

St. Joseph Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Church

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August 24, 2025 Twenty-first 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

Confession at St. Joseph

Sat. 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Sat. 4:00pm - St. Joseph

Sat. 5:30pm - Christ the King

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

Weekdays and Holy Days

(See schedule in the bulletin)

Confession/Adoration at Christ the King Church

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

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.

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Faith Formation News

"Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation year
is now open by using the following link

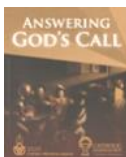
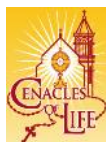
<https://shsjfaithformation.org/faithformation-registration>. We will
begin on Wednesday September 10 with a Family Mass at
6:30PM at Sacred Heart Church. Contact Brittany Boubin at
shsjyouth@shsjfaithformation.org for any questions."

Diocese of Winona-Rochester 50/50 special collection

If you would like to donate to the Black and Native American or
Catholic Home Missions, please use the special envelope and drop
in with the regular collection basket next weekend. Thank you!

Cenacles of Life • Hour of Prayer

Noon to 1pm Fridays in the
Adoration Chapel, St. Joseph Parish
The Cenacles of Life are for renewing the
Spirit of Life from within the Church. *Pray
to end the culture of death.*



St. Joseph Parish
Appeal Goal - \$50,716
of Contributions Entered - 127
Amount donated - \$51,325
Exceeded goal by - \$609

Christ the King Church
Appeal Goal - \$10,631
of Contributions Entered - 33
Amount donated - \$13,315
Exceeded goal by \$2,684

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 24, 2025-C

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13; Luke 13:22-30

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

God invites us to understand the goal of life and to discover the true meaning of life as we go in search of our final destiny. For many people who are engaged in such a search, religion remains a self-discovery, and it leads to God. Faith is a journey to the dwelling place of God. Like Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, our faith journey is difficult and painful. Doubt, despair, and ridicule are among the obstacles we must encounter.

What does the image of a door say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' story about the door being shut to those who come too late suggests they had offended their host and deserved to be excluded. It was customary for teachers in Jesus' time to close the door on tardy students and not allow them back for a whole week to teach them a lesson in discipline and faithfulness.

Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven, to God's kingdom of everlasting peace and eternal life. Jesus surprised His listeners by saying that one's membership as a people who have entered a covenant relationship with God does not automatically mean entry into the everlasting kingdom of God. Second, Jesus asserts that many from the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations would enter God's kingdom. God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile alike.

The “narrow gate” of the Gospel is difficult to enter. Limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial selflessness is the only entry into the reign of God. The “narrow gates” we encounter in life require of us an honesty and integrity that we cannot ignore or fake our way through or re-invent ourselves to ease our way through.

But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not *strive to enter by the narrow door*. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was Himself. *I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved* (John 10:9).

Blessings!

Answering God's Call!

I am very happy to report that we have met and exceeded our goal for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Remember your contributions go to support the many ministries in our diocese that lead people to a closer relationship with Jesus. Any extra money over the goal will be returned to St. Joseph Parish and Christ the King Church from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

Thank you to all the people that contributed from Christ the King Church and St. Joseph Parish!

Your thoughtful generosity and willingness to give is greatly appreciated!

Christ the King Church News & Events

The Christ the King New liturgical list for September will be coming out on August 30. Please check your calendars to see where you and your family can sign up for Lecter, server, usher, gifts, or greeter. You will receive a call or text the week of August 18 through the 22nd. Thank you.



Christ the King Church welcomes...

Zebediah Ja'akob Elzen

baptized on August 16, 2025

Child of Ashley Rose Janousek

Christ the King Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Registration for the 2025–2026 Faith Formation year is now open! We're excited to kick off the new year with our **3rd Annual Family Mass on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00 PM at Corpus Christi.**

Visit our website to register online or scan the QR code to get started. Click on Faith Formation Program under the menu. We look forward to growing in faith together this year!

<https://ctkmedfordmn.org/2025-2026-faith-formation-class-registration>



Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon.	08/25/25	1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10/Mt 23:13-22	7:15am: Sacred Heart Church
Tues.	08/26/25	1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26	8:00am: Brett Strand†
Wed.	08/27/25	1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32	8:00am: Rob Willmott†
Thurs.	08/28/25	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51	8:00am: Jerry & Leona Gefre†
Fri.	08/29/25	1 Thes 4:1-8/ Mk 6:17-29	8:00am: CTK - Bev Hertel†
Sat.	08/30/25	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30	8:00am: Kuriachan Varkay†
Sun.	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	08/30/25	4:00pm: Parishioners
	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29	08/30/25	5:30pm: CTK - Bill & Betty Manderfeld†
	Heb 12:18-19,22-24a	08/31/25	8:00am: Harry & Grace Skalicky†
	Lk 14:1,7-14	08/31/25	10:00am: Steven Thompson†

August 24 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

Thank you for your call to discipleship in living for the sake of others. Through your generosity, Tuesday evening there were 140 warm meals served to those in need of nourishment and fellowship at Vincent's Table.

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 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 30 - 4:00pm

EMs: Dianne Unruh, Julio Letona, Katherine Rypka
Lector: Linda Strand
Sacristan: Julio Letona
Ushers: Scott Yentsch, Sue Yentsch
Larry Goettl, *Usher needed*
Altar Servers: Julio Letona, 2 *Servers needed*
Greeter: Cynthia Letona

Sunday, August 31 - 8:00am

EMs: Pat Rose, Lynn Lattery, Diane Kaplan
Lector: Cindy Emanuelson
Sacristan: Joan Salmonsens
Ushers: Joel Dulas, Rhynda Dulas
Doug Phillips, Cindy Phillips
Altar Servers: Henry & Stella Seykora, *Server needed*
Greeter: *Greeter needed*

Sunday, August 31 - 10:00am

EMs: Lee Jardine, Vickie Skala, Katie Holzerland
Lector: Ellyn Jardine
Sacristan: Ruth Broumley
Ushers: Chuck Jurgens, King Jurgens
Jerry Atkinson, Dina Atkinson
Altar Servers: Cole & Westin Trom, Everett Sonnett
Greeter: Shannon Iacovino

Our Sunday Visitor Mass Offertory Envelopes will no longer be mailed to your home address effective January 2026. This will save the parish money on mailing costs. Our Sunday Visitor Mass offertory envelopes will be shipped to St. Joseph Parish in November. **Each family that is currently using envelopes will pick up their box of envelopes for the year at the church.** If you are not using Mass offertory envelopes and would like to start, please contact the parish office at 507-451-4845 by September 1st. If you do not want to use envelopes, a donation by check will give you credit for tax records. You can also set up "Bill Pay" through your bank to give, or have your offering withdrawn from your bank account using an ACH form which is available in the parish office. We appreciate all who graciously give what they can to support the day to day operation of St. Joseph Parish.

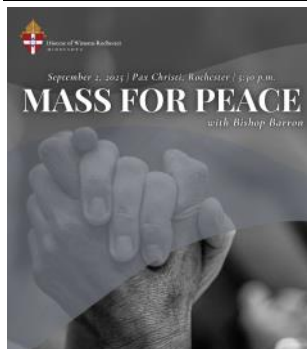


St. Joseph Church welcomes...

Hudson Jack Hulett

baptized on August 17, 2025

Child of Taylor & Anna (Bastyr) Hulett



Diocese of Winona-Rochester
MINNESOTA

MASS FOR PEACE

with Bishop Barron
Tuesday Sept. 2, 2025
5:30pm
Pax Christi Church
Rochester, MN

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