

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

Monday, February 22, 2021 1Peter 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 *8am Mass Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32 Intention: + Jim Mondloch

Thursday, February 25, 2021 *8am Mass Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12 Intention: + Charles Hansen

Friday, February 26, 2021 *8am Mass Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26 Intention: + Ray Zurowski

Saturday, February 27, 2021 *4pm Mass

Readings: Gn 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 Rom 8:31-34 Mk 9:2-10

Mass Intention: Bob Endreas

Lector: Larry Schultz

Eucharistic Minister: Shelly Schultz

Servers: David Eckes & Ann Eckes

Ministers of Welcome: Sharon Rollins & *Volunteer needed*

Sunday, February 28, 2021 *8am Mass

Readings: Gn 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 Rom 8:31-34 Mk 9:2-10

Mass Intention: Deceased members of P.C.C.W

Lector: Dan McNeely

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Pankratz

Servers: Montana Kohls

Ministers of Welcome: Austyn Kohls & Jerome Lang

Sunday, February 28, 2021 *10am Mass

Readings: Gn 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 Rom 8:31-34 Mk 9:2-10

Mass Intention: Christ the King Parish families

Lector: Rita Austin

Eucharistic Minister: Dennis Gonnering

Servers: Paige Bauer & Weston Bauer

Ministers of Welcome: Diane Lang & Adam Doro



From the Pastor's Desk:

Our journey over the next forty days has begun! The scuttle of thinking up something to give up is done (or should be). The Ashes have washed away from Wednesday and we are well on our way.

What way is that exactly? Abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays? Budgeting a little extra for Alms giving? Giving up sweets or coffee or alcohol? Dedicating ten minutes a day to solid prayer?

If any of these come easy for you and do not cause you to feel the discomfort or pain of doing them, then I would have to say it's not enough! Now before you rip this up and say who is he to tell me that, please continue to read on.

As Jesus journeyed those forty days he did it with a goal. A goal of uniting his heart, mind, and soul with that of our Father. He did it to test himself in a way we could not even imagine. He did it to prove to us that it can be done. Ultimately, he did it out of LOVE, both for the Father and for us.

When we are able to journey out for these forty days with that same understanding, it becomes evident that we should not be the same person we were when we began the journey. We end with a stronger relationship with our Savior, we end with a better understanding of ourselves, we end being united in His suffering...all done out of LOVE.

So let me ask again, what way is that exactly? Does it look more like; I am going to practice being more friendly to those I encounter throughout the day ending every encounter with "have a blessed day". I am going to count to ten before I lash out at someone in anger. I am going to stop buying anything with sugar in it and the savings from it I'm going to give away. I am going to commit to reflecting on Matthew and John's Gospels each and every day, taking one chapter a day. I am going to use my extra change and then add \$10, \$20 or \$50 to it as my almsgiving.

My friends, suffering is what this season is about. Not in a depressed or brutal way, but in a giving way. This allows us time to think about what Jesus gave up during his forty days, how he grew in relationship with our Father, and what that growth prepared him for in the time to come.

That is the journey we are on. One unlike any other from years past. We recommit ourselves to not only doing more, but being more. Being that disciple we were baptized to be. Attending the weekly Stations of the Cross. Participating in our Bible Study: NO GREATER LOVE. Joining a new ministry within the Church. Volunteering at the Food Bank or at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen.

It's not going to look the same for each of us, but to experience lent is to be involved with something outside of ourselves. When that happens, LOVE is present and change has begun. LOVE of self, LOVE of neighbor, LOVE of God.

Have a blessed first week of Lent, and may your faith drive you to be more than yesterday!

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 2/17, we have 137 (total overall last year 157) families that have donated. We are now at 82.84% of our goal and still need \$5,400 to meet our goal.

We thank the following families at this time:

Tim & Mary Buss, Jon & Dominique Fischer

The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent, beginning Friday, February 19th at 6 pm at church. All are welcome to attend.

Confessions: Father Barry will hear confessions on Friday evenings during Lent from 6 pm - 7 pm.

City wide Penance Service will take place *Monday, March 29th* from 7am to 6pm at Our Lady of Peace church, Marshfield

Raffle Tickets to support our *Holy Name Society* are available on the table in the gathering room. Please pick up your envelope and place your tickets and donation in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office.

Church envelopes: If you have not had the opportunity to pick up your yearly tithe envelopes, they can now be picked up at the parish office.

Christ the King Stewardship February 13 & 14, 2021

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$2,285.00

ACH: 1,780.00

Month to Date: \$8,158.00

Amount needed for February: \$9,783.44

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

Spirituality Day 2021

La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) presents: A Lenten Journey Through The Holy Land Saturday, March 6, 2021, 9 am-12 pm.

Our host, Lorraine Riedl, will take us on a virtual walk through the life of Jesus in the Holy Land using photos from a recent pilgrimage.

Three ways to join the meeting:

- 1) Go to the link at LDCCW.org and click join
- 2) Manually join on ZOOM at: Meeting ID: 826 9510 0524
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Check out the Lighthouse Kiosk!

Located in the Gathering Room of church

New selections have been added for Lent



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.



Our Youth Group has been off to a good start as we are rebuilding this year! We have been learning, growing and adjusting together. We have held a few bon fires, and game nights, along with other miscellaneous activities and enjoyed snacks and good conversation about our faith!

Currently we have adjusted our format and are now meeting in small groups and large groups. Our two small groups are 9th grade (as one) and 10-11th grade as the other. Our small groups allow for more discussion and we have around 6 teens attending each group. This is the perfect size for discussion! A special shout out for Stacy Wolf and Pauline Frome who have stepped forward to assist with our youth! Thank you ladies! Father Barry is able to attend each of the small groups and we are grateful for his involvement and enthusiasm for our teens!

Our large group nights have also been good! It is during these times that we tend to offer a more social evening or a discussion led by Father.

We have many ideas for future events and activities for our youth and cannot wait to see where the Holy Spirit will lead us! Please pray for our teens, and leaders that they grow in faith!

On the schedule for Religious Education:

February 24: RE class

Youth Group - large group

March 3: RE class

Youth Group - small groups



The Magnificat is available at the entry of the church. Please take a copy, if you wish. These will replace The Word Among Us. New issues will be placed out monthly. Although donations are not required, they are greatly appreciated to help offset the cost.

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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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