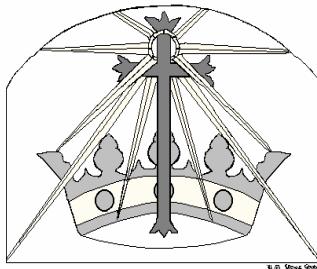


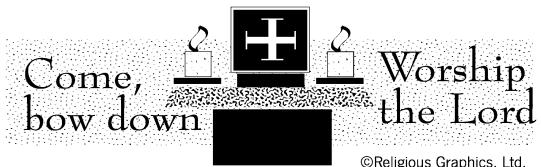
CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018



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Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions/ Ministry Participants

Monday - January 29, 2018 *Communion Service @ 8:30 am * 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13 * Mk 5: 1-20

Tuesday - January 30, 2018 * Mass @ * 8:30 am * 2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14. 30; 16: 5-13 * Mk 5: 1-20

* Mass Intention: Special Intention

Wednesday - January 31, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * 2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17 * Mk 6: 1-6

***** Thursday - February 1, 2018 *** Mass @ 8 am *** 1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12 * Mk 6: 7-13 * Mass Intention: + Jerome Hoffarth**

First Friday-February 2, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30am * Mal 3: 1-4 * Heb 2: 14-18 * Lk 2: 22-40

24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins @ 9 a.m. going until 9a.m.on Saturday morning

Saturday - February 3, 2018 * 4 p.m. Mass

Readings: 1 Kgs 3: 4-13 * Mk 6: 30-34

Mass Intention: Special Intention

Lector: Earl Gamble

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Joan Meyer * Volunteer Needed *Volunteer Needed

Servers: Alex Wolf and David Eckes

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Jim and Laurie Doepeke

Sunday - February 4, 2018 * 8 a.m. Mass

Readings: Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 * 1Cor 9: 16-19,22-23 *Mk 1: 29-39

Mass Intention: Special Intention

Lector: Viv Gamble

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Doreen Hebert * Kay Derks *Volunteer Needed

Servers: Luke and David Ellefson

Crucifix Bearer: Ken Williams

Ministers of Welcome: David and Steven Hebert

Sunday - February 4, 2018 * 10 a.m. Mass *Grade 3 Class Mass

Readings: Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 * 1Cor 9: 16-19,22-23 *Mk 1: 29-39

Mass Intention: Adam Wolf

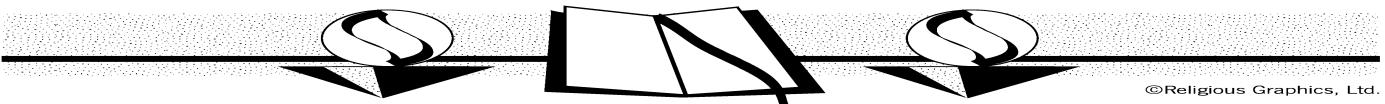
Lector: Pauline Frome

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Mews * Sharon Kobs *Volunteer Needed

Servers: Hailey Rucker and Needed

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Sharon Rollins and Todd Schesel



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From the Desk of : Father Samuel Martin

Praised be Jesus Christ! I've been meaning to share with you the best quote I found in one of the many Christmas cards I received this year: *"Knowing that God supplies all our necessities, and that one of our necessities is that we surrender to Him, we should not be surprised that He comes to us an infant; for surrender to an infant, any infant is easy. Surely never did God receive more fully what is due to Him from man than when He was an infant. Every infant demands and receives the most complete self-giving that we are capable of. The perfection of surrender to God is Mary with the infant Christ."* The quote comes from Caryl Houselander and is found in her book, Wood of the Cradle, Wood of the Cross. I share it here because we begin Catholic Schools Week and so we are reminded of Christ's plea, *"Let the children come to me,"* (Mt. 19:14). We're blessed with excellent Catholic schools and so are given the opportunity to live out our two-fold mission: 1) to bring the Sacraments to Christ's people, and 2) to educate Christ's people so that they understand and reverence the graces Christ gives as He nourishes, heals, and forgives us through the Sacraments of the Church. Many priests need to experience conversion to believe what I've just written – I needed such a conversion too, as I was sometimes guilty of wondering if the sacrifices necessary to keep a Catholic school open and viable were really worth it. The answer is unequivocally "yes"! Many of our future priests, religious, and active lay members will be products of Catholic schools. I hope each of our parents considers offering their children the gift of a Catholic education. My parents made heroic sacrifices so that I could attend a Catholic high school seminary (Holy Name in Madison) and God knows it put me on a path that has been a gift in my life. Please attend or encourage other young families to attend one of the Open Houses Columbus will be hosting: Our Lady of Peace is hosting theirs from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on February 12th, Saint John's is scheduled for February 19th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Columbus Middle and High School's is set for February 21st from 6:00-7:30 p.m. I'll close with the original "Prayer for Columbus High School" which has been recently revised and updated by our own Father Sedlacek (please pray it sincerely for our children, their parents, and all faculty and staff of Columbus Catholic Schools): *O Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who in giving Your Church the duty and power to bring Your holy teachings to the faithful, said to the Apostles, 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,' look in Your mercy upon our imperfect but sincere efforts to carry out this divine commission. Just as, through the Holy Spirit, You imparted to the apostles the knowledge and the courage to go forth into a pagan world as the leaven of salvation, so also grant to the young men and women being educated at Columbus Catholic Schools the necessary knowledge and courage to go forth in life as the shining light of Your Truth and the salt of Christian example to save from its own destruction a world that is hostile to Christ's teachings. May we, the staff, teachers, parents, and all the faithful, not count any sacrifice too great for the fulfillment of this lofty goal, but rather grant to us a true spirit of Godly zeal, unsparing self-denial, and Christ-like charity in the holy work of giving Your dearly beloved children a firm grasp of their faith and a desire to know You, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen."*

May God continue to bless our Columbus Catholic Schools with families who live the faith with true joy!

Your friend in Christ,
Father Martin

Mission Statement

As members of God's family, Christ the King Parish will always be a welcoming community that comforts, shares its Catholic faith, and inspires others.

Sacraments

Baptism.. Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program offered in February, June and October. The Baptisms are then scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Marriage.. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting the parish pastor.

Anointing of the Sick.. (which was known as Extreme Unction or Last Rites) has taken a different connotation since The Second Vatican Council. The sacrament is celebrated not only for those who are dying, but to those preparing for major surgery, the aged, and the sick. It is time for the Church to pray for and with those who are ill and anoint them with oil. The proper celebrant of this sacrament is a priest. Those who desire to receive this sacrament are to contact Fr. Martin, in advance.

Penance . . Saturday afternoon 3:15 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.
or by appointment

The Lord is with us



in
sacrament
and word

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Ministry to the Homebound...

First Sunday... Joan Meyer
Second Sunday... Barb Ward
Third Sunday... Sue Mews
Fourth Sunday... Deacon Jeff and Rita Austin
Fifth Sunday... Shelly Schultz
Sue Kappel (substitute)
Rosie Frank (substitute)
Jack and Kris Franklin (substitute)
Sue Strebe (substitute)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

Thanks be to God for this wonderful parish! So many parishioners came together to make the funeral Mass and lunch for Adam Wolf a grace-filled and peaceful event. It was a proud moment for me as a pastor to see our people serving with generosity and true compassion so that our guests could experience the healing power of God's love. Specifically, I thank the Saints Ann and Catherine Circles, as well as the parish staff and volunteers who did yeoman's work to pull this off. May God reward you with a deep share of His peace! Rev. Samuel Martin / Pastor

Adam Wolf, a parishioner at Christ the King Catholic Church. was involved in a snowmobile accident, on Jan. 13th that tragically took his life, much too soon. Adam leaves behind his wife Jina, and their 4 children, Brayson, Hayes, Alaina and Emerie. He was a wonderful husband to Jina and a loving father to his kids. He was a man of great faith in the Lord. Someone who will be incredibly missed. In honor of him, a fundraiser has been created to raise money for the education for the children. If you wish to donate to this deserving family during this very difficult time, you may do so by going to this website:
<https://www.youcaring.com/jinawolf-1070295>

Christ the King Parish family extends sympathy and prayers to Adam's family.

Please note:

Mass on Thursday – February 1, 2018 will take place at 8 a.m.
It is "Catholic Schools Week" and Father Martin wishes to attend Catholic Schools Mass @ 9 a.m. at Our Lady Of Peace.

Ladies of the parish: An invitation is extended to you to attend P.C.C.W. meeting on **Monday-February 5, 2018** in the dining hall of church **@ 7 p.m.** **Every lady is a member!** Discussion to be on the activities for 2018 and discussing dates, etc. Your attendance is greatly appreciated and by doing so it shows your support of keeping the P.C.C.W. an active organization in "your parish." Come see what we are all about.
Questions or concerns can be directed to Diane Witmer * President or Diane Lang * Vice-president.

You forgot to buy your 150th Diocesan Anniversary Book !
And I know you'll regret it if you don't purchase one now before we run out. I have been reading mine and realizing that **\$33.00** is a steal for such quality. We will be selling after the Masses on the **weekend February 3rd and 4th @ Christ the King**) for your convenience. By now you've heard about how fantastic this book is and here's your chance to have a treasure for the rest of your life. If you buy now we'll even throw in a free vacuum cleaner that no longer works sorry, I'm getting a little carried away here!

**Please have the exact monies in cash or check made out to:
Christ the King Catholic Church**

You may get your copy by calling Judy @ the parish office 715-659-4480 Ext. 0 and than pick up during regular office hours, that are listed in the bulletin.

Needed: 2 people to sell these books after the 4 p.m. mass / 8 a.m. mass and the 10 am. mass the weekend of Feb 3 & 4. If you are able to do so please call parish office and let Judy know. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated.

**Check out the Lighthouse Kiosk!
Located in the Gathering Room of church**

This weekend's collection (January 27 & 28, 2018) for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. 25 % of this envelope collection stays in the Diocese of La Crosse. Please defend human dignity by taking poverty off the map. **Catholic Campaign Development envelopes** will be placed at the end of pews for you to take, if you wish to contribute and return back to the parish.

REMINDER to Parishioners * 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

for 2017 - First Friday – February 2 through February 3

** Starting at 9 am on Friday and ending at 9 am on Saturday)
Note: There will be a prayer petition book placed out the week prior to our First Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Anyone wishing to have petitions offered during Adoration may enter their petition into the book and they will be prayed for. **Attention: Church doors are locked @ 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. if you are coming to pray during this time please knock on door (under carport) 5 minutes before the start of each hour and you will be let in by person already inside of church.**

Sunday-Jan 28 * St Anthony's Holy Name Society Breakfast Buffet * St Anthony's Jerome Abbot Hall-Loyal * serving 8 am until 12:30 pm

Wednesday–Jan. 31 St. Mary's Christian Mother Annual Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Supper * St Mary's Catholic School-Cafeteria, Colby * Serving 4:30 pm until 7 pm * Celebrating Catholic Schools Week * please come and enjoy this soup supper!

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018, and in parishes on the **weekend of February 3-4, 2018**. Please pray for all those in consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

The **Holy Names Society Annual Pancake and Raffle** will be taking place on **Sunday, March 4, 2018 after the 8 a.m. mass**. To save postage costs: parishioner's raffle tickets have been placed on table, in gathering room. Please locate your personal addressed labeled envelope and take with you. If you would like to have more for yourself or to sell they are available on the table, also.

Men and youth of the parish your time and talent is needed in the preparation for this annual event. Set-up, serving, kitchen help, pancake grillers, clean-up, etc. **Remember this is the only fundraiser that the Holy Name Society has each year** and this can only take place, if there are volunteers helping. Contact Todd Rueth or Tom Springob to say **you will** be there to give your services to the Holy Name Society and this fundraiser

Stress in Your Marriage? – Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a program that helps couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage to find forgiveness and renewed love and trust. Countless couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages have successfully rebuilt loving relationships using this program. Presenters are couples who have been there. For information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **February 9-11, 2018**, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673)

Fully confidential!, or visit the website at
www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Religious Education



D.R.E:
Mrs. Deb Misra
715-659-4480 ext. #3
ReligiousEd@frontier.com

Our 6th grade students and parents are scheduled to attend the Teaching the Way of Love program: Growing in Love. This program is a faith based presentation on the beauty of Catholic Christian sexuality. We are blessed to be able to offer it! This presentation is offered jointly for the students at Christ the King and St John's. The presentation will be held at St. John's in the Columbia Room on Wednesday, February 7 from 6:15-8:15pm.

Our 8th grade students just completed the Theology of the Body (TOB) for Middle School program. This is a wonderful program led by Jason Evert. This video series has been part of our curriculum for quite a few years now. The next program the 8th grade class will be starting is called Altaration. This program focuses on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and with truly Encountering Him! It is led by Fr. Mike Schmitz but there are many others who are interviewed as part of the program. We have included this program since it was first released around three years ago.

Thank you to Fr. Sedlacek for working with our third grade class this past week!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 28: Class Mass grade 4

Sunday, February 4: Class Mass grade 3

Wednesday, February 7: Teaching the Way of Love: Growing in Love presentation at St John's (gr 6)

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:40pm

Youth Ministry News

March For Life Pilgrimage 2018

The **March for Life pilgrimage is now taking place January 17-21, 2018**. A Diocese of La Crosse group of pilgrims will be a witnesses to the dignity of life for the unborn, elderly, and those who society regards as useless. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe journey to Washington D.C. and than back to Wisconsin.

Youth Minister:

Mr. Dan Kitzhaber

Christ the King:

715-659-4480 ext. #4

St. John the Baptist:

715-384-3252 ext. #6

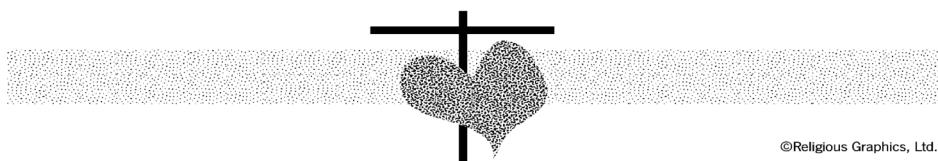
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Steubenville Youth Conference for teens presently in grades 8-12 An awesome, high energy event with 2,000 other teens . PLUS: we'll roll up our sleeves and lend a hand while serving others. It will be at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, July 27-29 The cost of \$270 includes most meals, transportation, & all housing A deposit of \$50 is needed with sign up by Feb. 10. There will be an Information Meeting on Mon., Feb. 5 from 7-8pm

To sign up, please contact: please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

CATHOLIC Adventure Camp July 8-13. This is for teens currently in grades 6-12. Crosswoods Christian Adventure Camp, located south of Ashland, has been reserved for the Diocese of LaCrosse! This high adventure week will offer you the chance for rock climbing, repelling, canoeing, mountain bike riding, low ropes and high ropes, adventure trails, hiking, and time for prayer, the sacraments and reflection on God's marvelous creation. The total cost will be \$410 for youth and \$250 for adults. Signup soon. Financial help is available. There will be an Information Meeting on Mon., Feb. 5 from 6:30-7:30pm If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.



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***** Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage *****

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELOVED * Finding Happiness in Your Marriage * The Marshfield Catholic Deanery presents a series on marriage: Experience the Deeper Meaning Behind **Time and Dates** * 3 pm. until 4:15 pm. * **February 11, 2018** * March 18, 2018 * April 15, 2018

Location: St John's Catholic School / Columbia Room / Mfld. **Cost:** FREE Childcare: Please R.S.V.P. By Wednesday prior for onsite daycare. Assistance available for babysitting in your home. For more info. and to R.SVP contact Dan Kitzhaber @ 715-384-3252 Ext. 6 or yministry@frontier.com

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations - 2018 The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. It is such a joy to experience the wisdom of these couples who have lived through the joys and sorrows of married love. **Please call the parish by deadline of Thursday-March 1st.** * **Needed is your names, address, phone number, and date of your anniversary.** Bishop William Patrick Callahan will send each couple a special invitation to attend a celebration, in their honor. The dates and locations of this year's events are; June 24th at St. Mary - Altoona * July 8th at Christ the King Chapel – La Crosse * August 5th at St. Bronislava - Plover

Diocesan Sesquicentennial opening Mass To celebrate the opening of our diocesan sesquicentennial, Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at St. Gabriel Church in Prairie du Chien on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**, beginning at 10 a.m. with a reception to follow at St. John Church in Prairie du Chien. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Mass you can view it via live stream at diolc.org/live.

5th Anniversary Mass – Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski On **Sunday, March 18**, there will be a Mass honoring the Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the opening of his Cause for Canonization. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse at 10:30 AM. All are welcome. Learn more at fjoesguild.org.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7 Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. Then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

You are invited! Come spend a weekend with the Sisters! Who: Girls who are still in high school and are interested in learning more about prayer and religious life. When: **February 16-18, 2018** * 4:00 PM Friday - 11:00 AM Sunday

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](http://3730 East Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54601)

Cost: \$30.00, includes meals. Register: Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org

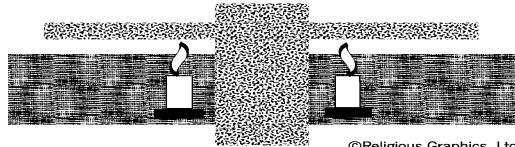
Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788-4530

Arise! A Come and See Day with the Sisters! Who: Girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life. When: **Saturday, March 17, 2018** * Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](http://3730 East Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54601) Cost: Donations accepted Register: Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org Questions: Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788-4530

If you would like to have a “Mass Intention” for a deceased loved one or special intention in **2018** please call the parish rectory @ 715-659-4480 and talk to Judy. There are openings for weekend masses and **numerous openings for Tuesday and Thursday morning, weekday mass @ 8:30 am..**

The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to victims of sexual abuse and their families.



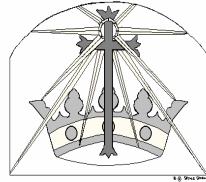
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To place a prayer request on the Christ the King Prayer Chain, please call these prayer leaders:

Marcia Draeger (715-659-5182), Kay Derks (715-659-4046), Joan Meyer (715-384-2774)

Each of these has a list of people to call and inform them about your prayer requests, do not call parish office.

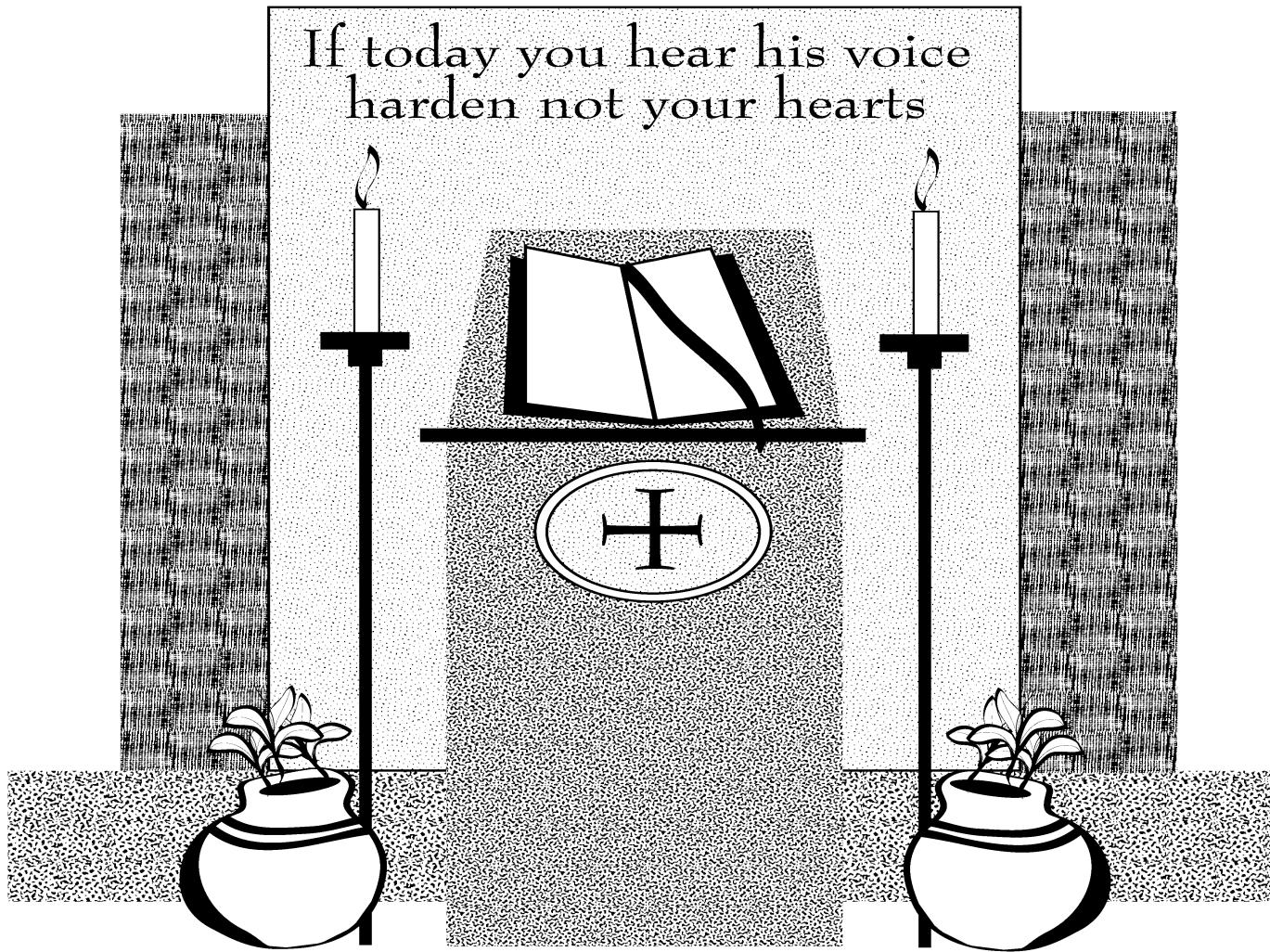
You may also place your requests on the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Prayer Chain by calling Shirley @ 715-384-3613 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists) and they will take your request.



Christ the King Staff: Fr. Samuel Martin : Pastor * Fr. Daniel Sedlacek : Associate Pastor * Deacon Jeff Austin : Permanent Deacon

* Judy A. Drechsler : Parish Secretary * Bonnie Jakel : Sacristan * Gary Nizolek : Part-time Maintenance * Jim Kilty : Snow Removal

Parish office Hours Are: Monday * Tuesday * Wednesday - 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday - 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. * Friday - Office is CLOSED



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**Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines
For Reporting Instances of Child
Abuse.**

The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to the victims of sexual abuse and their families. * To report allegations of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, lay employees or volunteers of the Diocese of La Crosse please fill out the report form found at: www.diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting * Alternatively, you can also contact these people: Msgr. David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy @ 608-791-2679 or Mrs. Karen Becker ,Victim Assistance Ministry @ 608-519-8002

Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance Such assistance can be received from: Deacon David Allen, Victim Assistance Coordinator @ 608-792-9684