

# 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 4, 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 **St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Joanne Evans (507)213-0068, **Grandparents for Education** - Linda Breyer (507)390-4468, **KC Patriotic Assembly #2300** - Tim Chicos (507) 438-5937 or at the KC Hall 820 S Elm Ave.



**March 30, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday  
of Lent**

## Confession and Adoration at Christ the King

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

**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.

## 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. Invite your friends and relatives and come for an enjoyable evening!

## 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.

"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 [shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org](mailto:shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org) for more details."



## St. Joseph Parish

Appeal Goal - \$50,716.00

# of Contributors -

What we need - \$

## Christ the King Church

Appeal Goal - \$10,631.00

# of Contributors -

What we need - \$

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025**

**Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

**“My son, we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found.” Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

What's worse than being separated from our homes, loved ones, and friends? The pain of separation can only be surpassed by the joy of the homecoming and reunion. When God commanded His people to celebrate the Passover annually, He wanted them to never forget what He did for them when He freed them from oppression and slavery in the land of Egypt and brought them back to their promised homeland which He gave as a sign of His immense love and favor. At the end of their wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, Joshua, the successor to Moses, led the people in celebrating the Passover meal after they had safely passed over the River Jordan to their promised homeland. (Joshua 5:9-12)

This crossing over from a land of slavery and oppression to a land of promise and freedom is a sign that foreshadows the true freedom and homecoming which the Lord Jesus has won for us in His kingdom. Jesus illustrates this *Passover* from slavery to sin and condemnation to freedom and new life in Christ.

Jesus calls us not to condemn or gloat or belittle the prodigals among us but to enable their return, to keep picking them up no matter how many times they fall, to open our arms and welcome them back again and again.

Forgiveness demands that we walk the parts of the Parable of the prodigal son: to be the prodigal son, facing up to our own culpability and selfishness that causes division and hurt; to be the forgiving father, being openhearted enough to make the first step to welcome back into our lives those who have hurt us.

Lent calls us to embrace God's grace: grace that enables us to lift ourselves out of the mud of our sins to reconnect again with family and friends, grace that empowers us to jettison our selfishness and deceptions and re-create our broken lives in the healing peace of the Risen Christ.

The heart of forgiveness is **“letting go”**. Letting go of our desperate grasp of the past, helps us turn toward the future with hope. Jesus calls us to embrace the example of the prodigal's father: to let go of our anger and embrace, is for our own peace to the possibilities of reconciliation with our “prodigal” sons and daughters.

Lenten Blessings!

Christ the King Church News & Events



Starting planning for...  
“Celebrating Jesus”  
Vacation Bible Camp 2025  
June 9th - 12th  
9am - Noon  
Christ the King Parish Hall  
Cost: \$25/student  
To register, go to:  
[ctkmedford.org/vbc](http://ctkmedford.org/vbc)

**✝ Living Stations of the Cross ✝**

Presented by Faith Formation Students  
Wednesday April 2nd @ 7:30 pm  
Saturday April 5th(after Mass)@6:30 pm



**MEDFORD CCW Meeting**  
Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Christ the King Church Basement

**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)

## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	03/31/25	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	04/01/25	Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16	8:00am: Dean Robert Suesst†
Wed.	04/02/25	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30	8:00am: Clifford Stumpf†
Thurs.	04/03/25	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47	8:00am: Erik Raichle†
Fri.	04/04/25	Wis 2:1a,12-22/Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30	8:00am: Christ the King - Ted Langeslag†
Sat.	04/05/25	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53	8:00am: Julio Sr. & Clara Letona†
Sun.	Fifth Sunday of Lent	04/05/25	4:00pm: Mary Hannum†
	Is 43:16-21	04/05/25	5:30pm: Christ the King - Jake & Julie Spinler†
	Phil 3:8-14	04/06/25	8:00am: Tom Nolan†
	Jn 8:1-11	04/06/25	10:00am: Parishioners

THANK YOU for your support to The Catholic Relief Services collection. Your donation will go to the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.



### **March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

**In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 41 adults and 18 children, providing in \$300 for groceries, \$280 in gas cards, \$2,497 for rent, \$2,300 in utility assistance and \$230 for miscellaneous expenses. Thank You for your generosity! Tuesday evening Vincent's Table provided 179 meals for our friends.**

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is 507-676-5508.**



### **Hygiene Products & Personal Care Items Needed**

*Project Community Connect is having an event at the Four Seasons Center April 30th Noon - 4pm.*

The event connects people to resources in a one-stop shop. PCC is an event for people who are at risk of or are homeless to get connected to services they may be in need of. We are helping Community Pathways collect personal care items they can give out during the event. **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.**

### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

#### **Saturday, April 5 - 4:00pm**

EMs: Mark Ginther, Rose Ann Rypka, Linda Strand  
Lector: Tim Vogt  
Sacristan: Julio Letona  
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch  
Joan Erdman, Amador Ramirez  
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 Servers needed  
Greeter: Cynthia Letona

#### **Sunday, April 6 - 8:00am**

EMs: Lynn Lattery, Linda Huffington, Sue Heller  
Lector: Annika Slacter  
Sacristan: Joanne Evans  
Ushers: Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips  
Mark Kearin, Tom Wolfe  
Altar Servers: Stella & Henry Seykora, Ophelia Slacter  
Greeter: Greeter Needed

#### **Sunday, April 6 - 10:00am**

EMs: Ellyn Jardine, Lee Jardine, Vickie Skala  
Lectors: Ryan Heydon  
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley  
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens  
Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson  
Altar Servers: Cole & Westin Trom, Molly Bailey  
Greeter: Wayne & Betty Kubicek

### **April - St. Joseph Funeral Chairpersons**

**Joan Salmonsén (507)451-5695**

**Terry Jensen (507)451-7062**



### **Lenten Penance Service**

**April 8, 2025**

**6:30pm**

**Sacred Heart Church, Owatonna**

### **News from St. Mary's School**



St. Mary's Preschoolers took advantage of the snow with a quick impromptu good ol' fashion sledding trip. The Kindergarten Readiness students had a blast. They were so excited to go and all play together.



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<p>danceowatonna.com  Jill Hoggard Academy of Dance Ages 2 - Adult * (507) 451-0074 Come Join the Fun!</p>	 <p>www.dowr.org 507-454-4643 Roman Catholic Diocese of Winona-Rochester</p>	 <p><b>BLOCK</b> PLUMBING &amp; HEATING OWATONNA, MN 507-451-9545</p>	 <p><b>State Farm</b> Plemel Insurance Agency 920 Hoffman Drive Owatonna, MN 507-451-4619 www.plemelagency.com</p>
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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
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