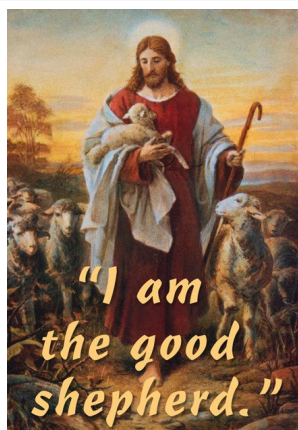




*The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN*

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Fourth  
Sunday of  
Easter

April 25,  
2021

#### Christ the King Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30pm, Third Sunday of Month 9am,  
Monday & Friday 9am

#### St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00pm\*, Sunday 8:00 and 10:00am

\* Saturday 4pm mass livestreamed on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephParishOwatonna/>

#### Parish Staff:

**Pastor:** Fr. Jim Starasinich ..... (507)451-4845

E-mail--[pastor@stjosephowatonna.org](mailto:pastor@stjosephowatonna.org)

Fr. Starasinich is available most Mondays & Fridays  
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**Parish Administrator:** Al Christenson ..... (507)451-4845

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**Religious Education Director:** Jenna Sammon

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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday - Mass 5:30pm, Third Sunday of  
Month - Mass 9am, Monday and Friday - Mass 9am

#### Parish Office:

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Christ the King Website: <https://christthekingmedfordmn.org/>

**PLEASE NOTE:** NO 9am mass on Friday, April 30th.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 4/25/2021**

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, "Good Shepherd Sunday", also designated as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations", let us prayer for vocations to the priesthood! The unfortunate situation we face in the church today, especially in the United States and most of the western world, is a lack of priests to serve parishes. We do not lack parishioners in many parishes (yet, the numbers are dropping), and are thus able to maintain the parish buildings and grounds. However, priests serving in many dioceses throughout the world are responsible for serving in two, three, four, or even more parishes. It is a return to the early days of Christianity in the United States, when itinerant priests traveled by horseback to visit Catholic communities in a given area. Priests would often celebrate in large homes or gathering spaces made available for the faithful, until a church was built. It often meant that the people would gather on days other than Sunday, depending upon the arrival of the priest to celebrate Mass, hear confessions, preside at a funeral, and administer the sacraments. Today, automobiles make it possible to serve numerous parishes, all on a given Sunday (or Saturday evening). We know that reality here taking place in our own diocese. Parish closures and mergers of parishes are a painful process but one that should bring us all to humble prayer for more vocations. I am happy to serve two parishes and an oratory, praying that this temporary solution will be resolved one day through an increase of vocations to the priesthood. Let us do our part not only on this particular Sunday dedicated to praying for vocations but everyday, as I do at the end of every Mass. I am here because I am part of a charism in the church that has fostered vocations and seeks to fulfill the initiative of Pope St. John Paul II as found in his apostolic exhortation, *Pastores Dabo Vobis* (I Will Give You Shepherds), issued on March 25, 1992. Pope St. John Paul II stated:

32. Membership in and dedication to a particular church does not limit the activity and life of the presbyterate to that church: A restriction of this sort is not possible, given the very nature both of the particular church and of the priestly ministry. In this regard the Council teaches that "the spiritual gift which priests received at their ordination prepares them not for any limited or narrow mission but for the widest scope of the universal mission of salvation 'to the end of the earth' (Acts 1:8). For every priestly ministry shares in the universality of the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles."

It thus follows that the spiritual life of the priest should be profoundly marked by a missionary zeal and dynamism. In the exercise of their ministry and the witness of their lives, priests have the duty to form the community entrusted to them as a truly missionary community. As I wrote in the encyclical *Redemptoris Missio*, "all priests must have the mind and heart of missionaries open to the needs of the Church and the world, with concern for those farthest away and especially for the non - Christian groups in their own area. They should have at heart, in their prayers and particularly at the eucharistic sacrifice, the concern of the whole Church for all of humanity." If the lives of priests are generously inspired by this missionary spirit, it will be easier to respond to that increasingly serious demand of the Church today which arises from the unequal distribution of the clergy. In this regard, the Council was both quite clear and forceful: "Let priests remember then that they must have at heart the care of all the churches. Hence priests belonging to dioceses which are rich in vocations should show themselves willing and ready, with the permission or at the urging of their own bishop, to exercise their ministry in other regions, missions or activities which suffer from a shortage of clergy."

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood (presbyterate)!

God Love You!!!! Fr. Jim Starasinich

## Bethlehem Academy HS Now Enrolling/Visit Opportunities



Bethlehem Academy in Faribault is now accepting applications for 2021-2022! See for yourself how our ACT-aligned, Christ-centered curriculum and supportive Cardinal community will prepare your student to take on life's challenges - ready to lead, to serve, and to inspire in whatever path they choose. Interested students can also join us for a family tour, offered Mon-Fri from 3-6pm, or a student shadow day. Now offering transportation to communities outside Faribault! Find more information under Enrollment at [www.bacards.org](http://www.bacards.org), or contact Kris at [admissions@bacards.org](mailto:admissions@bacards.org) or 507-334-3948, x206.

## April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. On Tuesday 55 meals were served by Vincent's Table to those in need of a hot meal. Call SVdP at: 507-676-5508.**

Membership - Contact Deb at [dmcmanimon72@gmail.com](mailto:dmcmanimon72@gmail.com).

**Happy Birthday! Apr. 26 - May 2** James Beucler, Tristen Kern, Braxton Skalicky, Bernie Manderfeld, Hailey Beiser, Lloyd Kern, Wade Kern, Dan Maas, Easton Polzin,



## Please keep the following in your prayers:

Luella Heim, Dave Arnold, Barbara Steinbauer, Ann Willette, Carolyn Willette, Kris Maas, Lawrence Giefer, Don Schultz, Mary Jean Malecha, Jim Thibodeau, Fr. Robert Herman, Tammy Pumper, and all who are ill. Please contact the St. Joseph Parish office to add to this list.

**Mon. Apr 26, 2021** 9am Mass *Lynette Maas*

**Fri. Apr 30, 2021** NO 9am Mass

**Sat. May 1, 2021** 5:30pm Mass *Parishioners*



## Liturgical



## Ministers

**Saturday, May 1, 2021 - 5:30pm**

**Lector - Kathy Durand**

**Altar Servers - Katelyn Paschke**

**EM - Jerry Paschke**

**Ushers - volunteers**

## CONNECT! Sunday Reflection

## A Willing Sacrifice

**See reflection for Sunday, April 25, 2021 at:**  
<https://www.4lpi.com/blog/willing-sacrifice/>

## PRAYER

*Take, Lord, receive all my liberty.  
My memory, understanding,  
my whole will, all that I have and possess.  
You gave it all to me, Lord;  
I give it all back to you.  
Give me only your love and your grace;  
With these, I will be rich enough,  
and will desire nothing more.*

**Real Presence Radio**, your only local Catholic radio station, is holding our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Awaken" Spring Live Drive fundraising event on **May 4-7**. RPR is 100% listener supported so our mission continues only because of you!!



**Phone lines will be open from 7AM-7PM each day!** Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. **Call in with your support to 877-795-0122 or donate online at [realpresenceradio.com/donate](http://realpresenceradio.com/donate).**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

**World Day of Prayer will be observed this Sunday, April 25, 2021, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."** The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. 2021 marks the **58th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray the **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** every day. (green prayer handout)

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

*Treasures of the Church*



**SAVE THE DATE!** On Saturday, May 15th, the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield will have an Exposition of many Sacred Relics that has traveled all the way from the Vatican. The evening begins with Mass at 5:00p.m.

This event is free and open to all. For more info on the Exposition, please visit [churchofstdominic.org](http://churchofstdominic.org) or call their Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

## SHARE THE LIGHT OF HOPE



**Evelyn Dolan**  
**Newman Center**

Winona, MN

When I went to college, I didn't think I was going to be growing in spirit and faith, but that is exactly what the Newman Center provides for college students. Everyone at the Newman Center is supporting and encouraging as you strengthen your relationship with Christ.

The center offers a place where students can hold Bible studies, attend Mass together, and even go on retreats. I have been going to the Newman center for the last 3 years and I can say that it has helped me through hard times. I realize that my identity lies in being a daughter of Christ. Funding from the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps support the Newman Center and provides us a space where we can adore God. We are able to witness firsthand what living authentically for Christ is all about.

Please give generously to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

[www.catholicismn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal](http://www.catholicismn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal)



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