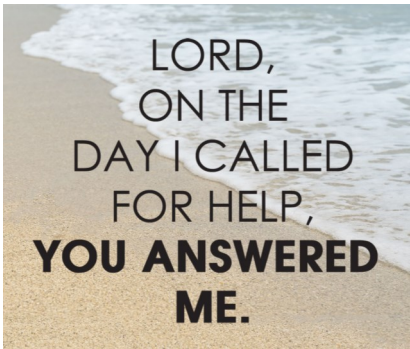




The Church of Christ the King
Medford, MN

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17th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
July 28, 2019


SAVE THE DATE *** There will be a **TOWN HALL MEETING** for our parish on **Sunday, August 11 at 1:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. I will be joined by members of the Finance Committee and Parish Council to address any questions you may have about the recent changes and the financial situation of the parish. I look forward to seeing you there. Fr. Jim Starasinich *** **SAVE THE DATE**

Parish Staff:
Pastor: Fr. Jim Starasinich (507)451-4845
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 Fr. Starasinich is available most Mondays & Fridays at 9:30am at Christ the King Rectory and upon request
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Mass Schedule:
 Christ the King: Saturday - Mass 5:30 p.m.
 Mondays and Fridays - Mass 9 a.m.
Parish Office:
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 Phone: (507)451-4845
 Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm Mon-Thurs; 8:30am-3:00pm Fri
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 **Mass Intentions**


- Monday, Jul 29, 2019
9:00 a.m. Mass- Cyril & Geraldine Caron
- Friday, Aug 2, 2019
9:00 a.m. Mass- Linda Pansier
- Saturday, Aug 3, 2019
5:30 p.m. Mass- Rose Flemming

Sat., Aug. 3rd - 5:30 p.m. Mass 
 Greeter: Martha Arnold
 Ushers: John Hager & Don Novak
 Lector: Judy Brady
 Gifts: Phil & Gail Heim
 Servers: Adam & Katelyn Paschke
 Comm. Min.: Paul Gillis, Joan Pirkl, Kim Huxford & Jerry Paschke


 A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Christ the King. It was a wonderful success!




Happy Birthday! Jul 29-Aug 4 - Donald Schultz, Dan Elzen, Jennifer Ann Mullenmeister, Joel Timm, Melody Amberg, Todd Anthony Kavitz, Allie Keilen

Upcoming Calendar 
 • Mon. Jul 29- 9 a.m. mass
 • Fri. Aug 2- 9 a.m. mass and Adoration from 9:30am - 3pm
 • Sun. Aug 11- 1:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting in the Parish Hall

Church Support - July 20, 2019
Thank You for Your Generosity!



Christ the King	
Envelope:	\$ 1,580.00
Plate:	\$ 93.00
Total:	\$ 1,673.00

July 28: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us is unlimited. **In the last two weeks, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul answered 35 calls and was able to assist 20 adults and 19 children, providing food, utility and rent assistance. We also continue to serve over 75 meals on Tuesday evenings at Vincent's Table. Thanks!**

Mass times for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th, 2019 - Holy Day of Obligation

8/14 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Christ the King, Medford

8/15 8:00am & 12:10pm @ St. Joseph Parish

8/15 7:00am & 5:30pm @ Sacred Heart Parish

Please Note!

The Christ the King history book draft is available for viewing, but we will still accept stories or photos you wish to share (until September 15th).

Contact Mary at 456-2567 or Martha 451-3187 for more information. If you wish to order a copy, there is a \$5.00 deposit, hopefully the final cost will be under \$20.00 if we get 50 books ordered. Printed books should be available in Oct. or Nov. 2019.



Director of Music

St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna, is seeking a **Director of Music**. Interested candidates should send a resume with cover letter to

Fr. James Starasinich, 512 S. Elm Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060, or to parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org.

Please keep the following in your prayers:



Prayer Requests

Barbara Steinbauer, Robert Larson, Ann Willette, Jean Larson, Carolyn Willette, Linda Little, Dan Elzen, Kris Maas, Lawrence Giefer, Don Schultz, Mary Jean Malecha, Jim Thibodeau, Fr. Edward Mountain, Fr. Clayton Haberman, Fr. Robert Herman, Jonathan Loxley, Tammy Pumper, Duane Gallea, Merle Gostomczik, Kathy Carpentier, and all who are ill. Please call the St. Joseph parish office to add names to this list.

ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Lonsdale, MN. SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019. Mass with Czech singing at 10 AM. Food and refreshment stands open at 11 AM. Featuring Games for Kids, Big Wheel, Chicken Plop, Book of Prizes, Used-A-Bit, Bingo, Chance Booth, Homemade Czech Baking, Country Market & Crafts. Live Entertainment featuring the **Jolly P's** and **Dan Smisek**.

Liturgical Ministers: Please pick up your new Liturgical Ministry schedule for Aug/Sept, or find it online at: www.parishesonline.com



THE SIENA SYMPOSIUM FOR WOMEN, FAMILY, AND CULTURE - 2019 Summer Seminar

Co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization

The Gift of Masculinity in the Home, the World, and the Church — \$25 (includes light breakfast and lunch)

Please join us as we explore the nature of masculinity and the gift men are to their families and the world.

Keynote address by Bishop Cozzens—“How to Love Like a Man.”

August 17, 2019, 9am - 3pm (Registration at 8:45am) McNeely Hall—University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus

Register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/the-gift-of-masculinity-in-the-home-the-world-and-the-church-tickets-65035512970

****Please contact the St. Joseph Office if you plan to attend and would be interested in FREE bus transportation.****

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 7/28/19

St. Paul announces the Good News to us today in the second reading, from his letter to the Christian community in Colossae, Phrygia, Asia Minor (today western Turkey). Reminding these pagans who became Christians through baptism by immersion (“which is more suitable as a symbol of participation in the death and resurrection of Christ” cf. Christian Initiation, *General Introduction* no. 22): “You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.” Most of us were baptized as babies, with water poured upon our heads (infusion), and our parents and godparents “accepting the responsibility of training [us] in the practice of the faith” (cf. Rite of Baptism of Children no. 39). We anoint the children with the oil of catechumens before the infusion of water in the Trinitarian formula (i.e., “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”) Thus, we remain quasi-catechumens, for we, too, need to hear the kerygma (the announcement of the Good News) as we grow and mature in our faith. As St. Paul reminds us, “Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

In the Rite of Baptism for Children we have the “Ephphatha or Prayer Over Ears and Mouth”, which sheds some light into the “quasi-catechumen” role children acquire. Here is Pope Benedict XVI’s explanation from a Sunday Angelus:

However, we all know that a person’s closure and isolation do not only depend on the sense organs. There is an inner closure that affects the person’s inmost self, which the Bible calls the “heart”. It is this that Jesus came to “open”, to liberate, so as to enable us to live to the full our relationship with God and with others. This is why I said that this small word, “ephphatha — be opened”, sums up in itself Christ’s entire mission. He was made man so that man, rendered inwardly deaf and mute by sin, might be able to hear God’s voice, the voice of Love that speaks to his heart, and thus in his turn learn to speak the language of love, to communicate with God and with others. For this reason the word and the action of the “ephphatha” have been integrated into the Rite of Baptism as one of the signs that explain its meaning: the priest, touching the mouth and ears of the newly baptized person says: “ephphatha”, praying that he or she may soon hear the word of God and profess the faith. Through Baptism, the human person begins, so to speak, to breathe the Holy Spirit whom Jesus invoked from the Father with that deep sigh in order to heal the deaf-mute. (9 September 2012 at Castel Gandolfo)

We must admit that we all are “quasi-catechumens” and need to hear the Word of God often, especially as we understand the price Jesus paid for our sins. We touch the waters of baptism in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which allows us to hear the words of pardon to bring us back to life by Christ through his mercy and love, which endures forever (see Psalm 136). St. Paul says that “obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.” Legality is so binding and often is merciless, especially in civil justice. Jesus removes it because only He can fulfill the law; and taking it to the cross, he nails it there and gives us a new freedom – to love!!! His resurrection is the statement that love cannot be defeated! We share in His victory over sin and death, receiving new life as Abraham experiences in his son Isaac; and Abraham’s heart implores mercy in today’s first reading! It is Jesus’ mission to love us through forgiveness: “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”!!!! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love!!! Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth!!!

God Love You!!! Fr. Jim Starasinich

Liturgical Schedule for August - September 2019 at Christ the King, Medford

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>EXTRAQ. MIN. / COMMUNION</u>
Sat, Aug. 3rd						
5:30 PM	Martha Arnold	John Hager Don Novak	Judy Brady	Phil & Gail Heim	Adam & Katelyn Pasche	Paul Gillis, Joan PirkI Kim Huxford, Jerry Paschke
Sat, Aug 10th						
5:30 PM	Cal & Shirley Jen0	Tony Durand	Carla Brady	Mike and Mary Wencil	Mia & Meghan Amberg	Kathy Durand, Martha A.
Sat, Aug 17th						
5:30 PM	Ed & Lavonne Cervenka	Mike Keller	Mary Wencil	John & Shirley Hager	Dylan & Lydia Heiderscheidt	Karen and Don Novak
Sat, Aug 24th						
5:30 PM	Tony Durand	Storm Sammon	Gene Kuntz	Shirley & Cal Jen0	Grace Keller	Lois Nelson, Joan PirkI Mary Wencil, Paul Gillis
Sat. Aug 31st						
5:30 PM	Noreen Geifer	Al Sammon	Kathy Durand	Mary Lou Davidson	David & Katelyn Pasche	Jerry Paschke, Joan PirkI
Sat, Sept. 7th						
5:30 PM	Judy Edel	James Beucler	Don Novak	Dave and Mary Zabel	Casey and HAILLEY Chambers	Karen Novak, Joan PirkI
Sat, Sept 14th						
5:30 PM	Phil & Gail Heim	Tony Durand	Lucy Paschke	Mary Lou Davidson	Brianna O'Connor	Kim Huxford, Mike Wencil Jerry Paschke, Martha Arnold
Sat, Sept 21st						
5:30 PM	Kathy & Tony Durand	Tony Durand	Jackie Svenby	Mike & Mary Wencil	Mia & Meghan Amberg	Paul Gillis, Joan PirkI Matt Skalicky, Gail Heim
Sat, Sept 28th						
5:30 PM	Ed & Lavonne Cervenka	Terry Keller	Gene Kuntz	Phil & Gail Heim	Dylan & Lydia Heiderscheidt	Mike & Mary Wencil

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER AS SCHEDULED, Please Contact Martha AT 451-3187 or Find a substitute.