

# 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-position open  
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

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord January 3, 2021

**Monday, January 4, 2021** 1 John 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021** 1 John 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021** 1 John 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52 Intention: + Louise Mews

**Thursday, January 7, 2021** 1 John 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22 Intention: + Brian Pickett

**Friday, January 8, 2021** 1 John 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16 Intention: + Victoria Groff

### Saturday, January 9, 2021 \*4pm Mass

**Readings:** Is 55:1-11 1 John 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

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

Lector: Earl Gamble

Eucharistic Minister: Sue Kalepp

Servers: Koffee Hansen

Ministers of Welcome: Jim & Laurie Doepke

### Sunday, January 10, 2021 \*8am Mass

**Readings:** Is 55:1-11 1 John 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

Mass Intention: + Robert "Bud" Kobiske

Lector: Viv Gamble

Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Bauer

Servers: Connor Clark & Caitlin Clark

Ministers of Welcome: Jim Bauer Volunteer Needed

### Sunday, January 10, 2021 \* 10am Mass

**Readings:** Is 55:1-11 1 John 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

Mass Intention: Christ the King Parish Families

Lector: Sue Mews

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Bruss

Servers: Alex, Trevin, or Mason Wolf

Ministers of Welcome: Nancy Kautza Stacy Wolf



## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

I hope this finds all well with everyone as we celebrated the birth of our Lord and welcomed in a new year! We've definitely had our obstacles in 2020 and I have to say I'm glad to see it's behind us. Now the question is, what did we learn from it? Are things we took for granted seen as blessings? Is what's to come a thought of dread and misery, or can we see the light at the end of the tunnel?

When I started seminary in 2012, I had so much doubt as to if I could actually go through all that schooling (seven years seemed like a lifetime). If I could be happy without the things I sold and got rid of. If I would be able to do what would be expected of me. There was no light at the end of that tunnel, only concern, doubt and unworthiness. Much like 2020, I was unsure if I would even make it through.

And now 7 years later I come to enjoy my first year as pastor celebrating the Epiphany . . . the day on which we recall the incredible story of the Magi embarking on an adventure, a search to find the newborn King of the Jews. And in this story, light plays a dominant role. These three men were looking for a light, for a sign in the sky that would signal something special, something out of the ordinary. And they followed that light wherever it led them. We can presume that this was not an easy quest. Traveling in ancient times was never easy or safe. And of course, ultimately they get to gaze upon and do homage to the Light of the World

**“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.”**

So says the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading. It's easy to see a sort of foreshadowing in his words, a kind of prophecy that would be realized centuries later. Isaiah seemed to understand that a kind of darkness had crept into the world . . . into their hearts and into them as a people. And what would make things right, what would make things better, what would heal what needed to be healed, was not a conqueror, but rather a light . . . a light that would dispel the darkness, a light which was God himself shining down upon them and with them and through them.

Life takes us in so many different directions. And because of our free will, we can make choices freely, right or wrong, it's our choice. Just think, why did the Magi feel it was so important to follow this star? Why would they venture out not knowing exactly where they were going or even how long it would take? Who would they encounter along the way, friend or foe?

Like all of us, something in their hearts lead them to the Savior. Something in their whole being drew them to venture out and experience something that would change their lives forever.

The same is happening for each of us as we celebrate this Epiphany. A light has shown and will guide us to what truly matters. We will set out on a certain, particular path. Will we follow it? Will we open our hearts to where God is leading us? Come journey with me and the Church as we embark on another year to discover something special, about our Almighty God, about Jesus his Son, about each other, and most importantly, about ourselves.

May God continue to bless you and this New Year, 2021, we embark upon.

*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. 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 12/24, we have 125 families that have donated. We are now at 77.11% of our goal.

**We thank the following families at this time:**

Greg & Deb Mlsna and Gerald Kolb

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)

NEW Ministry schedules are now available. Please pick them up on the back table in the church.

Parishioner envelopes for 2021 are available on the table by the missalettes. Please pick them up after Mass. If you know someone who is not able to attend Mass due to Covid, please assist us by taking their envelopes to them. Anyone that is unable to pick up their envelopes, please contact the parish office and arrangements can be made to get them to you.

### **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

### **Christ the King Stewardship Dec.26,27 & 30, 2020**

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$4,749.50

ACH for December: \$1,780.00

Month to date: \$16,483.25

Amount needed for December: \$18,053.09

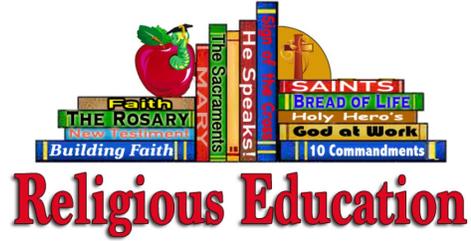
Year to date Christmas Giving: \$3,859

Christmas Flowers: \$595.00

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

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, Jerome Bauer and in Honor of Helen Hoff.



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:

**January 6, 2021:** classes and Youth Group meet

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

Confirmation sponsor brunch, after 10am Mass

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### 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.

Thank you to those who sponsor our parish bulletin!

Please patronize these businesses listed.

If you would like to place an ad, please call the parish office @ 715-659-4480

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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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