

St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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St. Joseph website: www.stjosephowatonna.org | Christ the King website: www.ckmedfordmn.org



August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Please contact the Parish office if... A member of your family is in the hospital. You want communion brought to your home. Your address, phone, email has changed. Your wish to register your family with the Parish.

Office Hours: Monday • 8:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday - Friday • 8:00am - 1:00pm

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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Sat. 4:00pm - St. Joseph

Sat. 5:30pm - Christ the King

Sun. 8:00am & 10:00am - St. Joseph

Confession/Adoration at Christ the King -

The first Friday of the month after 8:00am Mass.

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession at St. Joseph

Sat. 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Be a part of our new Church Directory!



Reserve your photo session for the new
St. Joseph Church / Christ the King Church
Directory from Universal Church Directories!
Our directory will not be complete without you!
Sign – up online for a photo session at

www.ucdir.com

Church code = mn564 Password = photos

***Reminder - when you sign up on Sept. 18th - 20th, the photo sessions will be at Christ the King Church in Medford.**

Photo sessions at St. Joseph: Sept. 30 - Oct. 4th & Oct. 6 - 8th.

If you need to cancel, change or have help signing up for a photo session, call the parish office at 507-451-4845.



**KC Family Picnic
Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

JC Park Pavilion, Festivities kick off at 5pm.

Serving grilled burgers, sweet corn and
Dav Lax's famous beans. Please RSVP to

Tom Kubista (507) 451-4214 or email tomkubista@charter.net



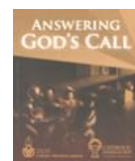
Your generosity to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** from year to year is very much appreciated. Your love for the church and faith, bring a difference in our parish through faith-enriching activities that take place throughout the year. Your donation makes a direct impact in supporting the ministries that are leading people close to Jesus and Mary. **To help reach our parish goal of \$50,716, so far contributions from 112 families received \$45,030 and need \$5686 to complete our goal.** Please consider prayerfully and make a gift to help our parish to meet the goal. Thank you for your consideration.



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St. Joseph Parish
Appeal Goal - \$50,716
of Contributions Entered - 112
Amount donated - \$45,030
What we still need - \$5,686

Christ the King Church
Appeal Goal - \$10,631
of Contributions Entered - 32
Amount donated - \$12,895
Exceeded goal by \$2,354



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3, 2025-C

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

The parable of the foolish rich man: 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Luke 12: 13-21. Greed wants to divide, just as love desires to gather. Jesus has been approached to settle such an argument over an inheritance. Jesus responds not by taking sides but by addressing the greed that has brought both sides to near blows.

He tells the parable of the rich man who, during his good fortune, loses his sense of what is important. Possessions create an illusion that we can control our lives. The "foolish" rich man in today's Gospel sadly discovers that wealth in the reign of God has nothing to do with stock portfolios, bank accounts or the social register.

Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his industriousness and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness: *it's mine, all mine and no one else's*. This parable is similar to the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the beggar Lazarus ([Luke 16:19-31](#)). The rich fool had lost the capacity to express his concern for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! What is Jesus' lesson on using material possessions? It is in giving that we receive. Those who are rich towards God receive ample rewards, not only in this life but in eternity as well.

We are often as short-sighted as the rich farmer in today's Gospel. We can become so self-centered and self-sufficient that we shut ourselves off from the seemingly simple aspects of life in which we find the love and presence of God. Faith is the constant awareness that life is not a destination but a journey to God and that death is the final passageway.

Let us reflect about greed in life that does not consist in the abundance of possessions. The rich man's possessions give him false security and evidence to feel he has the total enjoyment of life. Yet fear and insecurity plague his soul. The life itself is futile.

Every human person should have a purpose in life to identify what is essential in life and separate it from what is not. We are called upon to seek what is above, namely, the values of God. We are called upon to judge ourselves by our interior self and not by the external material goods. We are measured by not what we own but what we share and by the opportunity we must grow in love.

Blessings!

Owatonna KC Council 945 is holding a new member ceremony on August 11 at 7:00 PM at the KC Hall. If you are a Catholic gentleman at least 18 years old, we would love to have you join us in our mission of community service and faith promotion. Contact Dan Wolfe 507-571-0287/ dkwolfe@charter.net or Lee Jardine 651-247-2963 / lee_j7@reagan.com for more information.



Racetrack pick-up during the Steele County Free Fair Thursday, August 14th - Monday, August 18th. We are looking for volunteers to help pick up trash at 6AM each morning August 14 - 18th at the Steele County Fair Grounds Racetrack. Money received will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Volunteers will meet on the east side of the track near the horse barn. Contact Dave Lax at 507-456-1575 or email at dave@centralhtg.biz Thank you for volunteering!

The SCFF is just around the corner and for over 25+ years it has been a St. Mary's tradition to run the Bingo Tent at the fairgrounds.

The 2025 SCFF is from Tuesday, August 12th - Sunday, August 17th.

St. Mary's School needs your HELP at the Bingo tent! We still have over 70 shifts to fill. Working the Bingo tent helps fund Home and School events as well as classroom party money and Marathon t-shirts at St. Mary's School.

Each shift is only 2 hours long. Sign up with your spouse, with your friends, or with your family. Choose your role & enter your name, email and phone number.

A reminder will be sent from Sign-Up Genius a day or two before your scheduled shift.

BINGO Sign up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4DADAC23A3FA7-bingo#/>

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your spot at
BINGO!



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	08/04/25	Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	08/05/25	Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36	8:00am: Don Hager†
Wed.	08/06/25	2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-26	8:00am: Timothy Vogt (living)
Thurs.	08/07/25	Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23	8:00am: Mary Jane Jacobson†
Fri.	08/08/25	Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28	8:00am: CTK - Lloyd & Doris Kern†
Sat.	08/09/25	Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20	8:00am: Clifford Stumpf†
Sun.	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		4:00pm: Joe Leverty†
	Wis 18:6-9	08/09/25	5:30pm: CTK - Jake & Julie Spinler†
	Heb 11:1-2,8-19	08/10/25	8:00am: Parishioners
	Lk 12:32-48	08/10/25	10:00am: John Navins†

August 3 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table served 170 meals to those needing a wholesome meal.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at **6:30 p.m., 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 Joe Stiles at jrstyles1224@msn.com. Our phone number is 507-676-5508.



It's time to renew your subscription to the Magnificat.

The **Magnificat** features prayers inspired by the Liturgy of the Hours, including morning and evening prayers. It also includes the daily Mass readings, reflections on the Gospel, and essays on the lives of saints. The yearly subscription is \$35.00 payable by check or cash to St. Joseph Parish. Payments can be brought to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket. *Write "Magnificat" on the memo line.* Every month you will need to pick up your copy at the church - we do not deliver them. For all questions concerning renewing or first time orders, call 507-451-4845. Thank you!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, August 9 - 4:00pm

EMs: Katherine Rypka, Julio Letona, Linda Strand
Lector: Corey Harguth
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Joan Erdman, Larry Goettl
Amador Ramirez, *Usher needed*
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 *Servers needed*
Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, August 10 - 8:00am

EMs: Linda Huffington, Sue Heller, Diane Kaplan
Lector: Cindy Emanuelson
Sacristan: Rita Goodnature
Ushers: Marty Possehl, Tyler Keller
Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
Altar Servers: Jacob & Sam Dulas, *Server needed*
Greeter: *Greeter needed*

Sunday, August 10 - 10:00am

EMs: Katie Clubb, Stacey Ginskey, *EM needed*
Lector: Vickie Skala
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau
Patrick Baldwin, *Usher needed*
Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey,
Samantha Kreiner
Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

August - St. Joseph Funeral Chairperson

Mary Halla (507) 475-0546
Diane Kaplan (507) 475-3584

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Faith Formation News

"Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation year is now open by using the following link <https://shsfaithformation.org/faithformation-registration>. We will begin on Wednesday September 10 with a Family Mass at 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church. Please contact Brittany Boubin at shsjyouth@shsfaithformation.org for any questions."

"This summer we had 31 students attend Totus Tuus, a week-long Catholic summer camp for youth of grades 1-12. Our youth were able to learn more about our Catholic faith through Mass, prayer, and fun activities/games. We also had 5 youth attend Steubenville-Rochester, where they were able to engage with youth throughout our Diocese and experience Mass, Adoration, large group talks and small group discussions. Thank you to the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Fund for providing scholarships to our youth who attended Steubenville-Rochester. We look forward to providing these opportunities next year for our youth as well."

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