

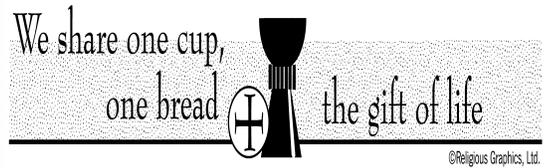
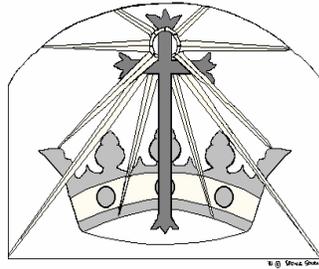
CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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Church address: 208 S. LaSalle St.

Twenty – seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time
October 8, 2017



Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants

Monday - October 9, 2017 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Jon 1:-2:2, 11 * Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday - October 10, 2017 * No Mass * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Jon 3:1-10 * Lk 10:38-42

Father Martin @ Fall Clergy Days in La Crosse on Monday afternoon and Tuesday ...

Wednesday - October 11, 2017 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Jon 4:1-11 * Lk 11:1-4

Thursday - October 12, 2017 * Mass @ 8:30 am * Mal 3:13-20 * Lk 11:5-13 * Mass Intention: + Wayne Longfin

Friday - October 13, 2017 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * J1 1:13-15, 2:1-2 * Lk 11:15-26

Saturday - October 14, 2017 * 4 p.m. Mass

Readings: J1 4:12-21 * Lk 11:28-28

Mass Intention: + Wilmer and Rosina Straub

Lector: Earl Gamble

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

Servers: Needed and Alex Wolf

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Louis and Marlene Cherney

Sunday – October 15, 2017 * 8 a.m. Mass

Readings: Is 25:6-10 * Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 * Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Mass Intention: Priest's Intention

Lector: Dan McNeely

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Marcia Draeger * Ann Pankratz * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Montana Kohls and Paige Bauer

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Minister of Welcome: Jerry Lang and Austyn Kohls

***** Server training will take place here @ Christ the King Parish Sunday-October 15th @ 9 a.m. between the Masses. *****

We are in urgent need of more students on the server schedule, especially for 4 p.m. Mass and 10 a.m. Mass.

Training is offered for those in fourth grade or older.

Sunday - October 15, 2017 * 10 a.m. Mass * Grade 7 * Readings: Is 25:6-10 * Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 * Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Mass Intention: + Samantha Sternweis

Lector: Mary Buss

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Mews * Richard Bruss * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Alex Baumgarten

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Jim Bauer and Sharon Rollins

[From the Desk of : Father Samuel Martin]

Praised be Jesus Christ! A month ago (September 7th to be exact) I climbed Mount Elbert, the highest point in the Colorado Rockies, coming in at 14,440 feet above sea level. As I mentioned during daily Mass once or twice, climbing in high altitude is a lot harder than I would have imagined and there are times when quitting seems like a viable option. Because Mount Elbert has a couple of "false summits," I was reminded of a quote from C.S. Lewis in his book The Four Loves: "Let us suppose we are doing a mountain walk to the village which is our home. At mid-day we come to the top of a cliff where we are, in space, very near it because it is just below us. We could drop a stone into it. But as we are no cragsmen, we can't get down! We must go a long way round; five miles maybe. At many points during that detour we shall, statically, be further from the village than we were when we sat above the cliff. But only statically. In terms of progress we shall be far "nearer" our baths and tea!" Except for the bath and tea reference, the rest of the quote is something that we can relate to in terms of our spiritual journey. Have you ever felt that, in spite of your best efforts, you're further from true holiness than you were when you first set out to follow the Lord? It's a common experience, one we refer to when we use the phrase "I take one step forward and two back." Many of us find ourselves confessing the same sins year after year, hoping that someday we will overcome these temptations. One of the realities of alpine hiking is that the folks on the mountain tend to be very encouraging. At one point I was in the steepest section and I knew I had at least another hour of rigorous hiking before reaching the top. A climber was descending and stopped to give me a much-needed pep talk: "Hey, you're doing great! Slow and steady and you're sure to make the top." And he was right! The spiritual life is similar, a fact pointed out by Evelyn Underhill when she wrote, "A lot of the road to Heaven has to be taken at 30 miles per hour." Yes, we'd prefer to be saints by the end of the week so we could relax and congratulate ourselves on a job well done. But by God's design, becoming a genuinely good person is the work of a lifetime – and because we'll need some encouragement along the way, Jesus established the Church. Saint John of the Cross titled one of his spiritual masterpieces The Ascent of Mount Carmel, and it too accurately depicts the spiritual life as challenging. As a case in point, Saint John wrote "to love is to strip oneself for God of all that is not God." By this point some readers are probably wondering, "If the spiritual life is so difficult, then why bother? Why not kick back and enjoy life?" These are fair questions, and Jesus heard them many times too, even from His closest friends (e.g. "But Lord, this is impossible!"). His response echoes down through the centuries and it still startles: "Come and see." Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves and He realizes that we were made for great adventures. While we tend to be timid when it comes to the greatest spiritual adventures, Jesus put deep inside each of us a desire to do something remarkable, to become someone great. And to that end He piques our curiosity by inviting us to follow Him, to try to live His life. Many of us chicken out and fall back, some for most of their lifetime. But Jesus never gives up on us – He believes in us, that if we wanted to, we could climb that mountain that has beckoned to us for all of our life. Yes, it's harder than any of us like . . . but together, "slow and steady," we can make it to the top!

Come Holy Spirit, inspire us to find joy in service and peace in the midst of our greatest trials!
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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Parish Office Address: 107 East Wendell St.

Church Building address: 208 South LaSalle St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

During the "Month of October" the rosary only will be recited 20 minutes before Mass * Needed: Parishioners of the parish to lead the congregation in reciting the rosary. **A sign-up sheet** can be found on back table in gathering room. Your help in being a prayer leader (Ladies, men or young adults) in reciting the rosary would be greatly appreciated.

Parishioners * Please show respect for the rosary being prayed and enter church quietly. Thank you.

Server training will take place here @ Christ the King Parish next **Sunday-October 15th @ 9 a.m. between the Masses.** Information was sent home this past week from CCD. We are in urgent need of more students on the server schedule, especially for 4 p.m. Mass and 10 a.m. Mass. Training is offered for those in fourth grade or older.

The financial commitment to **Kings Community Food Pantry** from our church will continue, this is the 25th year of giving monies to the party. This **2nd collection** on September 30 & October 1, 2017 brought in **\$1,097.00.** "**Thank you**" for your generosity was greatly appreciated and God's blessings. Social Justice Committee

The Society for the Propagation of Faith * World Mission Sunday * October 22, 2017 * Pray and Give generously to this annual request. *Contribution envelopes will be placed at end of pews and your donation, if you wish to do so, must be returned back into weekend collection baskets by November 6, 2017.

October is Respect Life Month – Support Pro-Life Legislation urging our elected officials in Congress to advance legislation prohibiting late-term abortion, as well as ending taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood. Visit www.dioc.org/respect-life for more information.

Knights of Columbus is hosting "Clergy Appreciation Night" on Thursday-October 26, 2017 * A special evening dedicated to celebrating our priests and deacons and honoring "**2017 Clergy of the Year**" who are: **Father Daniel Sedlacek @ St. John's** and Christ the King Parishes and **Deacon Ray Draeger @ Sacred Heart and Corpus Christi Parishes.** **Social starting @ 5 p.m. with Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.** Menu: Marinated Pork, Scalloped Potatoes, Beans with almonds, Fruit Salad, Dinner Rolls and Ice Cream topped with chocolate and nuts. **Public is Welcome!** Please join us! **Advance ticket purchase is required. Cost of ticket: \$12.00 per person . No ticket sales at the door.** You are able to purchase tickets by going to the parish office personally on Wendell Street during weekly office hours, there are a limited amount of tickets given to parish. You may also make reservations and purchase tickets @ the Marshfield KC. Hall @ 400 West Upham Street or call # 715-384-2488

****** Wedding Bann II ******

Mark Weber and Donna Draeger

October 21, 2017 @ 6 p.m. Christ the King Catholic Church

**** Welcome to Christ the King Parish Family ****

Adam and Angie Doro

and their sons, Ayden, Ashes and Andon

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– October 8 Title of movie: October Baby

Sunday-October 8, 2017 * Sunday Mass & Healing Service @ 3:30 p.m. at St Mathew's Catholic Church * 229 South 28th Ave. Wausau, WI . Confessions before Mass from 2 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. Following Mass you may come forward for individual prayer.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2017. THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN AT FATIMA. WE WILL BE PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS & TO SPREAD THE DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED LADY'S IMMACULATE HEART TO WIN THE HEART & SOUL OF AMERICA. **THE ROSARY WILL BE SAID AT 12 NOON AT THE SOUTH END OF MFLD AT THE "CHRIST GUIDE US ON OUR WAY" STATUE** ANY QUESTIONS, CALL LORI AT 715-652-6545

Ladies an invitation is extended to you to attend: Marshfield Deanery of Catholic Women * **Fall General Assembly on Oct. 19, 2017** being hosted this year by the Parish Council of Catholic Women here at Christ the King Catholic Church, Spencer, WI. Registration @ 5:30 p.m. * Dinner @ 6 pm. and meeting @ 7 p.m. Guest speaker: RaeAnn Gust, For One Child of India. Cost per person is: \$8.00. Please come and join us for an evening of spirituality, hospitality, friendships, basket raffles and door prizes . Please help by bringing items for the shelter home, such as shampoos, soaps, cleaning supplies, etc.

******* Winter Clothing Drive *******

Christ the King Catholic Church

The Family Life Committee of the parish is participating in the "**Winter Clothing Drive**" again with the Spencer Schools. We ask that you bring **gently worn** winter coats, boots, hats and scarfs. We will be accepting * children * teen * women * men * size winter clothing . **Please bring to the gathering room , of the church, your contributions , in sturdy bags, by the deadline of Sunday-October 29, 2017.** Thank you .

Attention Ladies: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is extending an invitation for you to attend the **2017 Women of Christ Conference on Saturday-November 4** and has reserved a bus. Please contact Susan Youngwith for the details of cost and departure times, by calling her at 715-384-4343. Detailed informational sheets about the conference have been placed on back table as a reference.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Spencer is planning a bus trip, June 24, 25 & 26, 2018 to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark which will amaze you and inspire you to think differently about the biblical account of Noah's Ark. We extended an invitation to join us on this 3 day trip. If you are interested please call Trinity @ 715-659-4006 or Terry or Bonnie Beyreis @ 715-659-5398 for the details. **Seating is limited and filling up fast so call soon as initial down payment is due on October 20, 2017.**

Religious Education



D.R.E:

Mrs. Deb Mlsna

715-659-4480 ext. #3

ReligiousEd@frontier.com

Opening Mass and Anointing of the Sick Mass was celebrated this past week.

Thank you to our 8th grade class who assisted with this celebration and to their catechist(s) Mrs. Cindy Clark, and Darron Willcome.

Upcoming Activities:

October 11: We will practice a fire drill at the Seton Center (this is not for the students at church).

Sunday, October 15: Grade 7 class Mass at the 10am Mass

Sunday, October 22: Grade 6 class Mass at the 10am Mass

October 25: Father Sedlacek will be talking to the 6th grade class about the Religious Life

For the past few years our students have been collecting for Operation Christmas Child, which has been coordinated locally through St. John's Lutheran Church. They have decided not to continue with this collection. We had participated in this collection in place of an Advent activity. We will resume with our advent collection/activity.

Youth Ministry News

Youth Fundraiser All teens can begin to earn money toward Adventure Camp, World Youth Day, Steubenville Conference, Mission Trip ... or any of the great opportunities offered. The fundraiser presently available is selling Younkers Community Day booklets. You sell the booklet for \$5 (you earn the entire \$5), the buyer gets a \$10 coupon (a \$5 savings) and everyone is happy! This is only available through Nov. 8. For more details, contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

March For Life Pilgrimage 2018 The March for Life pilgrimage will be Jan 17-21, 2018. All people 13 years of age and older are invited to be a witness to the dignity of life for the unborn, elderly, and those who society regards as useless. We'll travel with a Diocesan group via motorcoach. This is for YOUTH & ADULTS. Cost is ~\$330 for teens, \$290 for chaperones. Deposit of \$175 due by Dec. 1. Pilgrims will also get a hooded sweatshirt. Fundraising options and need-based scholarships are available. (*\$25 less if you have a hood from previous March) For more information, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber

Pilgrims for Life Fundraiser – Need PINT Jars & Cloth The youth preparing to participate in the March for Life will again be making and selling delicious Jar Mixes. We need more **PINT** 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 & a bag lunch (or school lunch). We read, discuss & share God's Word and the food. This year, we'll be reading the Gospel of Mark. This is a GREAT opportunity! Bring your friends!!

Youth Minister:

Mr. Dan Kitzhaber

Christ the King:

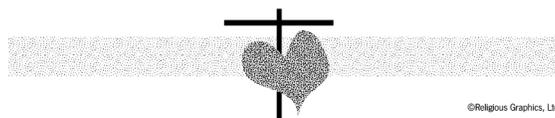
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***** Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage *****

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.**

Giving Trend (program used to keep donation data and retrieve updates) Even though all pledge cards/payments will be directly sent to the diocesan office, you will be given updates on our progress, by the parish secretary and her checking pledge cards that have been received and processed through Giving Trend.

If you did not receive a packet from the Diocese? Please contact the parish office if you have not received a packet. This may be because you are a new parishioner to Christ the King. Pledge cards will be available in the parish office and you are welcome to come in during the regular business hours to pick one up. **Questions?** Please do not hesitate to call the parish office (715-659-4480 ext.0) if you have any questions pertaining to this year's annual appeal. We will do our best to answer them!

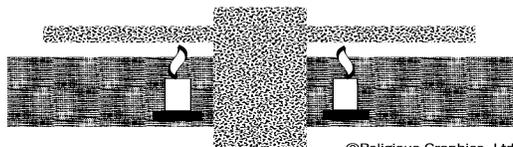
Donate to Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief The people of Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory served by Catholic Charities, were recently devastated by Hurricane Maria. This came in the wake of the devastation of Houston and Florida by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. To make a donation, send your check payable to "Catholic Charities" and write "Puerto Rico Relief" in the memo line, to Catholic Charities, Puerto Rico Relief, 3710 East Ave. S., La Crosse, WI 54601. To donate online, visit www.dioc.org/social-concerns for instructions.

BELOVED * Finding Happiness in Your Marriage * The Marshfield Catholic Deanery presents a series on marriage: Experience the Deeper Meaning Behind "I DO" Marries couples are invited to experience the wonder, mystery and joy of the sacrament of marriage assisted by stunning video presentations. **Time and Dates** * 3 pm. until 4:15 pm. * **October 29, 2017** * November 26, 2017 * 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 information and to R.S.V.P contact Dan Kitzhaber @ 715-384-3252 Ext. 6 or yministry@frintier.com

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..**

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.

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.



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 * Dan Kalepp : Lawn Mowing

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

Those who died on October 1, 2017 are at peace and resting in the arms of God .



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

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by a priest or deacon. Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to: Bishop William P. Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. The form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse, Office for Clergy; or on the diocesan website at: www.dioceseoflacrosse.com **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of LaCrosse and the implementation of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People”, please contact Msgr. David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004 or call 1-608-791-2689 or email dkunz@dioceseoflacrosse.com