

St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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July 27, 2025 Seventeenth 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

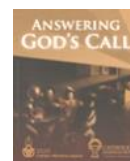


Catholic Fair Booth - If you have any items to donate to the Catholic Fair booth, they can be dropped off at the office at St. Joseph's through August 1. Generally speaking, we take Catholic items, jewelry, rosaries, pamphlets, statues, artwork, books, etc. The most popular items are usually figurines and statues. We are also looking for volunteers (families are welcome) to staff the booth. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, call or email Deb McManimon dmcmanimon72@gmail.com or 507-271-1737. Thanks!



St. Joseph Parish
Appeal Goal - \$50,716
of Contributions Entered - 99
Amount donated - \$40,105
What we still need - \$10,611

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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 27, 2025-C

Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

This weekend Liturgy invites us to reflect on **the necessity and the power of prayer in our lives**. Our prayer life reflects our true faith in God. Prayer is understood as a form of communication, a way of talking to God, raising our hearts and minds to God. In our prayer we strengthen that recognition of the presence of God which draws us closer to Him.

What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? Jesus teaches us to address God as "our Father" and to confidently ask Him for the things we need to live as His sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through His atoning death and resurrection.

What is important to grasp is the attitude of prayer Jesus teaches. To pray is not to impose our will on God but to ask God to make us open to His Will; in other words, we pray not to change God's mind but for God to change ours. Prayer is not just a formula of words and rituals. Prayer is the awareness of God as the source of all that is good and the ultimate fulfillment of life's journey. Prayer is not the scope and breadth of the words we utter, but the sense of gratitude.

Prayer is what we are about, not just here in Church but as people committed to the Kingdom of God. We need to nurture our dialogue with the One who became one of us, Jesus Christ. We call out to the Lord throughout our day saying, "Lord, help me here, in this task you have given me. Lord watch over my loved one, my spouse, my son, my daughter, my parents. Many times, we say prayers such as grace before meals or devotional prayers like the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or night prayer. Our days are meant to be united to God in prayer. We come to Mass to pray the Lord's Supper as a community and to reverence the Lord within us in communion.

We need each other for our prayer life to grow. We need each other so we can celebrate God's presence. We need to call upon Him to become present on the altar through the actions of our priests and bishops. The celebration of the Eucharist is fundamental to our prayer life. When we choose not to attend Church to celebrate the Eucharist with the Community of God, we deprive ourselves of the greatest prayer, the prayer of Jesus Christ at the Last Supper, on the Cross and at Easter. By refusing to join the community we are depriving ourselves of the Eucharist.

Blessings!

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:

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Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	07/28/25	Ex 32: 15-24,30-34/Mt 13:31-35	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	07/29/25	Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28/Jn 11:19-27	8:00am: Paul Johnson Sr.†
Wed.	07/30/25	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46	8:00am: Connie Skalicky†
Thurs.	07/31/25	Ex 40:16-21,34-38/Mt 13:47-53	8:00am: Walt Spindler†
Fri.	08/01/25	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/Mt 13:54-58	8:00am: CTK - Betty Manderfeld†
Sat.	08/02/25	Lv 25:1,8-17/Mt 14:1-12	8:00am: Joseph Joseph†
Sun.	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		4:00pm: Parishioners
		Ecc1 1:2,2:21-23	5:30pm: CTK - Eugene & Pearl Jenot
		Col 3:1-5,9-11	8:00am: Richard Bugajski†
		Lk 12:13-21	10:00am: Lage family living and deceased
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July 27 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our “Father” and just as a parent’s love for their children is unlimited, so is God’s love and care for us unlimited.

Ask our Lord to help us have ears to hear the cries of the poor, eyes to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering and hearts that bring God’s love to the poor, through our generosity. Thank you!

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 jrstiles1224@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!



August - St. Joseph Funeral Chairperson

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

Help Needed for Meals on Wheels

St. Joseph Parish is responsible for delivery of meals on Tuesdays for the months of March, July, October and December. Time required is usually less than one hour and you are not required to deliver every Tuesday. This can be an easy way to help others. Please call Ken Thurnau 507-451-4033 or 507-456-7736 for details.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, August 2 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Julio Letona, Mark Ginther
Lector: Tim Vogt

Sacristan: Julio Letona

Ushers: Joan Erdman, Larry Goettl
Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch

Altar Servers: Julio Letona, *2 Servers needed*

Greeter: Katherine Rypka

Sunday, August 3 - 8:00am

EMs: Lynn Lattery, Sue Heller, Diane Kaplan

Lector: Colleen Possehl

Sacristan: Joan Salmonsens

Ushers: Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips

Altar Servers: *Servers needed*

Greeter: Tom Wolfe

Sunday, August 3 - 10:00am

EMs: Ellyn Jardine, Vickie Skala, *EM needed*

Lector: Lee Jardine

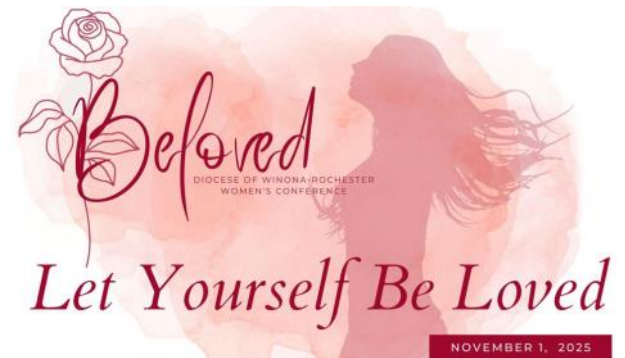
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens

Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson

Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom,
Samantha Kreiner

Greeter: Julie Bosshardt



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November 1, 2025

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