

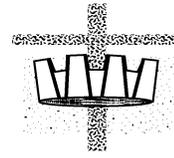
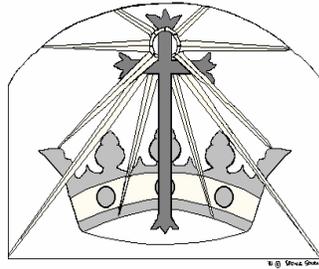
# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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**Twenty-third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
September 9, 2018**



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Those who love  
the LORD will  
be heirs to  
the Kingdom

**Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants**

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**Monday - Sept. 10, 2018 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* 1 Cor 5:1-8 \* Lk 6:6-11**

**Tuesday - Sept. 11, 2018 \* Mass @ 8:30 am \* 1 Cor 6:1-11 \* Lk 6:12-19 \* **Mass Intention: + Emil & Ronald Weiland****

**Wednesday - Sept. 12, 2018 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* 1 Cor 7:25-31 \* Lk 6:20-26**

**Thursday - Sept. 13, 2018 \* Mass @ 8:30 am \* 1 Cor 8:1-7,11-13 \* Lk 6:27-38 \* **Mass Intention: + Clarence Aumann****

**First Friday - Sept. 14, 2018 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* 1 Cor Nm 21:4-9, \* Phil 2:6-11 \* Jn 3:13-17**

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**Saturday - Sept. 15, 2018 \* 4 p.m. Mass      **Readings: Mi 5:1-4 \* 1 Cor 10:14-22 \* Jn 19:25-27****

**Mass Intention: + Souls in Purgatory**

**Lector: Larry Schultz**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Shelly Schulz \* Joan Meyer \* **Volunteer Needed****

**Servers: Alex Wolf and David Eckes**

**Crucifix Bearer: Needed**

**Ministers of Welcome: Jim and Laurie Doepke**

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**Sunday - Sept. 16, 2018 \* 8 a.m. Mass      **Readings: Is 50:5-9 \* Jas 2:14-18 \* Mk 8:27-35****

**Mass Intention: Priest's Intention**

**Lector: Viv Gamble**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ann Pankratz \* Kent Johnson \* **Volunteer Needed****

**Servers: Luke and David Ellefson**

**Crucifix Bear: Ken Williams**

**Ministers of Welcome: Kurt Feind and Nathan Derks**

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**Sunday - Sept. 16, 2018 \* 10 a.m. Mass      **Readings: Is 50:5-9 \* Jas 2:14-18 \* Mk 8:27-35****

**Mass Intention: + Andy Bodendorfer, Jr.**

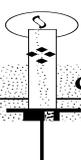
**Lector: Mary Buss**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Mews \* Dennis Gonnering \* **Volunteer Needed****

**Servers: Paige and Weston Bauer**

**Crucifix Bearer: Needed**

**Ministers of Welcome: Dawn Allar and Todd Schesel**

CHRIST  our LIGHT

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## From the Desk of: Father Samuel Martin

Praised be Jesus Christ! One of the quickest ways to date yourself is to talk about the music you grew up with. It's amazing how generational music can be, and it's only the rare song that transcends its era. When I was a kid the radio was always on before breakfast so that Dad could listen to the daily news. In the morning there was a lot of country music, so I remember trying to imitate the bass singer from the Oak Ridge Boys who made "Bobbie Sue" sound like it was coming from somewhere deep below the surface of the earth. My brother Tom loved music and he was always a step ahead of me in introducing me to the latest bands and their hit songs. One that I remember understanding from the first time I heard it was John Lennon's "Days like these." The refrain was one I'd sing when I was sad or discouraged: "Nobody told me there'd be days like these." During times of frustration or the disbelief that life can be so overwhelming usually brought that refrain to mind. And now we're living in such times again. Before making a modest response to the horror of abuse against children, please know the first response of the Church must always be that of a mother. And everyone knows that a mother takes children into her heart forever – we who are members of Holy Mother Church do that best when we pray and offer acts of reparation for those who have been wounded by the sins of others. At some point as a Church we must begin to offer Masses of reparation for the sins committed by bishops, priests, and religious. The Bishop of Madison asked his clergy to join him in fasting on specific days this fall and that's the right response to the evils that are saddening us to no end. Another wise response is to be very careful about what you read – a friend alluded to some of the sins (that are truly crimes that call out to God for justice) and it just about made me sick. It's not a good sign if we have some insatiable curiosity about the sins of others. Sometimes we cannot avoid such things as it's our duty to do something about it. But for most of us, the sins of clerical abuse took place years ago and miles away. For the good of your soul, be careful about ingesting the details of those terrible sins. And if you know of someone who has been abused by a member of the Church, please call the police and report it. Whatever the policies may have been in the past, the abuse of a minor is a terrible crime and must be duly revealed to the authorities who will rightly prosecute the perpetrator. As I'm writing this I once again remember the feeling I had as a kid when humming Lennon's tune – it's true, nobody told me there would be days like these. For as long as I've been a priest I've lived under the cloud of suspicion – the first major revelations of clerical abuse surfaced just two years after I was ordained. Please do not conclude that I'm fishing for sympathy. For priests who are innocent of these sins, God teaches us to offer our suffering the shame and humiliation of being stereotyped for the truly innocent young people who will spend years searching for healing and inner peace. Finally, as you know by now a letter from a high-ranking, retired Archbishop surfaced and it names people who colluded with the clerical corruption that birthed these scandals. While God will be the judge of each and every one of us, many of us are tired of a system that seems to have no desire to correct itself. And so we pray for God to send the Holy Spirit to heal the terrible pain the victims must feel, to purify the Church of clerical corruption, and to restore the hope that not even the devil can destroy Christ's Bride. Nobody told us there would be days like these . . . but Jesus will not fail.

May God protect us from the despair that comes from sin, and may He open us to the healing of His mercy!

Your friend in Christ,  
Father Martin

## Mission Statement

As members of God's family, Christ the King Parish will always be a welcoming community that comforts, shares its Catholic faith, and inspires others.

## Sacraments

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

**Marriage..** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting the parish pastor.

**Anointing of the Sick..** (which was known as Extreme Unction or Last Rites) has taken a different connotation since The Second Vatican Council. The sacrament is celebrated not only for those who are dying, but to those preparing for major surgery, the aged, and the sick. It is time for the Church to pray for and with those who are ill and anoint them with oil. The proper celebrant of this sacrament is a priest. Those who desire to receive this sacrament are to contact Fr. Martin, in advance.

### **Penance . . . Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

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### **Ministry to the Homebound...**

**First Sunday - Joan Meyer**

**Second Sunday - 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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### ***Christ the King Parish***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Christ the King Council of Catholic Women (P.C.C.W.)**

**Fall meeting will take place on Monday evening Sept. 10th, 2018 in the dining hall of church @ 7 pm.** An invitation is extended to the ladies of the parish to attend to see what your P.C.C.W. is all about and be part of the discussion of the activities, etc. for the upcoming year. Your participation, as a member, is necessary to keep this organization actively involved in the Marshfield Deanery.

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

Sister Martha Mafurutu wishes to "thank you" for your commitment and generosity with monies large or small for her mission in Zimbabwe. **God's many blessings to you & your families.** Fr. Martin received letter from Sister Martha, this past week and if you are interested in reading it, copies have been placed on back table.

### **Have you tried Formed?**

Hello! I would like to **invite you to try [formed.org](http://formed.org)** this week. Formed is like a Catholic Netflix, but so much more. There are movies, documentaries, bible studies, audio programs, and audio books. Formed is available online, and also available as an app for both android and IOS devices. There is an excellent fiction audio book available right now called "The Shadow of the Bear" by Regina Doman. My 13 year old daughter really enjoyed this book, and I did too. I would also recommend The Mother Teresa movie, and the Brother Francis episodes for young children. The **parish access code is c7b2ca**, you can create an account online at [formed.org](http://formed.org)

God Bless!

David Alcott

Coordinator of Evangelization Ministries

**Knights of Columbus Rosary Rally** \* Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary \* **Sunday-Oct. 7th @ 3 pm** taking place at the "Christ Guide Us On Our Way" statue on the **south side of Mfld. across from Wildwood Park entryway.** Plan to join us because as you know our country needs the help of the Blessed Mother and her Son now more than ever.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary \* **Sunday-Oct. 7th @ 3 pm** taking place at **St. John's Primary School \* Columbia Room** \* 3 pm Rosary \* 3:25 pm / Guest Speaker & Personal testimonies on the Power of Adoration \* 4 pm Potluck Supper-bring dish to pass. Sponsored by: Pope Saint John Paul II Perpetual Adoration Committee

### **\*\*\* Wedding Bann I \*\*\***

*Camron Schuh and Chelsea Bandoch*

*September 29, 2018 @ 1 p.m. Christ the King Catholic Church*

### **\*\*\* The Holy Sacrament of Baptism \*\*\***

*Baptized: September 9, 2018*

*Kendall Maria Krall*

*Parents: Travis and Allison Krall*

*God's blessings to Kendall and her family.*

### **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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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, Gary Niziolek at 715-387-3965.

**Sunday-Sept. 9** - Mass and Healing Service at St. Mathew Catholic Church \* 229 South 28th Ave. \* Wausau \* Mass @ 3:30 pm with confessions before from 2 pm until 3:15 pm

**Sunday-Sept. 9** - St. Mary Fall Festival \* 205 South 2nd St., Colby \* Open to the Public \* Mass @ 10 am \* Chicken and Ham Dinner serving 10:30 am until 1 pm \* Served Family Style. Drive Up and Carry Outs available by calling 715-223-3033 and orders will be brought to your car on the west side of 2nd St. in front of church.

**Ole and Lena Return!** The Edgar Fine Arts Association presents "Ole and Lena, Ole Runs for Office." Saturday, **September 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edgar School Auditorium.** Tickets are \$10.00.

**Help Catholic Charities Assist Flooded Residents of Gays Mills and Coon Valley Areas** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse has been on the scene helping those afflicted by the massive flooding in Coon Valley, Gays Mills and the surrounding areas caused by the heavy rainfall of Aug. 27-28. To see how you can help financially or by volunteering, visit [www.cclse.org/disaster-relief/](http://www.cclse.org/disaster-relief/) or call Catholic Charities' La Crosse office at 888-212-4357.

**2018 Women of Christ Conference: Take Courage...Be the Light** Held at Washington County Fair Park in West Bend, WI on **Sat., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** St. John's PCCW has reserved a coach bus (capacity of 36) for the women of the parish. **It will be open to women of other parishes, if we do not fill it.** Because of the line-up of speakers, this conference is expected to fill quickly. Early registration is encouraged! It is also important to reserve your seat on the bus as soon as possible. If registered as a group, a discount is applied. Please call Susan Youngwith **by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** at 715-384-4343 if you would like her to register you with the St. John's group and or to reserve your spot on the bus. To register on your own, go to [womenofchrist.net](http://womenofchrist.net) where you will find instructions on how to do so. **Speakers include:** Scott Hahn, Crystalina Evert, Sisters of Life, Fr. Philip Schumaker and Grace Mazza Urbanski. Archbishop Jerome Listcki will preside at the opening Mass.

**Parishioners of Christ the King**  
**Kick-off Weekend of Sept. 22 & 23, 2018 for**  
**2018/2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

**Theme: "Works of Faith, Labors of Love, Endurance of Hope"** Our pledge goal is: **\$35,985.00** Your participation small or large will help your parish meet this goal, as it has been accomplished in previous years! Please pray that every parish family gives to this appeal.

# Religious Education



**D.R.E:**

**Mrs. Deb Mlsna**

715-659-4480 ext. #3

[ReligiousEd@frontier.com](mailto:ReligiousEd@frontier.com)

Thank you for your prayers and support! **We have all of our catechists!** They are: Jackie VanHoof, Cheryl Stange, Cheryl Willcome, Rachael Eckes, KaSandra Justman, Shanna Kohls, Steve Fleischmann, Kristy Schesel, Mary Buss, Stacy Wolf, Cindy Clark, Deacon Jeff, Rita Austin and Todd Rueth. **Thank you!!** In addition to our Catechists, we have Sharon Rollins, teen and adult helpers, and rosary leaders! Thank you so very much! We are truly blessed! Our first full night of classes is **September 12** and we will begin at 6:30pm. Grades 9 & 10 also begin that evening.

Please pray for our students, catechists and families as we begin another year of Religious Education. There is much work to do to prepare for each week of passing on the faith, but truly this is a work of the heart. Our relationship with Jesus is something that needs to be nurtured so it may grow. This applies to all of us - children and adults alike. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in the year ahead. Thank you!

**October 3:** Opening Mass / Anointing of the Sick Mass at 6:40pm.

Sun, **October 7:** Sunday School classes begin for 4&5 year olds

Sun, **October 21:** Grade 7 class Mass at the 10am Mass

**October 31:** No CCD classes

# Youth Ministry News

**Youth Minister:**

**Dave Alcott**

**Christ the King:**

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**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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RURAL LIFE DAY MASS AND CELEBRATION** \* **Wednesday, September 19**, the Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Rural Life Day on the Wall-Stone Holsteins farm owned & operated by the family of Dr. AnneMarie Elwing, Kevin, Emil & William Wallaser, 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](http://www.dioc.org/rural-life) and click on the designated link. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [dkitzhaber@dioc.org](mailto: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](http://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.**

**Sesquicentennial Celebration Mass October 7** \* To complete our diocesan sesquicentennial anniversary, on Sunday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m., Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. A reception will follow at the La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza. Tickets are not required; all are encouraged to attend. Please go to [dioc.org/150](http://dioc.org/150) to RSVP by Sept. 20.

**Come, have a "BLAST from the Past" at the Mater Redemptoris House of Formation Trivia Night Fundraiser** to be held on **Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center**. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and we'll provide the FUN, the appetizers and drinks. Brush up on your 40s through 90s Trivia. Categories include literature, sports, movie, inventions, Religion, and the great state of Wisconsin. *Not into trivia? Not to worry!* You can volunteer or donate a basket. For more information and registration, visit [www.materredemptoris.org](http://www.materredemptoris.org) or call Sr. M. Mercedes at 608-788-4530.

**\*\*\* 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.

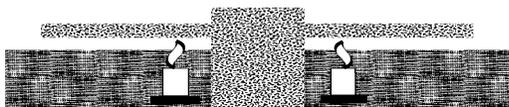
**Attention Engaged Couples:** Registration is now open for the *Married Love: Two Becoming One* classes starting this fall. The dates for 2018–2019 are: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Couples should first contact their priest and then plan 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](mailto: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](http://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.

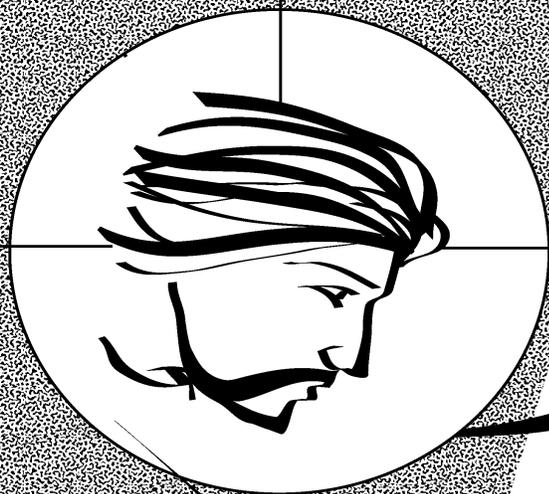
**Also if you have changed from a land-line to cell phone number please let parish office, know this.**

**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. \***



# EPHPHATHA!

## Be opened!



**HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR  
AND THE MUTE SPEAK.  
OPEN YOUR EARS  
TO THE  
WORD OF THE LORD!**

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org)