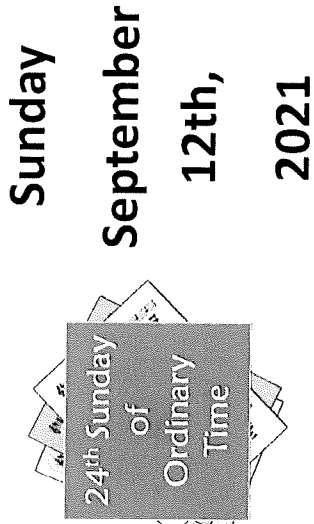


The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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Christ the King Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:30 pm

Monday & Friday - 9:00 am

St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul reminds us this past week that we are in a spiritual battle: “See to it that no one captivate you with an empty, seductive philosophy according to the tradition of men, according to the elemental powers of the world and not according to Christ” (Colossians 2:8). The “elemental powers of the world” are elaborated further in the same letter: “despoiling the principalities and the powers, [Jesus] made a public spectacle of them, leading them away in triumph by [the cross]” (Colossians 2:15). These principalities and powers refer to the pagan gods and also the evil spirits, the false gods and rulers of the air that deceive and corrupt humanity.

The great spiritual battle today is a battle for life. Please go to and read Archbishop Cordileone’s words:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/09/05/our-duty-challenge-catholic-politicians-who-support-abortion-rights/>

I am glad to be on the receiving end of our Monday and Thursday catechesis for Adults and Youth. Fr. Melchizedek mentioned that a pastor needs a community, like a head needs a body. It is challenging today to care for many souls as the number of priests decreases. I hear and grasp the importance of what we priests learned in the seminary, that we are indeed a community of communities in the parish, but often that image is a thought on paper and not a reality. As a pastor, I appreciate the support I receive simply by your presence on Mondays and Thursdays. God is doing something and I look forward to being with you.

God Love You!!

Fr. Jim Starasnich

My Lord--

Let me live my life doing good works of mercy,
deliver me from needless anxiety and worry.
There are so many things I can do for others,
go, visit the sick and the lonely one who suffers;
those who have no family nor friends nearby,
I have seen them sit in their room and cry.

When a kind stranger comes into their room,
it is like a ray of sunshine; it lifts their gloom.
We learn of sad things they’ve lived through;
they’ll explain to you why they just withdrew.
Veterans who experienced the ravages of war,
or some folks who tell you they grew up poor.
Others who have had a happy and fulfilling life,
but were devastated by losing a husband or wife.
You explain that there is hope even in darkness;
at times we encounter people who are heartless.
But we all know that our lives will someday end;
for most folks that’s not difficult to comprehend.
My dear friend, let us now pray to God together,
that He accepts us into Heaven, where all is
better.

Amen.

Bud Peka 7/10/2021

SPECIAL COLLECTION—Next Weekend

A recent natural disaster has recently affected our brothers and sisters in Christ. A massive earthquake and tropical storm that hit Haiti has created widespread destruction. We are asking you to respond with the Catholic community across the United States to a special emergency collection. Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water, and food of those affected by this disaster. **Checks should be made payable to your local parish.** For more information, go to www.usccb.org or to Catholic Relief Services at <https://support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake>

LUELLA HEIM'S 100TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Sunday, Sept. 26th 2:00-4:30 PM
Christ The King Church Basement

The family asks to please be vaccinated for Covid and wear a mask if you plan on attending. If you are not vaccinated please refrain from attending and if you wish, birthday greetings can be sent to Luella Heim, 108 3rd Ave NW Apt E, Medford, MN 55049.
Light refreshments will be served.

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.

KC BENEFIT BREAKFASTS ARE BACK.....

A delicious **Benefit Breakfast** sponsored by the Owatonna KC Council #945 will be **Sunday, September 19th** from 8 am to noon at **St. Mary's School** in Owatonna benefitting the **St. Serra Club** of the Owatonna Area. The St. Serra Club supports and prays for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and promotes spiritual growth among its members.

The KC's offer **2 breakfast choices** – KC Omelet Breakfast and KC Country Breakfast with pancakes or French toast & beverage. **\$7 in advance** and \$8.00 at the door (*free under 6*).

Get your advance tickets following Mass today or next weekend or contact Cal or Shirley Jenö.

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.

**Saturday, September 18th, 2021—
5:30pm**

Lector: Mary Wencil

Server: Katelyn Paschke

EM: Gail Heim

Ushers: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Mon., Sept. 13th: David Arnold †

Fri., Sept. 17th: Carolyn Soller (lvng)

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

Parish Pastoral meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept 21st

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

Continuing through October 18th

Joseph Hall

Catechesis for Adults and Youth (12 and older)

September 12th—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

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 Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! This past Tuesday, we served 100 take-out meals at Vincent's Table.

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 McMani-

Priesthood Sunday

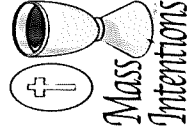
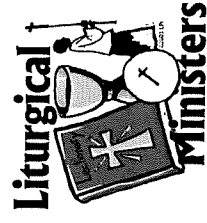


September 26, 2021 is Priesthood Sunday, a day dedicated to thanking our priests. This is a day to tell Father how much you appreciate him and his hard work and

**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, 209 S. Oak Owatonna Mn. Please contact Kayleen at 507-214-7447 with any questions on this trip or upcoming Fall tours!

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Happy Birthday

September 12th—September 18th

Carter Luebbe, Jaidyn Rubio,

Vincent Steinbauer