CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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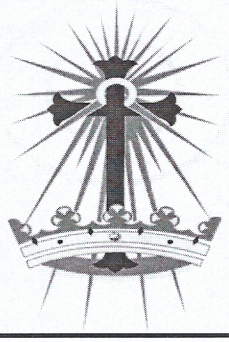


Parish office hours:

Monday	8:30 am- 5:00pm
Tuesday	8:30 am-5:00pm
Wednesday	8:30 am- 5:00pm
Thursday	8:30 am- 5:00pm
Friday	8:30am-12:30pm

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2020

Monday October 12, 2020 Gal 4:22-24,26-27, 31-5:1, Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday October 13, 2020 Gal 5:1-6, Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday October 14, 2020 Gal 5:18-25, Lk 11:42-46 Mass of Thanksgiving (The Becker Family)
Thursday October 15, 2020 Eph 1:1-10, Lk 11:47-54 Mass intention + Gerald & Nancy Bauer
Friday October 16, 2020 Eph 1:11-14, Lk 12:1-7 Mass intention + Allan Wolf

Saturday October 17, 2020 *4pm Mass **Readings:** Is 45:1,4-6, 1Thes 1:1-5, Mt 22:15-21
Mass Intention: + Jerome Bauer
Lector: Anita Ruger
Eucharistic Minister: Joan Meyer
Servers: David Eckes and Ann Eckes
Crucifix Bearer:
Ministers of Welcome: Sharon Rollins Volunteer needed

Sunday October 18, 2020 *8am Mass **Readings:** Is 45:1,4-6, 1Thes 1:1-5, Mt 22:15-21
Mass Intention: + Emil & Ronald Weiland
Lector: Viv Gamble
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Derks
Servers: Kyle Johnson
Crucifix Bearer:
Ministers of Welcome: Jim Bauer Volunteer needed

Sunday October 18, 2020 * 10am Mass **Readings:** Is 45:1,4-6, 1Thes 1:1-5, Mt 22:15-21
Mass Intention: Christ the King Parish Families
Lector: Pauline Frome
Eucharistic Minister: Richard Bruss
Servers: Nathan Rucker
Crucifix Bearer:
Ministers of Welcome: Nancy Kautza Volunteer Needed

From the Desk of Fr. Barry:

"Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." So says God to the Jewish community. When they don't listen or ignore his invitation he calls out again, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find."

I often wonder how many times in my own life I've heard these words and thought that doesn't apply to me. I give weekly, I'm here weekly, that's enough! But then through reflection of this passage I realize that each of us is called to so much more. We are called to prepare ourselves, both mentally and spiritually, for what God has planned for us, what God is requesting of each of us. What can that be for you? Now that varies with each of us, whether it be financially, our time and talent in the Church, with our youth program, with any of the needs here in Spencer. Do we give out of convenience or do we give unconditionally, even when it isn't the most appropriate to our situation? Do we do it filled with joy and happiness or do we do it because we think we have to?

My friends, God created each of us in his image, that image of love, of mercy, of joy and concern. He created us to be more and to do more. He created us to serve. Not just him, but our neighbors and friends. Those who couldn't otherwise survive without our help and concern.

And that leads into our Diocesan Annual Appeal which has begun for 2020-2021. The goal of the diocese is, $5,675,035. Our portion has been increased ten percent and is $40,215. We, the parishioners of Christ the King, who are the Catholic Church ,can make this happen. Our contribution will allow the diocese to continue service to our 38 ministries that are supported by this appeal. These range from disaster recovery, community homeless shelters, family services program, St. Damien Outreach to persons with HIV/AIDS, and to fund the education of our future priests (18 in formation) and deacons (20 in formation), to name just a few. It is through the greater good, that our diocese promotes what Christ calls each of us to, a life of stewardship for which we were created.

If you have never given to the appeal before, please consider giving this year. **No amount is too small or too big**, and we can't meet this goal if we don't have full participation. Last year we had 160 out of 325 families that gave and we were almost $4,000 short. We had one parishioner step up the last month and cover the deficiency. Please, lets all work together this coming year and make this a reality with 100% participation. May each of us give back to what God so lovingly has given to each of us.

May each of you have a blessed week. If you would like to see all the programs that your contributions will assist with, please let me know and I would be happy to provide the detailed list.

Blessings,

Fr. Barry

2020/2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

This year's theme emphasizes the relevancy of the Church, our Christ-given mission, and our community united to the cross. The theme is "His Church is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me." Pledge cards will be in your mailboxes by October 23rd. All pledge cards and your donations are to be mailed directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided. If you do not receive your Diocesan Annual Appeal mailings, please call the parish office @ 659-4480 ext 1.Thank you for your support.

Unite Our Nation Rosary Rally This will take place Sunday, October 18 at 1pm. We will begin in the parking lot of St. John the Baptist Church in Marshfield and will process the Eucharist from St John's and go 3 blocks to the old Hudson's parking lot, across the highway from the police department. There we will do a blessing for the police department and spend some time in prayer. Then, we will go back to St John's via Central Ave, another 3 blocks.

The Rosary will be prayed before Mass during October ~and we need prayer leaders~

In Honor of Mary, the Rosary will begin 20 minutes before Mass. We are in need of people to lead the Rosary. A sign-up sheet can be found on the back table in the gathering room. All are welcome and encouraged to help lead us in this prayer. Thank you for your participation.

Parish Office Updates

- Deadline for Parish bulletin items is Tuesday at noon.
- If you wish to participate in A.C.H. (automatic monthly withdrawals) for church tithing, please contact the parish office for details. No stamps, no envelopes, and the amount you specify will automatically be deducted on the 15th of every month.

Christ the King Stewardship

Oct. 4, 2020

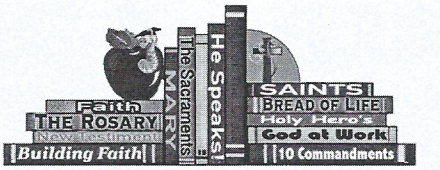
Adult: $2377 Plate: $234 Youth: $1 Candles: $17.50

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

Anointing of the sick: If you or your loved one are admitted to the hospital, you will not be asked which parish you are a member. Knowing where you are assures the opportunity to be anointed when necessary. Please call the parish office at 715-659-4480 with this information if you or someone in your family is in the hospital or nursing home.

Praying The Sign of the Cross The Meaning of the Words and the Gesture As Catholics, we always begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross, which is a prayer – not just an introduction. When we "cross" ourselves we are reminded that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, proving how much God loves us. Each time we make the Sign of the Cross and pray the words, we remember that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we give praise to the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." We are praying in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the words of The Sign of the Cross, we are calling upon the power of the name of God. The words "In the name of" are synonymous with "In the Person of". We are placing ourselves under the power and authority of the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is essential to know that the prayer, the Sign of the Cross, is not complete when leaving out the words "In the name of." "Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, His only Son and the Holy Spirit: The Most Holy Trinity." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 233).

The "Good News" has a central and irreplaceable role. We need to be constantly reminded of "the love of God, who invites us to enter into a personal relationship with Himself in Christ." This "Good News", as captured in 4 key points, opens the way for the person to seek a change of heart that impels the individual to know and love Jesus in a much deeper way. (see Mission of the Redeemer, Pope Saint John Paul II, n. 44) The "Good News", also referred to as the Gospel Message, can be expressed like this: 1. God loves you and desires that you develop a deeper friendship with Him. 2. Like Adam and Eve, you can freely choose to reject God and break your relationship with Him through sin. 3. But God loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to restore the relationship through His Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection. 4. You can accept Jesus' love by opening your heart to a deeper relationship with Him through daily conversation and encounters with Him in the Sacraments.



Religious Education

We wrapped up our early bird prayer testing and will recognize the students next week. They will enjoy an ice cream reward with Father Barry on October 14. Yum!

What is early bird prayer testing? As part of our program, students need to memorize prayers for each grade level. They need to recite their prayers by December; however, we have a number of students who learn their prayers early and can recite them at the beginning of the year. To encourage this practice of learning prayers early and to recognize those students who achieve this, we have an ice cream party as a reward.

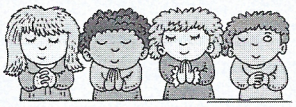
On the schedule:

October 14: Tour of church, gr 1 & 2
Ice cream reward for prayers
Youth Group, 8pm-9pm

October 21: Classes meet
Youth Group, 8pm-9pm

October 28: Prayer night, gr 5
Youth Group, 8pm-9pm

Please pray for our catechists, students and families that we may all grow in our faith, knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ!



No winter clothing drive for Mariann's Closet this year: For the past few years, our parish has collected winter clothing for students in Spencer schools who are in need. This collection usually takes place in October. Due to Covid, there will not be a collection this year. Thank you for your past generosity!

With Joyful Hearts we Celebrate!

*** Just Married ***

John & Sue Cattanach

October 10, 2020

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 the church bulletin boards.

Voting as a Christian

As Christians, we do not leave our faith behind when we enter the voting booth. We understand that politics, like every other part of life, must be illuminated by God's light or we will stumble in the dark and lose our way. A generation ago, a large majority of Americans shared this view. Call it the Classical Christian worldview. It was the common foundation for our social and political life; we assumed it like the ground beneath our feet. Today, however, that foundation is under attack from another worldview, one that rejects God, or at least ignores him, as it makes the self supreme. Let's call it the Radical Selfist worldview.

The Classical Christian Worldview

The Classical Christian worldview holds that we have received our lives as a gift from a God who loves us, and that we are accountable to him. It believes in moral laws that God has written on our hearts and clarified through his revelation – from the Ten Commandments given through Moses, to the Sermon on the Mount proclaimed by his only Son, Jesus Christ. This is his blueprint for us, his design for our happiness and fulfillment.

This blueprint reveals to us certain foundational moral principles. Among them, we see:

- That every human life, of every race and nation, born and unborn, is sacred and has equal rights and dignity;
- That we are created male or female according to God's plan;
- That sexual relations are meant for marriage between one man and one woman;
- That the free exercise of religion is a sacred right.

Though we are imperfect human beings, we work to build our lives on foundational principles such as these, as we raise our families and shape our social and civic communities.

The Radical Selfist Worldview

The Radical Selfist worldview opposes everything we have just described, rejecting the idea of a God-given blueprint. Everything is up to personal 'choice.' We can choose our own gender, our preferred exercise of sexuality, our definition of marriage, and even whether a child in the womb shall live or die. Radical Selfism preaches tolerance until it gains power, at which point it seeks to silence and to punish those who disagree with it. Unfortunately, this worldview has been promoted and amplified by many in Hollywood, the mass media and even public education.

Political Consequences

The current political landscape essentially forces us to choose between these two worldviews. This choice has weighty consequences at every level of government, from the White House and Congress to state and local officials. Since Supreme Court and other federal judges are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, presidential and senatorial elections are particularly critical; all the more so because Radical Selfism has relied on the courts to produce outcomes unattainable by popular vote, such as legalized abortion and same-sex marriage.

The most telling indicator of Radical Selfism is advocacy of abortion, by which man wrests from God the very power over life and death. By far the most grave human rights violation of our time, abortion has already cost the lives of more than 60 million unborn babies in the U.S. since the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. Moreover, where we find abortion advocacy, we invariably find it clustered with other positions characteristic of the Radical Selfist worldview.

What is a Christian voter to do?

While we cannot expect perfection from any political candidate, it is vital that Christians support those most closely aligned with the Classical Christian worldview and oppose those aligned with the Radical Selfist worldview. For Radical Selfism, with its worship of 'choice' in place of God, inevitably produces bitter fruits: moral and civil breakdown, destruction, and death. It is simply impossible to achieve lasting harmony and peace without adhering to the foundational principles of God's plan. Therefore, let us intensify our prayers and our efforts to elect candidates who stand up for the God-given principles and rights on which our nation was founded. Our future, and that of our children and our grandchildren, is at stake.

Chris Ruff – Director of the Office for Ministries & Social Concerns