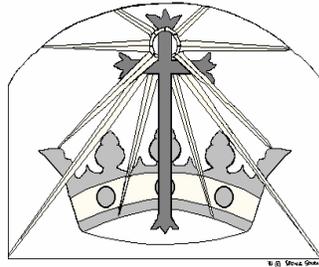


CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017



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Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants

Monday - May 8, 2017 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Acts 11:1-18 * Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday - May 9, 2017 * Mass @ 8:30 am * Acts 11:19-26 * Jn 10:22-30 * Mass Intention: + Jerry LaSee

Wednesday - May 10, 2017 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Acts 12:24—13:5 * Jn 12:44-50

Thursday - May 11, 2017 * Mass @ 8:30 am * Acts 13:13-25 * Jn 13:16-20 * Mass Intention: + Gilbert and Jerry LaSee

Friday - May 12, 2017 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Acts 13:26-33 * Jn 14:1-6

Saturday - May 13, 2017 * 4 p.m. Mass

Readings: Acts 13:44-52 * Jn 14:7-14

Mass Intention: + Anton and Agnes Loss

Lector: Laurie Weber

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Kappel * Laurie Weber * Volunteer needed

Servers: Bradley and Darron Willcome

Crucifix Bearer: Alyssa Willcome

Ministers of Welcome: Sue Kappel and Jordan Willcome

Sunday - May 14, 2017 * 8 a.m. Mass * Happy Mother's Day *

Readings: Acts 6:1-7 * 1 Pt 2:4-9 * Jn 14:1-12

Mass Intention: Priest's Intention

Lector: Carol Sallee

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

Servers: Joseph Justman and Montana Kohls

Crucifix Bearer: Nathan Derks

Minister of Welcome: David and Steven Hebert

Sunday - May 14, 2017 * 10 a.m. Mass * Happy Mother's Day "

Readings: Acts 6:1-7 * 1 Pt 2:4-9 * Jn 14:1-12

***** Baccalaureate Mass *** Senior Class of Spencer High School and Columbus High School**

Mass Intention: + Marcella Hill

Lector: Rita Austin

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sharon Kobs * Barbara Ward * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Nathan Rucker

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Diane Lang and Wesley Johnson



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— From the Desk of : Father Samuel Martin —

Praised be Jesus Christ! *"Most people (during the Middle Ages) got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet while getting married."* People come up with some pretty crazy explanations, don't they?! For the record, the quote claims things that are untrue. When we were kids we had a weekly bath and even that required a lot of flowers to keep us presentable to the public. The moral of this story is to be critical of what you read. St. Paul's admonition to "test all things and retain what is true" (1 Thes. 5:21) is as relevant today as it was when he wrote it. What follows is a brief financial history of the parish and a chance to decide whether or not my version is accurate. From what I've read and learned from parishioners, Christ the King has always been a generous parish. In the beginning they were a mission church but eventually built the parish church (1938) and had their own resident pastor. The biggest renovation project was in 1994, when the gathering space was built on to the original church. Of all the improvements over the years, this was a significant one that continues to allow us to grow as a community because we have the space to get to know each other after Mass. When we pray we grow closer to God and that communion is then extended to our parish and the greater community when we spend time with each other. For the record, our gathering space is one of the nicest I've ever come across. In terms of future projects, we will be replacing our kneelers sometime this month. They are completely worn out and that will be in preparation for the day when we have to replace our pews. God willing, the pews will give us another 10-20 years, but the kneelers will fit them when we have to take that step. Our sound system will need to be replaced at some point too, but again we hope for a few more years with the present system. At this time in our parish history our level of giving is robust and allows us to both pay our bills and continue to update our physical plant while also serving our people and the greater community. However, financial life ebbs and flows, which makes bequests very valuable as a foundation that steadies our ship. If you've never considered naming Christ the King in your will this might be the time to think and pray about it. For those who leave a gift to the parish, some make a specific request as to how it will be used (e.g. someone recently left a generous gift to be used for our CCD program) while others choose to simply leave money to the parish to decide how to use it. For example, a parishioner did this last year and we're using it to repair some of the crumbling concrete on the south side of the church. These are things you can think about and pray about; the best way I've ever heard is to consider the question, "If I can do more, should I?" Oh, and don't forget to take a bath sometime this month!

May God help us to be cheerful givers!

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.

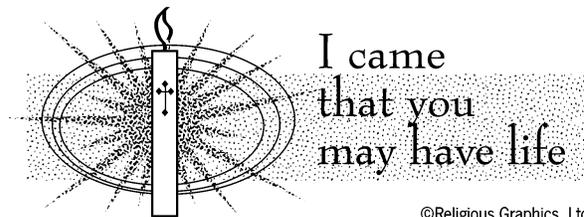
Sacraments

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 Street

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

Christ the King parishioners are a very loving and generous congregation and your love has been shown to Bruce and Diane Trampush: you gave from your heart in an outstanding way when a second collection was taken up for them because of their house fire. When this request was made by Father Martin, the parishioners of Christ the King and visitors did not hesitate to give monetarily what they were able for our church family members, Bruce and Diane.
God's blessings to each of you for your fantastic generosity .



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.

During the month of May, the Social Justice Committee members of the parish will be collecting "**Baby Shower Gifts**" for the Hannah Center. A "Wish List" will be provided in the Play-n-Pack, placed in the gathering room of church. Also this year is the "**Baby Bottle**" to take home and place your loose change in during the month to be returned back to the church at the end of May. The Family Life Committee has decided to **Not to Participate** in the "**Rose Sale**" for the Hannah Center. We encourage you to please participate in the Baby Shower and Baby Bottle collections. Thank you for your past support of the Rose Sale.

The "Priestly Ordination" of Deacon Aaron Becker will take place on Saturday – June 24th, 2017 @ 10:30 @ the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. A bus has been acquired for parishioners to have transportation to La Crosse and back on June 24th. **Cost of \$15.00 per person, this amount is to be paid when you register.** Space is limited to 49 bus seats and will be filled on "First Come & Paid" basis. **Please register by calling parish office @ 715-659-4480 and talking to parish secretary, Judy. A required Mandatory "Adult Medical Release and Permission Form" is needed and Judy will provide one for you, when you register. You are asked to bring the form with you on Saturday morning, June 24th. ** NOTE CHANGE ** The Progressive Travel Bus will be in the Christ the King church parking lot @ 7:00 am and leaving @ 7:15 am than stopping @ St. John's in Mfld. for pick up leaving @ 7:30 am for La Crosse.** Deacon Aaron Becker's ordination, will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend but wish to watch using their computer or other connected device. Use this link at: www.dioc.org/live the day of the Aaron's ordination .

**Christ the King parish wishes to extend a
"Welcome" to new members:
Blas Reyes and Maria Fileto
and their son, Blas Reyes, Jr.**

Saturday-May 13-St. Philip Parish in Rudolph, WI * Grotto Shrine and Wonder Cave - Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition at Fatima. Mass @ 10 am in church * Confession @ 11 am-noon * Noon - rosary at the Grotto and confession 1 pm-2 pm in the Grotto * Rosary @ 2 pm at the Grotto Shrine. * Pope Francis grants plenary indulgence for the Fatima Centennial.

Wednesday-May 10 (8 am-6 pm) * Thursday-May 11 (8 am- 6 pm) Spring Thrift Sale @ St. Bernard-St Helwig Catholic Church in Thorp, WI

Sunday-May 14-Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus and Corpus Christi Youth Ministry @ KC Hall in Mfld. with serving 8 am until 11:30 am

Youth Rummage Sale: May 18 & 19 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 Wednesday afternoon, May 17 from 3-6pm or Thursday, May 18 from noon -3pm. You are also invited to come purchase items from this sale to support our youth. Sale times are Thursday, May 18, 3-6pm and Friday, May 19, 8am-3pm St. John's school Columbia Room 307 N. Walnut Ave.
For more info. please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber .

To those who subscribe to "Give US This Day" monthly prayer booklets. **The cost for one year's subscription is \$29.95** Please submit your payment, directly to Diane Witmer either in cash or make out check in the amount of \$29.95 to Diane Witmer. We are asking that you take care of this in a timely manner. Thank you .

"Reflecting on Sunday's Readings" Add to your Mass awareness with a Scripture study based on Sunday readings. Join us for a closer look at the readings for 5 Sunday's. Study starting on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:45 pm in the Bride's room at St John's. **To register** please call Carol Jonas at 715-676-3989 by May 22nd.

The completion of the "Trinity Dome", in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the National Shrine in 2020, is a monumental undertaking for which the Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place on **Mother's Day weekend-May 13 & 14, 2017**. Christ the King parish will participate in this national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Before its 100th anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion to the National Shrine. **Contribution envelopes will be placed at the end of the church pews.** Please take one if you choose to give to this cause. For more information on the National Shrine you can go this website: www.trinitydome.org

Religious Education



D.R.E:

Mrs. Deb Mlsna

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As we wrap up another year of Religious Education, I want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who assisted with our Religious Education program this year! Thank you to our catechists, to Sharon Rollins, Michele Hannan, our Teen Angels (helpers), Rosary Leaders, Father Martin, Father Sedlacek, Deacon Jeff and everyone who assisted with and supported our program! Our Catechists and volunteers include: Cheryl Stange, Sue Strebe, Cheryl Willcome, Jordan Willcome, Kay Derks, Rachael Eckes, Shanna Kohls, KaSandra Justman, Leigh Anne Sieracki, Jeff Siegel, Jackie Fitzgerald, Stacy Wolf, Jess Becker, Nicole Strebe, Cindy Clark, Sharon Rollins, Michele Hannan, Laurie Weber, Sue Mews and Jackie Van Hoof.

We are so very blessed by our volunteers!

Our Religious Education classes have concluded for this year!

Registration and first night of classes for the school year 2017-2018 is **September 6**, 2017. Enjoy your summer!

Youth Ministry News

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Youth Minister:

Mr. Dan Kitzhaber

Christ the King:

715-659-4480 ext. #4

St. John the Baptist:

715-384-3252 ext. #6

Email:

yministry@frontier.com

World Youth Day 2019 in Panama update The next World Youth Day gathering will be in Panama in 2019. Because it will be in January, we will not be organizing a pilgrimage but are instead looking at offering a foreign mission trip in the summer of 2019. If you have any other questions, 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 28-30 The cost will be about \$260 includes most meals, transportation, & all housing

For more information, please contact: Dan Kitzhaber

CATHOLIC Adventure Camp July 9-14. 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 about \$400 for youth and \$200 for adults.

Signup soon. Financial help is available. If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Participants: May * June * July and August 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.

Parishioners of Christ the King * Deacon Aaron Becker has created and sent his "Gift Registry Wish List" to the parish office. You may take time to look over the items, which are in a black binder and the binder has been placed on the back table. You are requested to call the parish office, during office hours, at this phone number # 715-659-4480 * so that the master list can be checked, to see if item has not been chosen as a gift, by another parishioner. Once the list is checked, it is your responsibility to order item you have chosen. * Black Binder is not to be taken out of church, so everyone has a chance to look at it.

Want more love and joy in your Marriage and Family? The Domestic Church movement is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse. It is a lay led ministry for sacramentally married couples that enhances marriage and family life by opening the treasures of the Church's teachings on love and life. We invite all couples to take part in this initiative. The first step is to attend the evangelization retreat that will be held at St. Anthony Spirituality Retreat Center on **May 18-21** (Thursday evening through Sunday at noon). Couples who attend the retreat tell us how wonderful it is to experience the love of Christ together as spouses. If you need more information about this movement, please call 608-791-2673 or email ahinzen@diolc.org. To register online go to: <http://diolc.org/marriage/> and click on marriage enrichment.

BASEBALL FANS: Save the date: Thursday-July 20, 2017 for our "Parish Family Night" with the Wausau Woodchucks, organized by the Family Life Committee. Watch the weekend bulletin in June for the sign up details.

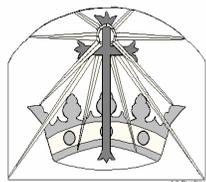
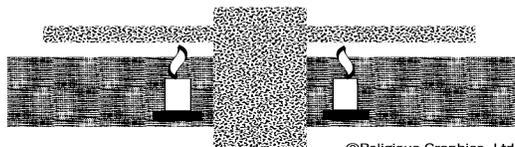
An invitation is extended to you to attend: Queen of the Americas Guild Annual Conference at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, WI**. Theme: CRISTIADA / The Victory of Christ the King / Through the Intercession of His Virgin Mother of Guadalupe. Dates: **July 21 and July 22, 2017**. Open to the Public. Detailed information sheets have been placed on back table in the gathering room of church.

Attention Engaged Couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: Two Becoming One* classes in Marshfield starting this fall. The dates for 2017-2018 are: **August 19, November 4, 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 or 715-650-7310.

Save the date: Our next parish pilgrimage (God willing) is tentatively scheduled for April 16-26, 2018. The date could change a day on either end, depending on flight confirmation. We'll start in Paris, then fly to Lourdes, then bus from Lourdes across Spain from east to west, ending in Fatima and flying home from Lisbon. Cost will be in the range of \$3,000.00.

***** **Diocesan Annual Appeal 2016 / 2017** ***** **Our parish goal of \$34,469.00 has been made !!! Thank you & God's blessings to the families who have given to this appeal. Reminder:** Those who have chosen the monthly payment plan, please remember to keep your commitment and pay . If not paid by deadline of middle of June, it is the responsibility of Christ the King Parish to pay the amount owed for this appeal.

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

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

In green pastures
he gives me repose;
he refreshes
my soul.

Even though
I walk through
the valley of
death, no evil
will I fear; for
you are at
my side
with your
rod and
staff
that give
me
courage.



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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