

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	8:30 am - 12:30pm

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

Monday, February 8, 2021 Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 Gn 1:20-2:4 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Gn 2:4-9,15-17 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 11, 2021 Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 12, 2021 Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37

Intention: + Allan Wolf

Intention: + Bob Endreas

Intention: + Harriet Huber

Saturday, February 13, 2021 *4pm Mass

Readings: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of the Schmitz & Mondloch Families

Lector: Laurie Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Laurie Weber

Servers: David Eckes & Ann Eckes

Ministers of Welcome: Sue Kappel & *Volunteer needed*

Sunday, February 14, 2021 *8am Mass

Readings: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

Mass Intention: + Gerald & Nancy Bauer

Lector: Catherine Wojcik

Eucharistic Minister: *Volunteer needed*

Servers: James Wojcik & Abigail Wojcik

Ministers of Welcome: Greg Pinter & *Volunteer needed*

Sunday, February 14, 2021 *10am Mass

Readings: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

Mass Intention: Christ the King Parish Families

Lector: Pauline Frome

Eucharistic Minister: Marcia Draeger

Servers: Hailey Rucker & Dex Schiller

Ministers of Welcome: Steven Fleischmann & Adam Doro



From the Pastor's Desk:

Life can be unrewarding sometimes. We look at others and see only happiness and bliss, but if we truly knew what went on behind closed doors, we would think twice. We wonder why God would give us the life we have, not realizing that we aren't truly following the plan that he has set out for us.

It's very easy to see despair and not so easy to see that we are in control of much of what happens in our daily lives. Our daily decisions make all the difference in the world. For example, I get up in the morning and decide I don't have time for my morning prayer, I'll get to it after Mass. I have free will and that's the decision I make. Only to find that after Mass a family has lost a loved one and I rush out to be with them. Before I know it, it's 2 pm and time for mid-afternoon prayer. But now I've missed the things I hadn't gotten to in the morning and jump right into preparing my homily, working on this article, getting petitions ready and returning calls that I missed. It's now 6 pm and I have religious education. I have 30 minutes where I can now get in some prayer time, but instead, decide I'm going to eat something. After religious education I go to youth group and now it's 9:15 and I'm back in the rectory. Finally I can "catch up" on my daily prayers. I sit down, open my morning prayer and read "I will be with you today as you journey in my name." and realize I felt all alone as I walked with that family earlier. I had Jesus reaching out to me and instead decided I could tackle the day myself. I finish morning prayer and move on to mid-day prayer. "Rest in me and you will be comforted. Seek me and you will find me." Again, Jesus reaching out and I missed it. I've got this, what's next I said to myself. Then I get to evening prayer, "the day is long, the forces fight against you, your brothers torment you and go against you, but I am your shelter, your refuge, you shall not undergo torment or pain for I am your God, your protector."

When we turn to scripture, prayer, or adoration, we rest our hurts and pain with God. We take comfort in Him being in control and look at the missed opportunities he presented to us each and every day. That opportunity is being united to God and allowing him to guide our day. To speak to us as we place our trust in Him.

Most of us know the story of Job to some degree. The story is presented as God using Job to try to prove to Satan that people can act from a pure heart. God "lets" Satan do all sorts of things to Job . . . some really bad stuff, with the one command that he cannot kill him. And as you can imagine . . . Job eventually comes to the end of his rope, so-to-speak. He reaches a kind of breaking point, becoming exasperated and furious and bewildered as to why God seems to be deaf to his cries. I think we can all relate. Honestly . . . if the same things happened to me that happened to Job, I'd probably be feeling the exact same way. Or maybe even worse!

But that's not the end of the story. The moment things begin to change for Job is the moment he embraces a particular truth, the moment he accepts something most of us are unwilling to accept. You see, Job eventually comes to realize that he will never be able to fully understand God's ways. It's just not possible. God is God and he is not. God is "in charge" and he is not. God made the heavens and the earth and he did not. God has wisdom and power and a sovereignty that he simply doesn't have.

But God is always there to comfort and direct us through his Son, Jesus. Will we take the time to slow down or is it business as usual?

May each of you have a God guided week!

God bless,

Fr. Barry

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. All donations must be received at the Diocese no later than June 30th, 2021. 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 2/2, we have 134 families that have donated. We are now at 81.23% of our goal and still need \$5,900 to meet our goal.

We thank the following families at this time:

Joseph & Anita Ruger, Marilyn Ihlefeld

The Holy Name Society will have the annual raffle ticket envelope stuffing this Monday, February 8 at 6:30 PM in the church basement. Help is needed

We welcome Kevin Kraus who has filled the maintenance position at Christ the King! Kevin will replace Gary Niziolek, who has given us 6 years of dedicated service. Please make Kevin feel welcome as we wish Gary well in his retirement.

Ministry Participants

We are in need of help for Ash Wednesday Masses, February 17, at noon and 6:40 pm. A sign up sheet is available on the back table in the gathering room.

2020 Contribution Statements were mailed out.

Please notify the parish if you have not received your statement or if you have any questions concerning your contributions.

Christ the King Stewardship January 30 & 31, 2021

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$ 4,307.00

ACH for January: \$1,780.00

Amount needed for January: \$12,579.48

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon!

Whether your marriage has simply drifted apart, or has arrived at separation or divorce, Retrouvaille \Retro- v\ offers hope. The next program begins with a weekend away at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, February 12-14. Fr. Joseph Redfern, a priest of our diocese, is on the presenting team, along with 3 couples who share their personal stories of healing and reconciliation. This highly successful program is fully confidential, affordable (all volunteer-run), and open to couples of all faiths or no faith background.

Save the Date! February 20, 2021 Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat We will have a virtual Lenten retreat for men talking about looking to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. The retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen. More information is coming soon. Here is the Facebook link for this event: fb.me/e/cPMROcgmE

Lay Formation Institute (LFI) has it's new class starting this fall. Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Please contact Father Barry for further information.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, February 27 Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

To have an intention added to the Prayer Chain call:



Marcia Draeger (715-659-5182)

Kay Derks (715-659-4046)

Joan Meyer (715-384-2774)



Religious Education

Our classes are going well. Here is a bit of an update for each of our classes as to what our children are learning! Our students in grade 1 just learned about Jesus dying on the cross for us. Our second graders have started their preparation for First Holy Communion. Grade 3 just discussed receiving communion and how Jesus is the Bread of Life. Grade 4 just talked about the many miracles that Jesus performed when He was with us. Grade 5 had a lesson on faith, hope and love. Grade 6 has been learning about final judgment, heaven, hell, and purgatory. Grade 7 is continuing their study of the bible, and recently covered the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as they studied the gospels. Grade 8 is learning about the Mass and what it means. Grade 9 just had a lesson about the sacrament of marriage and Grade 10 discussed love, lust and chastity. These are just some of the recent topics that are part of our curriculum. Every topic explained at the age-appropriate level. Busy days!

On the schedule:

February 10: class

Parents meet @ church w/Father

February 17: Ash Wednesday

Masses at 12:00 and 6:40pm

February 24: class

Spencer Crafting Angels

We are a group of crafters from Spencer, who love to crochet, knit and craft. We will donate these items for fundraisers, benefits or to those in need. Contact: Chris Gumz @ 715-650-2336 for further information. Lapghans, hats, and mittens are now available, free of charge, in the main entrance of the church. New items are added weekly.

Tree Removal:

Christ the King Parish is in search of a group of people who would be interested in assisting with the cutting down and removal of the two ash trees on the south side of the church. Once a team is established, we will set a date and time, preferably a Saturday morning. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help with this project. This includes helping John Zastrow take the trees down and us being responsible to haul away the wood.

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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 op-
portunities to assist our parish family.



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