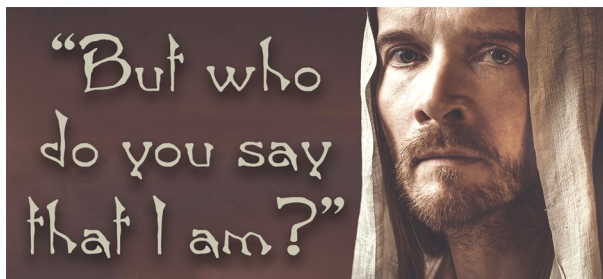




The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

*P.O. Box 120, 205 2ND AVENUE NW
MEDFORD, MN 55049 (507)-451-4845*



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020

Christ the King Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30pm, Monday & Friday 9am

Confession: Friday 7pm

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/>

Mon. Aug. 24, 2020 No Mass

Fri. Aug. 28, 2020 Reparation for Sins

Sat. Aug. 29, 2020 Parishioners



Parish Staff:

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

E-mail--pastor@stjosephowatonna.org

Fr. Starasinich is available most Mondays & Fridays

at 9:30am at Christ the King Rectory and upon request

Parish Administrator: Al Christenson (507)451-4845

Senior Priest Assisting: Fr. Robert Herman

Religious Education Director: Jenna Sammon

Contact: medfordcatholicyouth@gmail.com or (507)451-4845

Mass Schedule: Saturday - Mass 5:30pm

Monday and Friday - Mass 9am

Parish Office:

Contact St. Joseph Parish, 512 S. Elm Ave, Owatonna

Phone: (507)451-4845

Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm Mon-Thurs; 9:00am-3:00pm Fri

E-mail: parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org

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

Our website is christthekingmedfordmn.org

We have the mass information updated every week to follow along on your device if you wish. Please check out for the latest messages from Father, mass schedules/cancellations, and REP updates/parent resources. Check it out!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 8/23/20

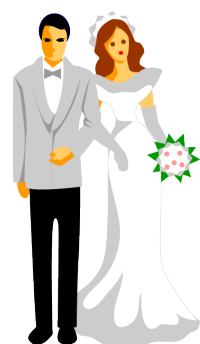
Peter's profession of faith is not of his own making "for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father," says Jesus. Even the claims we make about our faith in God comes from the work of the Almighty. We are all "living stones" being built into "a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5) by God. Authority is given to Peter by Jesus just as the Lord gave authority to Eliakim in today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah. This type of authority is a service to the people. St. Paul reiterates with profound respect "the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" "For from him and through him and for him are all things", especially authority. Let us pray during these difficult times for respect for authority, starting within the family ("honor thy father and mother" - Deuteronomy 5:16) and civil authorities ("I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and all in authority" - 1 Timothy 2:1-2).

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich

The Most Reverend John M. Quinn, Bishop of Winona-Rochester, in recognition and gratitude of your years of marriage, requests the honor of your presence at the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass: Sunday, September 13, 2020.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will take place at two o'clock in the afternoon at Holy Spirit Parish, 5455 50th Ave NW, Rochester. In order to keep you and your spouse safe, we are asking that ONLY the celebrating couple attend the Mass. There will not be a reception after Mass, but an anniversary certificate will be given to each couple after the Mass. If you wish to participate online only, please register at www.dowr.org (and let us know that is your preference) and we will send you the liturgy program via e-mail.





Maverick Hager will be receiving
his First Holy Communion on
Saturday, 29 August 2020.

Please pray for Maverick and his family!



Election Resources:

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. Yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language. As Catholics, we must model a better way.

The USCCB invites you to join the **Civilize It** campaign by taking the pledge as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, & build community. Go to www.MNCatholic.org/election to take the **Civilize It** pledge as an individual, family, or community.

You can find further election year resources, including Parish Guidelines for Political Activity, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, prayers, election logistics, and more, by visiting www.MNCatholic.org/election.

Directives for safe celebration of Mass during COVID-19 (Summary)

- **Wearing a mask is required by all over the age of 5 unless medical or other health concerns prevent it.**
- Those over age 65 are strongly encouraged not to attend, and anyone showing any symptoms of sickness, or anyone who has a household member who is sick should not come to church.
- **Seating is limited.** Only sit in open pews and do not move ropes unless directed by usher or other church personnel.
- **Continue to follow all social distancing guidelines.**
- **The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice, and at this time no one is obliged to receive communion.**
- Parishioners may **only** receive Communion on the



Who Do We Say That Jesus Is?

See reflection for Sunday, August 23, 2020 at:
<https://www.4lpi.com/blog/who-do-we-say-that-jesus-is/>

Prayer:

*Jesus,
We believe that you are Lord and Christ.
We believe that you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
We believe that you have the words of everlasting life.
Give us the courage to follow you,
To live out our faith with conviction,
And to serve others with boldness.
May our faith be a source of healing
And unity in our divided land.
We ask this in your name.
Amen.*



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Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Membership - We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St. Joseph's at 6:30 pm. For more information, please join us at a meeting or contact Deb McManimon at dmcmannon72@gmail.com. Our phone is 507-676-5508.

Christ the King Rosary Walk - August 14, 2020



Upcoming Calendar

- **Mon. Aug. 24**– NO 9am mass @ Christ the King
- **Fri. Sept. 4**– NO 9am mass @ Christ the King
NO 7pm Confessions
- **Mon. Sept. 7**– NO 9am mass @ Christ the King



Happy Birthday! Aug 24-30 Kathy Durand, Tylar Mae Amberg, Byron O'Connor



Are you, or someone you know, pregnant and in need of support?

Catholic Charities offers free, confidential support to those who are pregnant or have a new baby. In addition to resources like free baby items and rental assistance, our social workers offer parenting education, decision-making counseling, and adoption planning and information. We are available to answer calls 24/7 at 800-222-5859. We can help you thoughtfully decide between parenting or adoption and confidently pursue the best plan for yourself and your baby.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Luella Heim, Caleb Svenby, Dave Arnold, Barbara Steinbauer, Ann Willette, Jean Larson, Carolyn Willette, Kris Maas, Lawrence Giefer, Don Schultz, Mary Jean Malecha, Jim Thibodeau, Fr. Edward Mountain, Fr. Robert Herman, Tammy Pumper, Merle Gostomczik, and all who are ill. Please call the St. Joseph parish office to add to this list.



Step aside from the challenges and uncertainties of this time for a weekend of spiritual

connection and renewal at **Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center** in Prior Lake.

View our re-opening protocols to mitigate virus concerns on our website: www.franciscanretreats.net

Women's Mid-week Retreat - Sept 15-17
Retreat for those in Grief - Sept 18-20
Extended Silent Retreat - Sept 24-27

Theme for 2020: **Fear Not; I am With You Always.** Fear undermines and erodes our trust in God. Our 2020 Retreats will address the challenges and rewards woven into this contest between fear and trust.

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center - 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake MN 55372 952-447-2182 www.franciscanretreats.net

Novena for our Nation and our Church August 15 to Oct. 7, 2020

The Novena will begin on August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and will end on October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

We will have 2 intentions: to pray for the restoration of the faith in the United States, and for the universal Church.

<https://rosarycoasttocoast.com/novena-for-our-nation/>