

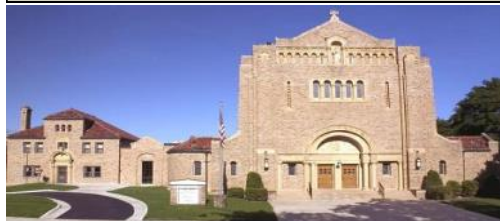
St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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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

Stations of the Cross • Fridays 5:30pm • St. Joseph

KC Council #945 Benefit Breakfast - Sunday, March 15

St. Mary's School Cafeteria Tableside service 8am - 12pm

Tickets \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door, (free under 6yrs)

Choice of KC Omelet Breakfast or KC Country Breakfast,
served with pancakes or French toast, milk or coffee.

**Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the
St. Mary's School Boosters**

Holy Land Olive Art will be available for sale at

St. Joseph Church in the Gathering Hall

Saturday & Sunday after Mass March 21 & 22 and

Christ the King Church in the Parish Hall

Saturday after Mass March 21.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
SILVER ROSE HOLY HOUR**

Sunday March 8 at 1:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish

Everyone is invited to join in a special celebration of prayer to Our
Lady of Guadalupe in the Silver Rose Holy Hour.

Join us for the special prayer service promoting human life and
honoring the Holy Ever Virgin Mother of God.



March 8 to 14 is National Sisters' Week

(Please thank the women for answering God's call to become a Religious. Please pray for them often.)

A PRAYER FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS

Gracious God, thank you for Your presence and Your image witnessed in religious women committed to living the Gospel in our state of Minnesota. Thank you for their ministries of life-giving, compassionate service and prayer. Bless them with wisdom and vitality. May they receive the support they need to find creative ways to live out and share Your message of love, inclusively and care for all You have created.

Draw them ever closer to Your Son, Jesus, so that they may radiate Your mercy, beauty, joy & peace.

We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen. *Owatonna Area St. Serra Club*

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2025-A

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are so fervently sought after. If we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all must wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts - Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

Blessed Lent!

Donations for St. Vincent de Paul Society - Please make your check out to St. Vincent de Paul Society or SVdP not to St. Joseph Church or Christ the King Church. Your donation envelope will be collected by the treasurer from the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the parish office. You will be acknowledged for your gift from SVdP. Thank you.

Christ the King Church News & Events

Christ the King Parish Council will meet Tuesday, March 10th at 4:30pm in the Rectory dining room.



Christ the King Church welcomes...

Amethyst Lee Nahmens

baptized on February 28, 2026

Child of Conner Nahmens & Natalea De Alba



Vacation Bible Camp 2026

June 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th • 9am - 12pm

Christ the King Parish Hall

Cost \$25/student

Register at ctkmedfordmn.org/vbc

Save the Date - Saturday, March 21

The Medford Catholic Daughters are hosting a Soup Supper after the

5:30pm Mass along with

Cupcake BINGO! Fun for all ages!

Come and join us! Proceeds will benefit Christ the King Faith Formation.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Christ the King Church

Every Wednesday during Lent at 7:30pm

Led by the Laity and Faith Formation Students

Court St. Anne, Medford Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be collecting items for "Bags of Hope" throughout Lent. They will be distributed to deserving non-profits like Ruth's House, Crisis Resource Center, Hospitality House, Dorothy Day, Steele County Transitional Housing, Hope Center, etc. You will find bags at both entrances of the church. You can fill them with items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, washcloths, bath towels, shampoo, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, lotions, razors, deodorant, soap and other small items. Filled "Bags of Hope" can be placed by the cross at the back of the altar at Christ the King Church.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 10

8:00am: Berneice Cobb†

Wednesday, March 11

8:00am: No Mass at St. Joseph Church

8:10am: Bob Matejcek†

(St. Mary's School Mass at Sacred Heart Church)

Thursday, March 12

8:00am: Mark Schuster†

Friday, March 13

8:00am: CTK - Bev Hertel†

Saturday, March 14

8:00am: Larry Lockner†

4:00pm: Rev. Lawrence Ginther†

5:30pm: CTK - Emil & Margaret Spinler†

Sunday, March 15

8:00am: Tom Nolan†

10:00am: Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, March 14 - 4:00pm

EMs: Julio Letona, Linda Strand, Katherine Rypka

Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch

Mark Stadtherr, *Usher needed*

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, *2 Servers needed*

Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, March 15 - 8:00am

EMs: Cindy Emanuelson, Diane Kaplan, Linda Huffington

Lector: Annika Slacter

Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips

Marty Possehl, Charlie Dulas

Altar Servers: Ophelia Slacter, *1 Server needed*

Greeter: Tom Wolfe

Sunday, March 15 - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Holzerland, Vickie Skala, *EM needed*

Lector: Tim Rice

Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner

Ushers: Brad Fischer, Bill Rivers

Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson

Servers: Samantha & Elizabeth Kreiner, Molly Bailey

Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

KC Lenten Fish Fry Dinner

March 13, 2026 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Columbian Center (KC Hall)

***Benefiting the Fourth Degree Knights #2300
and the Exchange Club for Family Unity***

Fried pollock or baked cod, vegetable, mashed potatoes
with country gravy, coleslaw, roll, milk coffee.

**Advanced tickets are \$15 for all you care to eat. (free
under 6) or \$17 at the door.** Advance sale tickets are
available in the parish office during business hours.



Catholic Community Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6:30pm • Sacred Heart Church, Owatonna

Mass Readings

Mar. 09 - 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

Mar. 10 - Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Mar. 11 - Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Mar. 12 - Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Mar. 13 - Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Mar. 14 - Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Mar. 15 - 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41



St. Joseph Parish would like to restart Children's Liturgy for our
preschool and elementary school children.

If you are interested helping with this wonderful ministry,
please email heatherlenz@charter.net

St. Mary's School News

In the library at St. Mary's, KR students have been listening to read-alouds and making connections by forming their own opinions and drawing them. After looking at wordless picture books together, K-2 students created their own wordless picture books and shared them with each other. 3-5 students have been studying different types of subgenres of fiction. They most recently have been focusing on the subgenre of fantasy fiction. They are creating their own fantasy stories and working on creating previews/blurbs of their stories to share with each other. Grade 6 is close to finishing our novel read-aloud, *Out of My Mind*, which focuses on the perspective of a girl with cerebral palsy. 7-8 has been keyboarding, reading a class novel, and getting in their own independent reading time.



March 21, 2026 - 40th Annual Night of Knights Auction!

Benefitting St. Mary's School and students! Doors open at 5pm!



March 8th: Third Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by considering a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 172 meals to those in need. To those of you preparing and serving those in need of a hot meal, thank you!

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 jrstiles1224@msn.com. Our phone number is 507-676-5508.

**March Funeral Chairperson
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St. Mary's Catholic School and Sacred Heart Parish in Owatonna are seeking a full-time Business Manager who is a practicing Catholic with a willingness to support and uphold the mission, values, and teachings of the Catholic Church. This shared Business Manager position will oversee the financial, operational, and administrative functions of St. Mary's Catholic School and Sacred Heart Parish. The role manages billing, the school lunch program, purchasing, technology, and facility operations while ensuring compliance with all regulations. It also supports HR, communications, and marketing efforts. Overall, the position provides broad administrative support to the Pastor and Principal to keep parish and school operations running smoothly. A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Accounting, Human Resources, or related field as well as 5+ years of experience in business management within a parish, nonprofit, or educational setting is preferred. Salary will depend on experience and qualifications. **To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to Jen Swanson, Principal (jswanson@stmarys-owatonna.org) or Msgr. Cook, Pastor (pastor@sacredheartowatonna.org). Position is open until filled with a desired start date of May 1, 2026.** If you have questions, please email Jen or Msgr. Cook.