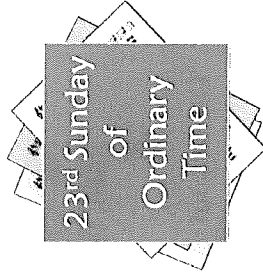


The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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Sunday
September
5th,
2021

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 & upon request

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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, Mary Zabel

Christ the King Mass Schedule:

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

St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule:

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope everyone will have a restful Labor Day Weekend. I know that school is already in session and summer vacations are pretty much concluded for most folks, so we will meet this Monday, Labor Day evening, for the Catechesis for Adults and Youth at 7 PM in Joseph Hall at St. Joseph's, Owatonna. I look forward to these sessions and appreciate being on the receiving end for once. So glad to see a good number of you making the drive to attend!

September 8 is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the midst of two special days in which we celebrate Our Lady – September 8, Mary's birthday, and September 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows – we recall the tragic 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks upon our beloved land. Let us pray to our Blessed Mother, whose loving concern is for all peoples to encounter her Son, the Savior of the world.

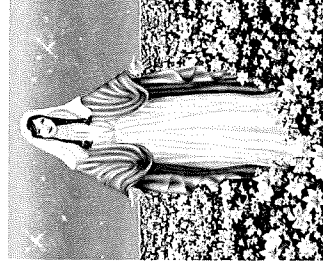
The following week is Presbyteral Days for all the priests of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Once again, no Mass next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 14, 15, and 16. We ask for your good prayers as we meet during this moment of spiritual nourishment for our souls.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich

September's Child

September's skies are sapphire hue;
Blue gentians star the woods at morn
Near crystal pools in woodland aisles -
In this bright month a Queen was born.
No silver fanfare filled the air
As angel wings flashed round the child;
No crown was placed upon her head,
But at her halo, Heaven smiled.
October's trees wear rosaries
Of gold and scarlet, green and brown,
And as the west wind fingers them
The Ave-leaves drift slowly down.
May raises high her blossom-shrines
Where bird-choirs sing their wood-notes wild,
But both these months pay homage to
A blue-gowned Queen - September's child



– Sister Maryanna Robert, *Cyril, Mary Immaculate: God's Mother and Mine. Poughkeepsie, NY: Marist Press, 1946.*

<https://udayton.edu/imri/mary/p/poems-for-september.php#anchor3>

Anniversary Celebration for Fr. Robert Herman ON HOLD!!!

Due to the recent increase in COVID cases, Fr. Robert Herman has requested that we postpone his anniversary celebration until we see how this new round of COVID plays out. We are sorry for the change in plans; however, we want to error on the safe side. We thank you for your understanding. Warm regards. Celebration Committee.

Religious Education News:

We are excited to start another great year in our Religious Education Program! Registration is now open for grades 1-10! Please register online at ctkmedfordmn.org.

Check out the website for more information! Classes start Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.

IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Joseph Parish has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant responsible to conduct the coordination of office activities and provide clerical support to the Pastor and his staff. No scheduled weekend or evening hours. M-F—32-40 hours per week. Background in office technology and experience in office duties and management is necessary.

Please contact the parish office at 512 S Elm Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060 or call 507-451-4845 to receive application information.

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Shrine

The two-day Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Shrine and the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin will be October 5 and 6, 2021. Join Fr. Jim to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, the site of the only approved apparition of the Blessed Mother in the United States, and the Shrine of St. Joseph in the Year of St. Joseph. Cost is \$255 for double occupancy and \$285 for single occupancy, which includes hotel stay; one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner; and bus transportation.

Contact St. Joseph Parish Office to register, 507-451-4845. Payment can be made in the church office during the weekdays.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

You're invited to the Marriage Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2 pm at St. John the Baptist Parish, Mankato, MN. All couples regardless of their anniversary milestone, are invited to attend! Register at www.dowr.org.

The Courier's September 2021 issue is now available online! https://issuu.com/dioceseofwinona/docs/september_for_page_1_e61b88160650a7?fr=sZawOTE3NjMzNjk



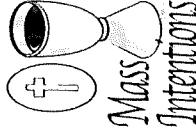
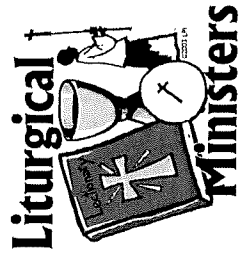
Happy Birthday
September 5th—September 11th
Zachary Finholdt, Natasha DeVries,
Angela Kellen & Benjamin Finholdt,

Saturday, September 11th, 2021— 5:30pm

Lector: Volunteer
Server: Katelyn Paschke
EM: Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Mon., Sept. 6th: Bev Hertel (liv)
Friday, Sept. 10th:
Margaret & Bernard Skalicky †



**** If able to resume your Liturgical Ministry role(s), please contact Martha Arnold, 451-3187. Thank you!**

Year of Saint Joseph

During these trying times,

These words bring consolation:

“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!”

(Mark 6:50)

Jesus understands our fears, our confusion, our doubts, our worries. We need to hear His voice.

Come and Listen!

Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM
Beginning Monday, August 30, 2021

Joseph Hall

Catechesis for Adults and Youth (12 and older)

Free babysitting will be provided

September 5 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus “makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!” In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering.



On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can “make God's presence known” to those who are suffering and poor? During the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide \$350 for food, \$275 for gas, \$1,500 in rent and \$1,723 for utility assistance. We also served 88 take out meals at Vincent's Table. God bless you for making all of this possible.

Priesthood Sunday

September 26, 2021 is Priesthood Sunday, a day dedicated to thanking our priests. This is a day to tell Father how much you appreciate him and his hard work and dedication to our parish. Thank you Father for being our Shepherd.

Travelpoint Tours is offering a Fall Trip Touring Collegeville—Thursday— SEPTEMBER 23rd

The tour includes a guided tour at both St. John's Abbey and St Ben's Chapel and Science museum exhibit at St. Ben's!! We will also be visiting the gift shops at both colleges and have a meditative walk at Grasshopper Chapel. Lunch at Kays Kitchen will be off the menu and not included in the price of our trip but she does have delicious pies!!! (This is due to restrictions but could change by September to a buffet; I will keep guests posted on this matter). We will leave St. Joe's parking lot at 7:30 am returning by 6:15-6:30pm. Price is \$49.00 ; checks payable to Travelpoint Tours, 203 S. Oak Owatonna Mn. Please contact Kayleen at 507-214-7447 with any questions on this trip or upcoming Fall tours!