet Hosea, who spoke in God's name, said: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God mean nothing to Him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbor. How can we expect God to hear our prayers if we do not approach Him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help. That is why Scripture tells us that "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34).

Despising one's neighbor closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. *Do we humbly seek God's mercy, and do we show mercy to others, especially those we find difficult to love and to forgive?*

*I would like to express my sincere thanks for your generous donation toward World mission Sunday. Your kindness goes long way in the mission of the church. Appreciated very much.*

*Blessings!*

### Christ the King Church News & Events

**KC Council #945 Benefit Breakfast - Nov. 16, 2025.** Tickets \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. (free under 6 yrs)  
**St. Mary's School cafeteria, 730 S Cedar Ave. Owatonna. Tableside service is 8am-12pm** benefitting  
Court St. Anne #1840 Catholic Daughters of Medford. See Jackie Svenby for tickets – call or text 507-456-5508.



#### St. Serra Club's Great Promise Awards

At the end of each school year (2024-2025) the St. Serra Club of the Owatonna Area asks our Faith Formation and St. Mary's School sixth grade teachers to nominate students who exemplify caring for others, courage to do what is right, and willingness to volunteer and to serve others. By their examples of service, generosity and leadership they show "Great Promise" as future Catholic leaders. During the parish's recent weekend masses the St. Serra Club awarded these students with the "Great Promise Award" certificate, a Youth Catechism ("YOUCAT") and a Rosary.

*From Christ the King, Medford Faith Formation:* Kenya Robles, daughter of Salvador Robles and Angelica Sigala and Hazel Quast, daughter of Holley Lisowski and Dan Quast. Pictured with Fr. Miguel is Hazel Quast and her mother Holley Lisowski.

#### Christ the King Faith Formation Calendar

##### Wednesday, November 5th

- Grade 10 Saints Presentation (6:30pm)
- Christ the King Memorial Mass (7:00pm)

##### Saturday, November 22nd

- Youth Mass & Children's Choir
- 3rd Annual Pie Bingo - Parish Hall after Mass

**Wednesday Nov. 26th** - No Classes - Thanksgiving Break





## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday, October 28**

8:00am: Ed Jenkins† and family

### **Wednesday, October 29** (*St. Mary's School Mass and Saints program at St. Joseph Parish*)

8:10am: Clifford Stumpf†

### **Thursday, October 30**

8:00am: Jeffery Adelmann†

### **Friday, October 31**

8:00am: CTK - Bev Hertel†

### **Saturday, November 1**

8:00am: Irene Jaymalin†

4:00pm: Bill Hannum†

5:30pm: Fred DiNicola†

### **Sunday, November 2**

8:00am: Deceased members of Ray Willmott family

10:00am: Parishioners

#### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

##### **Saturday, November 1 - 4:00pm**

EMs: Dianne Unruh, Julio Letona, Linda Strand

Lector: Linda Strand

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Amador Ramirez, Joan Erdman  
Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers needed

Greeter: Cynthia Letona

##### **Sunday, November 2 - 8:00am**

EMs: Matt Thurnau, Sue Heller, Lynn Lattery

Lector: Brad Steffen

Sacristan: Joan Salmonsén

Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips  
Mark Kearin, Tom Wolfe

Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora, Ophelia Slacter

Greeter: Greeter Needed

##### **Sunday, November 2 - 10:00am**

EMs: Stacey Ginskey, Katie Holzerland, Vickie Skala

Lector: John Connor

Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Brad Fischer, Patrick Baldwin  
2 Ushers needed

Servers: Samantha & Elizabeth Kreiner, Molly Bailey

Greeter: Julie Bosshardt

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

Ruth Broumley (612) 432-4352

Ellyn Jardine (507) 444-4088



St. Joseph Church welcomes...

**Grace Lynn Meger**

baptized on October 19, 2025

Child of Brett & Natalie (Amundson) Meger

## St. Mary's School News



On Wednesday, October 15th, St. Mary's School hosted their annual Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day. Students were blessed to share Mass and their classrooms with guests.

First grade through eighth grade students presented a concert for a full gym. This is always a fun concert to perform for a special audience. We are grateful to get to spend this time with our grandparents and special friends.



### **St. Serra Club's Great Promise Awards**

from Owatonna's St. Mary's School:

Liam Miller son of Dustin and Erinn Miller, Sophie Harinen, daughter of David and Christine Harinen, Javier Cruz, son of Javier Cruz and Gloria Contreras, and Jenna Herget, daughter of Matt and Jamie Herget, pictured with Monsignor Cook at Sacred Heart Church.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society meet the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm at St. Joseph Church. If you would like further information on growing you spiritual life and serving those in need in our community, please join us at a meeting or contact Joe Stiles at [jrstiles1224@msn.com](mailto:jrstiles1224@msn.com). Our phone number is 507-676-5508. Volunteers are always welcomed to help serve hot meals at Vincent's table every Tuesday night in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Church.



Knights of Columbus Council 945

would like to thank both Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes of Owatonna for the donation of coats to Community Pathway of Owatonna. A total of 105 coats were donated 67 adults and 38 children's coats.



**Ct. Owatonna Catholic Daughters**

**Fall Bazaar & Holiday Bake sale!**

**\* Saturday November 8th 8:30am - 1:30pm**

**Joseph Hall and Nazareth Hall, St. Joseph Parish**

Handmade craft items, Holiday cookies & candy

Homemade baked goods, Bucket Raffle.

**Dine in or take out menu:** wild rice & chicken noodle soup, pulled pork or egg salad sandwiches, apple crisp, pumpkin bars.



### **KC Council 945 is hosting a fraternal benefits webinar on the living benefits of life insurance:**

Monday, October 27, 7 PM. Upstairs at the Columbian Center (Hall): 820 S. Elm Ave

**Details:** Join this webinar to learn more about the living benefits of life insurance and see if you are missing out on often-overlooked financial features to help shield your family. Pizza and soft drinks provided. All members of Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's and Christ the King are welcome. Do not need to be a Knight to join this informative event.

**RSVP:** Call, text or e-mail Dan Sawyer (612) 840-6608 or [dan.sawyer@kofc.org](mailto:dan.sawyer@kofc.org) if you would like to attend.

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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.