

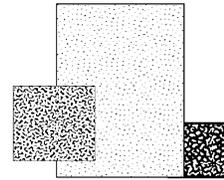
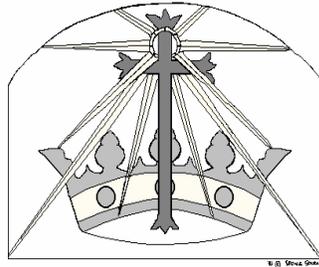
CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018



The stone rejected
by the
builders has become
the cornerstone

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Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants

Monday - April 23, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Acts 11:1-18 * Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday - April 24, 2018 * Mass @ 8:30 am * Acts 11:19-26 * Jn 10:22-30 *

Mass Intention: + Arnold and LuCille Mellenthin

Wednesday - April 25, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * 1Pt 5:5-14 * Mk 16:15-20

Thursday - April 26, 2018 * Mass @ 8:30 am * Acts 13:13-25 * Jn 13:16-20 * **Mass Intention: + Adam Wolf**

Friday - April 27, 2018, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Acts 13:26-33 * Jn 14:1-6

Saturday - April 28, 2018 * 4 p.m. Mass **Readings: Acts 13:44-52 * Jn 14:7-14**

Mass Intention: 35th Wedding Anniversary of Kenneth and Patricia Kromanaker

Lector: Larry Schultz

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

Servers: Alex Wolf and David Eckes **Crucifix Bearer: Alyssa Willcome**

Ministers of Welcome: Jim and Laurie Doepke

Sunday - April 29, 2018 * 8 a.m. Mass **Readings: Acts 9:26-31 * 1 Jn 3:18-24 * Jn 15:1-8**

Mass Intention: + Emil and Ronald Weiland

Lector: Viv Gamble

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Doreen Hebert * Ann Pankratz * **Volunteer Needed**

Servers: Luke and David Ellefson **Crucifix Bear: Ken Williams**

Ministers of Welcome: David and Steven Hebert

Sunday - April 29, 2018 * 10 a.m. Mass **Readings: Acts 9:26-31 * 1 Jn 3:18-24 * Jn 15:1-8**

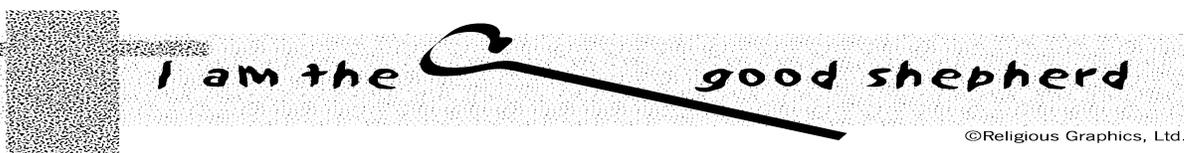
Mass Intention: Christ the King and St. John Parish Families * **First Communion ***

Lector: Mary Kortuem

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Pauline Frome * Sue Mews * **Volunteer Needed**

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

Ministers of Welcome: Sharon Rollins and Nancy Kautza



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Praised be Jesus Christ! Saint Teresa of Avila compared the drudgery of life to "a bad night at a bad inn." The good news is that Heaven promises eternal rest – that's what we're working towards and it ought to inspire us to spend each day preparing to meet God face to face. While you're reading this I'll be either in Avila, Spain or on my way there – 50 of us are on pilgrimage and have already experienced the usual reminders that we're not in Heaven yet (e.g. there was a train strike in France on April 18th, meaning we had to take a bus from Paris to Lourdes – not a horrible thing, but we were looking forward to riding the amazing TGV train). I was in Avila in 2004 and experienced some remarkable graces that day. Even though I had not been able to sleep all week due to jet lag I was able to celebrate Mass in the convent where Saint Teresa of Avila once lived. After that I remember being so exhausted that I laid down on a park bench and just collapsed. It was probably quite the sight, me in my Roman collar sawing logs . . . "a bad night at a bad inn!" Life has its share of suffering and Jesus came to teach us how to bear it with hope in our heart. Some of you have had a real rough patch in your lives and are wondering when you'll ever feel some degree of happiness and joy again. The Church is a mother and so she prays especially for her grieving children; she reminds us that Jesus came to bring comfort to the sorrowful (and conversely, sorrow to the comfortable). For those of you who were able to participate in our Lenten parish mission, you might remember some of the spiritual insights offered by Father John Paul. The 3rd night of the mission allowed people to come forward and touch the humeral veil Father was wearing as he carried Jesus in the monstrance. For many this was a powerful experience similar to the story of the woman who had suffered with a hemorrhage for 18 years and rightfully thought that if she could just touch the tassel on Jesus' cloak she would be healed. Jesus is a Divine Physician and He wants to help us with our hurts; but so many times we run from Him and not to Him. This was evident to anyone who came to Father John Paul's presentation on same-sex attraction the night before the mission began (and all of the talks are on Saint John's parish website – stjohnsmarshfield.org). This is one of the most difficult topics and Father handled it beautifully: he reminded us that the Christian understanding of human nature is that every person is created in God's image and likeness and is loved unconditionally by God. He then showed a powerful film titled "The Third Way" that included amazing testimony from people with same-sex attraction who found peace and hope in God. One of the best scenes for me was the man who said he had never been able to tell anyone, but that in the confessional he met a priest who was a true father to him. Many carry their wounds in deep secrecy because being vulnerable to God or others is frightening, and in many cases dangerous. Year after year I taught my students about the struggles of the human heart – when it came to same-sex attraction I always felt inadequate to the task. Father John Paul's presentation was remarkable in that he captured the mercy and compassion of God, Who truly understands our hurts and how they can move us away from Him and the truth of who we are in His image. God established marriage as a covenant between Him, a man and a woman – no authority on earth can undo what God has created. Just the same, the underlying desire for love is one that all human beings share – our faith teaches us that God alone can heal our desires so that we can experience true love. For all of us, life is sometimes "a bad night at a bad inn." But the good news is our life in this world is only for a little while – what comes next is eternal!

May God help us find the truth that will set us free, thus helping others find some joy in this world!

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

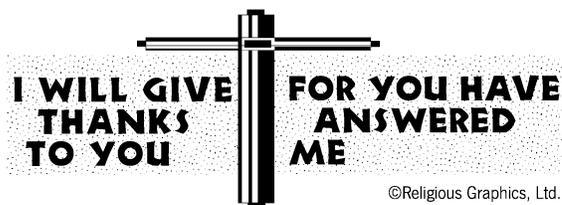
Baptism.. Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program offered in February, June and October. The Baptisms are then scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

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



Ministry to the Homebound...

First Sunday... Joan Meyer
 Second Sunday... **Needed**
 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)



Christ the King Parish

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knights of Columbus Council 1799 will be running its **annual Tootsie Roll drive for people with Intellectual Disabilities** after all the Masses on the weekend of April 21st and 22nd. **Please be generous as you support this worthy cause. Thank you !**

Farm Technology Days * Tues.-July 10th / Wed.-July 11th and Thursday—July 12th, 2018

!!! ATTENTION !!! Our parish has been asked to participate and get volunteers to help at this area event. The parish will be given compensation to the hours that are provided, **in this our entire parish member fundraising endeavor.** **We are asking and encouraging, all Holy Name Society men, all P.C.C.W. ladies and those youth over the age of 16 years old, to please consider using their time and talent in volunteering their help.** Technology exhibits are open from 10 am until 4 p.m. thus you are able to choose your date and shift of 3 hours or 6 hours. Our venue is a food tent and we will working together with the Spencer F.F.A. Students and volunteers in doing food preparation, serving, etc. These are the Christ the King contact people that you can call to inform them of the dates and times you are able to commit to. Joan Meyer (715-384-2774) * Diane Lang (715-659-2324) * Diane Witmer (715-659-5852) * Mary Schellinger (715-659-4337) * Todd Rueth (715-659-5213) * Tom Springob (715-659-4225) Please call, as soon as possible, so your name can be written down with your date and time preferences.

Deadline for your phone response to these listed parishioners is * Tuesday-April 24th *** Thank you !**

An invitation is extended to the ladies of the parish to attend: Mfld. Deanery of Catholic Women "Spring General Assembly" on April 26, 2018 @ St. Andrew's Parish in Rozellville, WI. Guest Speak and Pastor: Fr. Sengole Vethanayagam Topic: Women of the Church * **Registration @ 5:30 p.m. * Dinner @ 6 p.m. * Meeting @ 7 p.m.**

Registration cost is **\$8.00 per person**. Come and enjoy and evening of spirituality, hospitality, friendships, basket raffles and door prizes. We ask that you bring baby disposable diapers, baby wipes or monetary gifts items for the Hannah Center in Mfld.

*** if you would like to carpool please be in church (north) parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Questions contact Diane Lang**

Ladies mark your calendars: Annual Mother / Daughter Breakfast will be hosted by the Holy Name Society on Sunday, May 20th, 2018 after the 8 a.m. mass.

Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, godmothers, and ladies who have given guidance to our families are extended an invitation to come to the dining hall of church and enjoy a good meal, on this special day! Men, teenage boys, and boys of the parish: your help is needed to set-up, prepare, serve, clean/up, etc. for this event. Please contact Todd Rueth @ 715-659-5213 to offer your time and talent to make this a memorable time for the ladies. Thank you.

A very "**heartfelt thank you**" to those parishioners who stepped up to accomplish the cleaning in the dining hall and the church after the application of blown insulation was done, which caused extensive and challenging clean up. **You showed us what can be accomplished when people like yourselves showed dedication to "your church and "it's appearance"**. God's blessings ... from Gary Niziolek / Maintenance and Judy / Parish Secretary

100 Years of Wedding Dresses! Join the Spencer Branch Library on **Monday April 23 from 6:30-7:30pm** as Anna Chilsen-Straub from the Marathon County Historical Society will present 100 years of wedding dresses. Anna will bring may different styles of dresses. This program is free and open to the public. For more information call 715-659-3996

Tuesday-April 24 * Community Outreach Meal for Everyone * St. John's Lutheran Church Hwy 13 North-Spencer. Serving from 5 to 6 pm

Ministry Participants: May * June * July * August * of 2018 schedule has been completed. Please stop to pick your copy up at the back table in the gathering room of church. Your time and talent in helping with these ministries is greatly appreciated.

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.

During the "Month of May " 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.**

Eternal Rest + Grant unto:

Charles Weber * April 15, 2018

Allan Sallee * April 16, 2018

Christ the King Parish family

extends sympathy and prayers to the families of Allan Sallee and Charles Weber.

Religious Education



D.R.E:

Mrs. Deb Mlsna

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Please pray for our students, and their families, who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. The sacrament will be celebrated on April 29 at the 10 am Mass. Please also pray for our catechists and volunteers who are preparing them. We have a large class this year with 15 students who will soon be receiving!

Last week was our last day of Sunday school! Thank you to Jackie Van Hoof for her hard work this year and to her helper, Lyra! This mother-daughter duo made a great team this year for our 4 and 5 year olds! A few years back we took a break from Sunday school and since that year we have been blessed with around 12 students signed up. It is nice to see the little one learning too. Sunday school will resume in October - have a blessed summer!

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, April 25: Faith Facts testing

Wednesday, May 2: Last night of CCD

Save the date: First night of class and Registration is September 5, 2018

Youth Ministry News

Youth Rummage Sale May 17 & 18 the youth will be holding a rummage sale at St. John's in the Columbia Rm. You are invited to donate your gently used items by bringing them during office hours to St. John's rel. ed. Office on Wed afternoon, May 16 from 3-6pm or Thur., May 17 from noon - 3pm. You are also invited to come purchase items from this sale to support our youth. Sale times are Thurs., May 17, 3-6pm and Fri., May 18, 8am-5pm St. John's school Columbia Room 307 N. Walnut Ave. For more info. please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

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. There will be an 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. If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

Youth Minister:

Mr. Dan Kitzhaber

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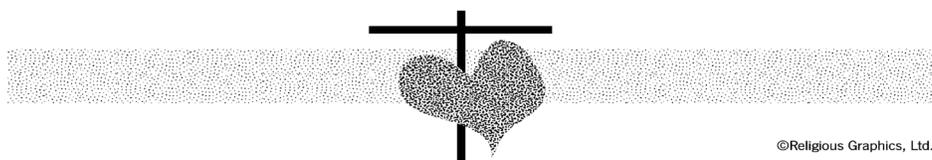
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***** Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage *****

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Veronica's Circle and all P.C.C.W. Parish Members * ATTENTION LADIES * Your help is needed to keep our organization active in the diocese and your parish. We would like to continue to have 5 P.C.C.W. Circles, in which each circle does one yearly fundraiser/function and assists in the rotation scheduling of funeral meal that occur. **St. Veronica's Circle has openings for two co-chairladies**, we ask that 2 ladies from St. Veronica's Circle **consider stepping forward to fill these openings**, in their circle. We are also asking ladies who are in other circles to also consider moving from their circle into **St. Veronica's as co-chairladies**. We are all team members, in this organization and the existing co-chairladies who volunteer are always available to answer any questions, you may have. Giving your time and talent to Christ the King Parish is a rewarding experience! 2018 updated PCCW Handbooks are available in the gathering room of church. As a reference, it lists functions that are done throughout the year and the monies earned that are given to support various parish projects. To learn more about your parish PCCW and its vital role, please contact any of the co-chairladies or PCCW officers. Thank you. Diane Witmer / PCCW President 715-659-5852

Dear People of God:

Our Lord encourages us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). On **April 22nd the Church will celebrate the 55th Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Please consider offering our Diocesan Prayer for Vocations on this day.

Heavenly Father, Bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you for all that you do to support and encourage priestly, diaconate, and religious vocations in your parish by your example of joy in your own vocation, and by your efforts to help our young people to discern their vocation.

In Christ, Rev. Alan Wierzba
Director of the Office for Vocations

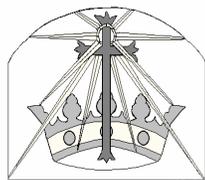
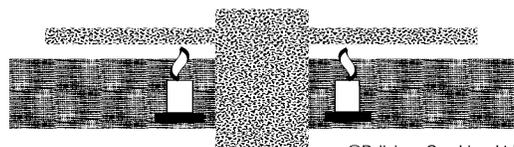
Rev. Billy Dodge
Coordinator of Vocational Recruitment

Farmers' Hotline With historically high numbers of farmers declaring bankruptcy, there is also a high amount of distress. There is HELP. We offer two helplines: The Farmers' Hotline in Madison is 800-942-2474 and Organic Valley farmer hotline number is: 888-809-9297

SPRING THRIFT SALE - Wednesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 8:00am - 6:00pm. Friday, May 11, 2018 is packing day no sales. Drop off days are Monday (May 7) and Tuesday (May 8). Please no early drop-offs. Location: N14921 Gorman Ave Quonset Hall, Thorp. Sponsored by the St Bernard/St Hedwig PCCW

The Family Life Committee members will again be participating in Mariann's Closet and will be **collection late Sept. thru Oct. 2018**. While going through your winter children's items that no longer fit them, these are the items needed: Children's Outerwear, **ONLY (sizes to fit Newborn to Age 12)** * Winter Coats * Winter Snowpants * Winter Mittens * Winter Hats * Winter Boots * Winter Scarves * Please NO young adult or adult winter clothing. Questions can be directed to Sue Toufar.

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. *



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.

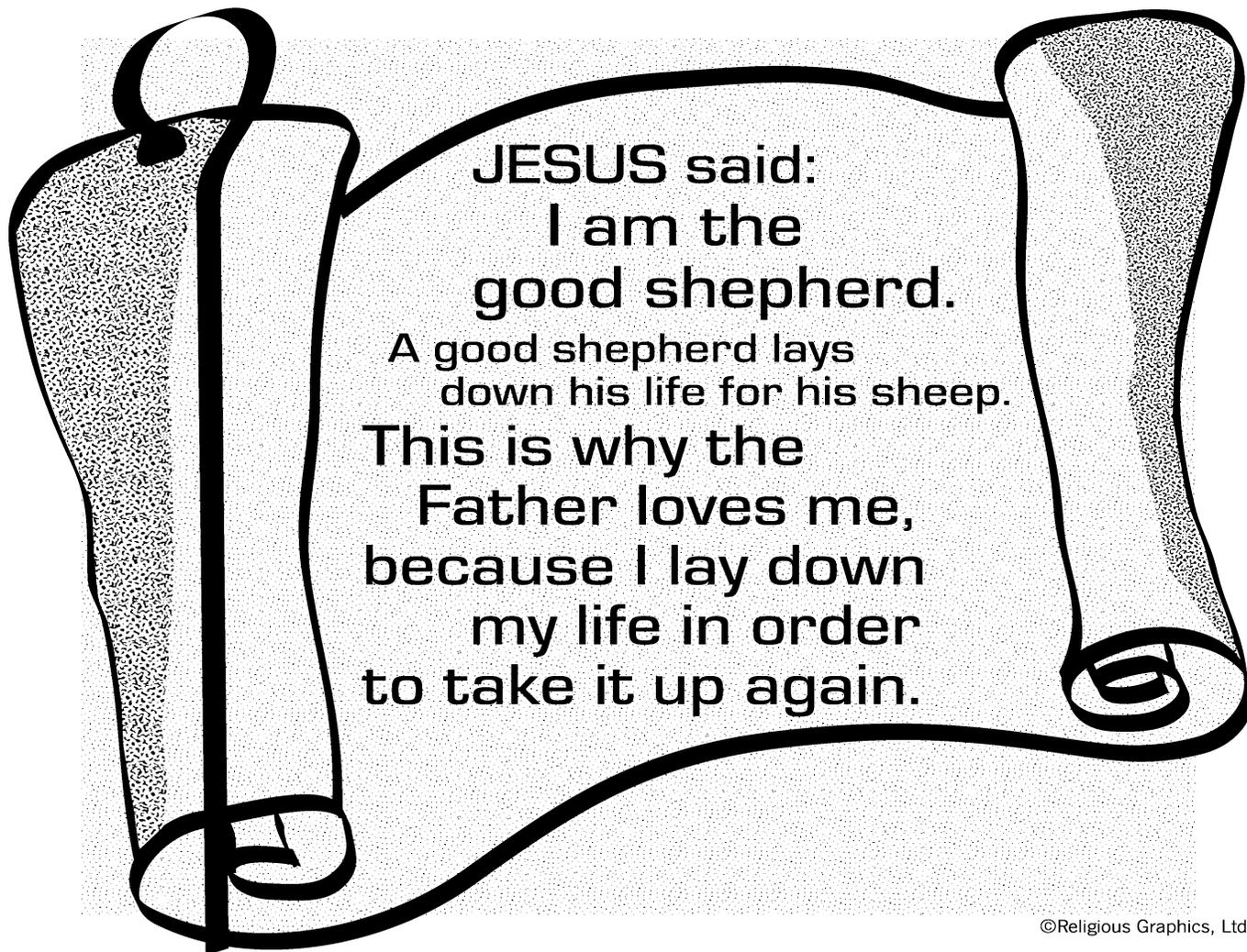
Christ the King Staff: Fr. Samuel Martin : Pastor * Fr. Daniel Sedlacek : Associate Pastor

* 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



**JESUS said:
I am the
good shepherd.**

**A good shepherd lays
down his life for his sheep.**

**This is why the
Father loves me,
because I lay down
my life in order
to take it up again.**

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