

# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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## Christ the King Staff:

Fr. Barry Saylor: Pastor  
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Gary Niziolek: Maintenance  
Bonnie Jakel: Sacristan  
Sue : Church Housekeeping



## 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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

**Monday, December 21, 2020** Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020** 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020** Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Lk 1:57-66 Mass Intention: + Harry Witmer

**Thursday, December 24, 2020** \*The Nativity of The Lord Vigil Mass

**4:00 pm** Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25 Intention: + Geneveva Cecil

**10:00 pm** Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 Intention + The McHugh Family

**Friday, December 25, 2020** \*Christmas Day

**10:00 am** Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 Intention: + Lloyd Bloom & Frank Bychinski

**Saturday, December 26, 2020 \*4pm Mass**

**Readings:** Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3 Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 Lk 2:22-40

Mass Intention: + Ralph Pernsteiner

Lector: Earl Gamble

Eucharistic Minister: Sue Kalepp

Servers: Emily Justman & Joseph Justman

Ministers of Welcome: Jim & Laurie Doepke

**Sunday, December 27, 2020 \*8am Mass**

**Readings:** Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3 Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 Lk 2:22-40

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of the Hutter Family

Lector: Cindy Clark

Eucharistic Minister: Robert Burrington

Servers: Connor Clark & Caitlin Clark

Ministers of Welcome: Todd Rueth Greg Pinter

**Sunday, December 27, 2020 \* 10am Mass**

**Readings:** Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3 Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 Lk 2:22-40

Mass Intention: + Christ the King Families

Lector: Sue Mews

Eucharistic Minister: Dennis Gonnering

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Todd Schesel Volunteer Needed



*From the Pastor's Desk:*

I'm still having a hard time believing we are less than a week away from Christmas Day, how did it get here so quickly? There are subtle reminders all around us; lights on houses, wreaths on doors, Christmas tree's glistening through front windows. People are wearing their award winning ugly sweaters (or maybe they didn't win, but definitely should have!), they're flocking the stores with masks adored, and antlers have been placed on the windows of their cars. Kitchens emit the smell of baking and presents are being wrapped. Christmas cards and packages are being delivered to the Post Office. The season is upon us!

Again I ask, how did this happen so quickly?

2000 years ago that question was seen in reverse. Why did it take so long? The scriptures had foretold of the coming of the Messiah, yet year after year, generation after generation, no one had yet experienced Him. But then, 2000 years ago, every man, woman and child were called to their ancestral towns in order for the proper tax to be placed on them. And in that journey, from Nazareth to Bethlehem a prophecy was fulfilled. At long last, our Savior was to be born!

As we prepare this week for the coming of our Lord, we look with great JOY toward a life changing event. Just think, if this had not happened, what kind of world would we be living in? Our Constitution is largely attributed to Christian guidance; "In God we Trust". Our laws are governed by a moral compass, our way of life leads way to the teaching of Jesus Christ, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The world would look very different if the JOY of Christ did not penetrate it so deeply.

My friends, may this Christmas be a time of giving, a time of bringing families together (even if is via Zoom or FaceTime), may it be a celebration for all the beautiful graces God has bestowed on each of us through the birth of His Son.

The Lord is coming, are we ready to celebrate the true meaning of this coming? A King is about to be born, "for nothing will be impossible for God."

Have a blessed Christmas and help bring in that JOY that Christ's birth has given each of us!

*Fr. Barry*

**Christ the King Stewardship Dec.12 & 13, 2020**  
Adult/Plate/Youth \$4,165.75  
ACH for December: \$1,780.00  
Month to date: \$9,177.75  
Amount needed for December: \$18,053.09

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:**

The goal for Christ the King is \$40,215. Each family should have received a letter from the Bishop along with a pledge card. Please contact the parish office if you have not received a pledge card in the mail. It is our hope that each family in our parish will help us to complete this appeal. Each week we will list the families, in the order in which they were received at the Diocese, whether this be through prayer or financial giving. By posting names, our hope is that you are made aware that your donation has been received by the Diocese and credited to Christ the King accurately. If you do not see your name in this week's bulletin, stay tuned! If you prefer not to have your name listed, please contact the parish office. As of 12/15, we have 123 families that have donated. We are now at 73.8% of our goal.

**We thank the following families at this time:**

Todd & Kristin Rueth, David & Doreen Hebert, Sheila Schmidt, Diane Lang

**Christ the King \*Christmas Mass Schedule:**  
**December 24th:** Christmas Eve \*4 pm  
No Children's Program this year  
**December 24th:** Christmas Eve \*10 pm Vigil Mass  
The Choir will begin at 9:30  
**December 25th:** Christmas Day \*10 am \*Christmas Mass  
**\*Plan to arrive early as seating is limited. You may be turned away once capacity is reached.**

**Christ the King \* New Year's Mass Schedule:**  
**December 31st:** New Year's Eve \* 6 pm  
**January 1st:** New Year's Day \* 9 am

Ministry participants are needed for all Masses.  
Sign up sheets can be found on the back table.

Christmas Masses still require the 25% occupancy mandate which is 50 people in the body of the Church. We have the capability to broadcast to the basement of the Church through a live feed, which will allow another 40 people. Once that number is reached, we will have to stop allowing people in. I have decided to not do a sign up sheet, so please plan accordingly if you are planning to attend Mass, arrive early because there will be no standing in the back. Thank you for your cooperation. Fr. Barry



# Religious Education

## Merry Christmas!!!

**Why is it so important that we register in a parish?** It isn't good enough that we go to mass? Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people believe that because they attend a particular church they automatically belong to that parish. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents membership. But their membership requires calling the parish office to formally enroll yourself in that parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a particular church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled, just to name a few. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining certificates and getting contribution statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Thanks for giving to the retirement fund for religious "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection. Envelopes are still available in the church if you would like to send a donation.

### Maintenance Position Opening

After 6 years of dedicated and grateful service, Gary Niziolek has decided to retire from his position as maintenance at Christ the King. We thank Gary and Val for all they have done to help support our parish. This position is part-time, approximately 12-14 hours a week. Flexible days, currently it is Tuesday and Thursday.

Duties included are, but not limited to:

- Lawn care during summer months
- Monthly inspections/check list of Church property and equipment
- Repairs and replacement on property
- Snow removal on sidewalks (we also have a service hired for this)
- Other duties assigned by the Pastor

An application and background check will be required. Please contact the parish office if you have an interest in this maintenance position.

As we break for Christmas, let us pray:

*Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.*

*Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.*

On the schedule:

December 23: No classes or Youth Group  
*Merry Christmas*

December 30: No classes or Youth Group

**No Sunday School** on December 27 or January 3

January 6, 2021: classes resume

**Parish Office Updates**

- Deadline for Parish bulletin items is Tuesday at noon.
- Please use the new rectory address when mailing items to us: 306 S. LaSalle St. Spencer
- NEW Ministry schedules are now available
- The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24th & 25th for the Christmas Holiday
- *Merry Christmas!*

Contributions that you wish to have recorded for 2020 must be received no later than Wednesday, December 30th so they can be deposited and properly recorded on your year end statements. Anything received after that date, will be recorded as 2021. Thank you for your understanding and consideration in this matter.

Thank you to those who sponsor our parish bulletin!

Please patronize these businesses listed.

If you would like to place an ad, please call the parish office @ 715-659-4480

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To those who have supported  
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**Parish Council of Catholic Women  
PCCW**

Ladies: You are invited to attend our  
meetings, which are held during the  
months of: Feb / May / Sept / Dec\* \*Dec  
is the annual Christmas party

***Mother Mary, guide us each day ...***

### Holy Name Society

Men of the parish: As members of the Holy Name Society, there are events throughout the year in which your time & talent is much needed and appreciated. Please watch the bulletin for these opportunities to assist our parish family.



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