

St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule: Weekends

Sat. 4:00pm - St. Joseph

Sat. 5:30pm - Christ the King

Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

St. Joseph Church

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession at St. Joseph

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays during Lent - 7:30pm - Christ the King Church

Fridays during Lent - 5:30pm - St. Joseph Parish

The KC Council 945 "All You Can Eat"

Fish Fry Dinner Friday, April 11, 2025

5pm - 7pm at the KC Hall

Enjoy fried pollock, baked cod, mashed potatoes with country gravy, vegetable, coleslaw and dinner roll.

Advance sale tickets are \$15, at the door \$17.

(Free for kids under 6). Advanced tickets can be purchased from members of

Izaak Walton League - Dennis Ebeling (507)573-1210,

Medford KCs & CDA - Jerry Paschke (507)686-0774,

or at the KC Hall 820 S Elm Ave.



April 6, 2025

**Fifth Sunday
of Lent**

Confession and Adoration at Christ the King

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

CELEBRATE THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:30pm St. Joseph Parish

6:30pm Christ the King, Medford

7:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Good Friday, April 18

The Passion of the Lord

12:10pm St. Joseph Parish

3:00pm Christ the King, Medford

3:00pm Sacred Heart Church

6:30pm Sacred Heart Church (Spanish)

Easter Vigil, April 19

Easter Services in the Evening

8:00pm St. Joseph Parish

8:30pm Sacred Heart Church

Easter Sunday, April 20

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am St. Joseph Parish

8:00am Sacred Heart Church

9:00am Christ the King, Medford

10:00am St. Joseph Parish

10:00am Sacred Heart Church

11:30am Sacred Heart Church (Spanish)



Lenten Penance Service • April 8, 2025

6:30pm • Sacred Heart Church, Owatonna

Young Adults ages 20-35 are invited to attend the next Young Adult Catholic Fellowship Night on Friday, April 11th. Join us for Stations of the Cross at either Sacred Heart at 5pm or St Joseph at 5:30pm and then head over to the KC Hall Fish Fry immediately following for a social hour (820 S Elm Ave). Singles, couples, and families with young children are all welcome. Please purchase your fish fry tickets early for \$15, or it will be \$17 at the door. Children under 6 are free. If you have any questions please text Lucas and Kristine Arndt at 507-573-3532. Please feel free to invite friends.

Answering God's Call 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

St. Joseph Parish

Appeal Goal - \$50,716

of Contributors - 20

Amount donated - \$19,590

What we need - \$31,126

Christ the King Church

Appeal Goal - \$10,631

of Contributors - 16

Amount donated - \$5,870

What we need - \$4,761



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to donate online

5th Sunday of Lent, April 6, 2025-C Cycle **Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11**

“Let the one among you who is without sin, be the first to throw a stone at her.” John 8: 1-11.

The Gospel accounts frequently describe how Jesus had to face unjust accusations made by the Pharisees, the ruling elders of Israel. They were upset with Jesus' teaching, and they wanted to discredit Him in any way they could. They wanted to not only silence Him, but to get rid of Him because of His claim to speak with God's authority. When a moral dilemma or difficult legal question arose, it was typical for the Jews to take the matter to a rabbi for a decision. *The scribes and the Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery to "test" Jesus on the issue of retribution so "they might have some charge to bring against him" (John 8:6).*

Once again, the scribes and Pharisees set up a trap to discredit Jesus. According to the Mosaic code, adultery was considered among the gravest of sins, punishable by death; but the law of the Roman occupiers forbade the Jewish authorities to impose and carry out the death sentence on anyone. The dilemma facing Jesus, then, is this: If Jesus condemns the woman, He undermines His own teachings on forgiveness and puts Himself in conflict with the Roman authority; if He does not condemn her, He breaks faith with the covenant Law.

Jesus' response to their hypocrisy challenges the Jews' understanding of judgment and authority: God reserves the role of judging others to Himself; to us belongs the work of forgiveness and reconciliation. God's commandments are addressed to each one of us as individuals to keep. We are called to judge our own actions and pass sentence on our own lives.

While the scribes and Pharisees view authority as a license to criticize, ensure and condemn this woman, Jesus sees authority as a gift for transforming her life and reconciling her with God.

Jesus calls us not simply to follow the “Law” but to embrace the **spirit** of the Law: not to demand rigid adherence and conformity but seeking instead mutual understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation; not to be satisfied with condemning the sinful and fallen but to bring forth resurrection from the ashes of their sin through understanding and reconciliation.

Confronting the demons of the world must begin with confronting the demons in our own hearts: We cannot lift the fallen until we realize that we, too, are fallen; we cannot raise others to health and hope until we seek our own healing; we cannot pass sentence on others until we judge our own lives.

Are we ready to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds His grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Lenten Blessings!

Christ the King Church News & Events



TONIGHT AFTER MASS @ 6:30pm
Living Stations of the Cross
presented by Christ the King
Faith Formation Students.

***Note a change in regular scheduled Mass at Christ the King Church** on Saturday April 26th: The Mass will be at 4:30pm to accommodate the State Catholic Daughter Convention. All are welcome to attend. This Mass will be replacing the 5:30pm regular scheduled Mass for this one Saturday only. The Mass will include the installation of the new state officers. Amy Hellevik and the men's choir will provide the music. Thank you.

MEDFORD CCW Meeting

Monday, April 7th at 6:30pm in the Church basement.

We will review past events and plan the Straight River Days Bake Sale. Your input is important – Come join us.



Spring has Sprung! It is time for the CCW Spring meeting at Spring Valley!

Registration & Breakfast at 8:00am

April 12, 2025 at St. Ignatius Church
213 W. Franklin, Spring Valley, MN.

Speakers from the Seven Sisters Apostolate and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

All Catholic women are invited to attend.

Ct. St. Anne Medford Catholic Daughters of the Americas Friendship Bag Project

Remember to turn in any Friendship bags that you have with items for non-profit organizations. Filled Friendship bags can be placed by the cross at the back of the altar at Christ the King Church, Medford.



In Loving Memory...

Norma Behne
March 31, 2025

Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	04/07/25	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30,33-62 /Jn 8:12-20	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	04/08/25	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30	8:00am: Mussman & Erding families
Wed.	04/09/25	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42	8:00am: Andrew & Hannah Steichen family
Thurs.	04/10/25	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59	8:00am: Jerome & Leona Gefre†
Fri.	04/11/25	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42	8:00am: Christ the King - Bernard & Luella Heim†
Sat.	04/12/25	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56	8:00am: Ruth Broumley (liv)
Sun.	Palm Sunday	04/12/25	4:00pm: Joe Leverty†
	Is 50:4-7	04/12/25	5:30pm: Christ the King - Gene Keller†
	Phil 2:6-11	04/13/25	8:00am: Parishioners
	Lk 22:14-23:56	04/13/25	10:00am: Dylan Lauwers†

Congratulations Father Marreddy! In celebration of the 31st Anniversary of your Ordination (April 6, 1994), may God reward you and bless you for your caring and dedicated service. And as you continue to serve Him may His love and compassion be in your heart always! Thank you Father Marreddy for saying "YES"!



April 6 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty. Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 155 meals for our friends.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at **6:30pm, 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 is 507-676-5508.**

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, April 12 - 4:00pm

EMs: Matt Thurnau, Rose Ann Rypka, Julio Letona
Lector: Linda Strand (Narrator), Tim Vogt (Voice)
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Mark Stradtherr, Larry Goettl
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers needed
Greeter: Katherine Rypka

Sunday, April 13 - 8:00am

EMs: Lynn Lattery, Diane Kaplan, Sue Heller
Lector: Cindy Emanuelson (N), Colleen Possehl (V)
Sacristan: Rita Goodnature
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Altar Servers: Sam, Jacob, and Charlie Dulas
Greeter: Tom Wolfe

Sunday, April 13 - 10:00am

EMs: Stacey Ginskey, Katie Klubb, Katie Holzerland
Lector: Ellyn Jardine (Narrator), Lee Jardine (Voice)
Sacristan: Kevin Kreiner
Ushers: Brad Fischer, Gary Thurnau
Patrick Baldwin, Nolan Ginskey
Altar Servers: Lucas & Macey Ginskey,
Samantha Kreiner
Greeter: Shannon Iacovino

April - St. Joseph Funeral Chairpersons

Joan Salmonsén (507)451-5695

Terry Jenson (507)451-7062



Hygiene Products & Personal Care Items Needed

We are helping Community Pathways collect personal care items. **From now until Monday, April 14th**, we will be accepting donated items in the Gathering Area or the Parish office. Shampoo, Conditioner, Bath/Body Soap, Deodorant, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Trash Bags, Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, and Feminine Hygiene products. Thank you for giving this Lenten season!
***Items MUST be new/unopened and regular size.**

Annual Ham Bingo at Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl - Sunday, April 13th at 7pm

20 games for \$7.00 with a free door prize. Pop and popcorn will be available to purchase. Bake Sale by the Youth.

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Faith Formation News "Come join our summer events! Totus Tuus is a week-long summer camp for grades 1-12 will run from June 15-20 at Sacred Heart Church and St. Mary's School. Steubenville-Rochester is a weekend youth conference with others from around the Diocese for youth who are going into 9th grade -12th grade this will be from July 11-13. Camp Summit is a 4 day, 3 night adventure at Eagle Bluff gives youth an opportunity to go out of their comfort zone in various activities and meet new friends from July 21-24. Please email Brittany Boubin at shsiyouth@shsfaithformation.org for more details."

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Sharing of Time & Talent *✂ Clip, fill out and drop in the collection basket*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to: _____

Liturgical Ministries: Greeters | Sacristan | Eucharistic Minister | Lector
Usher | Rosary Leader | Altar Server | Faith Formation | Adult & Youth Choir
Pastoral Ministries: Taking Communion/Visiting the Homebound

- * Funeral Lunch Helper
- * Money Counter
- * Be a "Martha" - Altar linen/candles/dusting
- * Helping to Decorate
- * Help water outdoor planters
- * Serve at Donut Sunday
- * Clean the Adoration Chapel
- * Meals on Wheels
- * St. Vincent de Paul Society
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