

# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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## Christ the King Staff:

Fr. Barry Saylor: Pastor  
Pam Housworth: Secretary/Finance  
Deb Mlsna: DRE & Youth Ministry  
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

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27, 2020

**Monday, December 28, 2020** 1 John 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday, December 29, 2020** 1 John 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday, 30, 2020** 1 John 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40 Intention: Bill & Helga Krainz

**Thursday, December 31, 2020** \* Vigil Mass

**6:00 pm** Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21 Intention: + Mark Freeman

**Friday, January 1, 2020** \* New Year's Day

**10:00 am** Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21 Intention: + John & Katheryn Enfield

**Saturday, January 2, 2020** \* 4pm Mass

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of the Rueth Family

Lector: Laurie Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Laurie Weber

Servers: Alex, Trevin, or Mason Wolf

Ministers of Welcome: Sue Kappel Volunteer Needed

**Sunday, January 3, 2020** \* 8am Mass

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intention: + Christ the King Families

Lector: Catherine Wojcik

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Pankratz

Servers: James & Abigail Wojcik

Ministers of Welcome: Bruce Trampush Greg Pinter

**Sunday, January 3, 2020** \* 10am Mass

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intention: + Allan Wolf

Lector: Rita Austin

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Kobs

Servers: Hailey Rucker & Dex Schiller

Ministers of Welcome: Steven Fleischmann Volunteer Needed



## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

I hope this finds everyone in the true spirit of Christmas! But remember, it's not over! This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family, next is the Epiphany, and then we close out the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord, going back to Ordinary time on the 11th. These coming weekends serve as reminders that with any birth there is a new journey to discover Christ and that giving thanks follows.

It becomes so easy to want to take down the decorations and continue or get back to life in the way it was before. That is precisely why the Church, in her great Wisdom, makes us aware through our upcoming readings that it's not over. Quite honestly, I have entertained the thought of keeping my Christmas tree up until the pandemic is completely over. Maybe it's out of laziness or not having the time, but in a real sense, it's to not let go of this sacred moment. To keep focused on what this birth has brought with it. Examples of humility, love, obedience, and selflessness. Those are hard things to live out each and every day, and we need reminders.

I'm not saying I'm going to keep my tree up, but I'm also not saying I'm going to take it down right away! It helps to serve as that reminder. Gives hope. Gives comfort. Gives that great reminder Christ is now among us, dwelling in each and every one of our hearts!

As we remember the Holy family this weekend, we look at the courage of both Mary (her YES) and Joseph (his not turning away). We look at the center of our own families to notice the love, the caring, even the imperfections. We attempt to model our families after that of Jesus', knowing we are never going to get it 100% right, but also knowing if it follows that model of the Holy Family, it will be full of love at its very center.

I also wanted to take a moment and thank all those who took time to send me a card, picture card (love them), gifts, gift cards/certificates, and money. You really have a way with your words to make a priest feel loved and appreciated. Thank you for helping make this a special first year for me as your pastor!

May each of you have a blessed week, you each remain in my prayers.

*Fr. Barry*

Updates for the Diocesan Annual Appeal will appear in next week's bulletin

Thank you to all who helped to make our Church so beautiful for the Coming of Our Lord! Many of you donated flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one. We wish to remember:

Glenn & Marcella Hill, John Hoff, Harvey Breseman, Tony & Alice Beck, Richard & Louise Mews, Sophia Kleparski, Steve Bauer, Deanna Lau, Anita Schecklman, Dick Schecklman, Mary Schecklman, John Kromanaker, Rosie Aumann, Alfred & Stella Frank, Eugene Swiontek & Family, Lawrence & Bonnie Wittman, Robert & Ann Rollins, Evan Griesbach, Robert Potter, Richard G. Schneider, Eugene Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Fritsch, Donald & Silveria Drews, Mr. & Mrs. James Greenwald, Rueth Family, Isabelle Louise Pinter, Adam Clarence Willcome, Clarence Willcome, Edward & Genevieve Schmidt, Steve & Mary Forst, Tim Strebe, June Wehrman, Harold & Verna LaSee, Jerry & Gilbert LaSee, Oscar & Laura Bauer, Mark Freeman, Shannon Niziolek, John & Kathryn Hoff, Peter & Katherine Kirsch families, Albert & Clara Hoff families, Dennis Bauer, John & Albina Tomaskovic, Max & Helen Ruger, Jerome Elsinger, Russell Soyk and in Honor of Helen Hoff.

### **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 both Masses.  
Sign up sheets can be found on the back table.

**First Friday Adoration on January 1, 2021** will begin later than usual, after the morning Mass for the Solemnity of Mary. Mass is at 9 am and exposition will follow around 10 am. All are welcome to adore Him. A great way to start the New Year!

To have a prayer added to the Christ the King Prayer Chain, please call :



Marcia Draeger (715-659-5182)

Kay Derks (715-659-4046)

Joan Meyer (715-384-2774)

### **Christ the King Stewardship Dec.19 & 20, 2020**

Adult/Plate/Youth \$2,556.00

ACH for December: \$1,780.00

Month to date: \$11,733.75

Amount needed for December: \$18,053.09

Year to date Christmas Giving: \$718.00

Christmas Flowers:\$550.00

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

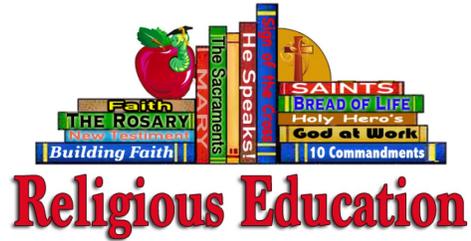
## January 2021 Council Meetings

Pastoral Council -Tuesday, January 5th

Committee Meetings-Tuesday, January 12th

Finance Council-Tuesday, January 19th

All meetings scheduled at 6 pm



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.

### 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 close at noon December 31st
- The Parish Office will be closed January 1st for the New Year Holiday
- *Happy New Year!*

### 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.

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The **partridge in the pear tree** also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball in her book, HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS:

**Two turtle doves** were the Old and New Testaments.

**Three French hens** stood for faith, hope, and love.

**Four calling birds** were the four gospels.

The **five golden rings** represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

**Six geese a-laying** stood for the six days of creation.

**Seven swans a-swimming** represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The **eight maids a-milking** were the eight beatitudes.

**Nine ladies dancing** were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit---- Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

*Please note: There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit, the songwriter combined six of the fruits, taking those that were most similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately.*

The **ten lords a-leaping** were the Ten Commandments.

The **eleven pipers piping** were the eleven faithful Apostles.

The **twelve drummers drumming** symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.



On the schedule:

**December 30:** No classes or Youth Group

**Jan-3:** No Sunday School

**January 6, 2021:** classes resume

**Jan-10:** Sunday school resumes and

Confirmation sponsor brunch, after 10 am Mass

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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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