



The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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27th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
October 4,
2020



*"...the kingdom of God
will be taken away from
you and given to a
people that will produce
its fruit."*

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/>

REP Registration is now open!

Please visit our website: christthekingmedfordmn.org for up-to-date information. We are in need of volunteers. If you have any interest, please let me know at medford-catholicyouth@gmail.com.

2020 Confirmation: Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM with Bishop Quinn at St. Joseph Church.

****Confirmation practice for candidates and sponsors is on Sunday, Oct. 4th at 6pm in St. Joseph Church.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 10/4/20

Today I read two articles that I hope you will all read. The links follow:

<https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2020/09/when-the-dogma-lives-loudly>

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/religious-freedom-is-on-your-ballot>

I served this great nation of ours in the United States Air Force during peace time. I was fortunate. I never saw conflict while others throughout our history have, and many of them gave the ultimate sacrifice. I have always appreciated how individuals who have lived in communist and socialist countries shared their lived experience under those circumstances and then expressed their extreme gratitude for living in a country like ours. They had been liberated from a totalitarian system that denied them basic human rights. I lived two full years and an additional three summers in Estonia, a small nation swallowed-up by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). They became their own nation once again when the Iron Curtain was torn down thirty years ago. How quickly we forget the horrors and atrocities that people lived through under "socialist/communist" regimes. I heard the stories first-hand from people who suffered both physically and psychologically under this failed experiment of governance. I know the Church has been a prophetic voice warning against the evils of ideologies like communism because documents are available for reading, such as *Quod Apostolici Muneris* by Pope Leo XIII in 1928; and *Divini Redemptoris* by Pope Pius XII in 1937. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen wrote and spoke about the evils of communism. Our concern today should be about our basic constitutional rights that are under attack by our own people serving us in government!!! How is it that they seek office without knowing what our nation stands for? They obviously flunked civics class! Or did we stop teaching this in our schools? Someone may say, "What has this to do with our faith?" Everything! "Our first cherished freedom" is religious liberty and it has been under attack. How we live our faith is at stake. We may find ourselves persecuted like the early Church that heroically witnessed with the blood of the martyrs. We need not fear if our faith is strong but for the vast majority of Catholics, that faith is very weak or almost nonexistent. We have been blessed with freedoms that may one day be gone. People of faith (and that goes for every religion, not just Christianity) are being slighted by some in government positions. We saw that with the Little Sisters of the Poor. If we do not let our voices be heard and weigh the issues seriously this election year, we may lose some liberties that have been bestowed upon us through our Constitution. Let us pray for our civic leaders and representatives as we approach election day. The issues at stake are what really matter more than the rhetoric of denouncing candidates.

Today's first reading and Gospel speak again about the vineyard. As Isaiah says, "The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah his cherished plant." God is the landowner in the Gospel, who sends his son. Jesus uses this parable to speak about what will happen to Him: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes." Once again, salvation is not earned but it is a gift. God's gift is Jesus. He arose from the cherished plant of Judah, fulfilling the Scriptures. This is the way God wanted it. Human justice we hear spoken, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Human justice becomes a vicious circle. God's justice is mercy given to us freely in Jesus. We are God's vineyard. May we produce the fruits that come from Jesus, the Cherished Plant, whom we have been grafted onto in baptism. This gift of unity in God through baptism allows us to "make [our] requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

God Love You!!! *Fr. Jim Starasinich*

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Mass Schedule: Saturday - Mass 5:30pm

Monday and Friday - Mass 9am

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Parish Council:

Christ the King Trustees: Joan Pirkel, Martha Arnold

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Council Members: Carla Brady (Chair), Jay Chambers, Eric Finholdt, Lori Maas, Don Novak, Jerry Paschke, Mary Zabel

Mon. Oct. 5, 2020 Kelly Jardine (liv)

Fri. Oct. 9, 2020 NO Mass

Sat. Oct. 10, 2020 Parishioners





Court of St. Anne #1840 (Catholic Daughters) will be distributing gummy bears on **Sat./Sun. Oct 17-18th after Mass**. Please be generous as the proceeds will be used in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for families in need.

NOTE: Christ the King CCW meeting on Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

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. Call the St. Joseph office to add to this list.

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The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned. This past month we assisted 27 adults & 19 children with rent, utilities, gas, food and furniture.

Membership - Contact Deb McManimon at dmcmamon-72@gmail.com. Our phone is 507-676-5508.

NOTE: St. Vincent's Table meals are resuming on Tuesday Oct 6. Take out meals will be served 5:30 -6:30pm. Please follow the signs to enter the St. Joseph parking lot on School Street. Your meal will be brought to your car window.

Are You Hurting?

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is Oct 30 -Nov 1, 2020. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.



The National Council of Catholic Women celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2020.

The Winona-Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women congratulates the women of our Diocese as they continue to promote the Spirituality, Leadership and Service programs of the NCCW. Our mission is to respond with Gospel values in today's society. We are proud of our history and excited for the future. Celebrate with us. Go to nccw.org for more information.



October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The National Council of Catholic Women offers two resources in the fight against domestic violence. A brochure, "Healing The Wounds" is available by contacting W-RDCCW president Jeanette Fortier at fortierjeanette@gmail.com. Resource manuals are available through the National Council website (nccw.org) for "Healing The Wounds" and "Mending The Brokenness...With Real Love."

Winona-Rochester October E-News now available

The Winona-Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women offers a free newsletter online. Contact Jeanette Fortier at fortierjeanette@gmail.com to receive a copy. It is worth the read!

TIME to renew your Magnificat for 2021!

Cost is still \$29.95! Checks can be made payable to **St. Joseph Parish** (please note "Magnificat" on the envelope or memo line of check) and can be dropped off in the collection basket at mass or mailed to the St. Joseph parish office. **New subscribers are always welcome!**

Respect Life Sunday - Oct. 4, 2020

Respect life. All life is sacred.



Happy Birthday! Oct 5-11 Josh Hanzlicek, Judy Pike, Steven Sammon

Personal Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



I, _____, a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in your hands, ever Virgin and Immaculate Mother of God, the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the Heavenly Court I choose you, this day, oh Mary, for my Mother and Patroness. I deliver and consecrate to you – to your Immaculate Heart – my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to you the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to your good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity.

I also consecrate to your Immaculate Heart all the Members of my family; protect their souls and bodies, their spiritual and physical integrity. Fulfill in me and through me your heavenly plan for these troubled times. I want to be an instrument in your hands for The Triumph of Your Immaculate Heart as you have Prophesized in Fatima. Amen



Patriotic Rosary Please join us at St. Joseph's on the following Tuesdays at **6:30pm**: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 & (Mon) Nov. 2

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

David Slifka

September 27, 2020



May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Upcoming Calendar

- **Wed. Oct. 7– 7pm** 2020 Confirmation @ St. Joseph Church
- **Fri. Oct. 9– NO 9am Mass**
NO 7pm Confessions
- **Sat. Oct. 10– 10am** CCW meeting, parish hall



Real Presence Radio is holding their 15th annual Fall Live Drive fundraiser October 6-9.

You can support the Real Presence Radio Live Drive in two ways:

- Call **877-795-0122 – 7AM – 7PM CST – October 6-9**
- Donate online at www.realpresenceradio.com

Your gift helps to support one of the greatest resources we have to share the truth about the Catholic faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.