

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2021

Monday, January 18, 2021 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Hebrews 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 Hebrews 7: 1-3,15-17 Mk 3:1-6 Intention: + Richard & Louise Mews

Thursday, January 21, 2021 Hebrews 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12 Intention: Special Intention (SB)

Friday, January 22, 2021 Hebrews 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Intention: + Brian Pickett

Saturday, January 23, 2021 *4pm Mass

Readings: Jon 3:1-5,10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Mass Intention: + Tim Strebe

Lector: Anita Ruger

Eucharistic Minister: Joan Meyer

Servers: Koffee Hansen

Ministers of Welcome: Sue & John Cattanach

Sunday, January 24, 2021 *8am Mass

Readings: Jon 3:1-5,10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of the Kolb Family

Lector: Deb Mlsna

Eucharistic Minister: Kay Derks

Servers: Becca Mlsna & Alexis Mlsna

Ministers of Welcome: Todd Rueth Greg Pinter

Sunday, January 24, 2021 * 10am Mass

Readings: Jon 3:1-5,10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Mass Intention: Christ the King Parish Families

Lector: Pauline Frome

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Kobs

Servers: Alex, Trevin or Mason Wolf

Ministers of Welcome: Nancy Kautza Adam Doro



From the Pastor's Desk:

Being in quarantine has its advantages, sleeping in, catching up on reading and no distraction from prayer, to name just a few. But it also lends way to a lot of time that you just don't know what to do. This past week I found myself going over the readings for this weekend. And normally I like to reflect on the Gospel, which today is amazing. Jesus is recognized for who he truly is, THE LAMB OF GOD. But then something in our first reading from the Book of Samuel kept grabbing my attention. Remember, I have nothing to do all day so both these readings are consuming my days!

Samuel is sleeping and is awakened by the calling of his name. He assumes it's Eli, but it was not. This happens two more times and finally it is Eli who realizes just who is calling Samuel and tells him to say "Lord, for your servant is listening".

I think back to how many times I have heard that call, and not always at the most convenient times. I've ignored, I've put my own desires before it, I've flat out said leave me alone.

Today, I thank God for not heeding my words. He never did "leave me alone", but instead kept trying to get my attention, continued to show me what he wanted of me. My experience is absolutely no different from anyone else's. If you are thinking to yourself, "well, God hasn't asked anything of me" then you are simply fooling yourself. Maybe there's that twinge inside you that prompted you to do something but instead you followed your own will. But later, you had wished you had done it. That was a missed opportunity my friends. One in which hopefully we learn from and do better next time.

God didn't send "The Lamb of God" to us because he didn't know what to do with him, he sent him to show us, to teach us, to experience him in the flesh. To prove to each of us just how much he loves us.

May each of us be more attentive to God's call, he is calling...are we listening?

Have a blessed week everyone!

Peace and Love,

Fr. Barry



Thank you to all who participated in taking down the Christmas trees and decorations in the church.

Your help is much 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 1/11, we have 130 families that have donated. We are now at 79.1% of our goal.

We thank the following families at this time:

Bonnie Jakel, Larry & Tammy Kleinschmidt, Ralph & Dawn Schafer

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)

January 2021 Council Meeting

Finance Council-Tuesday, January 19th

Meeting scheduled at 6 pm

The Holy Name Society will hold their annual planning meeting on Monday, January 18th at 6:30 pm in the church basement. Please attend if you have any ideas for the upcoming year. We will also discuss the feasibility of having a breakfast or not this year. Please join us!

Any questions or ideas can also be directed to Todd @ 715-659-5213 or Tom @ 715-207-5966

Christ the King Stewardship January 9 & 10, 2021

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$1,897.00

Month to date: \$3,020.00

Amount needed for January: \$12,579.48

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

Diocesan News:

We are excited to announce the launch of our *Christ Our Cornerstone* campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The impact of the Cathedral is diocesan wide and beyond and stands as the iconic cornerstone of our faith which radiates as a place of prayer and worship to all our people. This structure, our faith in stone, was gifted to us by the hard work and sacrifices of generations past. It is now our time, our turn to honor our faithful patron St. Joseph the Workman and preserve this historic and magnificent Cathedral.

In an unprecedented act of generosity, St. Ambrose Financial Services has offered to match \$2 for every \$1 generously pledged to this initiative up to \$3 million. That doesn't just double your gift to the Cathedral, it triples it!

Now is the time to act! All families within our Diocese are invited to participate. Please know that while one-time gifts are appreciated, we are encouraging everyone to consider making a pledge. There are several pledge plans available in the brochures available at the church or by visiting cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone. Pledges can be made online or by using the pledge cards found within the brochures provided at Mass today. We thank you for your kind assistance in this historic endeavor. It is only together as one that we can truly do great things!

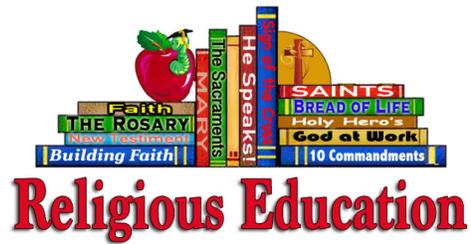
The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for, and a commitment to, reaching out to victims of sexual abuse and their families. * **Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse** * are posted on the church bulletin boards.

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lenten regulations are as follows:

Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



Our second graders are busy preparing for their First Reconciliation! They have studied using the program by Dynamic Catholic and are now practicing. The program by Dynamic Catholic really engages the kids! Feel free to check it out online at dynamiccatholic.com. The video component is completely free and it really engages the kids. Every year I hear good things from both the kid and their parents.

Please pray for our second grade students as their First Reconciliation approaches and also for all of our children that they may continue to grow in faith.

On the schedule:

January 20: class

January 27: First Reconciliation grade 2



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes on the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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.

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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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