

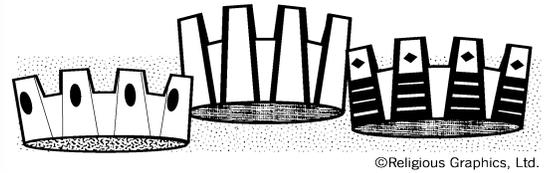
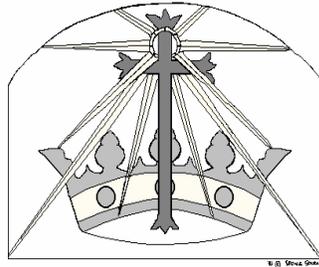
# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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**Solemnity of the  
Epiphany of the Lord  
January 7, 2018**



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**Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants**

**Monday \* January 8, 2018 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* Baptism of the Lord \* Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5: 1-9 \* Mk 1: 7-11**

**Tuesday - January 9, 2018 \* Mass @ 8:30 am \* 1 Sm 1:9-20 \* Mk 1:21-28 \* Mass Intention: Special Intention**

**Wednesday - January 10, 2018 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 \* Mk 1:29-39**

**Thursday - January 11, 2018 \* Mass @ 8:30 am \* 1 Sm 4:1-11 \* Mk 1:40-45\***

**Mass Intention: + Clarence Schreiber and Kenneth Weisenberger**

**Friday - January 12, 2018 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22 \* Mk 2:1-12**

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**Saturday - January 13, 2018 \* 4 p.m. Mass Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 \* Mk 2:13-17**

**Mass Intention: + Tim Strebe**

**Lector: Anita Ruger**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Kappel \* Andrea Strooisma \* Volunteer Needed**

**Servers: Bradley and Darron Willcome Crucifix Bearer: Alyssa Willcome**

**Ministers of Welcome: Sue Kappel and Jordan Willcome**

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**Sunday - January 14, 2018 \* 8 a.m. Mass Readings: 1 Sm 3:3-10,19 \* 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 \* Jn 1:35-42**

**Mass Intention: Christ the King and St. John Parish Families**

**Lector: Dan McNeely**

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

**Servers: Luke and David Ellefson Crucifix Bearer: Nathan Derks**

**Minister of Welcome: David and Steven Hebert**

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**Sunday - January 14, 2018 \* 10 a.m. Mass Readings: 1 Sm 3:3-10,19 \* 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 \* Jn 1:35-42**

**Mass Intention: Brad Bauer \*\*\* After mass volunteers needed to take down Christmas decorations \*\*\* Thank you**

**Lector: Sue Mews**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Barbara Ward \* Pauline Frome \* Volunteer Needed**

**Servers: Nathan Rucker and Needed Crucifix Bearer: Needed**

**Ministers of Welcome: Diane Lang and Wesley Johnson**

*Accept our gifts also, Lord*



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## From the Desk of: Father Samuel Martin

Praised be Jesus Christ! Have you ever heard of Wim Hof? Until recently, neither had I. A cousin told me all about how Hof, the so-called "Iceman", is teaching the human race about the benefits of the cold. Given that it's early in January, this is very good news for us! Hof was born in 1959 in the Netherlands and holds some of the most unique world records. For example, he once ran a marathon (26.2 miles) in the Namib Desert without water and also ran a marathon above the Arctic Circle dressed in nothing but shorts. Most impressive is the amount of time he can spend immersed in ice – his current record is one hour and fifty minutes. Hof attributes his amazing feats to breathing exercises that decrease the carbon dioxide in our bodies while simultaneously increasing the oxygen levels. He claims that anybody can do what he does; for full disclosure, I've done some of his breathing exercises and it does seem to increase core body temperature. For whatever reason, my circulation seems to be deficient insofar as my feet and hands are cold for about half of the year. If I had a nickel for every time someone noted my cold hands ("*but a warm heart*"), I'd be very close to retirement. At any rate, if you are intrigued by this guy, check him out on the Internet. I mention him here because most human beings dislike the cold, and as we get older we might even begin to resent it. The Christian impulse has always been to accept suffering as a way of drawing closer to Jesus and to His people. With Lent just over a month away, winter affords us a chance to examine our attitude toward suffering and ask God to give us a generous spirit. Some people for Lent, for example, take cold showers and offer the pain as an exercise in redemptive suffering. Mother Teresa (now a saint) wore a hair shirt under her religious habit as a way of suffering with the poor people to whom she ministered. There are many ways we can grow in this regard, especially at a time when so many things are extraordinarily convenient. The thrust of a guy like Hof is that he is interested in discovering the inner potential of the human body. And as Catholics who believe that Jesus took on our flesh at His Incarnation in Mary's womb, we have a deep reverence of the body and its role in our life. As Saint John Paul II put it, the body expresses part of who we are – it's for this reason that we take care of it and thank God for it. People who work on perfecting their bodies are worthy of our attention, as we might learn something that will allow us to worship God better, not to mention loving our neighbor with greater patience. However, Hof and his crowd generally are deficient in the area of our spiritual nature (a.k.a. our soul), and we can thank God for all that He has revealed in the Scriptures and in the lives of His saints. Christianity is Jesus' gift to us, as it teaches us to care for our body because it is the temple of His spirit within us. So we can embrace exercise and a good diet without obsessing over such things. Taking care of our physical health has benefits in our spiritual life, and it seems plausible that the opposite is true (check out studies about the average age of death for Sisters – it seems a life of prayer is good for us on many levels). As we come to the end of the Christmas season (January 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast of Christ's Baptism and the last day of the Christmas season) many are wanting a healthier, happier 2018. In the spirit of Christ, we leave the last word to Alexander Solzhenitsyn: "*How can you expect a man who's warm to understand one who's cold?*"

May God bless you and your endeavors during the New Year of 2018! 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.

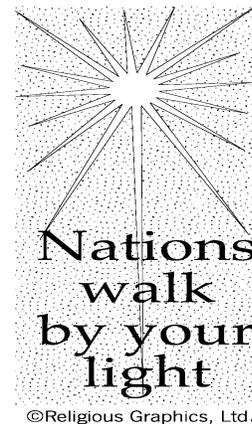
## Sacraments

**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



## 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)



## Christ the King Parish

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!** Please know how grateful Father Sedlacek and I are for your generous outpouring of love for Christmas. We're grateful for the wonderful food, generous gifts, thoughtful cards, and most importantly, all of your prayers and the Masses you had said for us. As I've mentioned before, it would be best if I wrote to each of you and thanked you personally. But my rationalization is that I spend that time in the confessional (20 hours during the week before Christmas), something only a priest can do. That is my way of serving you as an instrument of God's mercy. Please know that both Father Sedlacek and I love our two parishes and thank God for the kindness we've received during our time here.

**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. \* **January 7, 2018** \* 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.S.V.P contact Dan Kitzhaber @ 715-384-3252 Ext. 6 or yministry@frontier.com

**All men of the parish are members of the Holy Name Society.** An invitation is extended to you to attend a **meeting on Monday- January 8, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.** in the dining hall of church. Please come to hear what the Holy Name Society is all about and giving your time and talent in keeping this organization active in 2018 and the years ahead. Discussion will be on the 2018 Pancake Breakfast and all the details (example: raffle tickets, stuffing tickets in envelopes set-up, kitchen area help, pancake grilling, serving, clean-up, etc.) to make this again a "great" fundraiser, your time and talent is greatly needed !

\*\*\* **Help is needed on Sunday-January 14, 2018** \*\*\* after the 10 a.m. mass. **Christmas Decorations will be taken down** and placed in storage until next Christmas Your time and talent is greatly appreciated in lending a hand to help. Thank you.

**"Merry Christmas"**! I would just like to say **"Thank You"** to all of you for your prayers, cards, and donations. It was a great reminder of home on Christmas Day. I am very grateful for my home parish family and feel very loved by you. May you all rejoice in the "Birth of Jesus Christ" this Christmas Season! I will be keeping you in my prayers. God's blessings. Faith Becker

**\* Diocese of La Crosse \* Building Upon A Tradition of Faith** The Diocese of La Crosse will be celebrating its 150th anniversary as a Diocese. To commemorate this special event a full color 400 plus page hardcover book depicting all the parishes in our diocese is **available for purchase at the price of \$33.00** if you **wish to purchase a book please have the exact monies. 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.**

### **Connect with your Parish like never before!**

Get parish and diocesan messages, daily readings, Catholic news and more by downloading the free myParish app today! Text "app" to "88202" to download the myParish App on your mobile device. You can also find it on iTunes or Google Play stores by searching for myParishApp.

### **FATHER-DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT Save the date!**

There will be a Marshfield Deanery "Father-Daughter Dinner and Dance" on Sat. February 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-7:30pm for fathers (or father-figures) and their daughters. This event will take place in Dillenburg Hall at Our Lady of Peace. Registration forms have been placed @ back table of church

**Evening of Recollection** \* Led by Fr. Martin \* Eucharistic Adoration and Reflection \* The evenings will alternate between St. John and Christ the King parishes. Time: 6:30 pm-8 pm **Thursday- January 11, 2018** Theme: Pro-Life Reflection @ St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mfld .

**Palm Sunday Chorus rehearsals** for Marshfield's 65th Palm Sunday Concert **will begin at 1:30 PM January 14** at First Presbyterian Church, 200 S Lincoln Av in Mfld. Future rehearsals will be held on Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM, with additional rehearsals the weekend of the March 25th concert. Our guest conductor this year is Scott Baeseman, Chair of the Fine Arts Department and music teacher at Lake Forest Country Day School, Lake Forest, Illinois. Music will be loaned to you at no cost. Previous experience in a vocal group is preferred but if you are able to carry a tune, follow choral direction, and blend in with 4-part harmony, you are welcome to join us. We hope to see you there. Araylla Hennigar Palm Sunday Chorus Board

St. John's Presents **"Movie of The Month Club"** Looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon? Come join Fr Martin in the **Columbia Room @ 1 pm** for a great movie. There is no cost and it's a chance to take in a movie with other members of the parish. **Doors open @ 12:30 pm** Feel free to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

**Sunday- January 14** Title of movie: The Way

**Adult Confirmation Classes** - If you are a practicing, baptized Catholic adult who has never been confirmed and would like to celebrate the sacrament, we have an opportunity for you! The 7-week Adult Confirmation program **will begin on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at St. John's**. It is for adults only and is not an RCIA program. For more information or **to register for class, contact Deb Mlsna** at 715-613-4458 or [ReligiousEd@frontier.com](mailto:ReligiousEd@frontier.com)

**Empty Bowls: Community Soup on Wednesday- February 7, 2018 @** Colby High School Cafeteria with **servng 5 pm. until 7 p.m.**

Serving soups, bread, cheese, bars. A free goodwill offering will be taken. Choose a bowl crafted by the Colby Visual Art students enjoy soup prepared by area churches and vote for your favorite to win Jon's Traveling Trophy! All proceeds go to the CUP Food Pantry in Colby. Take-out available, \$7.00 per quart, you must bring your own container.

The Family Life Committee members of Christ the King have discussed and agreed to take on a "new" informational endeavor, called: **"Meet Your Parish Family"**. Every one to two months, one of our parish families will be contacted by a Family Life Committee member asking them, first for their permission, than facts about their family and requesting a time when a Family Life member can take a family picture or the family can provide them with a picture.

**Please take time, after mass,** to look at the **"Meet Your Parish Family" easel** that has been placed in the gathering room of the church. We hope that this will become a way for every family of our parish to get to know the names and faces of those who are registered members.

# Religious Education



**D.R.E:**

**Mrs. Deb Mlsna**

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As an advent project, our Religious Ed students collected donations for area children who are hungry. For each \$5 donated, stripes were added to the big candy cane posted in the Seton Center. Our students donated over \$60 for this worthy cause!

First Reconciliation will be celebrated soon! We have 15 students who are preparing to celebrate this sacrament! Please pray for them:

*O Holy Spirit. Source of all light, Spirit of wisdom, of understanding, and of knowledge, come to the assistance of our students and enable them to make a good confession. Enlighten them, and help them to know their sins as one day they shall be forced to recognize them before Thy judgment seat. Bring to their minds the wrongs that have been done and the good that may have been neglected. Permit them not to be blinded by self-love. Grant our children heartfelt sorrow for their transgressions, and the grace of a sincere confession, so that they may be forgiven and admitted into Thy friendship. Amen.*

## Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, January 17: First Reconciliation

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)

# Youth Ministry News

## March For Life Pilgrimage 2018

The **March for Life pilgrimage will take 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.

## Pilgrims for Life Fundraiser – Need Wide-mouth Quart Jars & Cloth

The youth preparing to participate in the March for Life will again be making and selling delicious Jar Mixes. We need more **Quart** size canning jars as well as Christmas colored cloth scraps for covering jars. If you have some to donate, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

**SHS High School Luncheon Bible Study:** Every Tuesday meet in room 310 during your lunch period. Bring a hunger to grow in your faith 7 a bag lunch (or school lunch). We read, discuss & share God's Word and the food. This year, we are reading 1Corinthians. This is a GREAT opportunity! Bring your friends!!

## Teen & Young Adult Retreat Team

Looking for teens and young adults to help lead youth retreats. Living Stones is the name of the group and it rocks! Meet lots of great people, grow in your faith, and have tons of fun. If interested, contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber

**Youth Minister:**

**Mr. Dan Kitzhaber**

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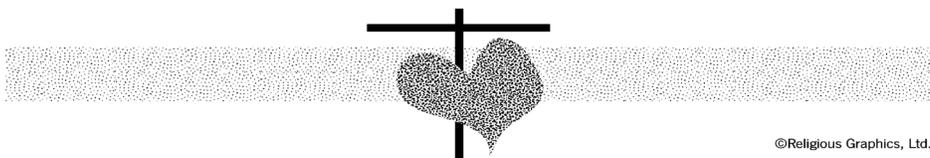
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**\*\*\* Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage \*\*\***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parishioners of Christ the King \*\*\* 2017 / 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal \*\*\* Theme: Stewards of Hope Our pledge goal is \$34,985.00** Our hope is that we have 100% participation. Every gift of sacrifice is important and needed and with the help of everyone we can easily obtain this goal! In your Annual Appeal packet you received a pledge card. It is very important when making a pledge and/or payment that you use that card as it has a scan code that is personal to you. It is very important that you read over the entire card carefully and fill in the correct information. Returning this card ensures that your pledge will be processed more quickly and accurately. All checks (please do not send cash) should be made out to the Diocese of La Crosse and in memo line write: Diocesan Annual Appeal / All cards and pledges/payments should be sent directly to the Diocesan Office in La Crosse in envelope that is provided with your packet. \*\*\* **Update: 163 responses received from Christ the King parishioners ( 310 families in this parish) Amount pledged and received : \$ 32,772.00 with \$2,213.00 as balance to reach our goal !!!**

**If you have not received a pledge card, we ask that you contact, Judy, at the parish office by calling 715-659-4480 and she will provide you with a pledge card.** We “thank” those that have given and ask those who have not given to please help us make our goal by spring of 2018.

**Collection box for the recycling of all occasion greetings cards.** The PCCW ladies of our parish are collecting greeting card fronts without writing on its backside. Please place into box, in gathering room. These card fronts than will be sent to St. Judes where a new card is created.

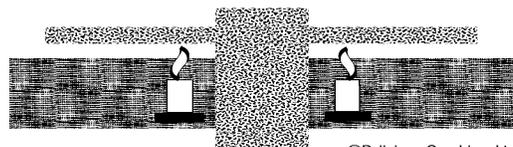
**Attention Engaged Couples:** Registration is now open for the *Married Love: Two Becoming One* classes in Marshfield starting this fall. The dates for 2018 are: **February 17, and April 7.** Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. Be sure to register early because classes fill quickly. For questions or to register, contact Alanna Hart at [hart\\_alanna@yahoo.com](mailto:hart_alanna@yahoo.com) or 715-650-7310.

**High School Seniors of Christ the King Parish:** Is your faith important to you? Do you plan to continue practicing it in your career and as you attend college, technical or another institute of learning. If so, two scholarships sponsored by the parish P.C.C.W. and Holy Name Society are available. If you are interested, please see your guidance counselor at the high school or stop by the parish rectory office for an application during weekday office hours. Other students, who have already graduated from high school, who are members of the parish may also apply, but first priority will go to the high school seniors, of our parish. Return your completed application to the parish office by **deadline of Monday\*April 2, 2018 @ noon.**

**Please note that if you or your loved one who is a member of the parish is admitted to the hospital through the emergency room, more than likely you will not be asked which parish you are a member.** Consequently, your name will not be recorded in the hospital census, and the parish will not know you have been admitted. Moreover if your loved one is in a nursing home or moved from one home to another we may lose touch with them. Knowing where they are assures them the opportunity for a visit so that they can receive Jesus in Holy Communion on a monthly basis and be anointed when necessary. Please call the parish office at 715-659-4480 with that information so that we can keep in contact with them.

**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 a few 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.**



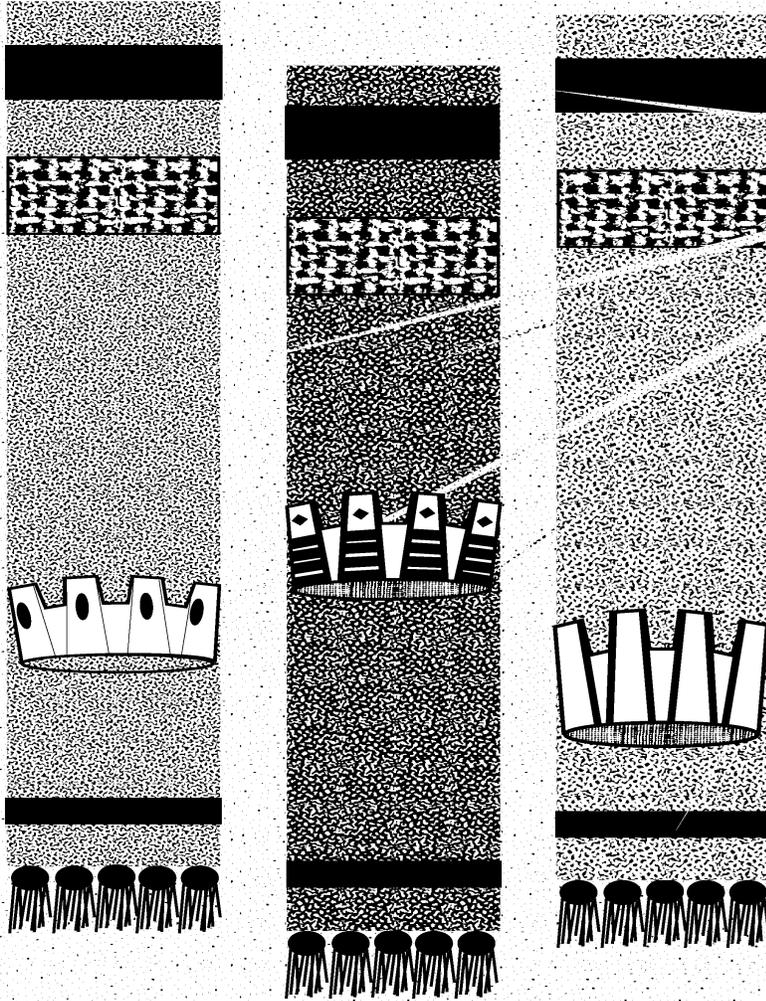
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**To place a prayer request on the Christ the King Prayer Chain, please call these prayer leaders:**  
Marcia Draeger (715-659-5182), Kay Derks (715-659-4046), Joan Meyer (715-384-2774)  
Each of these has a list of people to call and inform them about 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 Niziolek : 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

# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



*We have seen  
his star  
at its rising  
and have come  
to do him  
homage*

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PROMISE TO  *Protect*  
PLEDGE TO *Heal*

## 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.dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://www.dioc.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