

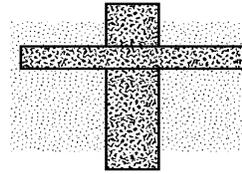
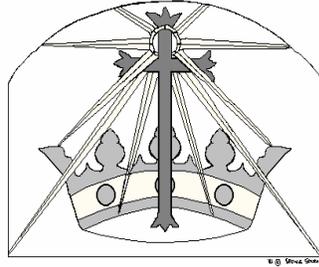
CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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**Twenty-first Sunday
In Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018**



**Decide today
to follow
the LORD**

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Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants

Monday - August 27, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 * Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday - August 28, 2018 * Mass @ 8:30 am * 2 Thes 2:1-3,14-17* Mt 23:23-26 *

Mass Intention: + Anton and Agnes Loss

Wednesday - August 29, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * 2Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 * Mk 6:17-29

Thursday - August 30, 2018 * Mass @ 8:30 am * 1 Cor 1:1-9 * Mt 24:42-51 * **Mass Intention: + Ed Kappel**

Friday - August 31, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * 1Cor 25:1-13 * Mt 25:1-13

Saturday - September 1, 2018 * 4 p.m. Mass

Readings: 1Cor 1:26-31 * Mt 25:14-30

Mass Intention: + Clarence Willcome

Lector: Laurie Weber

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Laurie Weber * Volunteer Needed * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Joseph and Emily Justman Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Sue Strebe and Volunteer is very much needed

Sunday - September 2, 2018 * 8 a.m. Mass

Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 * Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 * Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

Mass Intention: Priest's Intention

Lector: Deb Mlsna

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Marcia Draeger *Doreen Hebert * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Becca and Alexis Mlsna Crucifix Bear: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: David and Steven Hebert

Sunday - September 2, 2018 * 10 a.m. Mass

Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 * Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 * Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of Makovec / Reise Families

Lector: Pauline Frome

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Richard Bruss * Dennis Gonnering * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Shane Bauer and Needed Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Nancy Kautza and Steven Fleischmann

From the Desk of : Father Samuel Martin

Praised be Jesus Christ! Well, a new school year is about to begin and the kids are chomping at the bit. Fittingly, this column will be dubbed a back to school special and will demand that you put on your thinking cap. Are you ready? A classmate sent me the following canonical conundrum a month ago: Canon 916 states that "*A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess. In this case, the person is to remember the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition which includes the resolution of confessing as soon as possible.*" What does this mean in layman's parlance? Well, let's say a Dad is with his family at Mass and the kids know that their Dad has not broken the one-hour fast. If all of them go to Communion and their Dad hangs back the kids might wonder "what did Dad do that he can't even receive Holy Communion?" They would surmise that Dad must have done something really bad. Now you probably already know that the Church's teaching is that one is not obliged to reveal publicly the state of his soul because doing so might have grave implications. In other words, nobody has a right to know whether or not a person is in the state of sanctifying grace or not. If the Dad knows his children will be fully aware that he has not received Communion and that this will cause them a real crisis in faith, he is allowed to receive the Lord (but only if he intends to go to confession as soon as possible so that the grave sin can be forgiven and forgotten by God). I share this anecdote here because I remember as a kid sometimes trying to get to confession before Mass but the line was too long for me to succeed. I was correctly taught that I could receive but that I must promise to get to confession as soon as possible. Nowadays there is also the possibility of coming up for a blessing – this is another way of loving Jesus enough not to receive Him when we're ill-prepared. Again, this respects the state of our conscience but does not disclose to others that we need to go to confession before receiving the Lord. While I'm not exactly sure this will make sense as it's written, it also gives me an opportunity to share my philosophy about sin and conversion. Some priests do not allow couples living together to get married in the Catholic Church (or they do not allow them to have a Mass, only a ceremony). I think this is a valid approach. Just the same, my take is to try to bring the couple to a place of conversion. In other words, I allow them to get married, but make it clear that they cannot receive Holy Communion without making a good confession. My hope is that such an approach will give the Holy Spirit room to move in their hearts and help them to recognize that sin only brings sadness and discouragement in the long run. Please hear what I'm saying: 1) Living together before marriage is morally dangerous – it's sinful if the marital act is engaged; 2) God wills that all sinners find the path that leads to true happiness and love; 3) conversion is the process that results in the aforementioned happiness and love – and this conversion, an act of God, is best fostered with patience, truth, and charity. I would say that around half of the couples getting married in our parishes are living together before their wedding. More and more couples see the disillusionment that cohabitation entails and are choosing a narrower but more rewarding path. But for those who are living together, the Church opens her heart and invites them to taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Does this approach foster a higher rate of conversion than others? I suspect we'll only know the answer to that on the other side. For now we trust the Lord best when we spend time with Him in Adoration, receive Him devoutly in Holy Communion, and confide in Him wholeheartedly in confession.

May God bless all students, teachers, and parents as we embark on a new school year!

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)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Co-op * Weekend of August 25 & 26, 2018

Sister Martha Mafurutu made her mission presentation at each of the weekend masses. Contributions envelopes were placed at the end of the pews as to placing your generous donation and then returning it to the parish and placing it into weekend collection baskets. Your commitment and support large or small is greatly appreciated. God's many blessings to you & your families.

REMINDER to Parishioners * 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for 2017 - First Friday – Sept. 7 through Sept. 8

****** Starting at 9 am on Friday an ending at 9 am on Saturday) Note: There will be a prayer petition book placed out the week prior to our First Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Anyone wishing to have petitions offered during Adoration may enter their petition into the book and they will be prayed for. **Attention: Church doors are locked @ 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. if you are coming to pray during this time please knock on door (under carport) 5 minutes before the start of each hour and you will be let in by person already inside of church.**

Thanks for remembering my birthday! I am sorry I'm so late in acknowledging the many thoughtful (and funny!) cards, as well as food, gifts, and many prayers. My Dad has been sick, so that has kept me more preoccupied than usual. Your kindness is a remarkable gift in my life and I want you to know how much that means to me. May God bless and reward you one hundredfold!

Praise and Worship at Saint John's: Thanks to the gifts God has given, we will now be able to host a monthly hour of praise and worship. We will meet the **first Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** and worship God by singing songs that will both inspire and open us to God's healing graces. The praise and worship session will take place in the context of Eucharistic Adoration and will conclude with Benediction. A priest (and sometimes 2 priests) will be available for confessions in the bride's room – this is a continuation of the long practice of Friday evening confessions at Saint John's. Please join us and bring a friend. There are many ways to pray and the Holy Spirit will guide us as we lift up our voices in praise of the God and Father who made us. **Our next session is scheduled for Friday - September 7th.**

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** Welcome to Christ the King Parish Family **

Nate and Raquel Bennington

and their children: Blake, Brock and Blair

Ministry Participants: Sept. * Oct. * Nov. * Dec. * 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.

Sunday-August 26 * Holy Family Church Bazaar * Willard, WI * Mass @ 9:30 am * Meal-Buffer Style serving from 10:30 thru 1:30 pm Bucket Raffle / Bake Sale / Produce

Wednesday * Music in the Spencer Lion's Park Shelter * August 29. 6:30 pm-8 pm

Tuesday-August 28 * Community Outreach Meal for Everyone-St. John's Lutheran Church-B3750 Hwy 13 North Spencer-Serving 5-6 pm

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– Sept. 6, 2018**
Theme: Examen of Consciousness @ St. John's in Mfld.

Men of the Cross Conference The Fourth Annual

Men of the Cross Conference is slated for **Sat. Oct. 27, at Logan Middle School in La Crosse.** Detailed information along with registration form can be located on back table, in gathering room of church.

Attention First and Second Degree Knights of

Columbus: Fr. John Eisen Council 1799 will be hosting a Second and Third Degree Exemplification on Sunday, Sept. 9th in the Columbia Room in the lower level of St. John's School. Registration will start at Noon and the Second Degree Ceremony will begin at 1:00 PM with the Third Degree to follow. This would be an excellent opportunity to advance in the Order ahead of the Fourth Degree Ceremonies to be held later in the month. For more information please call the Grand Knight at 715-387-3965.

The **next "Baptismal" preparation class will be on Tuesday - October 2, 2018 @ 5:30 pm - 8 pm.** @ St. John's in Mfld. / **Columbia room of the school.** * You are served a nicer little meal * Pre-registration is required; please do so by calling 715-659-4480. For those not registered as members at Christ the King parish, information will be given on how to do so. This class is mandatory for all parents expecting their first child and/or those who have not taken Father Martin's baptismal class.

Career Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus is seeking a "field agent" for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus organization. For more information, please contact, Ludger J. Borger, General Agent @ 715-551-0228 or email Ludger.Borger@Kofc.org

Religious Education



D.R.E:

Mrs. Deb Mlsna

715-659-4480 ext. #3

ReligiousEd@frontier.com

The Religious Education office has been busy, busy, busy! Registration letters have been mailed out so if you have not received your letter, please let Deb know.

Catechists needed: We are need of catechists for grades 5 & 6. Please contact Deb for more information.

In-Service on August 29 starting at **6:30pm**.

Please pray for our catechists as we begin a new year of Religious Education.

Registration and first night of class for grades 1-8 is **September 5, 2018**. Everyone should report to church by **6:30pm** for a meeting with Father Martin and to dismiss students to their classes (as long as a catechist is available).

Parents will be able to pick up their children by 7:30pm.

Youth Ministry News

Youth Minister:

We welcome Dave Alcott to our parish staff ! Dave is married and the father of 5 (with number 6 on the way). He will be stepping into the formidable shoes of youth ministry and evangelization. Please pray for a smooth transition for Dave and his family and when you see him, make him feel welcome with open hearts and arms!

Christ the King:

715-659-4480 ext. #4

St. John the Baptist:

715-384-3252 ext. #6

The Sacrament of Confirmation * will take place on Sunday-Sept. 16 @ 5 p.m. @ St. John the Baptist, Mfld. for those youth of our parish who have been taking instruction and preparing to receive this special sacrament. Please pray for them.

Confirmation: Confirmation is a true sacrament instituted by Christ and different from baptism. It is administered by laying-on of hands and anointing with chrism accompanied by prayer. The chrism is blessed by the bishop and the bishop administers the sacrament. All baptized persons can and should be confirmed.

The effect of the sacrament of confirmation is to give strength in faith and for the confession of faith and to impress an indelible character.



CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Spirit of God, grant me:

The gift of **wisdom** to see the world through your eyes,

The gift of **counsel** to make difficult decisions,

The gifts of **knowledge** and **understanding**

to use my mind to know you and to love you,

The gift of **fortitude** to have the courage to live in the faith, despite the difficulties and disappointments,

The gift of **piety** to be able to express my special love and commitment to you,

and the right kind of awesome **fear** that makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love. Amen.



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***** Attention ***** Christ the King is **always seeking parishioners to serve in various "Ministries"** for the weekend Masses here at Christ the King. These ministries include lector / cross bearer / server / minister of Holy Communion / Minister of Welcome (usher). Consider wisely how you can serve God and your parish through these ministries. If you have questions about a particular ministry, do not hesitate to ask questions of those parishioners who already are in that ministry and can give you an insight as to what their part is in the celebration of the mass. You may also ask Father Martin, Father Barry or Deacon Jeff Austin about any of the ministries.

Instruction Team), a specialized religious education program, is being offered to students with cognitive disabilities who struggle with the inclusive challenges of standard programs offered by their parishes. This class will offer individualized instruction through the use of art, story telling, song and fellowship. A multisensory approach is used to create an environment that is exciting and fun to learn in. Class format and structure are based on the cognitive levels, needs, and individual abilities of the students enrolled. Lessons are based on Bible stories, events from the church year and living our Catholic faith. Classes meet the first two on Monday evenings of the month beginning in October. **Cost is \$20 if registered by September 1, 2018.** For further information contact :Vivian Gamble (659-5555) or Krisan Williams (387-2119)

RURAL LIFE DAY MASS AND CELEBRATION * Wednesday, September 19, the Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 38th annual Rural Life Day on the Wall-Stone Holsteins farm owned & operated by the family of Dr. AnneMarie Elwing, Kevin, Emil & William Walleser, located at S7414 Fortner Rd., De Soto, WI 54624. The day begins with 10:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan and is followed by awards, recognitions, blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by the women of the St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa. For a [brochure](#), visit www.dioc.org/rural-life and click on the designated link. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, dkitzhaber@dioc.org.

Bishops Call for a Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life The U.S. Bishops urge our participation in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, **each Friday from August 3 through September 28**. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, invited all people of good will to join in this campaign of prayer that the change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. You can join this and subsequent Call to Prayer efforts at www.usccb.org/pray. Participants will receive weekly prayer reminders by text message or email. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants will be encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for this intention and will receive important facts about how *Roe v. Wade* is not health care, is bad law, and fails women. * **Copies of this "Prayer Novena" can be found on back table in church, for your use.**

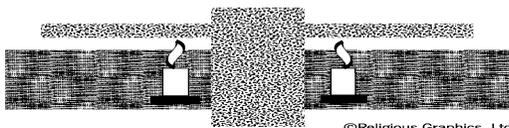
Attention Engaged Couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: Two Becoming One* classes starting this fall. The dates for 2018–2019 are: November 3rd, 2018, February 16th, 2019 and April 6th, 2019. Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months 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.

***** Out of Town Mass times ***** When you and your family are traveling, do not stress out about missing Mass. It is easy to locate a Parish near where you are staying by visiting this website: www.masstimes.org to find mass time for out-of-town churches, with a number of options (zip code, city, etc.)

Please note that if you or your loved one who is a member of this parish is admitted to the hospital you will not be asked which parish you are a member. Consequently, 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 to be anointed when necessary. Please call the parish office at 715-659-4480 with this information as to if someone in your family is in the hospital or nursing home, so that we can keep in contact with them.

Also if you have changed from a land-line to cell phone number please let parish office, know this.

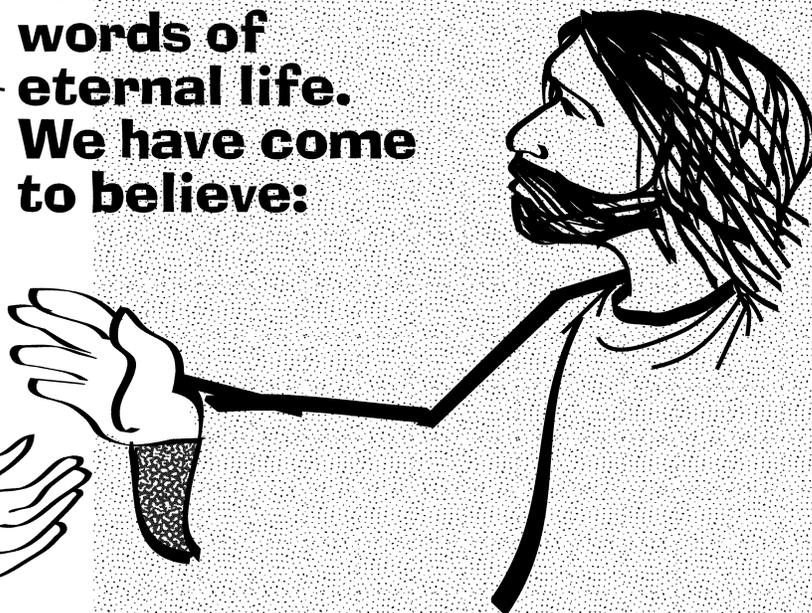
The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to victims of sexual abuse and their families. * Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances of Child Abuse posted on church bulletin boards. *





Simon Peter answered Him,

**Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the
words of
eternal life.
We have come
to believe:**



**we are
convinced
that you
are God's holy one.**

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PROMISE TO  *Protect*
PLEDGE TO *Heal*

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

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 any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.diolc.org. 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 La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@diolc.org