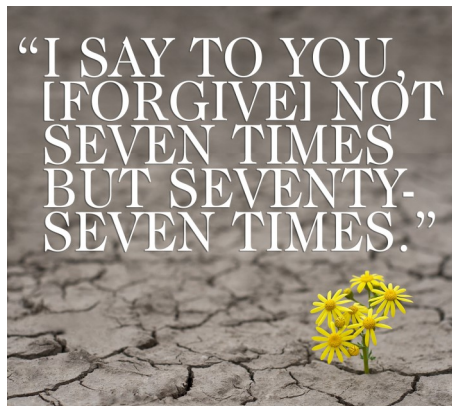




The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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24th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
September
13, 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. Sept. 14, 2020 Reparation for Sins

Fri. Sep. 18, 2020 Joe Biden

Sat. Sep. 19, 2020 Parishioners



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 9/13/20

This past week, Bishop Quinn renewed the consecration of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Tuesday, September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He encourages all parishes to do the same, so we will renew our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the 5:30 PM Mass on October 3.

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) and the Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN), with the endorsement of Bishop Quinn, would like parishes to do a Candidate Town Hall. MCC/CAN states: "Events like this are often successful due to the efforts of a dedicated parish leader who is willing to step up and take ownership of the project." Is anyone willing to do this? If so, please visit for more information: www.MNCatholic.org/TownHall and contact the parish office. A little note I would like to make: we are all called to participate in society and allow the good that comes from our faith shine like a bright light upon everyone. The first commandment states that we shall not have other gods besides the Lord God. When we idolize a political party, we make that party like our god, and therefore sin against the first commandment. What makes for good citizenship is upholding the dignity of every person "made in the image and likeness of God." We vote the issues and not the candidate. That is why the Candidate Town Hall is important, again quoting MCC/CAN: "...people in the pew need to know who the candidates are to make an informed vote and then begin to form a relationship with elected officials to promote life and human dignity. Those relationships can start by bringing the candidates into the parish community to consider issues they may not hear about anywhere else."

Forgiveness. Mercy. This is God. This makes the Church. Without this, we are outside of God and outside the Church. With mercy and forgiveness, we are in the embrace of God. May today's words from Sacred Scripture soften our hardened hearts and allow God to use us as instruments of mercy. "Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven" (Sirach 28:2). Jesus has done that for all of us sinners! "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart" (Matthew 18:33-35). Jesus allowed His heart to be pierced, such was His love for all of humanity! "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine" (from the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus).

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

Parents of 2020 Confirmation Candidates:

This message is to notify you of the **new date for Confirmation: Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 PM** with Bishop Quinn at St Joseph Church. This is for the candidates from St. Joe's and Christ the King who didn't receive the sacrament last spring due to Covid-19. Social distancing and other safety protocols will be followed per usual in the church.

More info will follow soon regarding confirmation meeting/rehearsal in St. Joseph Church.

Deacon Pat Going Away Rosary and Picnic Jaycee Park, SUNDAY, September 13th, 12pm

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a going away party for Deacon Pat Fagan. He has served the Owatonna and Medford Catholic Community, the Owatonna Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters #1180, and many other organizations in his 15 years in Owatonna.

In appreciation we will meet at Jaycee Park at noon on Sunday September 13 for a rosary walk through the local community and return to Jaycee Park for a barbecue at 12:30. Please bring your Deacon Pat memories and stories to share. We will see you there!



A BIG thank you to **Deacon Pat Fagan** for his many years of dedicated service to St. Joseph and Christ the King Parishes. We are so grateful for all he and his wife Joann have brought to our parish communities over the last 15 years! May God bless you and your family in all your new endeavors!



Finding Mr. Right: One Woman's Journey to Becoming a Bride of Christ

Please join the Owatonna area Serra Club to hear Leandra speak of her vocation as a Consecrated Virgin on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:15pm in Joseph Hall, St Joseph Parish. Social distancing will be adhered to; masks are required.

There will be Adoration in St Joseph Church from 5-6pm to pray for vocations with the Serrans. All are welcome to pray and then join us in Joseph Hall to hear Leandra's talk at 6:15pm.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers Active Aging Programs, of Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, is now offering an online Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop. This is a free six-week series that meets once each week via Zoom for those who provide care for an adult loved one or friend. Participants must have access to the internet and have a personal computer, laptop or tablet with a camera, microphone and speakers. Classes will be 90-minutes long. **Registration is now being accepted for the workshop beginning on Wednesday October 7, 2020 from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Classes will be held for 6 consecutive Wednesdays through Nov. 11th and participants should attend each weekly session. **Register by Sept. 16th.** To register or for more info., please contact Michael Maas at (507)450-1518 mmaas@ccsommn.org.

Save the Date!!! On Oct. 3rd, 2020 the Diocesan Social Concerns and Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota will be hosting a virtual event, **Voting in 2020 – A Catholic Approach**, featuring guest presenter Dr. Bernard Evans, Professor Emeritus from the School of Theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, and author of several books based in Catholic Social Teaching including *Vote Catholic? Beyond the Political Din*. Registration info will be coming soon, or contact Isaac at ilandsteiner@ccsommn.org or Lisa at lkremer@ccsommn.org for more information.

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 hand.

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.

Upcoming Calendar

- Tue. Sept. 15– 6pm CDA Installation mass
- Fri. Sept. 18– 7pm Confessions



Happy Birthday! Sep 14-20 Carter Luebke, Jaidyn Rubio, Vincent Steinbauer, Deacon Pat Fagan, Connie Reiter, Brent Reinhard, Jeanne Hein, Dwight Hellevik, Dave Molohon, Jules Brady



CONNECT! Sunday Reflection

Forgiving from Your Heart

See reflection for Sunday, September 13, 2020 at: <https://www.4ipi.com/blog/forgiving-from-your-heart/>

Prayer:

Merciful Father, I come to your feet, to beg for the grace to forgive my brothers and sisters from my heart. Grateful for the many offenses you have forgiven in me, may I, with your help, forgive any transgressions against me. Amen.

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The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the St. Vincent de Paul Society...we want to help!

Holy Land Collection—THIS WEEKEND, September 12-13

In early April, Rome moved the **Holy Land Collection**, which normally takes place on Good Friday, to Sunday, September 13. The Christian communities in the Holy Land benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Gladys Reisdorfer
September 1, 2020



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



We regret to inform you that Birthright of Owatonna, a pregnancy help center, will be closing their office located at 140 1/2 East Rose St. on September 15 after 39 years of service. **If anyone is in need of assistance, they may contact Birthright of Mankato at 507-387-7818 or Rochester at 507-288-9374.** We sincerely appreciate the support this area has shown us and our clients.

- The Volunteers of Birthright of Owatonna.



Patriotic Rosary

Please join us at St. Joseph Church on the following Tuesdays at **6:30pm:**

Sep. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 & (Mon) Nov. 2