

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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Parish office hours:

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

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

Monday, March 1, 2021 Dn 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 *8am Mass Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28 Intention: Father Barry

Thursday, March 4, 2021 *8am Mass Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31 Intention: Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, March 5, 2021 *8am Mass Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Intention: + Leon Mondloch

Saturday, March 6, 2021 *4pm Mass

Readings: Ex 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

Mass Intention: + June Wehrman

Lector: Earl Gamble

Eucharistic Minister: Sue Kalepp

Servers: David Eckes & Ann Eckes

Ministers of Welcome: Jim & Laurie Doepke

Sunday, March 7, 2021 *8am Mass

Readings: Ex 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

Mass Intention: Christ the King Parish families

Lector: Deb Mlsna

Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Bauer

Servers: Becca Mlsna & Alexis Mlsna

Ministers of Welcome: Todd Rueth & Greg Pinter

Sunday, March 7, 2021 *10am Mass

Readings: Ex 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

Mass Intention: + Val, Mark & Thomas Bychinski

Lector: Sue Mews

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Kobs

Servers: Alex, Trevin or Mason Wolf

Ministers of Welcome: Ed & Ann Marie Wolf



From the Pastor's Desk:

Well Lent has begun! A time for us to look at the final months of Jesus' life and compare them to our own. Are our eyes wide open or is it business as usual? Is our heart more willing to be lead by the Holy Spirit, or is it the same as it was February 16th. How is it starting out? The journey continues into this 2nd Sunday of Lent as we hear in Genesis about Abraham being told to offer a holocaust of his only son. Not understanding why or even asking, he begins the preparation, only to be stopped before using the knife. His full trust was tested, and he passes.

I've been focusing a lot of my own prayer on what I've missed that the Lord has called me to. I have to say I'm not very impressed with myself. I gave up soda (which is my preferred drink at all meals) along with fasting more often. Friday when I stopped to pick up a burger, out of habit I ordered my diet coke. After eating, I realized what I had done, ugggg. Spiritually I've committed to reading all the Prophetic books in the bible as a study. But what I'm working on the most is not missing out on all the opportunities presented before me each day. Oh boy is this hard! For example, the man in front of me is 53 cents short for his meal at Arby's. I hear this and look in my wallet but don't have any cash. The man changes his order and he now has enough. Why didn't I just add his meal to mine? I'm walking into school and I'm in a hurry, I see students getting out of their car. Instead of waiting for them so they don't have to buzz the office to be let in, I rush to my office, letting the secured door shut behind me. Why didn't I just wait? First in holding the door and second to make that personal connection. I had a little "pitty party of one" on Ash Wednesday with being consumed with three Masses. I use the excuse that it's been a long day and decline a dinner offer. Why didn't I just go? Maybe they needed me more than I needed them?

Missed opportunities. I hear this most often from family members when someone passes away. Things like: I wish I was there. I wish I had said I loved you one more time. I wish I had been a better sister/ brother/ son/daughter to them. The list goes on and on. If only... When I formed my "wish list for lent", I did it knowing that **when** I mess up I start up again right away. I don't intend to mess up, it just happens. But it is in forming that conscious plan of change, that allows us each to see that when we mess up, we are more aware of it the next time, and the time after that, and the time after that. Eventually we catch ourselves before we make the same mistake, and that's why sticking with it makes it so important. We make ourselves more aware and therefore are open to the change that follows.

It all starts with wanting that change. I was talking with a friend and Lent came up. Through the conversation I asked how his Lent was going. "Same as the rest of the year" was his reply. Which I then said "well, that shouldn't be the case, a journey involves sacrifice, and shouldn't look like every other day". To which the conversation quickly changed to another topic. Apparently change was not desired.

My friends, my prayer for each of you is that "the same" isn't in your Lenten vocabulary. May you come closer to our Lord as you journey through the desert with him. May you see what Christ is asking and respond with a trusting heart. Your seed has been planted at baptism, now allow it to grow! Be fruitful!

Have a blessed week, and if things don't go as planned, begin again the next day!

Fr. Barry

The Stations of the Cross: will take place every Friday during Lent at 6 pm at church through Friday, March 26th. 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

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

Fast from discontent, *feast* on gratitude

Fast from pessimism; *feast* on optimism.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; *feast* on unceasing prayer.

Fast from bitterness; *feast* on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; *feast* on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; *feast* on eternal Truth.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; *feast* on prayer that undergirds.

We Warmly Welcome This New Family to Christ the King

Ben & Jessica Griesbach

and their children Colton and McKenzie

ACH (automatic withdrawal) is another way you can choose to do your tithing. There are benefits to using this method of financial giving, both for you and the parish. If you would like to switch to this method of giving, call the parish office for more information.

Christ the King Stewardship February 20 & 21

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$2,713.00

ACH: 1,780.00

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
- 3) Dial in on phone only at +1 312 626 6799 using the above Meeting ID and Passcode

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates through age 39) on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30 pm. We will meet in St. John's Church for Adoration and the Stations of the Cross, and then go out for dinner. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, please contact Michael Iwanski at michael-iwanski38@gmail.com.
Newcomers are always welcome!

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.

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)

Check out the Lighthouse Kiosk!

Located in the Gathering Room of church

New selections have been added for Lent



Religious Education

As we enter into the Lenten season, our students are once again participating in the *Pennies for Poverty Change Challenge*. Proceeds will be sent to the Mission Office through our diocese. Here's how the Change Challenge works: pennies and dollars/bills count as positive for each class and silver is deducted. For example, if grade 6 students have five, one dollar bills in their bucket, they are credited with \$5. But if students from other grades drop silver in the 6th grade class bucket, let's say three quarters, now the 6th grade is counted at \$4.25. Over the years, the students have really enjoyed this activity! This year we have to adjust slightly to keep extra classroom activity at a minimum and so we will place the containers in the hall. There is one container for each grade. In past years' our students have raised between \$200-\$300.

On the schedule for Religious Education:

March 3: RE class

Youth Group - small groups

March 10: RE class

Youth Group - small groups

March 17: RE class

Youth Group - small groups



Holy Week Mass Times

Holy Thursday, April 1st: Mass @ 8 pm

Good Friday, April 2nd: Service @ 1 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd: Mass @ 8 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th: Mass @ 8 am & 10 am

Ministry Participants: Father Barry will be in need of your assistance at all Masses and the Good Friday Service. Sign up sheets will be available soon.

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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 op-
portunities to assist our parish family.



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