



The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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*“Come to me,
all you who
labor and are
burdened, and
I will give
you rest.”*



**14th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
July 5,
2020**

Christ the King Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30pm, 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/>

Mon. July 6, 2020 *Bev Hertel (liv)*

Fri. July 10, 2020 *Ruth (liv) & Dick Broumley*

Sat. July 11, 2020 *Parishioners*



Parish Staff:

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

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Fr. Starasinich is available most Mondays & Fridays

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Mass Schedule: Saturday - Mass 5:30pm

Monday and Friday - Mass 9am

Parish Office:

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Parish Council:

Christ the King Trustees: Joan Pirkel, Martha Arnold

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: 7/5/20

Jesus calls all his disciples “little ones”. He reminds us elsewhere in the Gospels that we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless we become like children (Matthew 18:3). Jesus delights in the children and also says, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14). Are we “little ones”, like children, who look not only for guidance and security but most of all, love? What is love really for us? Is it really God, for God is love, says St. John in his first letter (1 John 4:8). How interesting that this beloved disciple also says, “You belong to God, children” (1 John 4:4).

In light of this, we can understand why we pray as Jesus taught us, calling God “Our Father”. Is he really a Father to us, whom we can be as children and discover this most important familial relationship?

When we were little, we experienced in those very early years that our father was someone we admired, like the image of a king in our little kingdom of the family and home. As we grew and experienced more of life, perhaps we saw that our parents were not perfect and that we began to lose this natural instinctive relationship, especially as we grew older and knew also the truth of the words, “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two become one body” (Genesis 2:24).

Jesus’ own “Father and Son” relationship is expressed beautifully in today’s Gospel. He wants to speak to us in the simplest of terms and yet he often speaks in difficult ways that cause us to ponder the meaning of his words. What we can take from this Gospel is the deep communion, the unbreakable bond between Father and Son. Jesus humbled himself to become like us, experiencing that bond with Joseph, his foster father and Mary his mother. Yet, how important is the role of a father, so often denigrated in our society today. Why is it that society is lacking in fathers as role models? Why is it that we think that we can raise children today without a father? Many know this is wrong yet why is it that it seems to be that we simply accept this and then also do not know what to do about it? We are hearing that gangs exist because youth and young men long for that male role model of a father who is absent.

God is not absent but we can absent Him from our lives through our own choosing. He delights in giving us freedom and yet delights even more when we turn to Him, when we seek Him. Just think of the father in the story of the prodigal son. The father was waiting every day, looking down the road, wondering when his son would return. Upon the son’s arrival, it is the father who runs to him! The father excuses the son and brings the son back into the kingdom, treating him with royal dignity.

Yes, that is whom Jesus desires us to meet and to see face to face. He shares with us His Father, whom we then become adopted “little ones”, adopted children, through baptism. A generosity that exceeds all other gifts is what Jesus brings as He wants us to share in that heavenly communion, united in love forever with God, “Our Father”.

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

Who remembers the Baltimore Catechism and how it begins? Well, here it is for those who do not remember or have ever heard of it.

Q. Who made the world? A. God made the world.

Q. Who is God? A. God is the Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things.

Q. What is Man? A. Man is a creature composed of body and soul, and made in the image and likeness of God.

Q. Why did God make you? A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.

Rosary Procession for our Church and our Nation

Join us **Sunday July 5th** for a public Rosary Procession leaving St. Joseph's west parking lot at **12:00 PM** walking north to Central Park on Cedar, then east on Main to Elm, and finally south on Elm to St. Joseph's Church. This public procession will give honor and glory to Christ the King. Check the St. Joe's website for other details. If you are unable to walk 6-8 blocks, feel free to join by praying the Rosary in your home or in our beautiful Adoration Chapel.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Thorpe, 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 St. Joseph's to add to this list.

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

- 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.**
- All parishioners are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- **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.
- Collection basket will be available at the front of the altar at the end of mass for envelopes or donations.

Notice: The Adoration Chapel located at St. Joseph Church is now only accessible by Key Card/Fob.

Please stop in the parish office if you would like to get a card or fob. Suggested offering of \$5 for a fob, and \$3 for a card.

Dear Everyone,

Few of you know that Joann and I have been in the process of moving from Owatonna to Rochester so we can be that much closer to two of our children and their families. We are now moved into a house in the northeast section of Rochester.

I have spoken to Bishop Quinn this past week and asked for a change of assignment, and if it could take effect this September. He agreed to an assignment change, and will wait to see which parish in Rochester might be a good fit for me.

In the meantime, Fr Jim and I have worked out a transition plan where I will continue to serve Mass here, alternating each weekend between Saturdays and Sundays, serving two Masses on one day or the other. My other duties will be absorbed by office staff and those other volunteers in the various ministries in which I performed.

It is with heavy hearts that Joann and I leave St Joseph Parish and Christ the King Parish after 15 plus years of service to you and the greater Owatonna-Steele County area. We have been treated as family by you all, but it is to blood-family to which we are now called. Pray for us during this transition, and for my ministry to the people of Rochester.

Our love goes out to you all. Thank you, and Good Bye.

Deacon Pat and Joann Fagan

Happy Birthday Fr. Jim - July 9!



May God bless you with His boundless love, calming peace, and heavenly joy throughout the coming year.

July 5: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."



During the month of June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father" by assisting 25 families, providing food, rent, gas, furniture and utility assistance.

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 dmcmanimon72@gmail.com. Phone # 507-676-5508.

Happy Birthday! July 6-12 Kyle Gillen, Connie Heim, Cal Jenö, Keith Maas, Mary Jean Malecha, Tim Amberg, Kenneth McCarthy, Jean Gillis, Fr. Jim Starasinich, Ron Maas, Zackery Moreau, Cindy Anhorn, Juan DeLeon, Gregory Chester



Bethlehem Academy Enrolling for Fall: BA, a Catholic high school in Faribault, offers strong academics, small classes with mission-driven teachers, and leadership opportunities in a variety of sports & activities. Committed to reopening in the fall; tuition assistance & openings still available. Visit: www.bacards.org or contact Kris: admissions@bacards.org for information on how to give your child the gift of a Catholic high school education.

Independence Day BLESSINGS

Please note: St. Joseph Parish office will be closed Monday, July 6th in observance of the July 4th Holiday. **There will be mass at Christ the King at 9am, July 6.**

Have a blessed and safe Independence Day weekend!

Diocese of Winona-Rochester Missionary Cooperative 2020

Archdiocese of Juba, South Sudan - For details, see yellow handout at church entrance.

**** Special 2nd Collection will be taken July 25th - 26th ****