

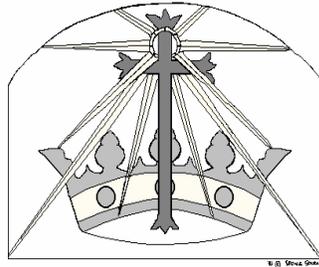
CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018**



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Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants

Monday - February 12, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Jas 1:1-11 * Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday - February 13, 2018 * Mass @ 8:30 am * Jas 1:12-18 * Mk 8:14-21 * Mass Intention: Mass of Thanksgiving

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018 * JI 2:12-18 * 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 * Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Mass @ 5 pm * Mass Intention: + Connie Schmidt AND Mass @ 6:40 pm * Mass Intention: + Tim Strebe

Thursday - February 15, 2018 * Mass @ 8:30 am * Dt 30:15-20 * Lk 9:22-25 *

Mass Intention: + Alfonse and Mabel Drechsler

Friday-February 16, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30am * Is 58:1-9 * Mt 9:4-15 * Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm *

Saturday - February 17, 2018 * 4 p.m. Mass

Readings: Is 58:9-14 * Lk 5: 27-32

Mass Intention: + Rodney Kerksieck

Lector: Larry Schultz

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Shelly Schultz * Volunteer Needed * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Alex Wolf and David Eckes

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Louis and Marlene Cherney

Sunday - February 18, 2018 * 8 a.m. Mass

Readings: Gn 9: 8-15 * 1 Pt 3:18-22 * Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intention: Priest's Intention

Lector: Dan Mc Neely

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

Servers: Montana Kohls and Paige Bauer

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Jerome Lang and Austyn Kohls

Sunday - February 18, 2018 * 10 a.m. Mass

Readings: Gn 9: 8-15 * 1 Pt 3:18-22 * Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of the Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lector: Mary Buss

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

Servers: Nathan Rucker and Needed

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Jim Bauer and Sharon Rollins



Renew your spirit at the Lord's table

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From the Desk of: Father Samuel Martin

Praised be Jesus Christ! What are you giving up for Lent this year? That question was posed a while back by the newspaper and people were invited to write in and share their sacrifices. Sometimes people say it's better to do something positive than to give up some bad habit. Without becoming polemical (i.e. argumentative – do you notice how from time to time big words are used in this column . . . the goal is to improve your chances on Wheel of Fortune and cross word puzzles, not to mention impressing people with your expansive vocabulary! Sorry for the verbose (i.e. wordy) aside.) why not do both this Lent? First, determine something you can live without, the sacrifice of which would be a daily reminder that it's Lent. Giving up sweets is an easy choice for me, because like Father Stoetzel, I have a sweet tooth. Giving up Facebook or going out to eat or watching TV are also robust choices. Lent is a long season and we need something to help us remember that penance is good for us because it strengthens our will and bends it toward God's will. Doing something positive is also a great way to sanctify these holy days and now is the time to determine our plan of action. And planning these things is essential to making spiritual progress; Benjamin Franklin once sagely pointed out, "Those who fail to plan can plan to fail." My parents made it a point of visiting the sick and shut-ins before Christmas and Easter. Maybe we volunteer at Saint Vincent's or other community events (e.g. every spring Marshfield hosts "Empty Bowls" and "Feed My Starving Children). Now it should go without saying that the goal of Lent is to deepen our friendship with Jesus. That means it's important to take a good look at our spiritual life. A classmate of mine, Father Roger Landry, just wrote a book titled Plan of Life: Habits to Help You Grow Closer to God. I read it while deer hunting in Alabama and it is really excellent; at 120 pages, it's short and very helpful in showing us how to take tangible steps to living our faith more generously. For example, there's a chapter on how to start the day by getting up at a set time and saying our Morning Offering immediately. If you're anything like me, it's a struggle to be consistent, largely because it takes a lot of discipline to go to bed on time. Father Landry even provides a version of the Morning Offering that he prays and I share it with you here: "Thank you, Lord, for the gift of another day. Please help me to live it well. If it proves to be my last day on earth, help me to live it in total union with you so that it will be my first day in eternity. Grant me the graces I need to overcome all the temptations you know I'll face today. Awaken me to receive everyone the way I would receive you, and help me to be for them a reminder of you and your holy priesthood. Help me to make this day a liturgy of the hours, my heart an altar, and my work a commentary on the words of consecration. Into your hands, I commend this day, begging the intercession of my guardian angel and all the saints." Lent is a great opportunity to work on these practices, which over the course of our lifetime help us to become more grateful, humble, and generous. Another practice that is especially important for Lent is praying the Stations of the Cross. You can pray these at any time, but Fridays during Lent are the best time because we more naturally enter into Our Lord's Passion and death as we meditate on the 14 stations. Blessed Alvaro del Portillo once wrote, "The Way of the Cross is not a sad devotion . . . Christian joy has its roots in the shape of a cross. If the Passion of Christ is a way of pain, it is also a path of hope leading to victory." So, what are you giving up for Lent and what spiritual progress are you planning to make? "Those who fail to plan can plan to fail."

May these forty days of Lent bring us closer to Jesus and closer to each other!

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

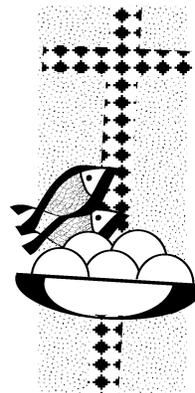
Baptism.. Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program offered in February, June and October. The Baptisms are then scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

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 . . . Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



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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)



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Christ the King Parish

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

Father Martin wishes to share with you

that during this 2018 Flu Season the "Sign of Peace" with each other will not take place. Hopefully the flu affects fewer and fewer people soon. Keep in your prayers those in our parish who have it and that they may they recover soon.

Ash Wednesday * February 14, 2018 *

Christ the King * 5 pm Mass and 6:40 pm Mass

St. John's / Mfld * 6:30 am / 8 am / 12:15 pm / 6:30 pm

Ministry Participants needed for Ash Wednesday masses. If you are attending either of these masses your helping would be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheets have been placed on table in gathering room. Thank you.

LENTEN "FAST AND ABSTINENCE" REGULATIONS

1. Everyone **14 years of age or over** is bound to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday.**
2. Everyone **18 years and under 60 years of age** is bound to **fast** on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday.**
3. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meatless meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, sufficient to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together not to equal as full meal.
4. ***Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.***

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- February 15, 2018**
Theme: Memory and Hope @ Christ the King in Spencer.

Are you looking for a way to enhance your prayer life during Lent? Prayer and fasting are a great team. Fasting every Wednesday and Friday can help us grow in faith, get rid of bad habits and invite the Holy Spirit into our hearts. To learn more about the ancient practice of fasting, go to our website: livethefast.org, call us at (888) 276-3475 or email us info@livethefast.org

Sunday, Feb. 11 with a 1:00 pm rally at St. Michael Parish gathering space, 611 Stark St, Wausau. Refreshments provided. Featured speakers will be Patrick and Jeanette Gierl, whose story is one of surrender and sacrificial love. Also speaking will be Jack Hoogendyk, Executive Director of Hope Life Center in Wausau and Antigo and Dr. Kim Couri, Co-Founder of the Health for Life Medical Center, which specializes in women's health and general wellness. **The 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil is from February 14 - March 25, 2018** at HealthFirst, 719 N 3rd Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401. For more information, please contact Mary's Mantle at mllitschauer@gmail.com or 715-539-3800.

40 Days for Life Campaign - Stevens Point from February 14 - March 25, you are invited to join others for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign, part of a world-wide initiative of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion (visit www.40daysforlife.com/stevens-point). There will be a kick-off rally with a speaker & potluck (main dish provided) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13th at Saint Bronislava Parish. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jim Havlovick at [715-544-0447](tel:715-544-0447) or [715-570-4619](tel:715-570-4619) (cell) or Gary Oudenhoven at [715-321-2283](tel:715-321-2283) (cell).

Sunday-Feb 11 @ 3:30 pm * **Sunday Mass & Healing Service** * St. Mathew's Catholic Church * 229 South 28th Ave * Wausau Mass at 3:30 pm with confessions before mass 2 pm thru 3:15 pm

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

Friday-Feb. 16 * Shrimp and Beer-Batter Fish Fry @ St. Mary's in Auburndale * Serving 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm . Public cordially invited ! Baked fish also available.

Retreat for Women: Theme: Mercy, Forgiveness, and Perseverance in the Faith * **Saturday-Feb. 17, 2018** * Columbia Hall at St. John's in Mfld. * Retreat will start with 8 a.m. mass and then after mass from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Speaker: Laura Boronski, Catholic speaker and recording artist from South Carolina will be visiting our diocese this Lent to share her love of Christ and an inspiring message of hope, love, and forgiveness. For more info. and to register, please contact St John's, 715-384-3252 Ext. 2 There is no charge for this retreat, but a free-will donation will be taken.
Sponsored by: Women at the Well and St John's Parish.

Sunday - Feb. 18 * St. Joachim's Parish * Pittsville "Youth Beef Tips Dinner" Mass with youth @10:30 am * Dinner serving 11am- 1 pm

Friday-Feb. 23 * Famous Fish Boil & Fish Fry * Colby Lions Shelter * Serving 5 pm until 7:30 pm * Carry outs by drive-thru. Open to the Public !

Saturday-March 3, 2018 * Catholic Women's Retreat * St. Mary's Community Center * Altoona, WI . Please join us for this uplifting one-day conference to refresh YOUR soul. **Registration forms can be located at back table.** Promoted by the Eau Claire Deanery & La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The **Holy Names Society Annual Pancake and Raffle** will be taking place on **Sunday, March 4, 2018 after the 8 a.m. mass.**

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.

2018 Wood County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

* July 10 -12, 2018 * 9 am thru 4 pm. Help beautify Tent City @ Farm Tech Days in honor of a loved one ! Wood County Landscaping Committee is offering a flower pot memorial in honor of friends, family and loved ones. Forms can be found on back table in church or at Weber's Farm Store in Mfld. or on the Wisconsin Farm Tech Days / Wood website under forms. For the size of the pot it is truly a great deal! ONLY \$25 EACH !! After the show the pot is yours to enjoy at your home. **Help support the show !**

Religious Education



D.R.E:

Mrs. Deb Mlsna

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Thank you to our 3th grade class for a job well done with their class Mass! to their catechist, Mrs. Rachel Eckes for preparing them! God bless you all!

Thank you

This past week our 6th grade students and parents were 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 was held at St. John's in the Columbia Room on Wednesday, February 7 from 6:15-8:15pm.

Our 5th grade students are working through the sacraments. They use a program called 'We Believe' by Sadlier. This is our second year using this textbook. It is a workbook and textbook combination. It is a nice transition from the format of the previous years.

Upcoming Events:

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

Wednesday, February 28: Prayer retreat grade 5

Wednesday, March 7: Reconciliation, grades 9&10 meet at church right away.

Grades 7&8 to follow.

Youth Ministry News

Tanzania Mission Trip 2019 Plans are being made for an Intergenerational Parish Mission Trip of 20 people ages 16 and older to serve with the Sisters of Our Lady Queen of Africa, in Sumbawanga, Tanzania, Africa from June 17-28, 2019. This immersion experience will offer the chance to serve at the school, orphanage, and clinic. There will also be an opportunity for a safari and market experiences. Tentative cost is \$2500 (dictated by airfare). For more information, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber .

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. 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. Please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber, if interested.

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 1 Corinthians. This is a GREAT opportunity! Bring your friends!!

Youth Minister:

Mr. Dan Kitzhaber

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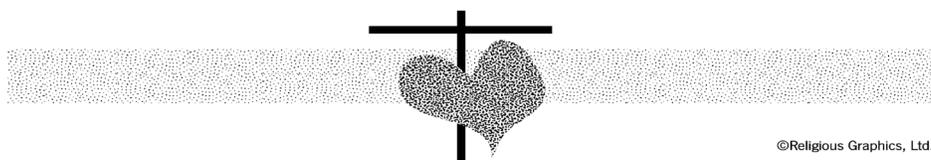
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***** Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage *****

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 frjoesguild.org.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7 Are you a man at least 35 years of age and if you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, consider attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. 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.

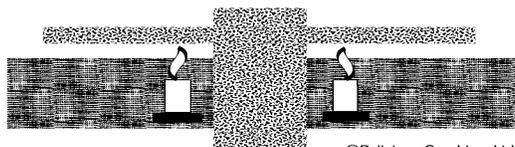
Arise! A Come and See Day with the Sisters! **Who:** Girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life. **When:** **Saturday, March 17, 2018** * **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Where:** Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](http://www.materredemptoris.org) **Cost:** Donations accepted **Register:** Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org **Questions:** Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

Viterbo University's 2nd annual Franciscan CORE is scheduled for June 10– 15, 2018. This 5 day summer service camp for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders offers education, experience, and reflection on Catholic Social Teachings themes and principles using a Franciscan lens. Franciscan CORE seeks to develop empathetic and grounded leaders for the world and Church through: Compassion for those on the margins., Outreach to those in need, Reflection on God's call, and Experience of community and service. For more information or to apply, visit www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core Registration opened on January 1st, 2018 .

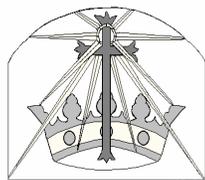
Volunteer for mission trip to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey A group of volunteers from St. Henry Watermark Mission, an ecumenical initiative from St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, will be traveling to Houston, TX, this spring to help with rebuilding efforts for residents most in need in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The group will assist with carpentry, sheetrock, mud, tape, insulation, some electrical/plumbing, paint, flooring, finish work, and landscaping. For more information, contact Gary Asher at 715.283.4451 or rasher@wwt.net.

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. * Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances of Child Abuse posted on church bulletin boards. *



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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.

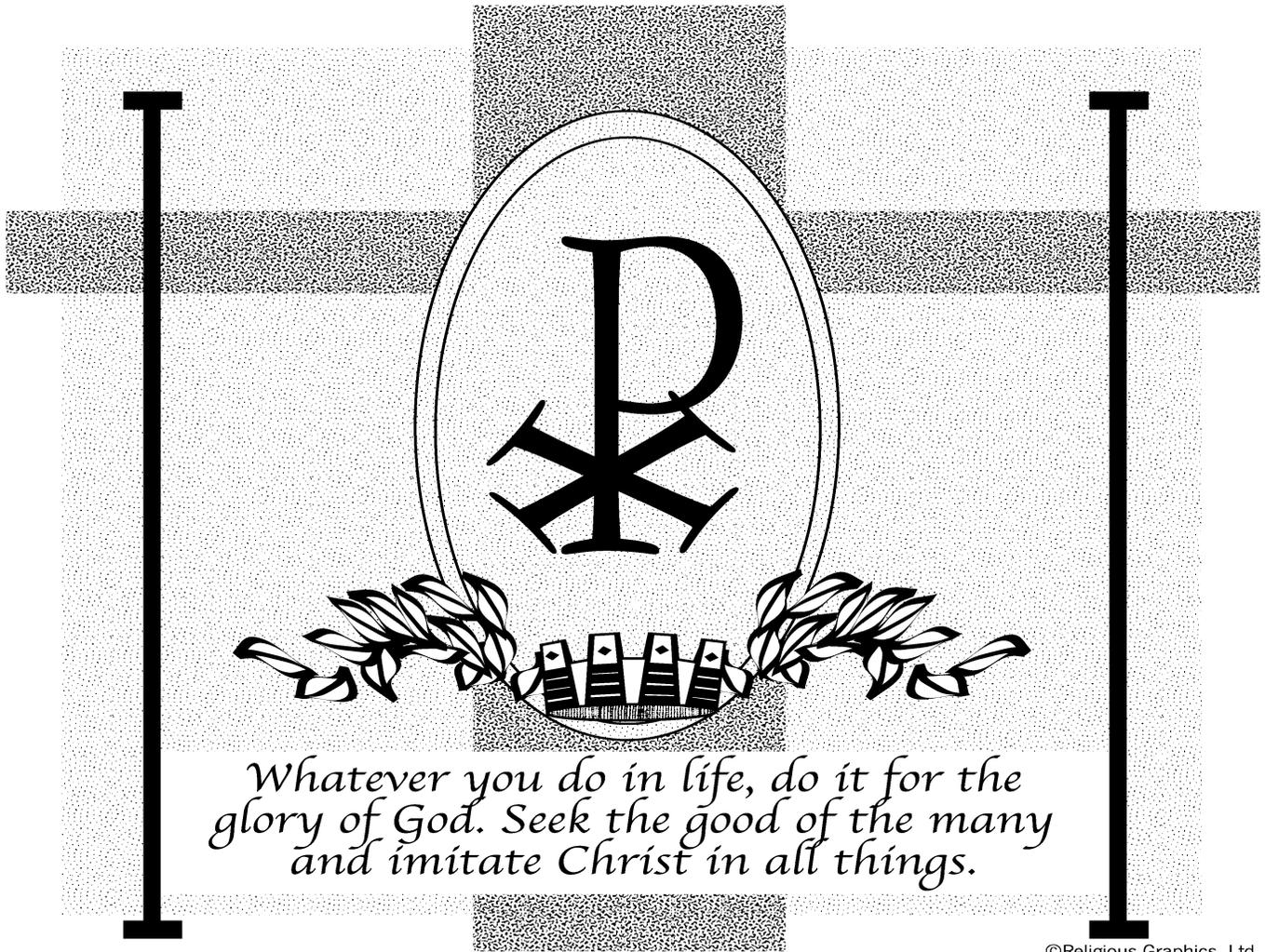
Christ the King Staff: Fr. Samuel Martin : Pastor * Fr. Daniel Sedlacek : Associate Pastor

* 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



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**Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines
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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 * 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