



The Church of Christ the King Medford, MN

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Sunday

November

7,

2021

32nd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

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Parish Council:

Trustees: Martha Arnold & Mike Wencil

Council Members: Kim Huxford, Tony Durand, Judy Brady,
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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, I will be fortunate to be in Italy, and most likely Rome, for two great celebrations of the Church: The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica on Tuesday and the Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church on Wednesday. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, gives his general audience every Wednesday and I am sure he will remember his predecessor on that day. Leo the Great defended Rome from the barbarians, the Huns and Vandals who threatened the Christian populace in the fifth century. He was a true pastor and an eloquent preacher, speaking the truth about Jesus' two natures, both human and divine. In some ways, we can say that the fifth century is similar to our own time, as we face assaults from a new barbaric mentality that Pope Benedict called "the dictatorship of relativism" and Pope Francis labeled "ideological colonization". These two marauding philosophies are not attacking society through physical assaults but rather through social media and an attack on the mind. Bullying is not tolerated in our society yet there is a blindness to the bullying of people by way of phobias and mandates that have never before been seen in our so-called free world, especially here in the United States. Someone recently shared a very intelligent homily based on our Christian dignity in light of the COVID crisis. It is based on science, reason, and data, all of which the Church favors as we work for the common good of all humanity. The facts and truths that derive from research are welcomed and appreciated, especially as professionals in their respective fields work for solutions and offer alternatives. The priest who delivered his homily compared today's cultural battle to that of the Polish solidarity movement of the late 1970's and early 1980's. We can only overcome these assaults of a new barbarism by uniting behind our cherished freedoms granted by the constitution. It was Pope John Paul II, a man who had lived through the terrifying regimes of communism and fascism in his younger days, who praised the democratic experiment here in the United States. Here are some words of wisdom he spoke on October 8, 1995 at Camden Yards in Baltimore:

America has always wanted to be a land of the free. Today, the challenge facing America is to find freedom's fulfillment in the truth: the truth that is intrinsic to human life created in God's image and likeness, the truth that is written on the human heart, the truth that can be known by reason and can therefore form the basis of a profound and universal dialogue among people about the direction they must give to their lives and their activities.

One hundred thirty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln asked whether a nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" could "long endure". President Lincoln's question is no less a question for the present generation of Americans. Democracy cannot be sustained without a *shared commitment to certain moral truths about the human person and human community*. The basic question before a democratic society is: "how ought we to live together?" In seeking an answer to this question, can society exclude moral truth and moral reasoning? Can the Biblical wisdom which played such a formative part in the very founding of your country be excluded from that debate?

Would not doing so mean that America's founding documents no longer have any defining content, but are only the formal dressing of changing opinion? Would not doing so mean that tens of millions of Americans could no longer offer the contribution of their deepest convictions to the formation of public policy? Surely it is important for America that the moral truths which make freedom possible should be passed on to each new generation. Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

Pope Leo was called "the Great" for he had a great love for Christ and the flock Jesus entrusted to him. Pope John Paul II saw the new "Huns and Vandals" approaching and defended us with his many writings, homilies, and travels. No wonder so many have also called him "the Great". St. Leo and St. JPII, pray for us!!!

God Love You!!!

Fr. Jim Starasinch

REMINDER:
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
November 13th

Candidates are: Linda O'Connor, Liz Smith and write-in candidates.

Thank you for willingness to serve.

Christ of King Parish Council

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Larry & Vickie Francisco

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 7-13, 2021, is National Vocation Awareness Week. The annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States is dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

PLEASE PRAY THIS

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER EACH DAY

Diocese of Winona-Rochester Prayer for Vocations
Loving Father, source of all that is good, we beg You to look upon us with mercy and love. As Your beloved sons and daughters, redeemed in the blood of Jesus Christ, we seek to do Your will in every action of our lives.

We beg You now to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and help each member of this diocese to live out the call to holiness given to them in Baptism. Please grant us many priests and consecrated persons to serve Your Church, strong and holy marriages that serve as a sign of Your self-giving love, and single men and women who are intent on living out Your plan for their lives.

Let each of us be more deeply conformed to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to live in holiness and love, keep us on the path You have marked out for us, which leads to eternal life with You.

May Your grace be abundant as we rejoice in hope and confidently trust in Your Divine Providence each day. With grateful hearts, we ask this prayer through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Diocese of Winona-Rochester

Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dowr.org.

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021—5:30pm

Lector: Mary Wencil

Server: Katelyn Paschke

EM: Mike Wencil

Ushers: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Mon., Nov. 8th, NO Mass

Friday, Nov. 12th: NO Mass

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

Saturday, November 20th—Youth Mass

First Reconciliation after Mass (Grade 2)

Rite of Enrollment (9th Grade-for those unable to attend in October)

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Poultry Bingo

Proceeds go to Seminarians

Sunday, November 14, 2021

American Legion Post 43—112 5th St. NE—Faribault, MN

Early Bird @1:30 pm; Regular bingo @3:00 pm

Children welcome w/adult

Kitchen will be open for snacks

It's TIME to renew your

Magnificat subscription for 2022!

Cost is still \$29.95! Checks can be made payable to St. Joseph Parish (please note "Magnificat" on the envelope or memo line of check) and can be dropped off in the collection basket at Mass or mailed to the St. Joseph parish office. Current subscription expires with November issue.

The Courier's November 2021 issue is now available online.

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Happy Birthday—November 7th—November 13th

Richard Kay, Byron Manderfeld,

Derek Butterfield, Marie Froman, Michael Donahue,

Ethel Condon, Alyssa Butterfield



IRIS TURKEY TROT

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Faribault Middle School

Registration & Information at www.irisremembers.com

100% of proceeds benefit

Infants Remembered in Silence, Inc.

ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO AT HOLY TRINITY, LITOMYSL

Everyone is invited to the Annual Turkey Bingo at Holy Trinity, Litomysl on Sunday, November 21 at 7 pm. 20 Games for \$4.00. Pop and Popcorn will also be for sale. Come and win your Thanksgiving turkey and have an enjoyable evening.

November 7 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then donate your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care. This past week, St. Vincent's Table served 96 take-out meals.

Membership-We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, at St. Joseph's Church. **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. Our phone is 507-676-5508.**

