

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2020

Monday November 9, 2020 Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday November 10, 2020 Ti 2:1-8,11-14 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday November 11, 2020 Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19 Mass Intention + Mark Freeman

Thursday November 12, 2020 Phlm 7-20 Lk 17:20-25 Mass intention: Norman & Monica Wolf 65th Wedding Anniversary

Friday November 13, 2020 2 John 4-9 Lk 17:26-37 Mass intention + Gerald & Nancy Bauer

Saturday November 14, 2020 *4pm Mass Readings: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31, 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30

Mass Intention: + Janice Hill

Lector: Anita Ruger

Eucharistic Minister: Joan Meyer

Servers: Emily Justman and Joseph Justman

Crucifix Bearer:

Ministers of Welcome: Sharon Rollins Volunteers Needed

Sunday November 15, 2020 *8am Mass Readings: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31, 1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

Mass Intention: + Christ the King Parish Families

Lector: Cindy Clark

Eucharistic Minister: Kay Derks

Servers: Connor Clark and Caitlin Clark

Crucifix Bearer:

Ministers of Welcome: Bruce Trampush Greg Pinter

Sunday November 15, 2020 * 10am Mass Readings: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31, 1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

Mass Intention: + Arnie Bauer

Lector: Pauline Frome

Eucharistic Minister: Dennis Gonnering

Servers: Nathan Rucker

Crucifix Bearer:

Ministers of Welcome: Nancy Kautza Volunteers Needed

From the Pastor's Desk:

It probably doesn't surprise any of you that a lot of my time goes into planning and preparation; Holy Days, homilies, scheduled anointings, classes at Columbus, council meetings, various other meetings, diocese events, retreats that I give, spiritual direction and counseling sessions that I have. And when I forget something, it takes away from any of these, both for myself and those who are on the receiving end.

In this weeks Gospel from Matthew we hear what's often called The Parable of the Ten Virgins. Five of them are called "wise" and five are called "foolish". And this is one of those Scripture stories that sounds pretty strange to modern ears, but would have made perfect sense to those first hearers. At its core, though, is something relatively simple. Some were prepared to meet the bridegroom, and some weren't. Some thought ahead, and some didn't. Some were attentive, and some were distracted or lazy. Some experienced a celebration that day, and some . . . to their dismay . . . missed out completely.

I'm sure that many of us, myself included, head out each day wondering about all sorts of things. What appointments do I have today? Did I remember to bring my workout clothes for my trip to the gym on my way home? Do I need anything from the grocery store? Did I remember to do my homework? Or worse yet, do I have a test? Do we have a game after school, and is it home or away? Do I have any meetings I need to prepare for? Is today garbage day? Did I remember to arrange for a sitter tonight? You get the idea.

But do we ever leave the house wondering, "Am I ready to encounter God today?"

The question is why were we created? The answer: to experience God in the good days and in the bad days. Relying on Him to guide us, to help us, to get us through! To give thanks to when we see and realize the beautiful grace he shows us each and every day and get on our knee's when we desire Him to show us the way when things aren't going so well.

My friends, God is among us. He actively attempts to show us himself everyday. He brings us joy in the smile we show and receive, He shows life throughout all of creation, He gives us peace when we rest our sorrows in Him.

This doesn't just come naturally to us, we have to prepare. We start the day opening ourselves up to His grace. Look at each day as an opportunity to see Him, to feel His presence, to imitate His love. When we allow ourselves this precious gift, our days go much better, our lives improve, and that surrender becomes much easier.

May we never hear those disheartening words "Amen I say to you, I do not know you." Instead, may we celebrate with our Lord now, and forever more.

Have a blessed week and know each of you remain in my prayers,

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. 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 11/3, we have 74 families that have donated with a total of \$16,135 received.** We thank the following families at this time:

Gene & Dawn Allar, Dan & Bernice Becker, Mary Ann Boyer, Ron & Sue Brun, Kay Derks, Peter & Michele Hannan, Margaret Johnson, Jesse & Carlyn Johnson, Cheryl Judnic, Emilie Kappel, Tom & Sharon Kelly, Steve & Joli Potter, Ben & Janelle Rucker, Kathy Rueth.

Christ the King will be participating in **The Giving Tree**. This year, more than ever, people will be needing help at Christmas time. Following are the dates to keep in mind: Giving tree selection will begin on November 21st, with purchased gifts returned no later than December 20th. Please considering opening your hearts to those in need this Christmas season.

Parish Office Updates

- Deadline for Parish bulletin items is Tuesday at noon.
- **Ministry schedules** for January through April will be worked on soon. Please submit any changes to the parish office no later than November 15th.

Christ the King Stewardship Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2020:

Adult/Plate/Youth \$ 4,320.00

Plate to Parish Imp. First Sunday: \$ 91.00

Parish Improvement: \$5.00

Month to Date: \$4,416.00

Amount needed for November: \$10,221.02

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

Considered filing for an annulment? If you have been considering petitioning for an annulment of a former marriage or have questions about the annulment process, please do not hesitate to contact the Diocese of La Crosse Matrimonial Tribunal. We can be reached by phone at (6085) 791-2684 or email at Tribunal@diolc.org.

MYTH: It takes years to receive an annulment.

TRUTH: Most cases in the Diocese of La Crosse are completed in less than 8 months.

More questions or curious about petitioning for a possible annulment? Contact the Matrimonial Tribunal by phone (608) 791-2684 or email Tribunal@diolc.org. Or you may also contact Father Barry.

Please help support our local Food Pantry by filling an orange bag with non perishable foods. Bags can be found in the entrance of the Church. We ask that you return your filled bag before Thanksgiving. Thank you for so graciously giving to those who are in need.

COLUMBUS CORNER

Alpine Holiday will be held November 13-14, 2020 with all events being virtual. We will have a Lip Sync Music Video Competition, an online silent auction, Craft Boutique online directory, a Calendar Raffle and virtual entertainment including Ryan McIntyre, the CCS Pep Band, Jazz Band and High/Middle School Choirs, Reis' Martial Arts Academy and Universal Dance Academy!

Get your Alpine Holiday Calendar Raffle today! The Grand Prize is a two-year lease on a 2021 Chevy Silverado or Traverse or \$10,000 Cash! Then, there are 24 more opportunities to win from Nov. 16 – Dec. 22, 2020. Calendar Raffles are \$20 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at all three Weiler's locations, all three Wheeler's locations in Marshfield, Nutz Deep II (Marshfield) and the CCS Gift Card office (please call first). We thank our Grand Prize Sponsors Wheelers GMC, Nasonville Dairy, Hastreiter Industries, Century 21, Draxler Transport Inc., Andy & Jill Martin, Rembs Funeral Home and Weiler Convenience Stores.

We will be actively promoting our "Craft Boutique Online Directory" and encouraging customers to continue to support our vendors. Visit our website for more details.

We are excited to announce that Alpine Holiday will have a **Drive-Up Fish Fry** this year! The Fish Fry will be on November 13, 2020, from 4pm - 7:30pm. All meals MUST be pre-ordered by November 9th. Meals consist of one, two, or three-piece fried fish with choice of potato (fries or baked), and a kid's meal. You will also have the option to pre-order popcorn and frozen cookie dough from our concession stand! Visit our website for more details!



Religious Education

Our October prayer for the monthly drawing was the rosary and our winner is Ava Koenig in grade 2! We congratulate Ava - way to go! During November, our students may enter the monthly prayer drawing each time they pray the *St. Gertrude prayer*. St. Gertrude lived in the 1200's. This prayer is prayed to aid in the release of the holy souls in purgatory. Everyone in the parish is welcomed and encouraged to pray this prayer and extra prayer cards have been set in the back of church. The drawing is only for our students though :)



More about our program... Grades 3 & 4

Grade 3: The curriculum for grades 1-2 and 3 is quite similar. The format and presentation from the Faith and Life program goes into a little more detail each year. The third grade text is a basic and concise explanation of our faith - it is great! Our students use the textbook and quizzes/worksheets as they learn the material. There is a nice blend of what should be familiar and new, more in depth information.

Grade 4: For grade 4 we continue to use the Faith and Life program. The format changes a little and goes into much more detail about biblical events from the Old Testament. Students are taught about more people from this timeframe and, again, in more detail than in earlier years. Our catechist uses a more 'hands on' /activity based approach which compliments the textbook nicely.

The Faith and Life series is published by Ignatius Press, and the textbooks contain many photos of religious art. It is in its third edition and it is a solid program which comes highly recommended by our diocese. We have been using Faith and Life, for our elementary grades, for the past 10 years.

On the schedule:

November 11: Fr. Barry, gr 6 vocations talk
Youth Group, 8pm-9pm

November 18: Classes meet
Youth Group, 8pm-9pm

November 25: No class or Youth Group
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, Nov 29: No Sunday school @ 10am Mass

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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 ...

Contact the parish office to
include your advertisement
here! Thank you for support-
ing our parish!

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.

How does God speak to me?

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!