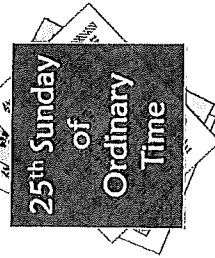




## The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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**Sunday**  
**September**  
**19th,**  
**2021**



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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 Office:**

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**Phone: (507)451-4845**

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

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**Website:** [ctkmedfordmn.org](http://ctkmedfordmn.org)

**Parish Council:**

**Trustees:** Martha Arnold & Mike Wencil

**Council Members:** Kim Huxford, Tony Durand, Judy Brady, LaVonne Cervenka, Shirley Jeno & 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 - 9:00 am

### St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we celebrate the life of a saint who was misunderstood and endured sufferings, all part of God's will for him. How do we deal with injustices and calumnies? Numerous saints throughout history had to accept being ostracized and rejected. What made them saints was that they did not rebel but humbly submitted to God's will, taking refuge in the God who saves.

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina did just that. His famous motto encourages many souls today: "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." "Padre Pio" had the gift of bi-location and bore the stigmata – the wounds of Christ – in his body for fifty years. Upon his death, the stigmata wounds disappeared. Despite all the attention he was getting, this Capuchin friar would repeat often, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." Born Francesco Forgione, he would follow his namesake St. Francis of Assisi and live the simple life of a friar. He founded a hospital which he named "The Home for the Relief of Suffering". Prayer groups were another one of his ministries which he assisted. He was a confessor who could read souls, helping many to confess their sins with sincerity and thus liberate souls and lead them on the path to sanctity. St. Padre Pio was a great instrument of the Good Lord during his lifetime and he continues to inspire many souls today. He passed to the Lord on September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one. His life was centered on the Eucharist, prayer, and devotion to Our Lady. St. Padre Pio, pray for us!

I want to encourage you to attend our Monday and Thursday meetings at 7 PM at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, in Joseph Hall. God is generous in the graces He wants to bestow upon us. Let us take advantage of this time as we never know if we will have this opportunity in the future. I am grateful for the team giving their time to our parish, as it is a blessing for me – and I continue to repeat – to be on the receiving end of these talks along with all of you. It is renewing my spirit and I hope it is doing the same for all of you who are attending.

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinich

#### Song in Late Summer

Soft and blue are thy robes, my Mother,  
Azure and clear as an angel's eyes -  
Let me hide in them, oh, my Mother -  
Radiant Queen of the summer skies!

Sofly piled on the far horizon  
Smoky white clouds drifting here and there;  
These the border on your blue mantle -  
Mother most holy..... Virgin most fair!  
Deep and blue and wide is the ocean -  
Deep as the call of its peace to me;  
Jeweled and shining..... Thy veil, my Mother?  
Thy silvered veil, oh Star of the sea?

• Edith M. Storey

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

<https://udayton.edu/fimr/mary/poems-for-september.php#anchor18>

## LUELLA HEIM'S 100TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Luella Heim celebrates her 100th birthday on September 30th. She has been a long-time member of Corpus Christi and now, Christ the King. She is looking forward to celebrating and sharing some time with you on Sunday, September 26, 2:00-4:30 pm at Christ the King Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served. No gifts, but if you have a special "Luella Story", please bring or send to her. In this age of Covid, the family does ask that only fully vaccinated individuals attend. Wearing a mask would also be appreciated. Birthday greetings can be sent to Luella Heim, 108 3rd Ave NW #E, Medford, MN 55049.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are seeking candidates for the election of PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL members.

We welcome new people and new ideas and a diverse representation of our parish community. You must be 18 years of age, confirmed, and a member of the parish to be eligible for a position on the Council.

If you would like your name to be on the ballot for the election in November, please contact Father Jim, Martha Arnold, or Kim Huxford."

### 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](http://ctkmedfordmn.org). Check out the website for more information! Classes start Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.

### Religious Education Fundraiser

We will begin to accept prepaid orders for Christmas greens now through Oct 24th. All proceeds will be given to the Religious Education program. Order forms are available at both entrances to the church with the prices listed for each item. Please drop completed forms into the collection basket in a marked envelope or drop off at the religious education building. Thank you for your continued support of this project. If you have any questions please contact Carla Brady at 507-213-6465. Please complete one order form for each person picking up items.



### KC BENEFIT BREAKFASTS ARE BACK.....

Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to noon at St. Mary's School in Owatonna benefiting the St. Serra Club of the Owatonna Area. \$7 in advance and \$8.00 at the door (*free under 6*).

Cal and Shirley Jenö will be selling tickets after Mass today.

### 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.



### Happy Birthday

September 19th—September 25th

Connie Reiter, Jeanne Hein, Dwight Hellevik, Dave Molohon, LaVonne Amberg, Lester Schalm, Maxwell Prondzinski, Peter Hein, Jennifer Jones

## Saturday, September 25th, 2021— 5:30pm

**Lector:** Lois Nelson

**Server:** Katelyn and David Paschke

**EM:** Lois Nelson

**Ushers:** Volunteers

### Mass Intentions

**Mon., Sept. 20th:** Luella Heim

**Fri., Sept. 24th:** Kathy Bruening (liv)

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 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### September 19 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time:



In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, *"if anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them. This past Tuesday, we served 106 take-out meals at Vincent's Table.

**Membership**-We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. **September 20<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at Sacred Heart Parish Center 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 [dmcmanimon72@gmail.com](mailto:dmcmanimon72@gmail.com). Our phone is 507-676-5508.

### Priesthood Sunday



**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.

**\*\*We will have a special blessing for Father at the end of masses next weekend. The blessing prayer will be at the end of the pews.**

Our parish priests are some of the hardest working members of the Church. The typical parish priest works every weekend and holiday and only gets one day off a week, not to mention they're being asked to care for more souls and take on more responsibilities and roles than ever before.

**Ways to Let Your Parish Priest**

**Know You Appreciate Him:**

Pray for Your Priests, say "Thank You", write them a note expressing your gratitude, pray more and complain less, and be supportive.

You are welcome to join us for Thursday 1 PM call in rosaries during covid. Contact JoAnn Eichten, St. Serra Vocations Ministry, for more information — 507-213-9097.

