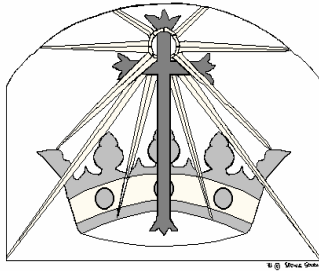


CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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**Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2016**



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Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants

Monday - Sept. 12, 2016 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * 1Cor 11:17-26,33 * Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday - Sept. 13, 2016 * Mass @ 8:30 am * 1Cor 12:12-14,27-31 * Lk 7:11-17 * Mass Intention: + Emil and Ronald Weiland

Wednesday - Sept. 14, 2016 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Nm 21:4-9 * Phil 2:6-11 * Jn 3:13-17

Thursday - Sept. 15, 2016 * Mass @ 8:30 am * 1Cor 15:1-11 * Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 * Mass Intention: Special Intention

Friday - Sept. 16, 2016 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * 1Cor 15:12-20 * Lk 8:1-3

Saturday - September 17, 2016 * 4 p.m. Mass

Readings: 1Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 * Lk 8:4-15

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of Elsinger Family

******* after mass "Welcome" Get-together for Father Sedlacek**

Lector: Larry Schultz

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

Servers: Bradley and Darron Willcome

Crucifix Bearer: Alyssa Willcome

Ministers of Welcome: Sue Kappel and Jordan Willcome

Sunday - September 18, 2016 * 8 a.m. Mass

Readings: Am 8:4-7 * 1 Tm 2:1-8 * Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Mass Intention: Priest's Intention

Lector: Deb Mlsna

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Deb Mlsna * Kay Derks * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Becca and Alexis Mlsna

Crucifix Bearer: Ken Williams

Minister of Welcome: Bruce Trampush and Nathan Derks

Sunday - September 18, 2016 * 10 a.m. Mass

Readings: Am 8:4-7 * 1 Tm 2:1-8 * Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Mass Intention: + Harry Witmer

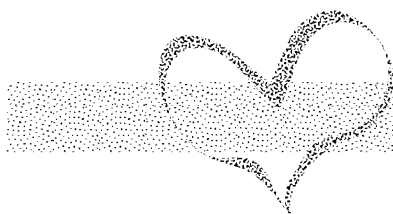
Lector: Pauline Frome

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sharon Kobs * Sue Mews * Volunteer Needed

Servers: Nicole and Ethan Hoff

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Steven Fleischmann and Dawn Allar



**GOD will not spurn a heart
that is contrite and humble**

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From the Desk of : Father Samuel Martin

Praised be Jesus Christ! *"The sky is falling"* – doesn't it seem like Chicken Little is everywhere these days? With his prognostications of doom and gloom, one wonders if there is some purveyor of pessimism that is subtly sowing his seeds of dissension. And of course the answer is "yes" – his name is satan, the father of lies. Sadly, he finds many of us to carry his message and it's for this reason that I've become increasingly wary of social media as I get older. I follow the news because it's important that we know for whom we should be praying. But I refuse to listen to people who insist on telling me half-truths or how I should be thinking about the issues they present. Given our current political climate, the chorus of "woe is me, the world is over, we're all going to heck in a hand basket" has become deafening. Frankly, I'm not nearly as worried about the political chaos as I am about the distinct possibility of the Cubs winning the pennant – you know that will usher in the Apocalypse, don't you?! Okay, I digress. This is a letter I was thinking of sending to the newspaper because it's time for more of us to stop whining and start doing our part to bring God's Kingdom into our world. And while you'll hear countless theories as to how we got ourselves into this predicament, the bottom line is that we've strayed from God. Attendance at Mass and all worship services is down and has been dropping since the 1950s. Some of this is because of hypocrisy and the sins of the clergy. But more of it is due to our addiction to comfort and our aversion to the cross. While using medicine to mitigate pain is fine, it seems we're obsessed with avoiding suffering at all costs (the proliferation of prescription drugs points in this direction). Once people refuse to see Jesus on the Cross and acknowledge that He promised we would suffer too, then we're susceptible to the devil's lie: *"you don't have to suffer."* This is an attractive lie, but it leads us to become petulant and petty, much like a pampered puppy who gets whatever he wants. Worse yet, we begin to indulge the fantasy that someone else is responsible for making me happy and providing for all of my needs. Maybe our government can be faulted for some of these trends. But the more mature person looks in the mirror and asks "what can I do for my country?" In a society drifting from God – and Jesus told us that we cannot serve both God and mammon (a.k.a. money) – we have devolved to a point we would have once thought impossible. Instead of working to defend the most defenseless human beings, we spend our time bickering about silly solutions like legalizing marijuana or bowing to the latest cultural trend. Now before this begins to sound like we're running up the white flag, allow me to quote from a book I read years ago: *"The Church recalls the great men (and women) of Christendom – like Charlemagne, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Francis of Assisi, (Saint Clare, Saint Teresa of Avila) and Saint Francis Xavier, to name a few – and holds them up as models for how true men live. Its message? Essentially this: You can aspire to be one of these – a builder of civilization, a great genius, a servant of God and men, or a heroic missionary – or you can be a self-absorbed nobody fixated on gratifying your appetites. Our society does everything in its power to ensure that you wind up on the latter path. Be your own person. Rise above the herd, declare your independence from a culture that thinks so little of you, and proclaim that you intend to live not as a beast but as a man,"* (How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization, pg. 210). Okay, that's what I've been thinking about when I hear so much wailing and grinding of teeth about the depressing world that we inhabit. As Red said in the movie Shawshank Redemption, *"Get busy livin' or get busy dyin'."*

May God fill our hearts with the wisdom, fortitude, and hope of the Saints!

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.

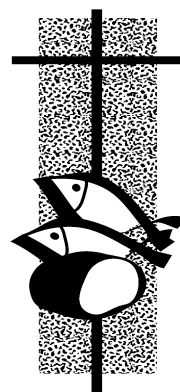
Sacraments

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



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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...	Mary Schellinger
*First Friday...	Sue Mews
Sunday Morning	Sue Kappel (substitute)
Sunday Morning	Rosie Frank (substitute)
Sunday Morning	Mary Schellinger (substitute)



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Christ the King Parish

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

***** Parishioners of Christ the King *****

*** Kick-off Weekend for this yearly appeal ***

*** September 10 & 11, 2016 ***

***** Diocesan Annual Appeal 2016 / 2017 *****

Theme: Sharing the Promise of Mercy

Our pledge goal is \$34,469.00

Your participation small or large

will help us to make our goal !!!

Return your pledge cards to parish office.

We pray that every parish family gives to this appeal.

Christ the King Parish Council of Catholic Women

(P.CCW.) **Fall meeting will be on Monday-September 12, 2016**

in the dining hall of the church at 6:30 p.m. * please note the

time change * An invitation is extended to the ladies of the parish to attend to see what your P.C.C.W. is all about. There will be speakers at our meeting, giving their insight as to their experiences at "World Youth Day" and their travels to Poland, they are not able to speak until the end of our meeting because of prior commitments. We look forward to seeing you.

Diane Witmer / President and Sue Mews / Vice-president

"THAT MAN IS YOU" is held each Tuesday morning @ Our

Lady of Peace in Mfld. We encourage the men of the parish to

join men who meet on Tuesday mornings @ 6 a.m. in

Dillenburg Hall. **The first meeting will take place on Tuesday**

morning-September 13th. Come see what we are all about !!!

Saturday-September 17, 2016 WELCOME to Christ the

King Parish for our associate pastor, Father Daniel Sedlacek

after the 4 pm. mass. The P.C.C.W. and Holy Name Society will be providing Bar B Q and Buns along with the beverage for the meal. An invitation is extended for you to attend.

Please bring a "Dish to Pass" to share with those who are

attending. Thank you!

Community Care Walk will be held on Sunday-October 2,

2016. * The Green Bay Packers do not play on this Sunday-it is their bye week. We encourage you to walk and bring a friend to enjoy walking thru Spencer. This walk supports the Kings Community Food Pantry. Registration is @ 12:30 pm at the Spencer Lion's Park Shelter with the walk starting @ 1 pm. Christ the King Social Justice Committee

Christ the King parish wishes to extend a

"Welcome" to new members ...

Andy and Kelli Follen

and

Kirk and Amy Kramp

and their daughters: Ella and Mya

Sunday-Sept. 11 * St Mary's "Fall Festival" 205 South 2nd Street / Colby * Mass @ 10 a.m. * Chicken and Ham Dinner @ 10:30 and serving until 1 p.m. * Served Family Style * Adults: \$10 Children (12 & under) \$5 Preschool: Free * Drive up and Carry Outs available * orders will be brought to your car on the west side of Second Street in front of the church. Afternoon Outdoor Live Polka Music * Grounds open at 11 a.m.

Lady Knight's Fall Mtg. on Tuesday-Sept. 20 @ KC Hall in Mfld. Cocktails at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm and mtg. to follow. Cost of meal \$7.50 Please make reservation be calling Joan Zoellner at 715-389-2025 before Sat. Sept. 17th. All ladies are welcome to join call Joan or come to meeting

The **next "Baptismal" preparation class will be on Tuesday - October 4, 2016 @ 5:30 pm - 8 pm.** @ St. John's in Mfld. / **Columbia room of the school.** 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.

Inner Life on Relevant Radio: Some of you have asked if I would provide the dates and times when I'm on the radio. Once a month I work with Chuck Neff on a wonderful program called "The Inner Life." It's a call-in show that offers spiritual direction and is a beautiful experience of the Holy Spirit. The show is every day from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and it replays each evening from 9:00-10:00 p.m. I'll be on the show (barring a funeral, in which case another priest takes my place) on **October 5th**, November 21st, December 14th, and January 19th. Relevant Radio is at 93.9 FM or you can download their app. Please pray for the remarkable work being done by Relevant Radio! Father Samuel Martin

*** Evenings of Recollection** * Eucharistic Adoration and Reflection * Meditations in honor of the "Year of Mercy" led by Father Samuel Martin * Evenings will alternate between the parishes of St.. John's / Mfld and Christ the King / Spencer . Time: **6:30 pm-8 pm on October 6 @ Christ the King** Theme: St Teresa of Avila

"Gift of Silence" Fall Retreat * **October 20th through noon on October 23.** Join us at the beautiful Jesuit Retreat House on the shore of Lake Winnebago—Oshkosh, WI. Enjoy silence, prayers and listening to the voice of God. For more information please contact Mike or Carol Jonas at 715-676-3989 or Shirley Tremmel @ 715-384-3613

Men of the Cross-Join Bishop Callahan for our 2nd annual Diocesan Men's Conference @ Our Lady of Peace Parish in Mfld on Saturday-October 22, 2016. Online registration is \$30 per person and \$40 at the door. Lunch is included Please join us as we discern how God would have us be the men He has called us to be! Register today at www.menofthecross.org You may also get more information placed on back table in gathering room of church.

Religious Education



D.R.E:

Mrs. Deb Mlsna

715-659-4480 ext. #3

ReligiousEd@frontier.com

Religious Education classes have begun! Please pray for our students and catechists as we begin the new year! Our high school classes will begin this Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Next, Sunday, Sept. 18 is Catechetical Sunday! Thank you to all of our catechists for their part in passing on the faith! (Parents - this includes you of course!)

Bonus prayer testing! **September 28** is our bonus prayer testing night! Any student who can recite their prayers, on or before that night will earn a special reward that includes Father Martin!! Last year we had 14 students earn this reward, let's see if we can increase that number!!

Sunday School will begin on **October 2!!** **We are in need of a Sunday School catechist**, please contact Deb for more information. ** We may be able to split this between 2 volunteers to alternate weeks **

Anointing of the Sick / Opening Mass is October 5 at 6:40pm

Youth Ministry News

Youth Minister:

Mr. Dan Kitzhaber

Christ the King:

715-659-4480 ext. #4

St. John the Baptist:

715-384-4989 ext. #3

Email:

yministry@frontier.com

Young Adults There will be a "SWEET MEETING" for all young adults in the area on **Tues., Sept. 13** at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall at St. John's. Why SWEET? Because everyone is asked to bring a sweet treat to share. There will be time for socializing, praying and learning! For more information contact Dan Kitzhaber or Fr Sedlacek.

High School CCD & Youth Group The first night for High School CCD and Youth Group will be **Sept. 14.** CCD class time for high school students will be Wed., 6:30-7:45p.m. and Youth Group will meet from 8-9pm. For questions about high school CCD, contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

Diocesan Youth Rally – October 2 On Sunday, October 2, join a road trip to La Crosse for a Diocesan Youth Rally to celebrate this Year of Mercy. This event is for grades 6-12. The cost per person is ONLY \$15 per person and a new pair of socks. This includes bus transportation. The socks will be used to make care bags for the homeless. The day will include Lunch, Mass and some GREAT youth speakers. PLEASE RSVP BY SEPT. 15th by contacting contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

SHS High School Luncheon Bible Study: Starting **September 13**, then every Tuesday meet in room 310 during your lunch period. Bring a hunger to grow in your faith. We take turns providing the food. We read, discuss & share God's Word and the food. This year, we'll be reading the Gospel of Mark. This is a GREAT opportunity! Bring your friends!!

Teen & Young Adult Retreat Team Looking for teens and young adults to help lead youth retreats. Living Stones is the name of the group and it rocks! Meet lots of great people, grow in your faith, and have tons of fun. If interested, contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.



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

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On September 21-22, 2016, St. John's will host the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, traveling worldwide since 1947. The Fatima statue is on an historic two-year journey across America, March 2016 – December 2017, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, visiting more than 100 dioceses in 50 states. The Diocese of La Crosse is participating in the tour September 21-25, 2016. St. John's parish is planning a event to commemorate the Fatima apparitions. **The church will be open September 21, from noon until 8:00 PM, and September 22, from 6:30AM until noon. More information can be found on back table of church.**

Join us for a Bible Study on Psalms and Prayer. Learn about how Psalms have come down to us through the ages, and are still a vibrant and important part of the prayer of the Church. A six week study, starting Tuesday October 4th at 6:45 in the Bride's room at St John the Baptist. To register call Carol Jonas at 715-676-3989 by October 3rd.

Giving for Life Banquet - Summary The Hannah Center of Marshfield, WI will be hosting their annual Giving for Life Banquet on Thursday, **October 6th** at 5:30 pm at RiverEdge Golf Course. Proceeds will go towards furthering The Hannah Center's mission to assist women in life crisis through compassion and guidance in a nurturing environment. The evenings theme will be entitled "Stories of Survival" and the featured guest speaker will be Holly Hoffman from season 21 of Survivor Nicaragua. The night includes a meal, silent auction, raffles, guest speaker and other fun Survivor themed events. **To learn more about the event and purchase tickets,** visit www.hannahcenter.com or contact The Hannah Center at 715.387.6300.

Thursday, Oct. 13 – "Chalice of Mercy in the Year of Mercy" – St. John the Baptist Parish, Marshfield You are invited to the annual diocesan Gospel of Life Celebration on Oct. 13. Hear the inspiring Valentyna Pavsyukova, who immigrated to the U.S. from Ukraine at the age of 18, underwent a powerful conversion and founded Chalice of Mercy, a beautiful pro-life mission to Ukraine. Valentyna will speak of God's abundant graces in her life and mission and the latest initiatives of Chalice of Mercy. The 7:00 pm talk (parish school, lower level) will be preceded by 6:00 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist Parish, 201 W. Blodgett St. There will be a free-will offering at the talk to benefit Chalice of Mercy. To read a feature article on Valentyna or view some short videos, visit www.dioc.org/respectlife.

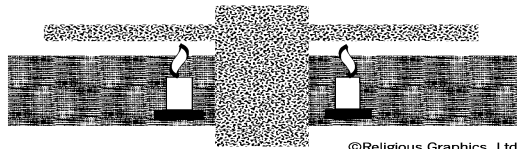
Attention Engaged Couples: Registration is now open for the "Married Love: Two Becoming One" classes in Mfld. starting this fall. The dates for 2016 / 2017 are: November 5 of 2016 * February 18 * April 8 of 2017. Couples should first contact their parish priest and then plan to attend one of these classes at least 6 months before their wedding date. Be sure to register early because classes fill quickly. For questions or to register please contact Alanna Hart at hart_alanna@yahoo.com or call 715-650-7310

We are looking for photos to place in "Parish Scrapbook". If you have taken any photos of activities (examples: baptisms, First Communion, confirmation, etc.) that have taken place here at the parish please submit them to Judy Hoff. Please place them in an envelope and mark envelope "photo for scrapbook", make sure to have description of photo on back of the photo. Judy Hoff's mailbox is just to the right of the sink in the gathering room of church. Thank you.

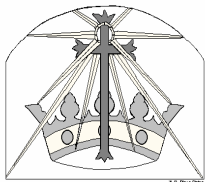
Check out the Lighthouse Kiosk! Located in the Gathering Room of church

If you would like to have a "Mass Intention" for a deceased loved one or special intention in **2017** 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.



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To place a prayer request on the Christ the King Prayer Chain, please call these prayer leaders:

Sue Mews (715-384-1780, 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.

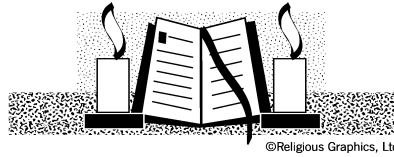
You may also place your requests on the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Prayer Chain by calling Shirley @ 715-384-3613 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists) and they will take your request.

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

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Pope Francis' Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him, show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



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