St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 945 2025 SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET

Celebration of Community
Friday, May 9 - Columbian Center
\$25.00 per ticket Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Catered by Torey's)
Speaker/Program: 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Guest Speaker: Matt T. Jessop, Mayor of Owatonna

RSVP by May 4 to DGK Mark Stadtherr, 507-251-5239, text or msg.

St. Joseph Church welcomes...
Seraphina Ruth Steffen
Baptized on April 27, 2025

Child of Bradley & Clare (Lloyd) Steffen

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

May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

Confession and Adoration at Christ the King

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

DONUT SUNDAY May 4th!!

Members of St. Mary's School staff and advisory board will be hosting Donut Sunday after the 8am and 10 am Masses. This weekend they are promoting enrollment at St. Mary's School! Stop down for donuts and information!

There will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Weekend Appeal May 10th & 11th.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for St. Joseph & Sacred Heart candidates will be Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 2:00pm Sacred Heart Church, Owatonna



Our Lady of Guadalupe - Queen of the Americas Silver Rose Holy Hour Tuesday May 13, 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Parish

Our Lady told St. Juan Diego, "Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing else worry you."

The Silver Rose is the symbol of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The KC Silver Roses travel throughout North America and are at the Dec. 12 Feast Day Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

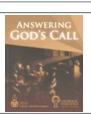
Knights of Columbus Council 945 is hosting the Silver Rose Holy Hour on Tuesday May 13 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Parish. All are welcome to join us for the Holy Hour prayers to Our Lady.





St. Joseph Parish
Appeal Goal - \$50,716
of Contributors - 57
Amount donated - \$27,040
What we need - \$23,676

Christ the King Church
Appeal Goal - \$10,631
of Contributors - 23
Amount donated - \$10,850
Exceeded our Goal!



A message from the desk of Father Marreddy

3rd Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025-C Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

In our journey through life, we are confronted with several problems and difficulties, which can make us lose our perspective. We can lose all direction to life and remain helpless. Then left to us we become nothing and tend to remain with uncertainty. There are moments when we feel that all is lost, and the Lord has forgotten us. In such situations, we need positive support, a sincere understanding, which can place us on the right path. In the Easter context, we see Jesus as a consoler and help to the disciples filled with fear. He comes constantly to the disciples to be with them, guide them and encourage them.

When we act out of love, when we put aside our own fears and expectations for the sake of others, when we seek to imitate the selfless compassion of the Risen One, we will discover how strong and indestructible our own "nets" are; we will realize a "catch" of good things despite the hopelessness of the night, the fear of the unknown deep, the weight of the catch we struggle to haul to shore.

Jesus' lifting up of Peter's love and commitment, transforms Peter's utter failure into understanding and wisdom that enables Peter to take on his role in the post-Resurrection story. The Easter Christ calls Peter and his brothers and now all of us to take on His work of reconciliation: to possess, despite our doubts and disappointments, the heart of the Risen Jesus to forgive and to seek forgiveness and to enable God's mercy.

Do we seek the Lord Jesus when we meet setbacks and disappointments and when our faith is being put to the test? The Lord Jesus is always ready to renew us in faith and to give each of us a fresh hope. The Lord Jesus invites each one of us in our personal struggles, weakness and sin, to draw near to Him as our Merciful Healer and Savior.

What can hold us back from giving Him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty (Romans 8:38-39)? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, etc., which can hold us back from receiving His gracious forgiveness, loving kindness and faithful love.

Easter Blessings!

All are invited to attend the Diocese of Winona-Rochester Synod Gathering on Evangelization and Priestly Vocations Saturday, May 17, 2025 Sacred Heart, Owatonna at 8:30am.

Participants are invited to pray with and then discuss two big questions:

- 1. What practical steps can be taken (at home, in the parish, in the diocese) to spread the Good News of Jesus?
- 2. What steps can we take (at home, in the parish, in the diocese) to encourage young men to consider a call to the priesthood?

Christ the King Church News & Events



Celebrating Jesus Vacation Bible Camp 2025 June 9-12th 9am - Noon Christ the King Parish Hall Cost: \$25 /person. Register at: ctkmedford.org/vbc



Christ the King Church will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Golden Rose Award

Medford Council of Catholic Women (CCW) plans to recognize a young woman in the parish, who shows leadership and who makes a difference in their parish and community.

Please pick up a Nomination/Application form from the entrances of CTK church. Return forms by placing them in the offertory/collection basket, **Attn - CCW** Thank You for helping us recognize an outstanding young woman in the parish.

The <u>DEADLINE</u> for Nominations is <u>May 3rd</u>.

Save the Date!! Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Christ the King Finance Council Meeting at 5:15pm. The Parish Council will follow with a meeting at 6:15pm in the parish rectory dining room.

The Medford/Deerfield Knights of Columbus will be handing out TOOTSIE ROLLS after the 5:30pm Mass, May 3rd. Donations are welcomed with proceeds supporting programs for the intellectually disabled. This is a National Knights of Columbus annual program which started by a Knights of Columbus Council in the 1970's and grew into a National program starting in the 1980's. Thank you for your support! Philip Heim, Father Carlin Council 4909



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	05/05/25	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church	
Tues.	05/06/25	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35	8:00am: Charlene Brage†	
Wed.	05/07/25	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40	8:00am: Richard & Mary Ann Haberman†	
Thurs.	05/08/25	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51	8:00am: Souls in Purgatory†	
Fri.	05/09/25	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59	8:00am: Christ the King - John Hager†	
Sat.	05/10/25	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69	8:00am: Tom Vogt (liv)	
Sun.	Fourth Sunday of Easter		05/10/25	4:00pm: Ray Willmott†
	Acts 13-14, 43-52			5:30pm: Christ the King - Bev Hertel†
Rv 7-9, 14b-17			05/11/25	8:00am: Parishioners
Jn 10:27-30			05/11/25	10:00am: Walt Spindler†



May 4 – Third Sunday of Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, "It is the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 186 meals for our friends.

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.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Ct. Owatonna CDA will be offering Mother's Day cards after Masses thru Sunday May 11th, Mother's Day. Each card is a \$5 donation with all proceeds going to Rachel's Light Women's Shelter. Your Mother's, Aunt's, Grandmother's name, (living or deceased), will be placed in a basket on the altar and prayed for the entire month of May.

News from St. Mary's School



School Our junior high students are learning high school Spanish right here at St. Mary's School. At the end of 8th grade, our students have the option to take a placement test and test out of Spanish I. Many St. Mary's students take advantage of this opportunity and go straight into

Spanish I at St. Mary's

Spanish II their freshman year of high school. A lot of work goes into preparing for this placement test; there are review packets to complete, flashcards to study, online practice quizzes and more. But their hard work pays off as the students reach their goal and complete Spanish I here at St. Mary's School.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday, May 10 - 4:00pm

EMs: Rose Ann Rypka, Mark Ginther,

Linda Strand Lector: Tim Vogt Sacristan: Matt Thurnau

Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch Larry Goettl, Joan Erdman Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Needed

Greeter: Katherine Rypka

Sunday, May 11 - 8:00am

EMs: Diane Kaplan, Cindy Emanuelson,

Martha Kearin Lector: Annika Slacter Sacristan: Joanne Evans

Ushers: Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas Cindy Phillips, Doug Phillips Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora,

Ophelia Slacter

Greeter: Tom Wolfe

Sunday, May 11 - 10:00am

EMs: Vickie Skala, Ellyn Jardine,

Katie Holzerland Lector: Vickie Skala Sacristan: Ruth Broumley

Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens Dina Atkinson, Jerry Atkinson Altar Servers: Cole Trom, Westin Trom,

Carson Skala

Greeter: Julie Bosshardt

May - St. Joseph Funeral Chairpersons

Linda Beede (507)475-0624 Deb Hebel (507)451-6046 If you would like to volunteer for funeral luncheons call 507-451-4845.

Sacred Heart/St Joseph Fatih 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. Grades 7-12 will start on Sunday, June 15 evening - Thursday, June 19. Grades 1-6 will begin Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20. Please email Brittany Boubin at shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org for more details."



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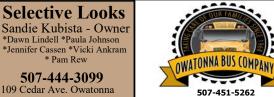
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