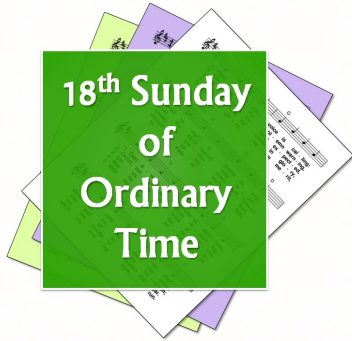




The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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MEDFORD, MN 55049 (507)-451-4845**



**Sunday
August
1st,
2021**

Christ the King Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:30pm
Monday & Friday - 9am

St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

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 & upon request

Parish Administrator: Al Christenson...(507)451-4845

Senior Priests Assisting:

Fr. Robert Herman, Fr. Joe Pete

Religious Education Director: Jenna Sammon

Contact: medfordcatholicyouth@gmail.com or (507) 456-5733

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

E-mail: parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org

Website:ctkmedfordmn.org

Parish Council:

Trustees: Martha Arnold & Mike Wencil

Council Members: Kim Huxford, Tony Durand, Judy Brady, LaVonne Cervenka, Shirley Jenó & Matt Skalicky

Finance Council: Carla Brady (Chair), Jay Chambers, Eric Finholdt, Lori Maas, Don Novak, & Jerry Paschke

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How blessed we are as Catholic Christians to have the Eucharist for our spiritual nourishment! As we continue with chapter 6 of John's Gospel, we hear Jesus say, "my Father gives you the true bread from heaven." When the people ask Jesus, "Sir, give us this bread always", Jesus responds, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." We approach Jesus every Sunday to be filled spiritually because we believe Jesus was sent by the Father for our salvation. We make room for God after having filled ourselves with many things that simply do not satisfy, for experience in life keeps us seeking for fulfillment. The body needs nourishment but the soul, too, must not be neglected. Jesus gives us the spiritual sustenance that the soul desires. He is the Passover fulfilled, the lamb slain, the unleavened bread broken that feeds us and unites us as one in Him.

The first reading reminds us of our own dissatisfaction, like those of the Israelites. Rescued and saved from the pharaoh and the Egyptian army, witnessing even the waters drowning their enemies, the Israelites quickly forget how they never had to fight to defeat their enemy. Freed but still not satisfied. Longing for the old life, even desiring to return to slavery because at least their bellies were filled there. Yet, God has better plans to prove that he is the Almighty. "The Lord gave them bread from heaven." "Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent in abundance. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won."

God wants to continue to do the works of salvation in us and that begins with Jesus' answer: "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." It is about faith, to have faith, "to believe in the one he sent", to believe in Jesus! Spiritual food for the soul is Jesus, the bread of life. Paul, too, reminds us to "put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." The former way of life for the Israelites was slavery, a hard life under pharaoh; for humanity, after the Fall, slavery to sin with the devil as taskmaster. Jesus continues to form us, strengthen us, for we "put on the new self" – who is Christ – first in baptism and then grow through the gift of the Eucharist – "God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

God Love You!!!
Fr. Jim Starasinich



KC Fundraiser for Seminarians

It is time again for our annual Father Carlin Council 4909 Knights of Columbus fundraising program for our Diocese of Winona Seminarians. Last year over \$3000.00 was donated and divided among our current Seminarians. Thank you for your past support.

KC members and parish members can send donations to P.O. Box 348, Medford, MN, 55049. Our local KC Council has been participating in this program for over 50 years in support of our Seminarians.

Saturday, July 31, 2021–5:30pm

Lector: Don Novak

Server: Katelyn Paschke

EM: Lois Nelson

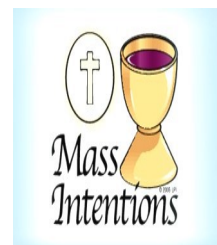
Ushers: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 2nd Don Hager †

Friday, August 6th: No Mass

Saturday, August 7th: Parishioners



2nd collection taken next weekend for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Religious Education News:

We are excited to start another great year in our Religious Education Program! We are looking for catechists and volunteers for both our Wednesday afternoon and evening youth program. No experience necessary, just an interest in sharing your faith and we will help! Virtus training is required. Please contact Jenna at 507-456-5733 or medfordcatholicyouth@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration and continued support for our program!



The St. Serra Club of Owatonna Area is meeting on Monday, August 9th at St. Joseph's Church. We will have a speaker, Jennifer Swanson, principal at St. Mary's School, speaking about the school and spirituality at 6:45 pm. All are invited, please come to hear about our school children, and what they're learning about God.

Did you know that there are priests with 5 and 6 parishes in their cluster to provide for? There are fewer and fewer priests and more Catholics and we need prayer warriors to pray for more young people to answer God's call for vocations. The St. Serra Club of Owatonna Area will be praying for that intention at a Eucharistic Holy Hour of Adoration at the Adoration Chapel off the back parking lot of St. Joseph's Church at 5:00 pm, before our meeting. Please come and pray with us.



August 1 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel the disciples ask for a sign like the bread Moses had received in the desert. Jesus tells them that He is the true Bread of Life.

During the month of June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 33 adults and 21 children, providing \$250 for food, \$2,956 in utility assistance, \$2,530 in rent, \$500 for gas, \$405 for furniture and \$7,298 for miscellaneous bills. God Bless You! Vincent's Table serves take-out meals, starting at 5:30 Tuesday evenings. This past week we served 88 meals.

Membership-We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St. Joseph's at 6:30 pm. **If you would like further information on growing your spiritual life and serving those in need in our community**, please join us at a meeting or contact Deb McManimon at

Volunteers Needed For MCCL Steele County Fair Booth

The MCCL Pro-Life booth will be in the Four Seasons Building again for this year's Steele County Fair from August 17th to 22nd. **Volunteers are needed to staff the booth.**

Please contact Rose Ann Kubicek at 507-456-7671 as soon as possible to volunteer.

If God is calling you to help save unborn babies in this way, please volunteer for several hours.

Happy Birthday
August 1st—August 7th



- Melody Amberg—8/4
- Todd A. Kavitz—8/4
- Allie Kellen—8/4
- John Hager—8/5
- Carol Ann Wencil—8/5
- Jerry Paschke—8/6
- Matt Thomas—8/6
- Nicolas Nagel—8/7

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